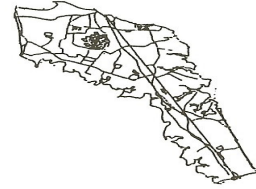




GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL
Meeting
Severna Park Library
March 8, 2011
Minutes



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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Jerry Pesterfield. Mr. Pesterfield welcomed new member representing Woodbury Farms, and acknowledged attendance by Fifth District County Council Chairman Dick Ladd, and thanked him for attending. Mr. Pesterfield noted that Chris Isham, 2nd Vice President for the Severna Park Chamber of Commerce would be attending on behalf of Linda S. Zahn, CEO of the Chamber.

Note for the Record: Anne Myers, Secretary of the Chamber attended the meeting, and her remarks are noted below under other community business.

Secretary's Report: President Pesterfield motioned for approval of the February 8, 2011 Minutes which were distributed by email to the full membership. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report was unanimously approved as submitted and filed for the record.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Steve Poland provided the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2011, and noted the following: (1) \$560 received and deposited for 2011 dues. Thirty-eight communities are paid to date for 2011 with sixteen unpaid. Nine communities are in arrears for the period 2007 through 2010. The Beautification Trust Fund balance is unchanged at \$2,472.10; \$73.00 in checks cleared this month. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as submitted and filed for the record for audit purposes.

See **Appendix A** for account balances as of February 28, 2011, and activities reported in the Treasurer's Report.

See **Appendix B** for Membership Update as of March 8, 2011, and the list of communities in arrears 2007 through 2010.

Guest Speaker Ron Bowen, Anne Arundel County Director of Public Works – Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL): President Pesterfield welcomed Ron Bowen and thanked him for his service, and noted that he is a key part of the TMDL project and founder of the Master Watershed Plan.

Mr. Bowen presented an overview of the Anne Arundel County Draft Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan and noted that EPA promulgated the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and the Public Works Department is working on Phase I of the watershed development and implementation plan that will outline what the county will do to meet its part of what it will take to implement Phase II Watershed Implementation Plans.

Background: In December 2009 the EPA established the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, a historic and comprehensive "pollution diet" with rigorous accountability measures to initiate sweeping actions to restore clean water in the Chesapeake Bay and the region's streams, creeks and rivers. Despite extensive restoration efforts over the past 25 years, the TMDL was prompted by insufficient progress and continued poor water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. The TMDL identifies the necessary pollution reductions from major sources of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment across large state sections, and sets pollution limits necessary to meet water quality standards in the Bay and its tidal rivers. Specifically, the TMDL sets Bay watershed limits of 185.9 million pounds of nitrogen, 12.5 million pounds of phosphorus and 6.45 billion pounds of sediment per year – a 25 percent reduction in nitrogen, 24 percent reduction in phosphorus and 20 percent reduction in sediment. The pollution limits are further divided by jurisdiction and major river basin based on state-of-the-art modeling tools, extensive monitoring data, peer-reviewed science and close interaction with jurisdiction partners. The final TMDL is shaped by an extensive two-year public involvement effort and, in large part, by final Phase I Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPS) developed by Bay states which detail how and when the jurisdictions will meet pollution allocations. The TMDL is designed to ensure that all pollution control measures needed to fully restore the Bay and its tidal rivers are in place by 2025, with at least 60 percent of the actions completed by 2017.

Pollutants of Concern: Include nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment; individual TMDL will be required to meet Bay level TMDL.

Maryland Dept of Environment Allocation: Anne Arundel County's existing load by "source category" includes Point Source, Forest, and Septic. Nitrogen loads adopted but distribution different and Edge of Stream (EOS) target load cap are subject to change. Bay TMDL cap of 2,392,976 based on MDE draft allocation of Dec. 29, 2010. Source sectors include septic, urban storm water, major industrial, federal and State owned land and agricultural component, and load reduction will be funded with County tax dollars.

The 2020 final target county load allocation levels by Source Section are:

- Nitrogen: 2,392,976
- Phosphorus: 169,815

Point Source Water Reclamation Facilities – Enhanced Nutrient Removal Upgrades: Cost is estimated at \$270,000,000 to be funded from Bay Restoration Fund.

- Location of Waste Water Treatment Plants at Cox Creek and Mayo, etc. speaks to nitrogen and phosphorus.
- Broadneck Water Reclamation Facility, Bay discharge: Will continue to grow, and total pound reduction on Phosphorus side planned.
- Cox Creek Water Reclamation Facility, Patapsco discharge: By 2016 will complete last enhanced nutrient removal upgrade at Cox Creek. Investing about \$160 million to make plant operate at build out or capacity load. Once growth meets capacity level there is no more growth. The planned State development will continue.

Q&A: In response to questions from members, Mr. Bowen stated that funding is provided from Utility Enterprise Funds from water service customer fees, and from self supporting operations, not from tax dollars, and capital dollars from new growth and facility new development and redevelopment.

