

Town of Myersville Quarterly Update

April 2012



A message from the Mayor & Council

The Mayor and Council are sincerely aware that the proposed Dominion gas compression station remains at the forefront of many citizens' minds, just as it has remained part of our monthly meeting discussions since last September and will continue to be so through at least the decision by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in December. We will remain committed to our efforts of transparency with all public information, knowledge and participation in the federal process, and ensuring that whatever the decision ultimately is by FERC that the community is duly heard and represented to the extent our local laws may be applied.

To meet this effort the Town has provided an array of information on its website and in hard copy at Town Hall, included updates by town staff at regular monthly town meetings and workshops, and has welcomed opportunities from local media to answer any questions it may have in further getting the information to citizens in a timely and thorough manner.

This type of project is unique to a community of our size and the federal process has been a complex learning experience for both our citizens and this elected body. While our local authority is limited by FERC's ability to supersede certain local regulatory powers, DTI has committed to proceeding through the Town plan review process, which will commence upon receipt of its plan submission to the Town in April.

This review process may require several public meetings by the Mayor and Council and the Planning Commission, which will provide a number of opportunities for public comment to be heard. We encourage every interested citizen to participate in this important process and look forward to hearing your comments and addressing your concerns in the months ahead.

Wayne Creadick Jr.
Mayor

Planning & Zoning

Planning Commission – The PC is drafting text amendments to revise the existing signage ordinance and consider allowing the residential keeping of chickens.

Zoning Text Amendments – The Mayor & Council will hold public hearings April 10th on two amendments. The first would permit temporary sponsorship signs at parks and the second would allow limited residential and commercial beekeeping.

Developments Update

Sibu Sura Chocolates – is now operational and will hold a Grand Opening ceremony Saturday, April 14th. www.sibusura.com.

Dominion Station (DTI) – The Town review process will begin upon receipt of Site Master Plan Amendment. This is the first step in the process. DTI intends to submit this application in April 2012. The Town will provide notification on its website and in The Citizen newspaper once an application has been received. A flowchart outlining the development review process and relevant Town process information is on the Town's website.

Saber Ridge – is continuing to proceed through the well permitting process with County and State agencies to supply adequate water to serve the development.

Quail Run - The Planning Commission is currently reviewing for approval the preliminary plans for the 108 lot subdivision.

Zoning Certificate Process – All construction within the Town must obtain a zoning certificate. For convenience, the planning office is open until 7PM the 1st & 2nd Tuesday each month. You may obtain a zoning certificate from the Town website.

After applying for a zoning certificate, you must apply for a building permit with Frederick County. For County permit details call 301-600-2313 or check their website at www.frederickcountymd.gov.

Facilities and Utilities

Water System – hydrant flushing and reservoir cleaning will occur the third week of April. In addition there are a number of minor capital improvement projects underway, and the Town is wrapping up field inspection of water valves, meter vaults and service connections as part of a systems assessment and mapping project.

The Town was recently notified by the Maryland Department of Environment that it has been selected for grant funding for update to its Water Source Protection Plan. This plan will take approximately one year to complete and will include opportunity for public participation.

Sewer System – the Town has completed follow up inspection of all identified problem areas from smoke testing of the sewage collection system. From this process the Town will commence with repairs over the next two years which will result in significant reduction in infiltration of groundwater into the sewer system. This will protect the Town from permit violations, reduce operational and maintenance costs and improve the lifecycle of system components.

PLEASE BE AWARE!!! disposal of cooking grease in the drain clogs the system causing backups in the lines. Flushing floss and wipes binds the grinder pumps. These issues are expensive to address.

Dominion Utility (DTI) - submitted application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Allegheny Storage Project. This project spans four States and includes the proposed natural gas compressor station in Myersville on the 21 acre parcel at the intersection of Milt Summers Road and MD RT 17. DTI requested FERC render a determination by December 1, 2012, which is subject to FERC's discretion. In order to preserve the Town's legal standing in the proceeding, the Mayor & Council officially filed as an Intervener party to the FERC. The new FERC Docket is N0. CP12-72 and updates are provided at www.eLibrary.FERC.gov.



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use going to the landfill by 35% or 21 tons per month. In that same time the average monthly savings has been \$1,700 in reduced tipping fees.

Bulk Trash collection– there will be two dates scheduled for 2012, The first collection will be on April 27th and the second will be on October 19. Limit is for 2 items per household. mattresses and box springs are prohibited.

