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## \*\*\*\*\* NEWSLETTER \*\*\*\*\*

### President's Message – Eric Rockel

#### Why Now and Why Again?

The recent news that Baltimore County Public Schools is again considering the construction of an elementary school at the Mays Chapel Park came as a disappointment to many citizens. After all, it was less than four years ago that a similar suggestion by the Board of Education was dismissed by then County Executive James Smith, and to repeat this request now seems a bit insane to some observers. I use the word “insane” for several reasons. First, the traffic congestion on this stretch of Padonia Road has not changed over the past four years and Baltimore County has not undertaken any road improvements to mitigate that traffic congestion. So why would the School Board think that the Mays Chapel site would be any more appropriate now? Secondly, there is a lack of usable park land in the immediate Mays Chapel area, with a high density of residential use, and this property serves an important use as open space for residents, as well as recreational fields for the Cockeysville recreation council and others. Finally, the Board of Education’s actions demonstrate the old comical definition of insanity- repeating the same action over and over again and expecting a different outcome from that action. So if the School Board’s endorsement generated tremendous local opposition to the Mays Chapel site the last time, why would it expect that the reaction be any different this time?

Part of the “why now” answer has to do with school overcrowding in the York Road corridor. All twelve of the elementary schools in the corridor, extending geographically from Towson to Sparks, have current enrollment capacities ranging from 103% at Warren Elementary to 171% at Hampton Elementary. This overcrowding is precipitated by several factors, including dedicating space to learning laboratories outside of the traditional classrooms, the change in neighborhood demographics as younger families move in replacing older residents, changes in the State capacity formula that reduced allowable students per classroom nearly 17% and the introduction of prekindergarten and full-day kindergarten. Another factor that has not yet been analyzed, but one that the School Board president questioned in recent discussions, is the possible presence of students who actually live beyond the boundaries of these particular schools. This area’s schools are seen as providing a desirable learning environment, and that success attracts others from outside the area.

Part of the “why again” answer is the result of simple economics. The School System currently owns two pieces of vacant property: one located up in Mays Chapel and the other located on Bosley Road, east of the existing Warren Elementary School. Regardless of the economic climate, it is prudent to use existing resources rather than purchase new ones, to paraphrase an explanation that County Executive Kevin Kamenetz used at a recent Falls Road Community Association meeting. But before you run off to condemn the County Executive, he made it clear that no final decision has been made at this time and that he would analyze all of the possible solutions in the future. The fact of the matter is there are factors both economic and social that will be analyzed in reaching a decision, and neither the County Executive nor the State Department of Education is ready to reach a decision at this point.

Where does that leave any residents who oppose the Mays Chapel site? There are several courses of action that should be pursued. You can sign the Save Mays Chapel Park Petition that is circulating around the area; just go to [www.SaveMaysChapelPark.com](http://www.SaveMaysChapelPark.com) to be taken to a petition form. Another approach is to write the County Executive at 400

Washington Avenue, Towson MD 21204 to express your feelings. Finally, you can also write the Maryland State Department of Education, who will have to approve funding along with the County in order for any capital improvements to be possible. The Interim State School Superintendent is Bernard J. Sudusky, Ed.D., and the President of the Maryland State Board of Education is James H. DeGraffenreidt, Jr. The mailing address for both is Maryland Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. If you are motivated to express your opinion, do it sooner rather than later. A decision on this matter is expected to be reached at the State level in December and at the County level by February.

Before I end this piece, let me also recount the biggest failure on the part of the school system. That failure was demonstrated in the 2007 discussions about the Mays Chapel site, and the failing has been repeated in the current setting. In both cases the School Board and the Board of Education came to their conclusion without engaging the residents of Mays Chapel in any sort of input dialogue. Other County agencies typically hold input meetings with the public before they embark on capital improvement projects, but apparently the Board of Education believes it does not need public comment. Is it any wonder that many members of the public are calling for changes in the school system, with an elected or hybrid School Board that is more accountable for its actions?

### **GTCC General Meeting & 2011 Meeting Calendar**

**The GTCC will hold their 'Next Meeting' on Wednesday, November 9th, 2011 at the Cockeysville Library Meeting Room with meetings STILL beginning promptly at 7:00 PM.**

Meetings are being held at the Cockeysville Library until further notice as the Ridgely Middle School has not been available to us at this time. Please check out website under the Meeting's Tab just prior to a meeting for any updates.