Council Chairman Ladd noted that Federal Municipality represents Ft. Meade and same conditions will be placed on them and will be required to be met.

Septic Systems Challenge to Reduce Pollutant Loads in Critical Areas: For every septic system, 80% of nitrogen will find its way to tidal streams.

- Existing nitrogen load= 881,266 lbs/yr.
- After treatment= 281,932 lbs/yr.

The WIP Septic Load Reduction targeted management areas concept has to have very substantial reductions by identifying clustering of areas. Proposed alternative solutions include public sewer extension, cluster treatment systems, and OSDS (onsite sewer disposal system) nitrogen reduction units. The recommended treatment alternative plan included eleven areas connected to 20,233 septic areas. Estimated cost amounts to \$758,895,026.

- The TN (Total Nitrogen) lbs removed = 323,589 from existing TN load of 387,229
- Load after treatment = 63,640

Q&A: In response to a question from a member that unless there is some kind of enforcement it can't be enforced, and what is next step by County to see implemented, Mr. Bowen noted that unless some kind of tool to make it affordable is implemented it can't be enforced. Mr. Norville also noted that Enterprise Fund is self-supporting but half the community can't afford and it will be a problem.

Urban Storm Water Challenge: Stream erosion is the major source of sediment transported to area tidal waterways. Rate of erosion is increasing. Followings statistics were noted:

- Assessed perennial stream miles = 410
 - 134 miles/high/210 miles moderate/ 66 miles low
- Physical Habitat Quality for 410 mile assessment:
 - Severely degraded = 218 miles/ degraded= 16 miles/ partially degraded= 102 miles/ minimally=74 miles degraded

- Perennial Streams Biological Condition Assessment: Biotic integrity score based on 376 samples taken to assess perennial streams biological condition:

- 5% good
- 23% fair
- 49% poor
- 23% very poor

Stormwater Edge of Stream Core Implementation Strategy: Six-Year plan to restoration includes the following strategy:

- Stream channel restoration
- Ephemeral channel restoration
- Stormwater outfall restoration
- Stormwater pond restoration

Mr. Bowen noted that rock boulders provide drain control to restore ground water via sand.

Ultimate implementation goals include:

- Restored stream stability and pollutant reduction
- Restored hydrology within flood plains and streams
- Restored biological health of streams
- Compliance with water quality standards

Summary of Random Retrofit Scenarios- Type and Preliminary Cost:

- Pond Retrofits= \$55,715,633
- Degraded Stream= \$489,796,765
- Degraded Outfalls= \$422,657,896
- Septic Systems= \$758,895,026
- Total Costs= \$1,727,065,320

Following potential costs to Anne Arundel County are estimated costs:

- \$270,000,000: Point Source Water Reclamation Facilities Enhanced Nutrient Removal Upgrades
- \$758,895,026: WIP Septic Load Reduction for Targeted Management Areas
- \$968,000,000: Urban Stormwater Management
- \$1,997,200,000: Total Estimated Costs to County

Challenges, Consequences, and Covering Estimated Costs: County Council Chairman Ladd noted that other impacted States have similar challenges since it is a matter of adhering to regulations in the Federal Clean Water Act and EPA requirements for cleaning up the Bay and TMDL requirements. States are turning to local communities. Mr. Pesterfield commented that it is not just impacting the person who lives next door to water. It is affecting everyone proportionately. How to get \$2 billion in estimated costs funded through 2025 no one knows for sure. Everyone needs to understand State Bill # 57 (Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses) which proposes “Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; and establishing conditions for the funding of specified costs.” Mr. Bowen also noted that there is a limit for growth money generated, growth isn’t going to fund the entire cost.

Q&A: Berrywood resident commented that they have a bond of \$40,000 per unit to pay over the years and have to hook-up to sewer septic system. New developments will have to put into cost of homes. New developments will be impacted. Mr. Pesterfield commented that how it gets done needs to be discussed, and noted that Mr. Ladd has discussed and provided a lot of ideas and options which need to be shared with communities.

Brad Myers, Board Member, noted that sewer hook-up to front footage works if you have half an acre since you pay less, but believes should be flat rate vs. assessment, and needs to be simplified.

In response to a question raised on what are the consequences of doing nothing, Mr. Ladd noted that the Federal government will change flow of funds to States. He also stated that the State of Maryland recognizes the enormity of the projects, and complimented Ron Bowen on the excellent job he has done.

Note for the Record: The information in the presentation by Mr. Bowen is a “DRAFT” of work in progress. It is fully anticipated that the defined Anne Arundel County load allocation will change as well as the draft target loads for individual source sectors. These changes once implemented by regulatory agencies will have corresponding impacts on projected existing loads, strategies for load reduction and associated cost estimates. Current cost estimates are raw costs based on present time value of money. The estimates do not reflect the cost impacts associated with timing of the capital investments/improvements over the duration of the implementation schedule. We hope the information presented provides valuable insight into the complexity and magnitude of what will be required to pursue compliance with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL allocation as well as local watershed TMDL’s.

