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***** NEWSLETTER *****

President's Message – Eric Rockel

Summer Thru The Rearview Mirror

The Baltimore County Master Plan continues to be refined on its way to adoption by the Baltimore County Council this Fall. The Office of Planning has worked on this document over the past nine months to create a set of guidelines that will impact future development, public infrastructure improvements and resource conservation of environmental elements. On September 2nd, the Planning Board held a public hearing to receive comments on the document, and there will be a second public hearing by the County Council on October 18th prior to adoption of the plan. For our area, one of the more important parts of the plan is the promotion of the concept of “Community Enhancement Areas”, locations that are suitable for sustainable redevelopment. In this area the planners believe that underutilized manufacturing properties that are in reasonably close proximity to the Light Rail line could be converted to mixed use development that features retail and/or office space on lower floors and residential use above those lower floors. For more information on the Master Plan, go to www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning.

A wonderful conservation organization, the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, celebrates its 20th anniversary with a fundraising event on Saturday, September 25th, from 5 to 8 PM. at Camp Puh'tok in the Monkton area. If you are not familiar with the Conservancy's work, you should educate yourself about their varied activities, including land conservation, stream restoration and historic and natural resources preservation. All of their efforts make an impact upon the Big and Little Gunpowder Falls watersheds, which have a direct effect upon the quality of Loch Raven Reservoir and the drinking water we enjoy in this metropolitan area. Tickets for this event are \$75.00, and you can enjoy local beers and wines, hors d'oeuvres and live music under the trees at Camp Puh'tok, a beautiful private nature camp in Monkton. If you want to purchase tickets, or even if you want to learn more about the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy and make a tax-deductible donation to the organization, check out www.gunpowderfalls.org.

Recent proposed changes to the rules of conduct at Zoning Commissioner hearings raised the antennas of many community leaders throughout Baltimore County. Historically, Zoning Commissioner hearings were somewhat informal in nature, without following the standards you would expect to find at Circuit Court hearings. For example, a representative of a community association could attend a Zoning Commissioner's hearing without needing to be represented by legal counsel. That practice meant that on matters of less importance, such as setback variances or certain use variances, a community association would not have to deplete its treasury with the expense hiring an attorney for representation. But the proposed changes to the rules of conduct would have required that an incorporated community association be represented by legal counsel. Another proposed change affected summons by subpoena. Under the current rules, a State of County employee could be served with a subpoena no less than five days before the hearing, but the proposed rules would have required service at least ten days before the hearing. Now that may not appear to be a game changing amendment, but consider the following scenario. Many of the Zoning Commissioner hearings require only a fifteen day notice or posting before the hearing date. So in effect, the proposed rule change would have required a community association to learn about the case, formulate an official position and subpoena any County or State employee witnesses all within a five day window in order to comply with the ten day subpoena notice!

Fortunately, the Zoning Commissioner has pulled back these and other proposed rule changes for the moment. He wants to give community associations the opportunity to have an informal comment period and to learn more about the motivations behind the changes before anything becomes formalized. Towards that end, a meeting to discuss these proposed changes will take place at the Towson Library on the evening of October 7 at 6:30 PM. If you want to learn more about this subject, please plan to attend that meeting.

Finally, Councilman Bryan McIntire has responded to concerns expressed by GTCC members about door to door sales that are taking place after dark. Certain members of GTCC believe that it is inappropriate for hucksters to come into our neighborhoods after dark and that the sales may be a guise for some other activity, such as reconnaissance for burglaries or deception activities. I urge all of our members to write Councilman McIntire at 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204 and encourage him to introduce the legislation that has been drafted that would curtail door to door sales after dark.

Hope to see all of you at our County Council Candidates Forum on September 8th at the Cockeyville Library. This forum will start at our usual meeting time of 7:00 PM.

GTCC General Meeting – Wednesday, September 8th, 2010

The GTCC will hold their 'Next Meeting' on..... **Wednesday, September 8th, 2010 at the Cockeyville Library, Meeting Room, at 9833 Greenside Drive**with meetings **STILL** beginning **promptly at 7:00 PM.**

GTCC

The purpose of the GTCC is to coordinate a united council of Community Associations to enhance and protect the quality of residential life within the community.

NOTICE !!!