The Greater Timonium Community Council, Inc. (GTCC) is an umbrella organization with memberships of over 50+ area Community Associations which collectively represents some 60,000 residents throughout a 25 mile perimeter of the Greater Lutherville / Timonium / Cockeysville area. We are a vibrant organization which tries hard to maintain and improve the quality of life in our area. We pride ourselves in working with our elected officials, businesses and Community Associations to achieve these goals. Please feel free to attend one of our upcoming meetings and by all means, bring one or more of your Association members with you ..... we look forward to seeing everyone there !!!

#### **\*\*\* 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 2011**

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\*\*\*\*\* **Meeting Schedule** \*\*\*\*\*

**Board of Directors 7:00 pm – 9:00pm**

**General Membership 7:00 pm – 9pm**

February 09, 2011  
April 13, 2011  
June 08, 2011  
August – No Meeting  
October 12, 2011  
December 14, 2011

January 12, 2011  
March 09, 2011  
May 11, 2011  
July – No Meeting  
September 14, 2011  
November 09, 2011

*All Meetings are **NOW** Scheduled at the "Cockeysville Library" on the DATES NOTED ABOVE !!! Please check or Website or Newsletter before each meeting !*

## Agenda and Speakers - GTCC November 9th, Meeting

1. Introductions
2. Report From The Cockeysville Precinct - Sgt. Doug Markey
3. Fall & Spring Landscape Maintenance Tips- Mr. Jay Schreider, the Brickman Group
4. The Boy Scouts In Our Community- Mr. Charles Sandson
5. Review of All The Rezoning Issues In The GTCC Area
6. Old Business:
  - A. 1119 McCormick Road - Proposed PUD for Residential use
  - B. AA Global Site- York Road
7. New Business:
  - A. York Ridge Shopping Center: parking variance
  - B. An offer from ShopRite of Timonium
8. 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 Marty Lurz:*

After thirty-eight years, four months and twenty-two days (yes, including nine leap year days over that time span!), I have decided that it's time to move on and retire, effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

My sincere thanks goes out to all of the business owners and residents that have supported the Precinct 7 officers and me over the past eleven years that I have served on the command staff – the last six-plus years as commander and the previous five as assistant commander. It was truly a pleasure to work with folks who really care about their community and realize the importance of working with the police department to reduce crime and improve the quality of life. I have also been blessed with good personnel, supervisors and officers, who have worked to provide quality service to our constituents. I believe that quality service and building close working relationships with our residents is the key to creating allies against crime. But, we can't do that without the residents...the businesses...the community associations...the volunteers...the Police and Community Relations Council...all of you who have been willing to step up and get involved. I know that we couldn't resolve every neighborhood issue, but I can tell you that we certainly tried.

As I move on, Lieutenant Bob McGraw will assume command responsibility for Precinct 7 for an unknown period of time. Many of you are familiar with Lt. McGraw and have worked with him on various projects in the precinct. I would ask that you work with him in the same way you have worked with me. Bob has told me that he will continue to maintain the Precinct 7 email tree that reaches so many residents of this precinct.

And so, for "eleven year" members of the tree who are acclimated to hearing it, and for the "newbie" members who haven't yet heard it ad nauseam, here's one for old time's sake – *"Don't forget to take an extra minute to make sure that all of your doors and windows are locked and secured. Remember, most burglars will look for the easiest and quietest method of entry. They do not want to make noise to attract attention. Don't forget also...the majority of thefts from automobiles involve an unlocked car door."*

So there you go...you get to hear the Precinct 7 mantra one last time from the guy who preached it endlessly.

Stay healthy...stay safe...*Pax Vobiscum!*

*Captain Martin Lurz – Precinct 7*

Lt. Bob McGraw's contact information: Phone 410-887-1828 & email [rmcgraw@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:rmcgraw@baltimorecountymd.gov)

## The Librarian's Corner – Mollie Fein

We have also invited our Cockeysville Library Manager, Mollie Fein, 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:

### **“Goings on at the Cockeysville Library”**

#### **Attention Teens who love to write!**

The Cockeysville Library, in partnership with the Maryland Writers Association, presents the 'Teen Writers Club' on Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:30. This is an opportunity for teens who share an interest in writing to work with a professional writer to improve their craft and meet authors and experts in the publishing field. The club is moderated by local author and educator, Diane Booth. High School Writers of all genres are welcome to attend. Call the Cockeysville Library to sign-up for the club. (410-887-7750 ext.4)