To view a detailed report with graphics and statistics of the County Draft Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan dated January 18, 2011:

Go To: <http://www.mwcog.org/uploads/committee-documents/Z15XWV9W20110118090234.pdf>

Anne Arundel County Library (AACPL): Mr. Skip Auld, County Library Administrator, thanked the GSPC for inviting him to attend the meeting. He has over 30 years of experience, and is hosting meetings at County libraries each Thursday at 7:00 pm to discuss funding for current library operating hours, programs and books which are threatened by next year’s County budget reductions, and will explain how the library is funded, what services are in jeopardy and how residents can voice their concerns to the elected officials who make these important decisions.

Library Funding Reductions and Impact: Mr. Auld provided the following information on funding for the County Libraries and impact of reductions:

- County funding for the AACPL has been cut by 16 percent since Fiscal Year 2007, a reduction vastly disproportionate to that experienced by other County agencies. This includes a 33 percent reduction in the funds allocated to purchase books and other materials.
- AACPL was asked to submit an Operating Budget request that reflects an additional 10 percent reduction for FY 2012. We attempted to comply with the request by County Executive Leopold to the best of our ability although, with its submission, implored the county to limit the cuts to those that did not have a direct impact on public service.
- Any cuts that are taken beyond four percent will result in a reduction of service hours to the public, beginning with the elimination of Sunday service at all but one of our branches, extending next to the elimination of Thursday evening hours at all branches and finally to the closure of all community (10 total) branches on Fridays. The plan is to try to turn things around and put the Library in a better operating position.
- The Library’s request for the Capital budget seeks to restore the materials or “book” budget to the \$3 million level that was last appropriated in FY 2008. The FY 2011 book budget totaled \$2 million, an amount below that granted more than a decade ago.
- The cuts come on top of the continuation, for the second year, of 12 furlough fays for all full-time AACPL employees and includes the permanent elimination of as many as 18 positions. In all, 90 percent of the cuts are from personal services. If all proposed reductions are taken, Library staffing would be cut 9.5 percent for a total staffing reduction of 12.5 percent over the past several years.

Mr. Auld noted that County Executive Leopold is currently putting together his budget recommendations for the County Council. These will be announced by April 15. The County Council will then assess these recommendations with an eye toward making further cuts. According to County Charter, the final budget will be released on or before May 31.

Library Foundation: Mr. Auld noted that there is a Library Foundation for those who support the library and its mission, and who would like to contribute by making a donation. Mr. Auld also noted that the Foundation can't replace County Budget with private funding.

To make a donation **Go To:** <http://www.libraryfirst.org/>

In closing Mr. Auld thanked the members of the GSPC for their support, and encouraged members who support the library and its mission to contact Mr. Leopold, as well as their County and State representatives, to let them know how important the library is to the people they represent.

Council Chairman Ladd noted that he will be sending out invitations to his house for a Library Fund raiser.

Library Contact Information: Questions and additional information on the AACPL may be obtained at www.aacpl.net or by calling 410-222-7371.

To read the Libraries "Happenings!" magazine **Go to:** http://www.aacpl.net/events/spring_11.pdf for a comprehensive and excellent collection of helpful news and events for March, April, and May 2011.

GSPC Planning Survey for 2011: On behalf of Dan Nataf, Mr. Pesterfield advised delegates that the resident survey is on line at <http://www.gspcouncil.org/> and encouraged delegates to get the message out to all residents to participate in the survey which will close the end of March. To date 450 residents have completed the survey. A recap of the survey results will be presented by Mr. Nataf at the May 10 GSPC general meeting.

Education Committee Report: Brad Myers – No report.

Environmental Committee Report: Submitted by Ann Jackson & Ed Krause, Watershed Stewards

- **Project Clean Stream** – Saturday, April 2 go to www.allianceforthebay.org for details
- **Broadneck High Outdoor Festival** – Saturday, April 9 – 9am to 3pm
- **Severn River Association 100th Anniversary Celebration** – Friday, April 29, 2011 at 6:00 pm. For more information go to www.severnriver.org
- **Greater Severna Park Watershed Action Group Earth Day Celebration** – Saturday, April 30, 2011 at the Severna Park Middle School. For more information call 410-647-3900 or visit www.gspwag.org

See **Appendix C** for details on the above events.

Police/Community Relations: Buck Brown and Julie Krause. Ms. Krause advised delegates that crime is down, and reminded everyone to always lock doors, including garage doors, and to call police if they see anyone in their neighborhood late at night.

- **Shred-Arama May 21:** Scheduled to be held at Anne Arundel Police HQ on Veterans Highway, Millersville, May 21 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The shredding is free, but donations are requested. Up to four boxes of personal documents can be shredded.

- **Nixle Community Alerts:** Encouraged delegates to sign up for community alerts by the Anne Arundel County Police Department's Eastern District by signing up at: nixle.com/register/

To read arrest profile information for the Eastern District Go To:

<https://local.nixle.com/anne-arundel-county-police-department---eastern-district/>

Public Works Committee: Dan Nataf. No report.

