

# Town of Myersville Quarterly Update

January 2014



## A message from the Mayor & Council

If 2013 was the year for planning, then 2014 will certainly prove to be the year of action. Of course this activity will not come without significant effort and for that reason we ask this year to also be one of patience. Patience for the noticeable impact to our daily lives a number of significant construction projects will have on an unprecedented scale for our community.

For transportation, the Town has put the \$1.5 million Main Street project out for bid with award expected in February and construction to commence in March. In addition the State awarded nearly \$500,000 for installation of sidewalks on MD Rt 17 from the I-70 commercial area into Town. This project is also expected to commence in early spring.

On the utility side, the Town was awarded more than \$500,000 in federal mitigation funds to relocate a portion of the sewer trunk line, which was impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Plans are reaching final approval with construction expected to take place in early summer.

The Town also received roughly \$75,000 in State parks funds which will be used to complete a new gazebo along the Doubs hiking trail and connect the trail through a new paved parking lot at the Doubs soccer fields.

The Town will also see movement on two private sector developments in 2014. This includes the Saber Ridge development proceeding in early spring with completion of it remaining 31 homes, and expected commencement in late summer of Dominion with its approved gas compression station on Milt Summers Road.

With these projects on course we resolve for the new year to be engaged in addressing issues that will certainly arise, recognizing that no investment in the betterment of a community is without some struggle to achieve it.

**Wayne Creadick Jr.**  
Mayor

## Planning & Zoning

**Planning Commission Applicants** - The Town is seeking a resident to fill one vacancy on the Myersville Planning Commission. Interested residents should contact the Planning & Zoning Administrator or Town Hall to apply.

### Development Updates -

**Dominion (DTI)** - The project has entered the permitting and review process with the Town and all other necessary agencies. Despite being exempt from the Town's zoning ordinance, DTI must still follow the Town's development review and permitting process. DTI will pay all applicable fees and costs associated with the project.

**Saber Ridge** - The well designated to serve the water needs for the development has been permitted. Plans for the raw water line and Final Plat for the model home are currently under review by the Town Planning Office and Planning Commission.

**Quail Run** - The Improvement Plans have been submitted to the Town for review by various agencies. The Planning Commission will begin review in January of 2014.

**Main Street & Walnut Street Project** - Improvement Plans have been approved by the Planning Commission and all necessary agencies. The invitation for project bids has been advertised. Construction is projected to begin as early as spring of 2014 with completion expected by within ten months.

**Zoning Certificate Process** - All construction within the Town must obtain a zoning certificate. You may obtain a zoning certificate from the Town website and apply at Town Hall.

After receiving your approved zoning certificate from the Town, you must apply for a building permit with Frederick County. For County permit details call 301-600-2313 or check the County website at [www.frederickcountymd.gov](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov).

## Facilities and Utilities

**Water & Sewer Rates** - as part of the FY15 budget deliberations, the Town is proposing a 5% rate increase. This will generate an estimated \$35,000 in revenue with an average quarterly increase cost of \$10.00 per residential account.

**Water System** - The original 36 & 66 water lines will be replaced with a 126 line from MD Rt. 17 to Church Hill Road as part of the Main Street project. This will improve operations and quality for this central

**Remember to keep meters and curb stops visible when placing new mulch and plantings in spring. This allows for ease of access for reading and repair!!**

**Sewer System** - plans for relocation of the sewer trunk line at Monument Road are complete and expected for bid in early spring. This project will correct impacts to our main sewer line and is being funded in part by more than \$500,000 from FEMA.

This summer the Town will continue focus on I&I reduction with repair of roughly 35 sewer manholes identified to have various deficiencies from seeping walls to sunken risers and broken lids.

**Avoid costly sewer repairs by placing cooking grease, dental floss or disposable wipes in the trash instead of down the drain!!**

**Street Maintenance** - the Town encourages being notified of issues with general street wear. During winter months the Town will fill potholes as identified with patching until asphalt plants reopen in spring. In addition be aware of running water for potential water line breaks from ground heave.

All cars should be parked in driveways during snow events so plows can push snow from curb to curb. This allows space to park cars to then clear driveways.

### Solid Waste & Recycling

**Main Street Project Refuse Collection**—schedule will be altered for only those areas directly impacted by the Main Street project. During this time, pick up of all refuse, yard waste, and recyclables will be scheduled to occur before 7AM on each pick up day for 400-600 blocks of Main Street, and Harp Place and Walnut Street..

**Bulk Trash collection**— is scheduled for April 25th and October 24th. Limit 2 items per household. Mattresses and box springs prohibited. For other refuse removal and collection related issues, contact the hauler directly at 301-668-8282.

**Yard Waste**— collection for 2014 began April 2nd. The following rules 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

Larger yard waste can be disposed of at Reichs Ford Road Landfill. Please do not place items at the curb early during rain events. All holiday pick ups will be moved to the next scheduled pick up week.

**Curbside Recycling Program**— is mandatory for all town residents eligible for County recycling totes. The County also accepts recyclables at reduced cost from dumpsters offered by haulers to interested businesses. Information is available from the County at 301-600-7405 and on the Town and County websites.

### Parks & Recreation

**.Parks & Recreation Committee** – encourages residents to visit Myersville’s parks during National Kids to Parks Day on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Myersville Garden Club** ó is hosting a spring clean up of planting areas for April 27th at 10AM.

**Open Space & Trails Committee** ó submitted final recommendations for inclusion as part of the OS&T section of Myersville Comprehensive Plan update.

**Baseball Opening Day** ó Myersville Junior Baseball League will host a parade along MD Rt. 17 April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 followed by opening day ceremonies at Doub’s Meadow Park at 10:30.

**Doub’s Meadow Park** ó secured State funding for the remainder of the hiker/biker trail and additional plantings on the soccer side to be completed this summer. .

A gazebo is being constructed at the top of the hiker/biker trail. Construction should be completed in early spring.

**Municipal Facility User Agreement**— is required for use of all Town facilities. Use is first come, first serve and subject to certain regulations and fees. The Town is now accepting reservations for 2014.

**Lions Club Breakfast** – is held the first Saturday of each month, at the Fire Co. from 7-10:30, September through May.

The Myersville/Middletown Lions Club Annual Golf event will be held on June 11th. .

### Public Safety

**Myersville Resident Deputy**— Jim Harris, can be reached at Town Hall. In cases of non-emergency contact the Sheriff’s Dept at 301-600-1046 or 301-600-2071.

All door-to-door vendors and/or solicitors are required to carry a Town permit. Please contact the Town to report violations or suspicious activity.

**Myersville Volunteer Fire Company**— holds a breakfast the 3rd Saturday of every month from 7-10:30, September through May.

Upcoming events include the Mid MD Classic Car Show on April 26th, the Sportsmans Raffle May 4th, and the Annual Golf Tournament on June 2nd. Please contact the Fire co directly for details..

**Emergency Preparedness:** In the event of an electrical outage, turning off lights and other switches around the home is helpful to reduce surge on the system when it is reenergized.

**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 11 ó Town Election Nomination Due
- April 15 ó Water Reservoir Cleaning
- April 17 & 18 ó Hydrant Flushing
- April 18 ó Town Offices Closed
- April 25 ó Bulk Trash Collection
- April 26 ó MJBL Opening Day & Parade
- May 14 ó Town Election 2PM-7PM
- May 14 ó FY2015 Town Budget Hearing

#### 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 Thursday 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> Wednesday April - November	
<b>Emergency Contacts</b>	
Town Hall:	301-293-4281
Town Maintenance:	301-992-1861
Key Sanitation:	301-668-8282
MES:	800-669-7080

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