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******* NEWSLETTER *********President's Message – Eric Rockel****What Lies Ahead?**

It's roughly a year out from the election of 2010, and there are many uncertainties regarding the political landscape in Baltimore County. There will be a new County Executive and at least three new County Council persons because the conventional wisdom has Kevin Kamenetz and Joe Bartenfelder vacating their Council seats to run in the County Executive primary and Vince Gardina has announced that he will not seek re-election. Let's look at some of the demographic trends that may shape the policies that Baltimore County's new leaders will implement.

Generally, Baltimore County is a slower growing and older growing population. On a whole, the State of Maryland's population grew by 6.4% from 2000 to 2008; whereas Baltimore County's population grew by only 4.2% over the same period. Will our elected officials choose to foster new "growth areas", similar to the creation of the Owings Mills and White Marsh in the 1980s, or will they concentrate on improving and redeveloping the existing communities? The Jim Smith administration favored "renaissance redevelopment" over creating new growth areas, but that type of approach is very challenging because building consensus is often a slow process. As to older growing, Baltimore County's population over age 65 represents 14.5% of the total. That percentage has remained steady over the last nine years, but the percentage under age 18 has dropped from 23.65% in year 2000 to 22.2% in 2008. Will future public education spending be reduced if the trend in fewer students continues?

Another interesting statistic is the growth in the African American population of the County. In year 2000, the African American residents represented approximately 20% of the total population, but currently the percentage is slightly more than 25%. Although not as dramatic, the Asian population grew from 3.1% of the total to 4.2% over the last eight years, and the Hispanic population increased from 1.8% to 2.9%. All of these increases indicate that the population base has become more diverse, which suggests that government programs and services continue to become more varied to serve a populace that is much more complex than it was just twenty years ago.

Spending on education, senior services, infrastructure, police and fire protection and other government services all will reflect the changing demographic character of the County. This is just one more seed of information that should be considered come election time in 2010.

GTCC General Meeting – Wednesday, November 11th, 2009******* PLEASE NOTE MEETING ROOM LOCATION CHANGE ! *******

The GTCC will hold our next Meeting on Wednesday, November, 11th, 2009 at the St. Paul's Church Meeting Room, on 1609 Kurtz Ave. Lutherville, Md.with meetings STILL beginning promptly at 7:00 PM.

Annual GTCC Membership Dues – Marge DiNardo

GTCC ‘2009’ Membership dues are still just \$50 dollars for the year and are due at this time. We had a great response from (51) Associations contributing their Annual Membership dues payment last year! Dues notices for 2009 have been mailed out months ago so if you haven’t received one or if you need a copy, please don’t hesitate to let us know.. So far, we have received (47) dues paying responses through October! Please send your 2009 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!

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.

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

Board of Directors 7:00 pm – 9:00pm

February 11, 2009

April 08, 2009

June 10, 2009

August – No Meeting

*October 14, 2009

December 09, 2009

General Membership 7:00 pm – 9pm

January 14, 2009

March 11, 2009

May 13, 2009

July – No Meeting

*September 09, 2009

*November 11, 2009

* All Meetings are **NOW** Scheduled at the “**ST. PAUL’s CHURCH**”, on the DATES NOTED ABOVE !!!

Due to the impending renovations and expansion at the Cockeysville Library, we will be unable to use the Meeting Room at the Library as our meeting site for the next year. The November meeting will take place at Spangler Hall on the grounds of **St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1609 Kurtz Avenue in Lutherville**. Spangler Hall is the building on the southern end of the property, closest to Seminary Avenue.

Agenda and Speakers - GTCC November 11th, Meeting - Tentative Schedule.....

1. Introductions
2. Public Safety Report from the Cockeysville Precinct #7
3. Featured Speaker: Councilman Bryan McIntire
4. Updates on Zoning and Development Issues:
 - a. 2340-2342 York Road located in West Timonium Heights
 - b. Anderson Automotive
5. New Business
6. Adjourn

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:

Once again, it's hard to believe that the holiday season is just around the corner. Holiday gift shopping will bring additional folks to area shopping centers. Along with the influx of shoppers comes the potential of an increase in crime. I just want to remind everyone of the basics – starting at home and all the way through to safe shopping - that we *always* try to discuss in the GTCC newsletter column.