GSPC By-Laws Maintenance: John Norville, Director and Member of the By-Laws Committee, reported the Board-approved update to the By-Laws to add the Nominating Committee and the Auditing Committee to the List of Standing Committees, since both are required by the By-Laws. Their duties would be as already specified in the By-Laws. President Pesterfield will Email the Ballot to the Delegates for approval. Delegates were requested to promptly vote on the update, since approvals of one-half of the GSPC membership in good standing, approximately 27 votes, are required to do this update.

Chamber of Commerce Greater Severna Park: Anne Meyers advised delegates that 4th of July parade falls on a Monday this year, and all are welcome to participate.

Planning/Zoning/Legislative Committee: Al Johnston, Vice President for Public Affairs, discussed the GSPC Zoning/Legislation Agenda as of March 8th. **See Appendix E** for detailed list of activities.

Mr. Johnston discussed the following items:

- **Compulsory Binding Arbitration (Bill 4-11)** - The Anne Arundel County Council approved a measure that gives the body final say in labor disputes between the county and its public safety employees, a system that union leaders say deteriorates binding arbitration. Despite overwhelming union opposition, the council voted unanimously 3-7-11 to approve the legislation, which alters the county's binding arbitration agreement with about 1,500 public safety employees.
County Executive John R. Leopold crafted the original bill, saying the legislation would help the county avoid a possible tax increase. Anne Arundel is facing an expected \$75 million budget deficit in the coming fiscal year. Leopold said he was "pleased" with the council's vote, though he expressed disappointment with the amendments. According to a statement released by Leopold: "The council voted unanimously in support of the important principle that elected officials, in this case the County Council, should be free to make the final decision on an arbitrator's award. In that way, they untied their hands." Mr. Johnston also noted that according to the State Code and County Charter arbitration awards cannot bind County Council, but can bind County Executive.
- **Growth Action Network** – March 9th meeting on South County comprehensive zoning, Mr. Johnston will present an updated PowerPoint slide show.
- **Subdivision Sketch Plan (Bill 59-10 deleted Section 17-3-204)** – Subdivision Process can take 1-2 or 3 years. When Sketch Plan gets to point of approval this section required a community meeting. Without this meeting or appropriate notice and the requirement to appeal approved Sketch Plan within 30 days, appealing a subdivision is essentially not possible.
- **Ferry Point Marina (BA 01-11A)** – Case involves building a pavilion in critical area. A motion for GSPC approval to support their request for a permanent facility replacing tent was approved at February 8 GSPC General meeting. Ferry Point Marina has a lot of resident boat owners in Twin Harbors and Twin Harbors does not want GSPC on record supporting the appeal. Twin Harbors resident has hired an attorney who will present the case.
- **Lower Magothy Beach Noise Complaint** – Marina Hardy, Constituent Services Specialist in County Executive's Office, noted that County is doing a noise test. Stephen R. Schuh, District 31, Maryland House of Delegates, wrote a letter asking for an exception. Hearing for variance to be held in Severna Park Library on March 23 at 1:00 pm and 3 to 4:00 pm.

Mr. Johnston provided the following details:

- Marina on North Road and Magothy Beach formerly used gasoline; since ownership changed hands heavy diesel equipment is being used.
- Marina community has houses on all sides, and a pending State law would exempt any noise from 7AM to 7:00 PM.
- Not sure where County stands on issue, and noted that pending House Bill 1215 (Environment– Exemption from Noise Restrictions - Marianas and Boatyards) supports all marinas and is a separate issue. Notifying delegates of the issue is important.
- Bill 1215 Synopsis reads: "Adding an exemption to the list of exemptions from the authority of the Department of the Environment to adopt specified noise restrictions for the noise from equipment used to store and maintain marine vessels during the hours between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at a marina or boatyard."

Mr. Johnston motioned for approval of GSPC petition to support Lower Magothy Beach Noise Complaint, and noted that the resolution only applies to Magothy Beach and only item for GSPC Resolution is for Lower Magothy Beach noise complaint. Without objection the Motion was approved for the GSPC Resolution for Lower Magothy Beach Noise Complaint.

Note for the Record: Mr. Johnston informed Board Members on March 16, 2011 that the Environmental Matters Committee staff confirmed HB 1215 has been withdrawn effective March 17, 2011.

- **Steve Curtis Case 2250 Sept Term 2007** – Case has been going on since 2001. District Court Order: Remove operations within 30 days.

Unfinished Business: None.

Other Community Business:

- **Council Chairman Dick Ladd's Monthly Review for March** – **See Appendix F** for activities during March including visits with Captain Waltemeyer, Commander of Anne Arundel County Eastern Police District, and Benfield and Arnold Elementary Schools. Participation in the 25th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 995; and contribution to the community by noteworthy volunteer organization SPAN-Serving People Across Neighborhoods. Noted also is the cause of the sewage spill at Mill Creek, and hosting the Student Model Government Program series on March 21. Contact his office to share ideas and thoughts by email at dladd@aacounty.org or call 410-222-1401.