#### **Cockeysville Library Celebrations!**

Cockeysville Library's '2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Day', was held on Saturday, Oct. 15; Hundreds of library customers attended the all-day event which included refreshments, provided by the Cockeysville Coldwell-Banker office, face painting, crafts, a scavenger hunt, prizes and programs by musician Deborah "Spice" Kleinmann. Community Day is intended as a special staff 'thank you!' to the Cockeysville Community for their support of our wonderful library. The '2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pumpkin Decorating contest was "awesome". Wildly creative pumpkins, decorated by the staff, competed to win the 'Pumpkin of the Year' award. The winner received a 'bobble-headed-witch'. As expected, the competition is cutthroat, after all we are librarians. This year the winner, with 145 community votes was '**Fuzzy Chicken**' by Angela Kidner. More pictures can be found on <http://cockeysville.patch.com>.

## Annual 2011 GTCC Membership Dues – Frank Regan

GTCC '2011' Membership dues of \$50 dollars for the year are due at this time. We had a great response from (50+) Associations contributing their Annual Membership dues payment last year! Dues notices for 2011 are being mailed out in March so if you don't receive one or if you need a copy, please don't hesitate to let us know. . Please send your 2011 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.

## 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                 | Dulaney Gate                      |                                |                               |

**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. Please find our main website access at: [www.GTCCINC.ORG](http://www.GTCCINC.ORG)

**Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) – Frank Regan**

Comprehensive Zoning Map Process 2012: The Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) takes place every four years on an exact schedule specified in the County Code. Any citizen may request a zoning change on any property in the County, although the usual participants in the process are individual landowners, contract purchasers, community organizations, County staff, the Planning Board, and the County Council.

The CZMP covers a period of approximately 12 months and results in zoning decisions that are reflected in a final log of issues. Ultimately, the County Council decides on each issue whether to retain the existing zoning or to enact a different zone(s) or district(s). Generally, each issue is a single property, but an issue may cover many adjoining properties and might even cover many hundreds of acres. The zoning on all properties which were not issues is re-enacted without change.

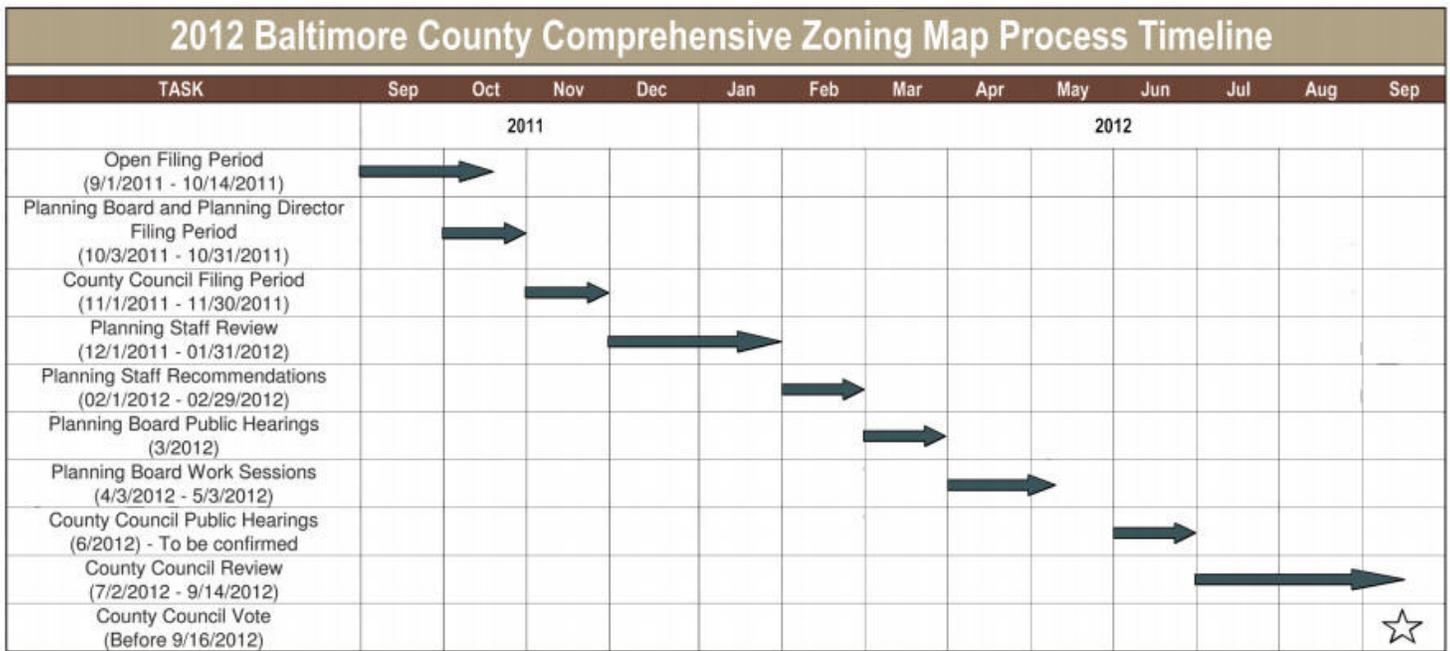
To Submit Your Zoning Change Request - Follow the steps below to submit a zoning change request.