So, first of all, a quick but *important* review...LOCK the doors and windows of your homes. Particularly now, during the changes in the seasonal weather, take the time to check windows that may have been left unlocked and forgotten about since the warm weather months. Check the upstairs windows too...burglars have been known to use ladders from a nearby yard to gain access to higher windows. Basic crime prevention is critically important to community safety. I know that I repeat that over and over again and that it has become my mantra over the past several years. I've asked the community to work together to address the basic crime prevention steps and we have decreased the "no-force" burglaries (entry through unlocked doors or windows) significantly!

Secondly, the good folks who live under the umbrella of the GTCC continue to call 911 – and *don't* hesitate to call 911 - to report suspicious activity or subjects. Because of that, we are able to respond to these calls and ruin potential criminals' plans.

During the holiday shopping season, please remember these tips. When you get to your shopping destination, remember not to leave valuables on display inside your vehicle. Take the extra minute and put them into the trunk...out of sight, out of mind. Try to park in a well-lit area of the parking lot and keep an eye out for the amber flashing lights of the vehicles used in the patrols made by security officers. Many shopping centers use these folks to help patrol their parking lots. These are all simple steps that we can all use to make the shopping trip safer.

Lastly, Identity Theft is becoming an increasing concern to all law enforcement agencies. Be protective of your credit cards and debit cards and your wallets and purses as well. While you are protecting them, be very careful about using your PIN numbers at ATM machines, gas pumps, etc. Be aware of t involve "ATM Skimming" in which a fake ATM card slot is attached to the outside of a real ATM card slot. ATM skimming schemes have occurred in this precinct. If the card slot on an ATM machine looks like an "add-on" or otherwise suspicious, *do not* use that machine. The thief's intent is to obtain the account number from your card and then download that information from the skimmer. PIN numbers can be obtained through placement of micro cameras near the ATM machine. In a successful "skim" the culprits will be able to make a clone debit card...in your name...with your PIN! Try to get into the habit of using your free hand to cover the keypad on the debit card reader as you enter your PIN. If someone is watching, it's very difficult for them to see through your hand! So, make it difficult for anyone looking over your shoulder to get your PIN.

My intent is not to cause panic or alarm, but rather to increase your *awareness* of potential crimes and how to prevent them. Meanwhile, please try to use these tips to make your shopping experience better for you and worse for potential thieves. Finally, Happy and Safe Holidays to everyone throughout the upcoming holiday Season !

NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc. - Saving Open Spaces in Our Neighborhoods

NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc. is a non-profit organization that acquires land for communities to enjoy forever as small parks, gardens, or natural areas. NeighborSpace will acquire a piece of land, either through purchase or donation, in exchange for a commitment by a local group to manage the parcel as community open space. NeighborSpace focuses on open space needs in the County's older communities and growth areas - that is, inside the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line. NeighborSpace can acquire land outright, or it can obtain a "conservation easement" that enables the owner of the property to keep the land but places a permanent restriction on the use of the land. Landowners that donate land or easements to NeighborSpace may receive significant tax benefits. Michele Frome, the Land Trust Administrator for NeighborSpace, gave a presentation at one of our GTCC meetings. If you are interested in preserving a piece of undeveloped land or learning more about NeighborSpace, please feel free to contact Michele Frome at 410-727-3245 or Michele.frome@verizon.net. For additional information: www.neighborspacebaltimorecounty.org

The Councilman's Corner – Kevin Kamenetz

We have invited our County Councilmen to provide us this month with an article for our newsletter in the form of 'The Councilman's Corner' on any issue(s) that he feels might be of interest to our membership. The following article this month is from Kevin:

2nd District - Councilman Kevin Kamenetz

The County Council has had a very busy summer with a number of particularly interesting bills being enacted. Several have been quite controversial generating a healthy debate among the citizens of our County.

Bill 62-09 RECYCLING OF HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICES - To address the problem of inappropriately discarding electronic devices such as computers or peripheral, including monitor, keyboard, printer, cables or cords as well as televisions, stereos, telephones or answering machines. These articles must now be taken to designated recycling centers or a manufacturer or retailer that has established a program for collection. Violators are subject to civil penalty of \$100.