CALENDAR 2010

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***** **Meeting Schedule** *****

Board of Directors 7:00 pm – 9:00pm

General Membership 7:00 pm – 9pm

February 1, 2010
April 14, 2010
June 09, 2010
August – No Meeting
October 13, 2010
December 10, 2010

January 13, 2010
March 10, 2010
May 12, 2010
July – No Meeting
* September 08, 2010
November 10, 2010

All Meetings are **NOW** Scheduled at the “***Ridgely Middle School***” Rm-103, on the **DATES NOTED ABOVE !!!**

NOTE: Our September 8th, 2010 Meeting is NOW at the Cockeyville Library, 9833 Greenside Drive

Agenda and Speakers - GTCC September 8th, Meeting Agenda

- * *Introductions*
- * *GTCC 3rd & 2nd District County Council Form*
- * *Adjourn*

GTCC County Council Candidates Forum on Sept. 8 at 7:00 pm - Eric Rockel

The GTCC will be holding a County Council Candidates Forum on Sept. 8th at 7:00 pm at the Cockeysville Library. County Council candidates from the 3rd and 2nd Districts, Democrats & Republicans, have been invited to attend. It is important that you make your members aware of this event and that we have a sizable attendance. Why, you may ask? Well because if we hope to influence events in the future and effectively impress our leaders of the importance of Timonium, we need to make a strong impression.

In the Third Council District, candidates too often talk about rural preservation, cell towers affecting the views of beautiful vistas and the like. I am not trying to marginalize these matters, but they are important topics for Timonium, a suburban area and not a rural one?

In the Second Council District, a similar situation abounds because of geography. Hunt Ridge, Wellington Valley, Longford and the Falls Road Community Associations are important parts of the greater Timonium Community, but because of the unique geography of the Second Council District, these associations are only a very small part of the district that is heavily weighted towards communities to the west and south of our area, such as Ruxton, Pikesville and the like.

Please get the word of this event out to your members and make a point of having your association represented at our forum on September 8th.

Amendment to Prohibit Solicitations after Dark – Eric Rockel

Some of our members have been upset by the increase of door to door sales persons and peddlers coming into their communities. The Police have responded that unless you have a "no trespass" sign posted on your property, there is little they can do to restrict this activity. Some communities have posted "no solicitation" signs at their entry points, yet the Police indicate that if your community has public streets (as opposed to a few of the condominiums that are located on private streets) the "no solicitation" signs carry NO enforceable weight.

We have talked about this issue repeatedly to Councilman McIntire. Recently the Councilman offered to introduce an amendment to current regulations that would prohibit these solicitations after dark. One of the concerns about these door to door sales has been that if these solicitations are going on after dark, the solicitation may be used as a pretext for criminal activity, such as burglary or flim-flams.

We hope that you will write Councilman McIntire at 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204 and urge him to introduce this legislation. The Councilman has candidly acknowledged that some critics may view this legislation as a restriction of First Amendment rights. However, proponents of this change to the regulations say that the change will improve community security.

After all, is it appropriate to answer your door at 8:15 in the evening to listen to someone trying to sell magazine subscriptions? This has happened in some communities, and members of GTCC want this practice to end.

So I urge you to write the Councilman and ask him to move forward on this issue.

Annual GTCC Membership Dues Reminder – Marge DiNardo

GTCC '2010' Membership dues of \$50 dollars for the year are due at this time. We had a great response from (51) Associations contributing their Annual Membership dues payment last year! Dues notices for 2010 have been mailed out in January so if you haven't received one or if you need a copy, please don't hesitate to let us know. . Please send your 2010 dues payments to **GTCC, 9b Ridgely Rd., Box 276, Timonium, Maryland 21093**. Thanks to all our contributing Associations for all their dedicated support for the ongoing work of the Greater Timonium Community Counsel!

The Captain's Corner – Captain Martin Lurz

We have invited our Cockeysville Precinct "7" Commander, Captain Marty Lurz, to provide us with an article for our newsletter in the form of 'The Captain's Corner' on any issue(s) that he feels might be of interest to our membership. The following article this month is from Captain Lurz:

The beginning of school can be a challenging experience for many kids and their parents. Every September I think it's worth reminding drivers to use more caution in the area of the many schools in the various Lutherville and Timonium neighborhoods. Some residents have probably seen these reminders before, but it's worth repeating. You can help with safety by following these tips:

- While driving, remember to use extra caution in the mornings and afternoons while students are going to or returning from school. Be particularly attentive near the crosswalks and follow the directions of the school crossing guard or police officer that may be there to direct traffic.
- Remember that Maryland State law requires that vehicles come to a full stop at least twenty (20) feet in front of or twenty (20) feet to the rear (depending on your direction of travel) of a school bus with its red lights flashing. This is a critical safety issue during the school year and state law sees it as such. There could be a \$555.00 fine and three points against the violator's driver's license. And, when the bus pulls away, why not wait another few seconds to make sure that no one is running after it because they missed it!
- If your children walk to school, review the pedestrian safety issues with them. Also, make sure that YOU know what route that they walk. Stress to children that they should not take "shortcuts" through back yards or woods! Walking in groups is always the safest way to go. Make sure they know NOT to walk up to strangers, NOT to walk up to a stranger's car to answer "questions", NOT to help a stranger find a lost dog. If someone is acting suspiciously, teach him or her to "look to the tag" and, if they can, get that tag number! Have them write it on their hand or backpack if they need to do that. Make sure that they report any suspicious incidents to you or school personnel right away. Call 911 to report these incidents.

Thanks to all the GTCC folks for their support throughout the year!

Membership & Annual Dues Report – Frank Regan

The GTCC has always had a great representation from the many Associations that exist in our geographic area which encompasses about 25 perimeter miles. This area is roughly bound from Dulaney Valley Road & I-695 to Falls Road & I-695, then north on Falls Road to Shawn Road, then east over to York Road, then up Ashland / Papermill Roads to the Loch Raven Reservoir boundary then over to Old Bosley Road and then down Dulaney Valley Road to I-695.

Each year we have been fortunate to increase our participation with a growing number of Community Associations. We are pleased to report that the GTCC now has over 50+ active dues paying Associations within its umbrella that represents over 60,000+ residents within our thriving neighborhoods. It is through the hard work and participation by each member Community Group that helps to enhance and protect the quality of residential life within our area.

Please find a list of participating Community Associations below:

Belmont Forest Condos	Falls Road Comm.	Monterey Imp.	Springlake Comm.
Brooking Court Condos	First Mays Chapel HO	Orchard Hills Comm.	Stapleton Court Garden Condos
Burncourt Condo	Fox. Chapel Comm.	Pine Valley / Valleywood	Stratford Comm.
Chapel Hill	Holly Hall Garden Condos	Pot Spring Comm	Tullamore Condos
Chapel Gate HO 1-2-3	Hunt Meadow Comm.	Ramsgate Comm.	Valley Crest Civic
Chapel Gate 4-5-6	Huntridge Comm	Rockfleet Garden Condos	Valley Garth
Chapel Ridge Comm.	Kilcolman Garden Condos	Rosslare Ridge Condos.	Wakefield
Coachford Comm.	Lutherville Comm.	Shepherd's Knoll Garden Condos	West Timonium Heights
County Home Park Comm.	Northhampton Comm.	Sherwood Hill	York Manor
Dulaney Forest Comm.	Mays Chapel Village Garden Condos	Springdale Comm.	Yorkshire/Haverford Comm
Dulaney Valley	Mays Chapel Townhouse HomeOwrs	Limerick Condos	Longford
Jennifer Ridge	Mays Chapel North, Inc.	Topfield Condo	Tralee Forest Condo
Roundwood Ridge I & III	Overlook	Pebble Creek HO	Dunloy Condo
Longford North	Wellington Valley	Towns Of Doolan	Mays Chaple North
Foxford			

GTCC Website - <http://www.gtccinc.org> - Frank Regan

The Greater Timonium Community Council maintains an active website to provide everyone information related to our organization and many activities of Community interest. Our main website access has been changed to **GTCCINC.ORG** instead of **GTCCINC.COM** however we have linked the two addresses together and you can NOW access our site through either of the above web addresses.

This & That – Regular and New Helpful Items

- **Balto.Co. Executive Updates** - The Office of the County Executive periodically has information to provide to community leaders. A number of community leaders have expressed a desire to receive this information in an email format. If you would like to receive these emails, please register using the following website:

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Subscribe>

- **Balto.Co. E-Community Newsletter** - Baltimore County has unveiled a new County service, the E-Community Newsletter. The county will publish seven monthly letters, one for each County Council district, detailing planning, zoning, development and public works decisions and their impact on communities. The first issue will be published in mid-August. Residents can register for the newsletter at:

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Subscribe/updates/index.html>.