1. Print and complete the application form. (PDF)
  2. Use the “My Neighborhood Interactive Map Tool” to research required information relevant to your application.
  3. Once you've completed the application form with all required information, call your area planner to schedule an appointment to file your request in person at the Office of Planning.
  4. Bring your completed form and any additional information you like to support your request to the scheduled appointment.
- Note: When meeting with your planner, payment is required to officially file your request. Find your associated filing fee.

**Contact Information:**

105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 101, Towson, MD 21204, Phone: 410-887-3480

Website: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/zoning/2012czmp/index.html>



**Tracking CZMP Issues in our GTCC Area (CZMP) – Frank Regan**

You can track all the Issues that are related to our GTCC Area by simply checking out our website and viewing the active “[2012 CZMP Issues Listing](#)” under our website Zoning Tab. See: <http://gtccinc.org/zoning.aspx>

## **iWatch, iReport, iKeep Us Safe** – Frank Regan

iWatch Baltimore County is a neighborhood awareness program created to educate and encourage citizens to vigilantly watch around them and report suspicious behaviors that may have connections to crime, as well as local, state, or national security threats. The Baltimore County Police Department has initiated this community partnership to help and assist local neighborhoods in staying safe from crime and possible terrorist activities. Together we can make our streets safe for our families and children, and can prevent our communities from being the target of possible terrorist attacks.

Subscribe to iWatch Crime Alerts: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/media/iWatch/index.html>

iWatch crime alerts provide information about wanted criminals, missing persons, criminal arrests, and other significant cases. In many of these cases the public's help is requested to help identify or locate a suspect. You can make a difference by alerting police to information you may have about crime trends and wanted criminals. Receive iWatch crime alerts directly in your e-mail inbox when you subscribe to this free service. iWatch crime alerts provide the most immediate information available to the public from the Police Department and are also available on the County web site.

**Report Suspicious Activity** !!! Citizens are encouraged to report activity that just does not fit. You can now use our web tips form to submit a tip or report suspicious activity to police. report an emergency or a crime in progress call ...“911” immediately.

### **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>

### **GTCC Trivia** – Did You Know?

*There is so much history and tradition here in both the greater GTCC and the Baltimore County areas 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 and interesting sides of our many Communities.*

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

1. What is the land area of Baltimore County?
2. In the original movie of “Hairspray” the amusement park Tilted Acres was based on an actual park in Baltimore County. What was the name of this park?
3. The year 1854 was an important one for Baltimore County. Why?

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. 612 square miles.
2. Gwynn Oak Amusement Park in Woodlawn
3. It was the year that Baltimore County and Baltimore City officially separated into two distinct areas.

**Hear ye, hear ye...**  
you're INVITED!



## **Town Hall Meeting**

*Sponsored by*

*Senator Jim Brochin*

*with*

*BGE Representatives*

Monday, November 28, 2011

Towson High School  
69 Cedar Ave., Towson

**7-9 p.m.**

Please join State Senator Jim Brochin and BGE representatives to discuss any questions or concerns you might have related to BGE service. The major topic will focus on BGE's response to Hurricane Irene. For questions or to submit your concerns, please call (410) 823-7087 or email [mlazerow@senate.state.md.us](mailto:mlazerow@senate.state.md.us).

