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***** NEWSLETTER *****

President's Message – Eric Rockel

How Are We Shaping Up ?

No, this column is not about physical fitness or achieving better physical well being. Rather, it is about the actual geometric shape of our State and Federal election districts. Each ten years in response to the decennial census, the State of Maryland, through its Governor and Legislature, draws new legislative district lines to accommodate population changes over the preceding ten years. The last redistricting experience, under the Glendening administration, proved to be very controversial, as well as hyper-partisan, and the State Court of Appeals ruled the redistricting map as unconstitutional. Ultimately, the Courts drew its own redistricting map, and the electorate has lived with those districts over the last ten years.

This upcoming redistricting could prove to be just as controversial, but we will have to wait until the special legislative session this Fall to see the final form for congressional districts and the regular legislative session to see the State legislative districts. Ken Anderson of the Pine Valley/Valleywood community is one community leader who is not happy with the current configuration. Mr. Anderson would like for his subdivision to be part of the State's 42nd Legislative District, like the majority of his neighboring Timonium communities. However, currently the Pine Valley/Valley Wood subdivision is part of the 11th Legislative District, and Mr. Anderson feels he has more in common with the voters of the 42nd District. His views probably are not unique because the Greater Timonium/Cockeysville area actually comprises four State legislative districts: 5B, 7th, 11th and the 42nd. Take for example Cranbrook Road; if you live on the south side of Cranbrook you are part of the 42nd District, but if you live on the north side you are in the 7th District.

Congressional districts are just as confusing as the State Legislative boundaries. The First Congressional District includes Sherwood Hills and Mays Chapel, while the majority of Cockeysville, Timonium and Lutherville are part of the Second Congressional District. One has to wonder, for example, what the voters of St. Michaels have in common with the voters of Mays Chapel in the First Congressional District or why the Second Congressional District has more tentacles than an octopus? Proponents will argue that the need to create districts that contain substantially equal population result in oddly shaped districts. Opponents will counter that the shape has more to do with the political calculus of rewarding incumbents and marginalizing opponents.

The State's Redistricting Committee was supposed to have held a public hearing at Towson University on August 27 to entertain comments, but concerns over the hurricane caused cancellation of that hearing. As of this writing, a new date has not been set. The State laid out four overarching principles in the formulation of new districts. New districts are supposed to be "substantially equal in population, compact in nature, feature contiguity and have regard for natural boundaries and political subdivision boundaries." Will the new districts observe these overarching principles? Stay tuned for the rest of the story.

GTCC General Meeting & 2011 Meeting Calendar

The GTCC will hold their 'Next Meeting' on Wednesday, September 14th, 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.

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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 September 14th, Meeting

1. Introductions
2. Treasurer' s and Membership Report
3. Public Safety Report from Precinct 7
4. Comprehensive Rezoning Process: A timeline and what to expect
5. What you may have missed over the Summer:
 - a. Rule 1300- The Use of School Facilities
 - b. Future Changes to the School Board
 - c. Zoning Variances
 - d. Local legislation affecting our communities
6. How did we fare from Hurricane Irene?
7. New Business
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:

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

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

Thanks to all the GTCC folks for their support throughout the year! Captain Martin Lurz – Precinct 7

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”

It is difficult to believe that it was just over a year ago that County Executive Jim Smith and members of the community attended the 'Preview' of the newly renovated and expanded Cockeysville library; and, after smiles, pictures, and handshakes, the library doors were opened to the public. I can't help reminiscing about the weeks leading up to the opening with staff, administration and the maintenance department working so hard to add finishing touches. Members of the Cockeysville staff were returning from other branches, staff from all over the BCPL system was helping to shelve materials, and the mini-library was being disassembled. Now, one year later, the statistics are in, and they speak volumes about the success of the renovation and the importance of the library in the community. For instance, our circulation is running about 10,000 more items per month than we circulated before the renovation; an increase of 7.9%.

For days many of the Cockeysville area local schools were closed and large swaths of the community, including staff, were without power for a few days after Hurricane Irene. The library was busy as customers sought refuge from the dark; in particular, customers arrived in large numbers, with laptops in hand, to access our Wi-Fi Network. To assist in providing Wi-Fi service to the community we opened our meeting room to customers with laptops. I did a quick count on Tuesday afternoon and found almost 90 customers using either laptop or in-house computers.

This year our Summer Reading Club participation soared past previous years' membership to a remarkable 4,740 children registered! (Up from 4,163 last year) Bonus summer library riddle - *What do elves borrow from the library?*

Answer - *Short Stories* ☺

The Councilman's Corner – Vicki Almond and Todd Huff

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 articles this month are from Vicki and Todd:

2nd District - Councilwoman Vicki Almond

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the residents of Greater Timonium during my first ten months on the job as the Councilwoman for the 2nd District. This year has not been without challenges due to Hurricane Irene, a struggling economy forcing tough budget choices to be made in county government, and improving Baltimore County Public Schools.