You can find a weekly calendar of development- and zoning-related hearings and meetings for County:

Council District 3 at: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/communityupdates/d3/index.html>

Council District 2 at: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/communityupdates/d2/index.html>

Full Newsletter at: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/communityupdates/index.html>

The Librarian's Corner – Mollie Fine

We have also invited our Cockeysville Library Manager, Mollie Fine, to provide us with an article for our newsletter in the form of 'The Librarian's Corner' on any issue(s) that she feels might be of interest to our membership. The following article this month is from Mollie:

“We are open!” declares the sign in front of the Cockeysville Library. The journey that started nine months ago has entered the final phase. Customers love the new library space with the expanded children’s area, new computers and much more. To quote a recent customer letter, “I enjoyed sitting and watching the many people, especially children, with books and more books. The volume is amazing!

The written word is alive and healthy and I am smiling!” Opening day finally arrived on June 30th when, after the County Executive “Preview” the library was declared officially OPEN; as Executive Smith said, “They only added 1,600 square feet, but the redesign makes it all seem much bigger.” Customers and staff are pleased that the library was open three months before the scheduled opening! The following day, the Baltimore Sun headline read “Renovations completed ahead of schedule”.

The library has been very busy from day one – Some examples:

- The Summer Reading Club membership broke all-time records with 4,163 participants.
- We had a record customer door count on Monday, July 12th with over 3,300 customers
- Circulation in August was 125,000- up 9.9% from last August

New handicapped parking completed:

We are very pleased to announce (6) new handicapped parking spaces have been added to the upper level of the parking lot. The spaces are located directly across from the entry and are easily accessible for customers. Please come visit us!

The library is beautiful and, as of September, the meeting room is available for community meetings. To reserve space please call our meeting room booking office at 410-887-6109. I hope to see all the GTCC members soon !

Cockeysville Library Staff – Re-Opening Day !



Cockeysville Library – Readyng The New Space !



Loch Raven Drive Bridge Replacement – Frank Regan

Baltimore, Md. (September 2, 2010) - The Baltimore City Department of Transportation would like to advise motorists that construction work will begin on the Loch Raven Drive Bridge located between Morgan Mill Road and Dulaney Valley Road in the Loch Raven Watershed. The Loch Raven Drive Bridge, which crosses over Dulaney Valley Branch, is scheduled to be replaced starting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

The \$670,000 project includes the demolition of the existing structure and the erection of a new bridge. New bridge abutments will be constructed along with bridge decking and parapet. Roadway approaches to the bridge will also be milled and paved. Throughout the duration of the project, the Loch Raven Drive Bridge will be closed to motorists with detours in effect. The bridge is scheduled to be closed to through traffic beginning at 7 a.m. on September 7, 2010. Variable message signs will be placed in the area to alert motorists of the closure and detour signs will also be posted. Construction of the new bridge is expected to be complete in the winter of 2011.

Detour:

- Northbound Loch Raven Drive traffic will be detoured right on Morgan Mill Road, left on Manor Road, left on Long Green Road back to Dulaney Valley Road.
- Southbound Loch Raven Drive will be detoured left on Dulaney Valley Road, right on Long Green Road, right on Manor Road, right on Morgan Mill Road back to Loch Raven Drive.

Note - Loch Raven Drive is closed on Saturdays and Sundays from Morgan Mill Road to Providence Road for recreational use from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

GTCC Trivia – Did You Know?

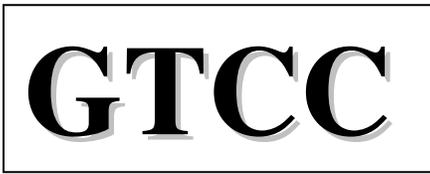
There is so much history and tradition here in both the *Greater GTCC and the Baltimore County* area that books could easily be written and filled with all the information. However, from time to time we will provide a source for the lighter side of our many Communities.

See if you know the answers to these few trivia factoids:

1. A well-known County restaurant began as a general store where the lady of the house prepared hearty meals in her own kitchen for customers who gathered behind the store to test farm equipment. What is the name of this restaurant?
2. There is a building in Towson which was built before 1841 and has always been used for commercial purposes including: a general store, a doctor's office, a picture frame shop, a palm reader's office, and a gun shop. Where is it located?
3. Where was the restaurant The Tail of the Fox located?