**A Totally Pink Night Discussion - 11/17/11:** being held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Parent Teacher Association of  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church Preschool & Kindergarten

Invites you to attend



*"A Totally PINK Night"*

With internationally recognized speaker

*Lillie Shockney*

Director of the Breast Center at Johns Hopkins Medicine  
discussing

*Diagnosis, Support & Hope*

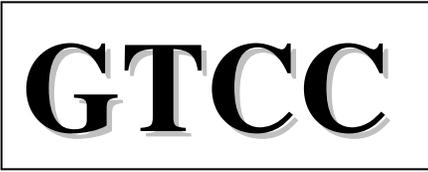
Date: Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
1609 Kurtz Avenue, Lutherville

Be prepared to learn, laugh, enjoy and hear some heartfelt stories  
from a wonderful woman who inspires others every day.

**PINK** Desserts and **PINK** refreshments to follow.

If you wish to contribute to a donation to the Breast Center, please  
write your check payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool PTA"; a  
gift will be made in the school's name.



# The Greater Timonium Community Council

*The Next GTCC General Meeting is scheduled for November 9th 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 Keely & 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)

**Pot Spring Road, South of Old Bosley Road:** A ten acre parcel is under contract to a developer who wishes to construct an “over 55” age restricted development. Originally proposed as a four, 4-story building complex, the plans have been changed to call for 33 carriage style units. This parcel would require PUD approval because the number of units exceeds the density permitted under the current zoning. At a community meeting on the proposal, nearly 200 residents expressed opposition to the increased density on the site. Ultimately, Councilman Huff elected not to allow this project to proceed as a PUD. As a result, no more than 13 dwelling units may be built on the property. Councilman Huff reports the developer intends to move forward with the 13 unit project.( E.Rockel, Dulaney Gate HOA, Springlake HOA, Timberline Park HOA )

**Hunt Valley Crossing, 11119 McCormick Road:** This existing Verizon-owned warehouse property is being proposed to be redeveloped as a 262 unit apartment complex under the Planned Unit Development guidelines. The project’s architectural design attractively fits into the Hunt Valley Business Community landscape. A community input meeting to learn about the project produced no objections to the project from nearby residential communities. However, nearby businesses did raise some objections. In response to the concerns expressed by nearby manufacturing businesses, Councilman Todd Huff has reached a compromise wherein the developers of the parcel will not proceed with an apartment use for the property.( GTCC Executive Committee)

**Spencer’s Crossing, West Timonium Road:** This housing development, just west of the I-83 interchange, had originally been proposed to be a large day care center. Through negotiations with the developer and an offer to support increased housing density on the site, a residential housing development became approved in lieu of the day care facility. One unit was completed, as well as a model home, and several units are partially completed. Recently, it was learned that the property has gone up for foreclosure, and a public auction took place on March 9. The lender failed to sell the property at auction.( E. Rockel and PVVW Community Assoc.)

**YorkRidge Shopping Center, York & Ridgely Roads:** Owners of the property seek a variance from the parking requirements in order to add a free-standing pad site at the shopping center. The pad site associated with this variance is estimated to be two to three years away from any development. Additionally, long range plans call for re-development of the service station site at the corner of York and Ridgely. The variance hearing on the parking is scheduled for mid November. ( E. Rockel )

**Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, 2012:** Go to the GTCC website for a full list of properties requesting to be rezoned. As of the end of the open filing period, there was one more property requesting to be rezoned compared with a similar point in 2008.

## 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 converted to a Walgreen Drug Store and pad site. 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 hope that the next Councilman will rectify the rezoning error in which 60 acres of this property were zoned for commercial usage during the Comprehensive Rezoning Process of 2008. During the open filing period for the 2012 CZMP, the GTCC requested that these 60 acres be returned to the prior zoning, MR-IM.

### COMPLETED ISSUES

**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. This case ultimately went to the Circuit Court, where the Judge ruled that the signage variance was not appropriate, and the tenant will have to remove certain signage on the building...(E. Rockel)

**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. Over the Summer of 2011 the developer started the rough grading and utility construction for the subdivision. (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. 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)

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Thomas Bostwick approved the amendment of the previous PUD plan ( E. Rockel, J. Rogers & People's Counsel)