My office worked with constituents in the Greater Timonium area to get the lights back on after the power outages caused during the hurricane. Residents seemed desperate for answers and someone to help them have their voices heard when BG&E gave them either no response or a false hope as to when their power would be restored.

I have heard many opinions regarding the Baltimore County School Board and its lack of accountability. I am lobbying for a change in the way the Baltimore County School Board is selected. It is my hope that having school board members elected, rather than appointed by the Governor, would create more accountability and transparency where it has been lacking at times. We have great schools in Baltimore County, particularly in the Greater Timonium area. We need to keep progressing by taking creative steps to fix what has not worked in the past.

It is an honor serving you. If you have an event in your community that you would like me know about please feel free to call or e-mail my legislative office with the details.

3rd District - Councilman Todd Huff

Thank you for once again extending this opportunity for me to communicate directly with the membership of the Greater Timonium Community Council. I hope that your summer was safe and enjoyable and that the advent of the school year and fall will be successful.

It is hard to believe but I have now been the Third District Councilman for ten months. I strongly believe in preserving the integrity of our communities and making the Third District a better place in which to live, work, and raise families. In line with this philosophy I have tried to be responsive to what your community and all of my constituents have had to say with regard to a number of issues.

A paramount concern right now is the extreme flooding conditions we are experiencing, especially in the Cockeysville area. I am working with various County and State agencies, as well as MEMA, to aid the home and business owners who have been so severely impacted by Mother Nature. I will keep you updated on plans to resolve and alleviate these flooding problems in the near future.

On the legislative front, the Pot Spring PUD was a particularly contentious issue. I hope you are all aware that I kept my word to the community and that the site under discussion will be maintained at its current zoning, which allows for only 13 single family homes.

On Tuesday evening, September 6th, the County Council passed by unanimous vote my Bill 48-11, Farmer's Roadside Stand. This bill will help our farmers with sustainability and allow them to grow and prosper. Given how much of the Third District is agriculture land, this is a necessary measure.

Baltimore County's quadrennial Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, CZMP, began on September 1st and will conclude at the end of August 2012. I anticipate that there will be fewer issues filed than in previous years. I commit to you that each and every issue brought before me will receive careful review and study.

My staff and I are always available to you and I hope that you will not hesitate to let us know if we can be of assistance. It is truly an honor and privilege to work with you to maintain the beauty, safety, and security of our district.

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 Council!

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

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 Chapel North
Foxford	Dulaney Gate		

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.

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.

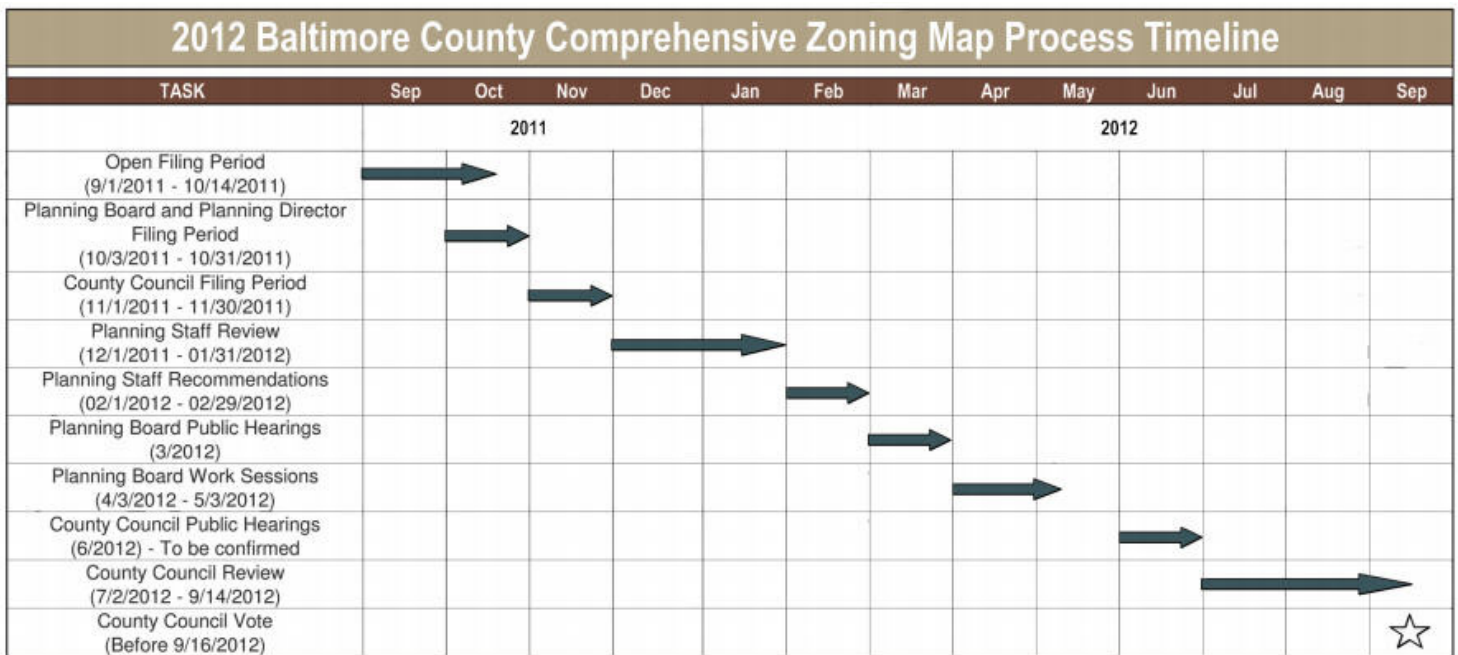
To Submit Your Zoning Change Request - Follow the steps below to submit a zoning change request.