NEW CURB SIDE YARD WASTE PROGRAM– will begin on April 4, 2012 and run through the last week in November. The program will be provided by our current solid waste collection hauler and the following rules will apply:

- Brown biodegradable bags (no cans)
- Debris free of any household waste
- Bundled sticks max of 3ø in length
- Branches max of 3ø in diameter
- For in Town residential collection only

All of the provisions above are consistent with the previous yard waste drop off program. Larger yard waste material can be disposed of at the Reichs Ford Road Landfill. There will be no dumpster program at Harp Place, and any illegal dumping will be subject to Town Code enforcement penalties.

Curbside Recycling Program– use is mandatory for all town residents eligible for County recycling totes. For non-eligible properties, the County accepts recyclables at reduced cost from dumpsters which haulers offer to interested businesses. Information is available by contacting Frederick County Recycling at 301-600-7405 and on the Town and County websites.

Parks & Recreation

Meadow Park– Construction for the soccer fields is underway and complete in May. This will include accel/decel lanes into the soccer field area and improved gravel lot for parking.

Pleasant Walk Park– the Town is completing the process of purchasing an additional 10 acres to be added to the Park, bringing the total to 75 acres with plans for passive recreational uses.

Harp Park– the Town will be working in the spring on various maintenance items at the park, including the basketball poles and tennis courts. The Town remains committed to transfer part to the County, for the Myersville branch library, which remains outside of the County 6 year CIP schedule.

Parks & Recreation Committee – The Town recently recognized members Shelley Lewis and Diana Digles for their volunteer service. The Committee meets monthly and plans a wide range of events and recreational activities.

Open Space & Trails Committee is continuing to draft a master plan for existing and future Town parks and trails. The draft is scheduled to be released by early summer for public comment.

Gardening Club – Will begin planting along Hiker/Biker Trail and Town Hall in April. The Club meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday in Town Hall at 7PM. Contact ParksAndRec@myersville.org if interested.

Standing Committees – The Town established five committees to assist in advising on specific Town functions. Each is currently seeking members. Please contact the Town for more information or application.

Lions Club Breakfast – is held the first Saturday of each month, at the Fire Co.

Public Safety

Myersville Resident Deputy– Jim Harris, can be reached at Town Hall. In cases of non-emergency anyone can call the County Sheriff's Dept at 301-600-1046 or dispatch at 301-600-2071.

Remember, in warm weather to roll up your windows. Nearly all vehicle thefts are due to residents simply not rolling up windows and locking doors.

Myersville Volunteer Fire Company– holds a breakfast the 3rd Saturday of every month from 7-10:30, September through May. Cost is \$7.00 adults, \$6.00 seniors, and \$3.50 children 6-11.

Following upcoming events are being hosted at the Fire Hall. For information contact Sylvia at 301-293-1197

- Fabulous Hub Caps April 21
- Mountain Car Show April 28
- Sportsmen Raffle May 5
- Strawberry Festival TBA for June

Burn Permit– Burning is permissible with a burn permit, which is provided through the Frederick County Health Dept. For more information call 301-600-1717.

Important Upcoming Dates

April 14 ó MJBL Parade & Opening Day
 April 17 & 18 ó Hydrant Flushing
 April 21 ó Fire Company Breakfast
 April 27 ó Bulk Trash Collection

May 8 ó FY2013 Town Budget Hearing
 May 14 ó Town Election
 May 19 ó Fire Co Breakfast
 May 19 ó National Kids to Parks Day
 May 28 ó Town offices closed

Town Election– will be held on May 14. Last date to file is April 13. There will be 2 council seats and the mayor's seat open. Any municipal resident interested in filing please contact the Myersville Town Clerk.

Monthly Public Town Meetings (Town Hall)

Mayor & Council Workshop	First Wednesday, 7 PM
Mayor & Council Meeting	Second Tuesday, 7 PM
Planning Commission Workshop	Third Tuesday, 7 PM
Planning Commission	First Tuesday, 7 PM
Open Space & Trails Committee	Third Monday, 7 PM
Parks & Rec Committee	Last Wednesday 7 PM

Mayor
Wayne S. Creadick Jr.
Council members
Brett Bidle
Gary DeMoss
Mark Etheridge
Mark Flynn
Mark Hinkle

Trash Pick-up: Friday	
Recyclables: Every other Wednesday	
Yard Waste: Wednesday April - November	
Emergency Contacts	
Town Hall:	301-293-4281
Town Maintenance:	240-674-0410
Key Sanitation:	301-668-8282
MES:	800-669-7080

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