

Town of Myersville Quarterly Update

July 2012



A message from the Mayor & Council

Summer is officially here, and if you get a chance spend some time in one of our many Town parks. Our parks system makes up over 20% of our budget and we take great pride in offering citizens some of the best recreational amenities around.

Speaking of budgets, the Town recently adopted its budget for FY13. One major change this year is the tax rates. The Town agreed to tax differential with the County, which simply means we will no longer get reimbursed by the County for duplicate services. Instead your County rate will drop equivalent to the increase in your Town rate. This change reflects the true costs of services provided by each governing body and will result in about 2.5 cents overall reduction to the average tax bill.

There are many areas where local government is improving efficiencies through these types of cooperative efforts. Currently we are working on refinancing the remaining Myersville Municipal Center debt to take advantage of low interest rates, which will save the Town and Fire Company significant funds. This effort includes testing the market for funding one major Town topic, reconstruction of Main Street.

The other major topic, DTI Gas Compression Station, is moving through the Town and Federal processes and we expect to conclude our local deliberations by September with a final decision being made by FERC in the next few months. The Town remains committed to ensuring public transparency through this complex process.

One other item of note is creation of an official Town Flag, which was first hoisted at Town Hall on Flag Day. Next will be a makeover of the Town website. And don't forget Myersville will host the National Night Out event in Doubt's Park on August 7th. We hope to see all of our neighbors there.

Wayne Creadick Jr.
Mayor

Planning & Zoning

Zoning Text Amendments - The Town approved an ordinance at its April meeting allowing limited beekeeping. In September, the Planning Commission will consider text amendments revising the existing signage ordinance and allowing the residential keeping of chickens.

Developments Updates

Dominion Station (DTI) - At its June 26th meeting, the Planning Commission recommended that the Mayor & Council reject application #ZA-12-03. The Mayor & Council will hold a public hearing on August 1st at 7 p.m. in Town Hall to consider the application. A determination will then be made and submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for its consideration in the federal review process.

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 approved the preliminary plan for the 108 lot subdivision at its May meeting. The developer will now proceed with preparing improvement plans for the Town's review.

McDonald's - is obtaining permits to renovate and modernize the entire exterior of its building.

Sunoco - received site plan approval from the Planning Commission and will convert the existing garage into an expanded convenience store and operate 24 hours.

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 & Sewer Rates - after a number of years of 10% annual increases to water and sewer rates, the Town adopted the FY13 budget with a 5% rate increase. The fund has been in the black for 2 years and an aggressive capital improvements program has been put in place to ensure the funds collected are improving the long term operational stability of our infrastructure.

The State enacted doubling of the Bay Restoration Fee increasing the flush tax from \$30 to \$60 annually. The Town, argued adamantly against the increase as small systems like ours are not eligible for access to the funding and the State has diverted prior collections to non water/sewer related priorities to address prior unrelated State budget shortfalls.

Water System - in spite of heavy thunderstorms extended periods of hot weather impact our water resource availability. With the Town spring flow dropping off and currently having 2 of our 10 Town wells out of operation, we encourage responsible use of the Town water supply.

Sewer System - the Town is moving forward with correction of several main line deficiencies identified as the highest producers of inflow and infiltration. This will take place in late summer and should not disrupt service to the system.

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) - Dominion Transmission (DTI) - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) staff released its Environmental Assessment for DTI's Allegheny Storage Project application. The Public comment on the Environmental Assessment will be received until July 16th and the FERC commissioners may issue a ruling as early as mid-September. The FERC Docket is No. CP12-72 and is provided at www.eLibrary.FERC.gov.



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Parks & Recreation

Doubø Meadow Park– Construction for the soccer fields is nearly complete and will be open for public use once approved by the State. The parking lot will remain gravel until further funding is identified and provide approximately 40 additional spaces for public use. The construction fencing will be removed upon State approval that adequate vegetation is stabilized.

National Night Out Against Crime – The Parks & Recreation Committee in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office and Fire Company will host an evening of family-friendly activities Tuesday, August 7th from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at Doubø Meadow Park. This event will feature free food, a DJ, law enforcement and fire & rescue personnel with equipment, a canine unit demonstration and appearances by Sheriff Chuck Jenkins and McGruff. Contact Brad Dyjak at Town Hall for more information.

Open Space & Trails Committee – The Mayor & Council recently recognized student liaison Thomas Slade for his volunteer service. The committee is finalizing a draft a master plan for existing and future Town parks and trails.

Gardening Club – The Garden Club added new flowerbeds around the Doubø Meadow Park signs in addition to three areas along the Trail. Plans for the fall include adding mums and bulbs at Doubø Park.

Standing Committees – The Town is still seeking members to fill vacancies for the remaining seats for four committees established to assist in advising on specific Town functions.

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.

NOTE: All door-to-door vendors 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. Cost is \$7.00 adults, \$6.00 seniors, and \$3.50 children 6-11.

The Fire Co will be holding a Chicken BBQ July 14 at 10:30AM. It will also be holding a Peach Festival on August 4th

The annual Golf Tournament is September 17th at Musket Ridge. For details contact 301-293-1026.

The Fire Co will be hosting its annual classic car show on October 13.

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

July 4 – Town offices closed
 July 14 – Fire Co BBQ 10:30 AM
 July 14 – MJBL Fall Registration 9AM

August 1 – DTI Public Hearing 7PM
 August 7 – National Night Out 6:30PM
 August 27 – First day, Fred Co Schools

September 3 – Town offices closed
 September 15 – Fire Co Breakfast
 September 17 – Frederick Fair

is the highest percentage of any municipality in Frederick County.

Bulk Trash collection– the next scheduled collection will be on October 19. Limit is for 2 items per household. mattresses and box springs are prohibited.

For residents seeking removal of bulk items during non scheduled annual pickup times or any other refuse collection related issue, you may contact the hauler directly at 301-668-8282.

Yard Waste– will run through the last week in November. The program is provided by our solid waste collection hauler and 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 material can be disposed of at the Reichs Ford Road Landfill. As a courtesy the hauler had requested that items not be placed at the curb too early during rain events. **NOTE: Pickup that falls on holidays will be moved to the next scheduled pick up week.**

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 Thursday 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
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