BILL 61-09 SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM - Authorizes the Police Department along with other agencies to develop and implement a program for the use of speed monitoring systems in school zones. No more than 15 schools will be chosen for this program, which will encompass a half-mile radius from the school. Sensors will be set to record vehicles traveling in excess of twelve miles over the posted limit. The Police, using statistical analysis and antidental evidence, will determine where to initially place the cameras. It is anticipated that this program will be in place by the end of the year. A grace period of thirty days will be extended upon installation of the cameras with only warnings being issued.

BILL 64-09 UNSOLICITED ADVERTISING CIRCULARS - Presents a solution to certain unwelcome annoyances of unsolicited advertising circulars to residential addresses, unless they contain notice-defining terms, providing penalties for violation and enforcement of the law and generally relating to delivery of unsolicited materials. The circulars must also contain either a local or 800-phone number that the homeowner can call to discontinue the delivery of said circular.

The Baltimore County Council is hopeful that this will also address such problems as identifying temporarily vacant residences, vandalism and litter. Persons whom violate this bill are subject to a \$500 fine for the first offense and \$1000 for each additional offense and will be enforceable under the Department of Permits and Development Office of Code Enforcement. This bill does not prohibit the personal deliver of community newsletters.

BILL 59-09 ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES – Clarifies that county law prohibits the sale, possession and discharge of an “electronic control device...stun gun,” within Baltimore County. This further prohibits the ability to sell, rent or transfer such a device to anyone. Such activity is classified as a misdemeanor and conviction of is subject a fine not to exceed \$1000 or imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or both.

As your Councilman, the well being of you, your family, your community and our county is my focus. I have and will continue to work for the betterment of all. Please feel free to contact my office should you need assistance in the future.

Thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to update the Greater Timonium Community Council.

Respectfully,



Kevin Kamenetz
Councilman, Second District

The Legislator's Corner – Delegates Susan Aumann and Bill Frank

We have also invited our State Representatives to provide us with an article for our newsletter in the form of 'The Legislator's Corner' on any issue(s) that they feel might be of interest to our membership. We rotate these requests through the Districts within GTCC. The following articles this month are from the 42nd Legislative District:

42nd District – Delegate Susan Aumann

Back-to-School Program

Elected officials from state legislatures across the country are participating in a unique program organized by the National Conference of State Legislatures. I am delighted to join this effort which meets with students to teach them about American democracy and the importance of being engaged citizens. Even though they are not old enough to vote, this program provides an interactive presentation to help children learn how government works and how their ideas count.

Schools in the 42nd District were sent letters outlining the initiative and inviting them to have their students participate. I have visited numerous classes already and relayed my experiences as a legislator and taught how that plays a role in our representative democracy. These presentations are designed to teach our young people that their ideas have value and they should become involved in the policy making process. I engage with the students and outline what it is like to be a delegate, the process of making laws, the pressures of making challenging decisions, debates, compromise and responding to constituent concerns.

Some of the schools I have had the opportunity to visit include Hampton Elementary, Stoneleigh Elementary, Ridge Ruxton, Timonium Elementary, St. Paul's School for Girls, Dumbarton Middle, Pikesville Senior, St. Pius and Calvert Hall. It is fantastic to reach out into the community and provide a civics lesson to these future leaders. The questions are priceless and the time we spend together has been great. I really enjoy it and look forward to coming to other schools.

42nd District – Delegate Bill Frank

The Maryland General Assembly convenes on January 13, 2010. By all accounts, it will be a very, very difficult session. Maryland's continuing budget woes present us with extraordinary challenges. The budget for the current fiscal year has at least a \$600 million deficit, and the fiscal year 2011 budget (which begins on July 1, 2010), has a projected budget deficit exceeding \$ 2 billion.

Clearly, our State cannot sustain this level of structural deficit indefinitely. Our State government continues to overspend, and with one of the nation's highest levels of taxation, we simply cannot tax our way out of this problem. We must continue to cut wasteful government spending, which is always easy to speak about in general terms, but when it gets to specific programs – that's when it becomes more difficult. But there are ways to cut spending.