Please don't hesitate to send any of our Board members a trivia fact and we will try to include them in our next Newsletter. (See Answers Below)

1. Peerce's Plantation in Phoenix. In 1940, Duff Lake, whose mother Mary Louise Peerce had inherited farm land in Maryland, moved from Ohio to the land on which Peerce's Plantation exists today. Duff and his wife ran a country store and a gas station. In 1941, they opened a 40-acre field behind their store as a farm equipment demonstration area for local dealers. Marie Lake began to provide fried chicken, country ham, steak and crab cakes for them. So impressed were they that they urged her to open a restaurant. In 1942, as the story is told, the restaurant known as Peerce's Plantation was born
2. The Schmuck House on 617 York Road and is the oldest standing building in Towson.
3. In Timonium. Also known as Shane's Restaurant, it was located at 1924 York Road. The property was once the farm site of Dr. Dickinson Gorsuch, a Baltimore County veterinarian. The Shane's site was leveled in 1996 to make way for an Office Depot complex. One of the owner-developers was Peter Angelos, prominent attorney and owner of the Orioles baseball team.



The Greater Timonium Community Council

The Next GTCC General Meeting is scheduled for September 8 at the Cockeysville Library at 7:00 pm

CURRENT ISSUES

Hampton Inn & Suites: Hotel is proposed on lot 6 at Texas Station Court. The Development Review Committee approved that this project would not require Community Input Meeting and Hearing Officer's Hearing despite objection raised by GTCC. Thus far the project has not moved to the construction phase (E. Rockel)

Aylesbury Road: Owner is proposing a mixed use project for the property on the north corner of Aylesbury Road and Business Park Drive. Residential, commercial and office uses are proposed. This project has not moved beyond the preliminary concept stage. (E. Rockel)

York Road, Timonium Condo Project: Recently land owner A&A Global Industries notified GTCC that the condo project proposed by Keelty & Company will not proceed. A & A Global is examining other possible uses for the site, none of which at this time would include a high rise residential development. (E. Rockel & GTCC Executive Committee)

1734 York Road (Ridgely Plaza Shopping Center): Neighboring businesses report that Mercy Medical will occupy the vacant space previously used by Giant Foods. Additionally, a proposed "stealth cell phone tower" is being proposed for a space on the southern side of the property, but County officials informed the owner that a hearing would be required before permission is granted. (E. Rockel)

Pot Spring Road, South of Old Bosley Road: A ten acre parcel is under contract to a developer who wishes to construct 64 condominium units in an "over 55" age restricted development. Plans have not been reviewed yet, and further information will be forthcoming. (E. Rockel & Springdale C.A.)

ON-GOING ISSUES

Texas Station – Jacoby Properties sold property to Peter Angelos. Zoning changed in 2004 Comprehensive Zoning Cycle from ML-IM to BM (Business Major). GTCC continues to monitor this property. (E. Rockel, F. Regan, GTCC Executive Committee.)

York & Ridgely Roads: The former Lincoln/Mercury dealership has been reported to be the future site of a Walgreen Drug Store and pad site. The property currently has the Walgreen's building constructed. The pad site recently received approval for the proposed building to be enlarged by approximately one third. (E. Rockel)

Galloway Avenue and Texas Station: Recently the Development Review Committee postponed consideration of a decision to allow two-way traffic at the entrance from Galloway Avenue into Texas Station. Both GTCC and the County Home Park association questioned two-way traffic in light of the original development plan restrictions on the site. Before any change takes place, an assessment of the York Road and Galloway Avenue intersection should take place. (E. Rockel)

Timonium Fairgrounds: Both the GTCC and adjoining neighborhood associations want Councilman Bryan McIntire to rectify the rezoning error in which 60 acres of this property were zoned for commercial usage during the 2008 Comprehensive Rezoning Process.

Potin Stil Restaurant Zoning Variance Appeal – Zoning Case 02-165-A, 2323 York Rd, Variances to Parking Regulations as to number required, island sizes, aisle space dimensions. Zoning Commissioner granted all variances. GTCC filed an appeal with the Board of Appeals. Appeals Board reversed the Zoning Commissioner's order by a 2-1 vote. Petitioner made request for Judicial Review to Baltimore County Circuit Court. GTCC and Peoples Counsel of BC filed in opposition to request. Circuit Court Judge agreed with the Board of Appeals decision reversing the variances granted. Director of Permits and Development and Code Enforcement have not exercised the Circuit Court's order of July 5, 2005. Request, if granted by the County, for any future meeting to be held, to participate in settlement of this case. Engineer for the owners have requested a refinement to the development plan to correct this violation. Lou Miller attended the DRC meeting, and Baltimore County did not approve the DRC request. The matter is rightfully considered a zoning violation and not a development refinement. To date, the violations have not been corrected, and Baltimore County needs to enforce the zoning violations. The engineer's revised plan has been rejected by zoning officials of Baltimore County. As of the end of April revisions to the plan have not been received. (E. Rockel, and GTCC Executive Committee)