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>



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.

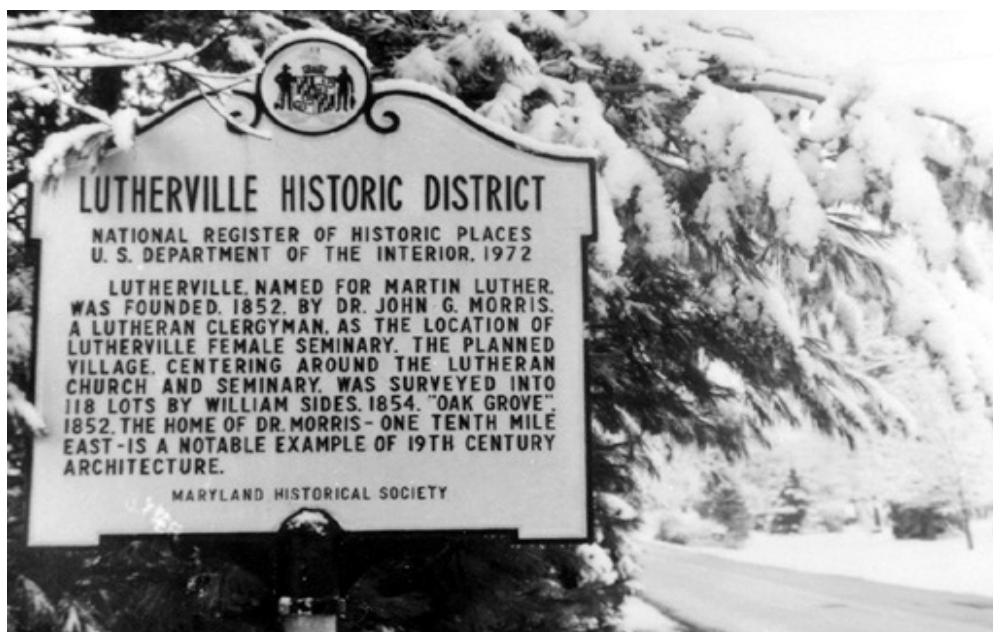
See if you know the answers to these few trivia factoids:

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

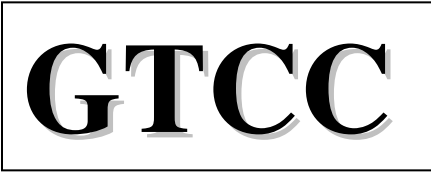
Please don't hesitate to send any of our Board members a trivia fact and we will try to include them in our next Newsletter. (See Answers Below)

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

Lutherville Historic Marker



The historic marker at the entrance to the Lutherville Historic District.



The Greater Timonium Community Council

The Next GTCC General Meeting is scheduled for September 14th at the Cockeysville Library at 7:00 pm

CURRENT ISSUES

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

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

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

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. A Hearing to approve this PUD is scheduled to begin in late September.(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.)

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.

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)

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)

1734 York Road (Ridgely Plaza Shopping Center): Neighboring businesses report that Mercy Medical will occupy the vacant space previously used by Giant Foods. A zoning hearing was held on March 3, 2011 to allow Mercy Medical to increase the size of the building by approximately 3,000 sq. feet. As of April 30th, this medical facility is opened. (E. Rockel)

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 has 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 has 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. Don Rascoe, Deputy Director of Permits & Development Management recently reported that the owner has corrected the parking violations and that the owner has now complied with the Board of Appeals order to correct the problem (E. Rockel, and GTCC Executive Committee)

Timonium Fairgrounds: Assistant General Manager Andy Cashman informed us that a multi-purpose maintenance building will be constructed on the north end of the Fairgrounds in the coming months. This maintenance building is one story, and it backs up to the Turf Inn Office building. Cashman also informed us that they plan to replace the existing "event" sign due to its functional obsolescence.