

# Town of Myersville Quarterly Update

January 2012



## A message from the Mayor & Council

As the new year rings in a bit of snow, the Town looks forward to a number of exciting opportunities in the warmer months to come. These range from the visually appealing improvements of streets and parks to the less noticeable but equally important upgrades to utility infrastructure.

Our first meeting with residents to discuss the main street reconstruction project went well, providing some very useful feedback to proceed. The Mayor and Council will evaluate affordability of the project later this year, with further planning meetings through 2013 and construction possible in early 2014.

While our parks groups focus on the big picture, staff is committing remaining grant funds on purchasing additional land around our springs in Pleasant Walk and improved access for soccer parking at Doubø. An effort to appeal to folks' passive and athletic recreational appetites.

Speaking of springs, maintaining our aging utilities is an endless task of prioritizing system needs, and with limited funds the Town will focus on improvements to reduce operating costs. On the water side, this means improving the free water delivered by our reliable but aging spring flow, while on the sewer side it means reducing infiltration of rainwater into our most susceptible surface entry points and deficient collection lines.

We also understand Dominion will continue to be a hot topic, and remain fully aware of their proposal for a gas compressor station. The Town Council is ready to proceed with the development review process, once an application is submitted.

Every one of these items will be important in shaping the year ahead, and we remain committed to providing ample opportunity for public participation. Thus we would encourage citizens to take on one more new year's resolution of engaging in shaping process of our good community.

**Wayne Creadick Jr.**  
Mayor

## Planning & Zoning

**Planning Commission** – Adopted bylaws in December, a copy of which can be found on the Town's website. The PC also held a public hearing January 3<sup>rd</sup> on beekeeping and park signage text amendments.

**Open Space & Trails Committee** – The Mayor & Council adopted an ordinance in October requiring all residential subdivisions to reserve at least 25% of land for open space purposes and to make certain park and trail improvements. In light of this ordinance, the committee reviewed Quail Run subdivision plans for open space areas. The committee is also meeting with community groups as it drafts a Master Parks Plan for existing and future Town parks and trails.

**Developments Update** – Sibu Sura Chocolates – will open in the old Myersville Deli in February. For more info visit, [www.sibusura.com](http://www.sibusura.com). Dominion Compressor Station – plans to submit a Master Plan amendment by March 2012. The Town's formal development review process will begin once the Plan is received. Information about this project and process is available on the Town's website and at Town Hall.

Saber Ridge – is continuing to proceed through the well permitting process with County and State agencies to supply the remaining 31 lots of the subdivision.

Quail Run – The PC approved forest conservation plans and is currently reviewing revised stormwater management and 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](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov).

## Facilities and Utilities

**Water System** – Town personnel is continuing comprehensive field inspection of water valves, meter vaults and service connections as part of a systems assessment and mapping project. In addition, the Town is currently working on a project to improve spring flow monitoring, emergency supply and regular productivity.

**Sewer System** – the Town has expanded efforts to televising lines to identify deficiencies in the collection system. Additional televising will narrow the scope of sections that require repair to better focus financial efforts in prioritizing critical repairs. This is the primary focus of efforts to greatly reduce maintenance costs associated with rainwater infiltration into the system. In addition the Town will begin the process of manhole repairs identified by the smoke test.

**Please be Aware!!!** disposal of cooking grease in the sink drain clogs the system causing backups in the main lines. Also, flushing floss and wipes into the sewer system binds the rotating devices within the pumps. These issues are both time consuming and expensive to address.

**Water leaks** – as the cold winter weather sets in, now is the time of year that the water system is most susceptible to water line breaks. In addition to turning off outside pipes and checking service connections, please contact the Town immediately if you notice disruption in service or noticeable running water or wet areas outside your home or in the street.

**Dominion Utility** – participated in a public meeting held by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at the Myersville Fire Hall on November 7, as part of their pre-application process to review Dominions plans for development of property located within the Town for a gas compression station. Information on this project and application can be found at [www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com) under Alleghany Storage Project or at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) under document PF11-9.



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## Parks & Recreation

**Meadow Park**—local girl and boy groups are continuing efforts to complete planting and seating enhancements to the Park.

Construction for access to the soccer fields parking lot is underway and should be completed by late spring.

**Pleasant Walk Park**—the Town is completing the process of purchasing an additional 10 acres to be added to the Park. This will bring the total to 75 acres with plans being developed for passive recreational uses.

**Harp Park**—the Town has completed re-connection of water to the field and removed the larger storage container. Although the site is prepared for transfer to the County, plans for the Myersville branch library continue to remain outside of the County 6 year CIP schedule.

**Municipal Facility User Agreement**— is required for use of all Town facilities. Use is first come, first serve and subject to regulations and fees. The Town is now accepting reservations for 2012.

**Gardening Club** – completed erosion and stabilization work along the Doubles Hiker-Biker Trail in October. Will meet again in spring to plant along trail and Town Hall. Contact [ParksAndRec@myersville.org](mailto:ParksAndRec@myersville.org) if interested.

**Standing Committees** – The Mayor and Council have established four committees to assist in advising on specific Town functions. Each will begin meeting in the first quarter of 2012 and one vacancy exists on each committee. For more information or to submit a letter of interest contact Brad Dyjak [bdyjak@myersville.org](mailto:bdyjak@myersville.org).

**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.

**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.

The Fire Co will be holding a sportsman raffle February 4th at the Myersville Fall Hall. Contact 301-293-1026 for tickets.

**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.

**Snow Removal**— just a reminder to keep streets clear for the plows, including basketball hoops. It's also important to check on neighbors during extreme cold and heavy snowfall events.

## Important Upcoming Dates

January 7 & 8 ó MJBL registration  
January 11 & 18 ó Christmas tree set out  
January 16 ó Town offices closed  
January 21 ó Fire Co Breakfast

February 18 ó Fire Co Breakfast  
February 20 ó Town offices closed

March 10 ó Myersville PTA Fun Run  
March 11 ó Daylight savings time begins  
March 17 ó Fire Co Breakfast

**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.

has experienced a 48% decrease in garbage collected and 37% in disposal fees. Waste has been reduced from 61 tons to 37 tons per month. This is a savings of more than \$7,000 in tipping fees from last fiscal year. The more citizens recycle, the less these direct costs will be.

**Christmas Tree Collection**—The contract hauler for the Town will be collecting Christmas trees on the mornings of January 11th and 18th. The trees should be free of decoration and debris and placed at the curb for pick up. Artificial trees prohibited.

**Bulk Trash collection**— there will be two dates scheduled for 2012, Collection will be in April and October. The dates will be placed on the Town website as soon as determined. Limit is for 2 items per household. mattresses and box springs are prohibited.

**Yard Waste**— the yard waste dumpster program for town residents runs every third weekend from April to November on the parking lot on Harp Place. Please remember the Town prohibits the following:

- use of non-biodegradable bags
- overfilling of dumpster above rim
- dumping of bags on the ground
- disposal of sod and rock material

**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.

### 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

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

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

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