Taking a more accurate count of student enrollment figures throughout Maryland's public school systems, for example, would yield savings of \$181 million per year. We currently record enrollment figures at September 30th each year, when the number of students is at its peak. Attrition throughout the year reduces this number substantially. I support a bill that would take enrollment at September 30 and again at April 30, and take the average of the two, which yields a far more accurate reading of the true number of students in the classrooms. The \$181 million to be saved is not insignificant, and there are numerous examples of other ways we can save tax dollars but still deliver vital services. That is our challenge for the coming session.

Closer to home, the much-needed replacement of the Charles Street bridge over the beltway proceeds on time and on budget. This bridge is over fifty years old and handles tens of thousands of cars each day. Please exercise patience when encountering this work zone over the next several months.

I've also been working with my three legislative colleagues in District 42 on the very crucial issue of installing air conditioning at Ridgely Middle School. We will continue to press forward to secure the funding to make this a reality for our students and their families.

As always, please call my office on 410-841-3793 if we can ever be of assistance to you.

The Librarian's Corner – Mollie Fein, Cockeysville Branch Manager

Our Library has completed the transition to a temporary mini-library in preparation for the 2.2 million dollar expansion and renovation of the current space. The expansion will increase the size of the library by about 1,600 square feet, to 24,600 square feet. When the library opens in October 2010 the library will include an expanded children's area, tutor rooms, more public access computers, new shelving and carpet, a teen area and more.

Cockeysville Mini Library - What can you expect ?The mini library will have on hand a limited selection of the latest and most popular materials, as well as access by request to all materials owned by the Baltimore County Public Library. Reserved items can be picked up at the mini library, there will be a 24-hour drop box for returns, and public Internet access will be available. Also, of course, librarians will be available to answer questions in person or by phone.

Cockeysville Library History - The original Cockeysville Library opened on May 5, 1947 in temporary quarters on the second floor of the Tyrie Building on York Road, just north of the former underpass. Its existence was the result of a community drive headed by the Cockeysville Homemakers Club and the Cockeysville Improvement Society, whose volunteers raised funds and solicited donated books. After years of continuous growth of both the library and the community the current library opened on February 16th, 1982.

Fiscal 2009 update - In FY 2009 the Cockeysville Library had the highest circulation and the most visitors of the 17 branches in the entire Baltimore County Public Library system. Circulation in FY 09 at the Cockeysville branch was 1,176,298 items; visitors totaled 582,009.

The BCPL website (www.bcpl.info) has magazine, newspaper, genealogy, literature and other databases for research and general information. Librarians welcome information requests and questions at 410-887-7750. Please..... Give them a call!

Membership & Annual Dues Report

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	Rossllare 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	Overlook	Topfield Condo	Tralee Forest Condo
Roundwood Ridge I & III	Wellington Valley	Pebble Creek HO	Dunloy Condo
Longford North			

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/Agencies/executive/executiveupdate.html>
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- **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/Agencies/executive/executiveupdate.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/MeetingsandEvents/pdm_d3.html
Council District 2 at: http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/MeetingsandEvents/pdm_d2.html
Full Newsletter at: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/communityupdates/d3/060901d3.html>
Previous Editions at: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/communityupdates/d3/index.html>

GTCC Website - <http://www.gtccinc.com> OR <http://www.gtccinc.org>

The Greater Timonium Community Council maintains a website to provide everyone information related to our organization and activities of Community interest. We invite all of you to 'surf' our site where you can even find a brief summary of neighborhood *Code Enforcement Definitions* for Baltimore County in the *Issues Section*.

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. What year was the first Timonium Fair held?
2. What local company has provided products to nationally acclaimed jazz artists like Eddie Daniels, Steve Wilkerson and Chris Vadala?
3. What local shopping center was one of the first multi-level shopping areas in the entire country?

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. In 1878, after several unsuccessful attempts to establish an on-going fair at other locations around Baltimore, a group of Maryland businessmen operated a successful fair on a 4-acre site in Lutherville, MD. Despite its success, the Lutherville Fair was short lived because of construction of the North Central Railroad extension at the time.