- **Marina Hardy, Community and Constituent Services for County Executive Leopold** – Reminded delegates that if anyone has any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact her at 410-222-1323 or via email at mhardy@aacounty.org.

Upcoming Events: See attached Appendix G-1 and G-2 or Go to: <http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/>

April 2 (Saturday) – Kinder Farm Park Piglet Party 10 am to 1 pm – Friends of Kinder Farm Part Education Committee Event

April 18 (Monday) – The Healthy You Seminar 6:30 pm – Visitor Center at Kinder Farm Park

Next Meeting Dates:

- Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 - 7:30 pm - **Severna Park Library**
- General Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 – 7:30 pm – Severna Park Library

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Very respectfully submitted:



Kathleen J. Michels, GSPC Secretary
March 25, 2011

GSPC General Meeting

March 8, 2011

Treasurer's Report

Account balances (as of 02/28/2011)

BB&T checking	= \$ 5,966.83
SmithBarney money market	= \$ 791.43
SmithBarney CDs (4)	= \$25,000.00

Beautification Trust Fund balance (as of 02/28/2011)

BankAnnapolis	= \$ 2,472.10
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Account activity in February

BB&T

Dues deposited	= \$ 560.00
Checks cleared	
--2177	= \$ (73.00)

SmithBarney

Money Market	= \$ 0.01
Interest	= \$ 0.00

BankAnnapolis (Beautification Fund)

Interest	= \$ 0.00
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GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

Membership UPDATE

March 8, 2011

The list of Greater Severna Park Council communities and their membership status includes:

54 Communities in Good Standing YTD 2011

Unpaid for 2011 (16)

Arnold Preservation Council, Ben Oaks, Cattail Passage, Chartwood, Cypress Improvement, Fairwinds, , Linstead, Magothy Forest, Manhattan Beach, McKinsey Park, North Cape Arthur, North Severna Park, Olde Severna Park, Point Field Landing, Severn Heights, Whitney's Landing

Paid for 2011 (38) (Most recent dues payments in red)

Bellevue Estates, Bendale, Berrywood, Bluff Point, Brittingham, Cape Arthur, Carrollton Manor, Chartridge, Chartwell, Colchester, County Crusaders, Crain West, **Cypress Landing**, **Fair Oaks**, Glen Oban, Harlequin, **Hollywood**, **Jennings Road**, Kensington, Kilmarnock, Lake Waterford,..Lower Magothy, Pointfield West, Round Bay, Severna Enclave, **Severna Forest**, Severndale, Shipley's Choice Community, Shipley's Choice Homeowners, Shipley's Retreat Homeowners, Swann Point, Twin Harbors,..Westridge, **West Severna Park**, Whitehurst, Williams Woods, Woodberry Farms, Woodbridge Forest.

Communities in arrears

For 2010: Evergreen, Oakleigh Forest.

For 2009 -- 10: Berrywood Ridge, Berrywood South, East Earleigh Heights, Sheffield Park

For 2008 -- 10: Jones CA

For 2007 -- 10: Arundel Plaza, McKinsey Woods

Environmental Committee report for Greater Severna Park Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Submitted by Ann Jackson & Ed Krause, Watershed Stewards

Magothy River Association www.magothyriver.org

Dr. Peter Bergstrom (NOAA) presented the 2010 Magothy Index, a measure of the River's Aquatic Health at the annual State of the Magothy Conference on February 16. The Magothy River received a D-, the same as last year. Magothy health was 22% based on water clarity, dissolved oxygen and submerged aquatic vegetation. The website has the details.

Severn River Association www.severnriver.org

Next meeting at Arlington Echo on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m.. The March program will feature the findings of the SRA's Land Use Committee after analysis of the 350 applications the County has received for zoning changes. The SRA Land Use Committee has distilled this mountainous stack of zoning change requests down to a dozen or so that will be presented to you for consideration and discussion of SRA action. The March 15th educational program will be lead by Don Morris-Jones who will begin the evening by completing his presentation to the SRA on GIS technology. His focus will be on the role GIS plays in federal and state programs in support of Chesapeake Bay initiatives.