COMPLETED ISSUES

1131 McCormick Road: The owner has received a variance to construct signage larger than permitted under zoning regulations. In conjunction with the Sparks/Glencoe Association & People's Counsel, GTCC opposed the variance. The County Board of Appeals, in its public deliberation, gave indication that the variance would be denied, but in its written decision, the Board of Appeals upheld the variance. The People's Counsel has asked for a reconsideration of the ruling in light of the public deliberation comments. The reconsideration was denied..(E. Rockel)

2340-2342 York Road: Request to expand a dentist office, which necessitates variances to setbacks and driveway widths. Construction expected to begin in June 2010.(W. Timonium Heights)

10 Aylesbury Road: A special hearing recently granted permission to open a commercial recreational facility in the space formerly occupied by LAX World. The operator informs that this facility will exclusively serve children age 13 & under, accompanied by an adult, for recreational activities and children's parties. Look for the business to open later this summer. (E. Rockel)

Jessup Property – The County Landmarks Preservation Commission has approved placing the Jessup House on the landmarks list. The Baltimore County Council would have to also approve the inclusion. As of August, the developer's attorney indicated his client was reviewing how this would impact the proposal. Regardless of the Landmark's issue, the developer has not submitted a development plan for County review. Longford North was to hold a fundraiser in early November to help pay for its legal expenses. The developer has submitted a revised development plan in December. The Hearing Officer's Hearing was held in April with Longford North, Pine Valley/Valleywood, Huntridge and GTCC offering comments on the plan. A consistent remark from all was that the number of units, 103, needed to be reduced. The hearing officer approved the 103 unit plan. The Longford North Community reached a compromise with the developer and has dropped any plan to appeal the development. It has come to our attention that the original developer is trying to sell the property to a third party to develop. (E.Rockel, Longford North)

Hampton Manor: This property is located on the east side of Scott Adam Road and is an existing multifamily residential development that will be adding more units. Concept Plan Conference scheduled for 11/6/2006 at 10:00 am in Room 123 County Office Building. Community Input Meeting will be scheduled thereafter. The community input meeting demonstrated several objections to the plan. The most common objection was a proposal to connect Southfork Road with the existing roads in the apartment complex. Residents on Southfork are concerned about additional "cut thru" traffic. Despite the owner's willingness to eliminate the connection to Southfork Road, Baltimore County DPW and Fire Department officials insist on a second access. A compromise may have been reached at the start of the Hearing Officer's Hearing. Both sides will examine making the Southfork connection a gated entrance. At the Hearing Officer's Hearing, Baltimore County agreed to allow Southfork Road to be a gated entrance. (E.Rockel)

302 North Avenue, Lutherville: The property owner was given a side yard variance in order to subdivide this parcel and construct a second house on a newly created second lot. The creation of the second lot will allow the owner to afford to rehabilitate the existing Victorian dwelling on the initial lot. (E. Rockel)

1928 Greenspring Drive: Plans to create a commercial recreational facility within the existing building to host birthday parties, corporate outings and other events. The recreational uses will include laser tag, cosmic miniature golf and other high tech gaming activities. (E. Rockel)

Padonia Swim Club: Grace Fellowship Church announced plans to purchase the 29 + acre site of the swim club. Many nearby residents have expressed concerns that the church plans to build a 2,500 seat sanctuary on the site. GTCC members have voted to disapprove the site for the church's intended use. In November, the Church announced that it would not build on the site. (GTCC Executive Committee & Community Organizers)

1904 Pot Spring Road: The owner has appealed a prior Zoning Commissioner's decision, with restrictions, to allow a professional office in the dwelling at this location. The adjoining community associations wish to minimize any nonresidential intrusion into the residential community. The owner ultimately dropped the appeal, and only residents of the property will be able to work in the home office.(E. Rockel, Valley Crest C.A., Dulaney Forest C.A. & Valley Garth CA)

Comprehensive Rezoning for 2008: See the list of properties requesting a zoning reclassification under the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process by looking at the GTCC website. (E. Rockel, & GTCC)

Anderson Automotive: Dealership wishes to reconfigure its site layout by establishing the Honda dealership on the current GMC site and moving the GMC trade to the Hummer site. The site at the corner of York & Halesworth would be sold for another usage. At a Hearing on January 15th, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Thomas Bostwick approved the amendment of the previous PUD plan (E.Rockel, J. Rogers & People's Counsel)