Their success in Lutherville, however, gave the operators resolve to continue promoting a fair, and in June 1879, they incorporated as the Baltimore County Agricultural Association. The corporation leased a 37-acre plot of land on the York Turnpike (York Road today) on what was then known as "the Timonium Estate". The first Fair at its new home was held that year from September 7 - 12. The North Central Railroad, cause of the closing of the Lutherville Fair, was now the primary source of transportation for fairgoers from Baltimore to the Timonium Fairgrounds during the rest of the century. Other fairgoers walked or rode horses, wagons, carriages and carts to the Fairgrounds using the Turnpike.

2. Rovner Products in Timonium are innovators in clarinet and saxophone ligatures and mouthpieces.
3. Towson Plaza Shopping Center. It opened in 1959. It was expanded into the Towsontown Center of today.

The Next GTCC General Meeting is scheduled for November 11 at 7:00 PM at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1609 Kurtz Avenue in Lutherville.

CURRENT ISSUES

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. Lou Miller is writing a letter to County Exec. Jim Smith asking him to intercede to require code compliance. (E. Rockel, L. Miller, and GTCC Executive Committee)

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. (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)

11311 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, and People's Counsel is considering an appeal.(E. Rockel)

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. While not objecting to the reconfiguration, GTCC believes this proposal needs to be approved by the Hearing Officer, who approved the previous configuration as part of a Planned Unit Development process. Anderson Automotive has agreed to get Hearing Officer approval. (E.Rockel & People's Counsel)

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 planned. This project may take until 2011 to receive County approvals. (E.Rockel)

2340-2342 York Road: Request to expand a dentist offices, which necessitates variances to setbacks and driveway widths.(W. Timonium Heights)

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, L. Miller, F. Regan, GTCC Executive Committee.)

York Rd. Widening, Seminar to Ridgely Rd. Most curb and gutter relocation and sidewalk work to Bellona Avenue will be completed by June 2009. Expect work from Bellona to Ridgely Road from Spring 2009 to Spring 2010. So far, the SHA is approximately one year behind the project completion estimate.(E. Rockel, GTCC Executive Committee)

Beaver Dam Swim Club Property – Development Concept Plan reviewed by GTCC. Plan calls for four (4) mid-rise residential buildings with fifty-five units per building, or eleven units per floor. Two hundred twenty (220) units ,with below grade parking for 528 spaces. Plan would occupy ten of the twenty-six acres. No plans given for the remaining acres. A PUD overlay zoning is required. Further discussion with Mr. Mark Hanley, Jr. results in no further action at this time. (E. Rockel, L. Miller, 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 is currently being graded for the new uses. (E. Rockel)

COMPLETED ISSUES

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)

York Rd.-Timonium Condo Proposal – A & A Global Industries and Keely Company are proposing a two tower Condo and mixed use on York Rd across from the north end of the Fair Grounds. Meetings were held 9/21/05, 10/27/05, 1/10/06, 3/08/06, 5/24/06 concerning adopting the site plan to minimize sight lines from Stratford Community at top of the hill. What started with 14 stories and one underground and two above ground parking stories is now reduced to two underground parking and one above is now 10 stories of 216 Condo's. Movement into the hill is now approximately 35 feet. The Stratford Community Association's Board of Directors and GTCC have recently agreed not to oppose the Planned Unit Development (PUD) with respect to height and size. The Planning Board approved the condo plan., and the Zoning Commissioner approved the project. In February 2009 the development plan for the project was submitted to Baltimore County for review.(E. Rockel, L. Miller, GTCC Executive Committee & Stratford Community)

Ames Store Building – Land and building owned by Capital Enterprises. The DRC approved plan to change the building which should lead to the construction of a Giant Foods in place of the now vacant store. Despite requests from GTCC and Yorkshire/Haverford, Giant has not replied to a request to publicly present their plans. Former Ames building has been demolished, and Giant has successfully opened at this location. (L. Miller, F. Regan, 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. GTCC continues to work with Councilman McIntire on developing a unique zoning classification for the Timonium Fairgrounds. (E. Rockel, L. Miller & GTCC)