Fertilizer

Thinking of fertilizing your lawn? Consider this:

- ✚ Nutrients in fertilizers and toxic chemicals in pesticides end up polluting our streams, rivers, lakes and the Chesapeake Bay, as well as groundwater in underground sources and drinking water reservoirs.
- ✚ Spring fertilizer can stimulate too much growth and cause "thatch", while leaving weak roots.
- ✚ Spring fertilizer can harm lawns by causing rapid, lush growth that is more susceptible to disease and more attractive to pests.
- ✚ Fertilizer will stimulate lush growth and then when water becomes limiting in the hot weather, the grass will suffer more than it would have otherwise.
- ✚ Spring fertilizer encourages leaf growth and if you fertilize in the spring your root growth is not adequate for the leaf growth, so roots won't be able to service the plant as well.
- ✚ Spring fertilizing exacerbates weed growth.
- ✚ Tender young shoots in spring can be burnt by fertilizer.
- ✚ Spring fertilizers tend to wash into the local streams, resulting in spring and summer algal blooms
- ✚ If fertilizer washes into streams in the fall, and algal blooms occur, low oxygen is not such a problem due to slower bacterial decomposition in the sediments and higher oxygen levels in cold water.
- ✚ Mowing high and letting your clippings lie is a natural way to fertilize your lawn.
- ✚ Apply fertilizer in the early fall helps reduce runoff and leaching because rainfall patterns, temperature and plant growth rates tend to maximize nitrogen uptake.

Test your soil, fertilize in the fall if you must!!

Upcoming Events

City of Annapolis Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

ONE DAY ONLY



is pleased to host a
**BACKYARD COMPOST
BIN and RAIN BARREL**
truckload sale
**Saturday, March 26, 2011
9 am - 3 pm**

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Did you know that one inch of rain falling on a 1,000 sq. ft. roof harvests up to 600 gallons of rainwater for use on your lawns and gardens without turning on a tap?



**Join us,
Saturday, March 26, 2011
9 am - 3 pm**

**Earth Machine™ Compost Bins
and SYSTEM Rain Barrels**
will be available in the parking lot
of the following location:

**Truxtun Park Pool
200 Truxtun Park Road
Annapolis, MD 21403**

For more information, please call (410) 263-7946
or visit www.SustainableAnnapolis.com

Saturday, March 26 at Truxtun Park Pool
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

www.SustainableAnnapolis.com

Open to everyone, not just Annapolis residents

Project Clean Stream-Save the date of Saturday, April 2 and watch for details on the Severn River Association website and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay website (www.allianceforthebay.org)

Broadneck High Outdoor Festival

April 9th, 2011 at Broadneck HS

9am-3pm

They are looking for educators, clubs, vendors, crafters, conservation groups, and anyone interested in the great outdoors! Contact Nancy Bourgeois by March 21 to reserve your table.

410-757-1300 (Broadneck High School) or email nbourgeois@aacps.org

Severn River Association Centennial

6 PM Friday April 29, 2011 Calvert House

Early registration discounted pricing is \$50 per person and Community Tables are priced at \$400 if purchased on or before April 6th. For more information go to www.severnriver.org.

Earth Day Festival

Don't forget the Earth Day celebration at the Severna Park Middle School on Saturday, April 30. Attached is a flyer about the event.

Earth, Water & Faith Festival

Groups and organizations providing environmental information on programs and methods for sustainable activities are invited to participate in the May 1, 2011 Earth, Water & Faith Festival to be held at the Annapolis Towne Center in Annapolis MD. The Festival will celebrate the Environment through music, art and inspiration, and is the product of a partnership between the Chesapeake Interfaith Environmental Group (CIEG), the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Annapolis Towne Centre. Rain date is Sunday, May 15th, 2011.

While there is no charge for display participation, all participants must register in advance and provide details about their display and organization prior to acceptance. *Space is limited and will only be assigned to "Non-commercial displays and vendors."*

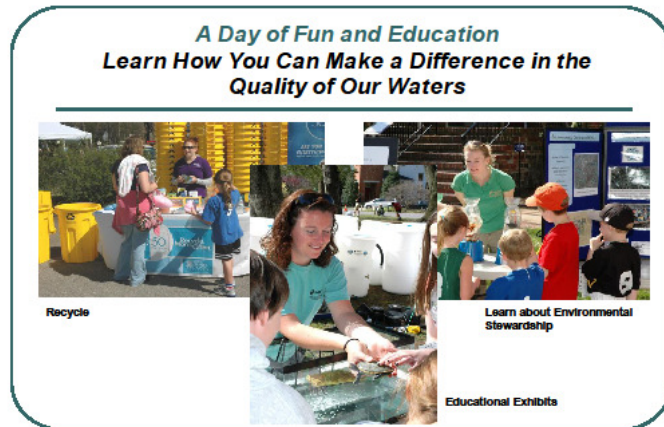
Sponsorship opportunities are also available and heartily encouraged.

Questions? Contact Sheree Ruhl at sruhl@cbf.org or 443-482-2051 and check out our website: WWW.CHESAPEAKEIEG.COM

Go Green - Earth Day & Everyday

*Businesses, Communities and Schools
Working Together for a Better Environment*

- WHAT:** Greater Severna Park Earth Day Exposition
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 30, 2011; 10 AM - 2 PM
- WHERE:** Severna Park Middle School
450 Jumpers Hole Road, Severna Park, MD



Open to the Public: Come for a few minutes or stay a few hours; we will have demonstrations, exhibits, children's activities, and document shredding (donation to Community Center appreciated). There will also be food court for lunch or snacks.

Sponsored by:
Greater Severna Park Watershed Action Group
Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce
Severna Park Middle School

For more information: Call 410-647-3900 or visit www.gspwag.org

GSPC Zoning/Legislation Agenda 3-8-11, Boldface=Your Attention, Regular Typeface=
Information/follows.

Legislation, Planning, Zoning and Capital Projects:

Census release, 2-10-11, Anne Arundel County 2000=489,656, 2010=537,656, gain 9.8%

EPA "Pollution Diet" Meeting 10-13-10, TMDL processes. Final issued 12-31-10, Agriculture appeal.

Growth Action Network, <http://growthaction.net/#news>, **2-3-11** Extended review of County Council presentation on comprehensive rezoning with special emphasis on Council Districts 1 & 4.

Comprehensive Rezoning, 37 Applications in District 5, 12 Applications in District 3 within the Severna Park Small Area Plan. Schedule change: District 5: Notice to Applicants 7-6, Web posting 7-13, PAB Hearings 7-27, Bill introduction 8-1, Council Work Session 8-9, Council Hearings 9-6, 9-19, 10-3, 10-17.

Administrative Hearing Officer, Board of Appeals, MDE, Corps of Engineers, Complaints:

Webpage for AHO: <http://www.aacounty.org/AdminHear/Calendar.cfm>, **Webpage for Board of Appeals:**
<http://www.aacounty.org/BdofAppeals/Calendar.cfm>

§ **17-3-204. Definitive sketch plan. Compliance.**, L. Tom 2-16-11

Park Ridge Subdivision, Stormwater facilities, sewer connection-letter 11-22-10 (Cypress Landing, Jennings Road)

2011-16-V A. Daly, 3-10-11 10:30AM 827 Cottonwood Dr, garage setback (SFCA)

2011-17-V W. Muscovich, 3-15-11 10:00AM 430 Severnside Dr, garage+dwelling addition setback (Ben Oaks)

2011-33-V W. Persinger, 4-7-11, 10:30AM, 340 North Dr. critical area, patio setback, (Lower Magothy Beach)

BA 01-11A Ferry Point Marina dba Magothy Seafood Restaurant 700 Mill Creek Rd **3-9-11** (Twin Harbors, Manhattan Beach) Permit B02264223 issued 12-2-10 for pavilion--parking issues, critical area issues,

BA 42-10A R. Hambly, Recessed 3-23-11 6:30PM, 363 Hawick Ct, B02268513-86' Antenna (Chartwood Chartwell).

GSPC denied opportunity to present case. GSPC scheduled 3-23-11 witness only.

BA 30-10V J. Schulz, 2-16-11 6:30PM, 192 Seven Way-Arnold, -stairs & accessory structure setbacks, steep slopes.(Pine Bluff-APC)

BA 48-10A B. Lutz-Heiman 2-10-11 5:30PM, 247 Cypress Creek Rd, P&Z failure to recognize two Houses as Non Conforming Use, (Cypress Creek)

BA 4-11A Arundel Mills Partnership, 2-24-11 5:30PM, 3-31-11, 4-5-11, 7649 Arundel Mills Blvd, Hanover, P&Z road adequacy certification. (News accounts on potential settlement)

Board of Appeals Deliberations: 2-23-11, (**None in Severna Park**) BA 37-10V McFarland, pier setbacks; BA 44-10A Capuco, animal control.

Circuit Court Cases (Clerk of Court 222-1431)

Court of Special Appeals Cases, Clerk 410 260-1450, *Court of Appeals Clerk 410-260-1500.*

Case 60, 2009 Term, McHale, et al, (Little Dobbins Island), dismissed by Board of Appeals, Multiple Parties (CBF, MRA, CAC), 4-30-10 Remand-Board of Appeals-standing. **Possible March 2011 review-not scheduled.**

Case 2250 Sept Term 2007 Steve Curtis v. AA Cnty (Circuit Court Case C-07-120132, BA82-02A) Application for C2 in R2 zone, Applicant argued County Council made a mistake for not affirmatively considering during rezoning, (Crain West). Consent Order, District Court Petition for Contempt Order District Court **Hearing 3-3-2011, 1:15PM**

Case #0702SP029622010, Attorney: Kelly Kenney **Two Court Orders**

Pre-submission Community Meetings Calendar at: <http://www.aacounty.org/LandUse/CalendarPreSub.cfm>
Koch Homes, East Joyce Land. William Dodd-Koch, Review, **Project Review 2-3-11**, zoning issues, superfund issues, **multiple title issues.** P20100181, S2010076

Cypress Creek-Newbills Delight, 651 Creek Road, Resubdivision, (Cypress Creek) **Title issues 11-29-10** SDAT Application for Tax Identification Number process.

Subdivision Applications <http://www.aacounty.org/LandUse/SubAppls.cfm>

Councilman Dick Ladd
Anne Arundel County Council
Fifth District

March 25, 2013

This month I visited with Captain Waltemeyer, Commander of the Anne Arundel County Eastern Police District. While discussing the tightness of his staffing, it was clear that he was on top of the situation and looking forward to filling some of his vacancies from the new class of recruits that just started – the first in over a year.

Captain Waltemeyer noted a recent increase in thefts from vehicles, especially unlocked vehicles. As the weather warms, more thefts occur. The message here is to be sure to lock your cars and do not leave personal items visible, or better yet, remove them if at all possible.

The Captain would also like for all to know that there is a free community information service (Nixle) available. This service allows subscribing residents to receive instant messages, including urgent alerts, community specific advisories, traffic advisories, and other police department public announcements by cell phone, text message, and/or email. Be sure to register at <https://local.nixle.com/anne-arundel-county-police-department---eastern-district/> to get the latest information.

I also visited Benfield and Arnold Elementary Schools with senior representatives from the Chief Operating Officer's staff of the Board of Education. We looked closely at the inadequacies of core facilities (gyms, cafeterias, media centers, bathrooms and basic utilities capacity) and extensive use of portables at Benfield to accommodate operations at 142% of design capacity. Both schools were clearly built before the requirement for fire access lanes, bus loops, full-time kindergartens, special education programs and air conditioning.

In Arnold, the impact of faulty, leak-prone HVAC controls was clear when a leak occurred the evening after our visit – exactly as the Principal clearly predicted it could. The Superintendent's Office is carefully evaluating options to address what looks like a design flaw. I expect it may be a summer vacation action.

Recently I attended the 25th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 995 at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Arnold. While visiting with a table of today's Eagle Scouts from Severna Park and the Broadneck Peninsula, I learned about the extremely rich history of this troop in guiding 49 young men to Eagle status and countless other young men to Life and Star ranks. Obtaining Eagle rank is a well-recognized attribute of leaders in all walks of life. Our community owes a great deal of thanks to the adult leaders of Troop 995, to the parents of the scouts, and to all others involved in Boy and Girl Scout activities, for they are truly guiding the leaders of tomorrow through some of today's "shallows."

Another very noteworthy volunteer organization enriching our community is SPAN – Serving People Across Neighborhoods. SPAN is a 21 year old group of six area churches assisting those in need of emergency help in a dignified and expeditious manner. The need and numbers are almost staggering. Last year, SPAN assisted 7,372 individuals (2,533 families) with a total distribution of food and financial aid of \$336,000. This is an increase of 225% in financial assistance and a 49% increase in the number of individuals. SPAN can be reached at 410-647-0889 or www.spanhelps.org if you are interested in helping their mission of helping others.

With regard to the sewage spill at Mill Creek, which I briefly mentioned in last month's column, the cause was a battery failure. When the two separate, commercial power lines went out, the back-up generator did not start because at least one of the four "in-line" batteries failed. Although it appeared that battery maintenance was being performed, it was not always timely and completely done. In the short term, DPW is looking for more advanced battery maintenance and stress testing methods for all County pumping stations. When the modernized, replacement Mill Creek pumping station (funded in the FY11 budget) is completed in the next 18 months, a newer, more reliable backup battery system will be used.

Finally, my colleagues at the County Council and I will be hosting members of the Student Model Government Program for a series of briefings and a mock County Council meeting on March 21. Each of us has been assigned a student "shadow" to see and experience the day-to-day activities of a Councilman. It is sure to be a learning experience for all of us.

Thanks to all who have contacted my office to share your ideas and thoughts with me. I hope you will continue to stay in touch; I'll look forward to hearing from you. My e-mail is dladd@aacounty.org and my number is 410-222-1401.

Kinder Farm Park

Saturday, April 2nd

10 AM to 1 PM

No admittance fee for pig party. Gate fees apply!

Come & Join the Fun at the Pig Barn!

Meet the Piglets & Penny Sue!

Activities:

Pig Origami \$1

Buttons \$2

Pig Tote Bag \$2.50

Pig Souvenirs \$2

Pig Info Sessions @ 10:15am and 11:30am

Pig Trivia Hayrides @ 10:45am and 11:45am

(\$2 per person) 3 & Under Free

This is a Friends Of Kinder Farm Park Education Committee Event!



2011 Speaker Series

“THE HEALTHY YOU SEMINAR”

Raw Food Enthusiast Santiago Guido will discuss:

Processed Food vs Whole Food

Processed Foods:

- Taking the mystery out of food labels
- Proper food portioning
- How and what to grow in your vegetable garden

Whole Foods:

- Incorporate more fruits & veggies in your lifestyle
- Conventional/Organic/Homegrown foods

Exercise

- Ways to be more active
- Weight training and its myths

Reducing Stress in a Busy Lifestyle

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011 6:30pm

Visitor Center at Kinder Farm

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FREE for Friends of KFP

\$5 for non-members, which may be applied toward membership
Gate fees apply

Go to Park Office or call 410-222-6115
Mon-Fri (8am-4pm) Closed Tuesdays