

Town of Myersville Quarterly Update

July 2013



A message from the Mayor & Council

Along with the rain and good weather spring brought with it a number of successes for the Town to celebrate., including the prominent showing of several of our junior league baseball teams in countywide playoffs. While parks and recreation make up the highest area of expense in our budget, such success affirms that investment in the health of our youth is well worth it.

Speaking of budgets, the Mayor and Council adopted the FY14 Capital and Operating budget for both general and enterprise funds in June. With the budget well in the black, and no property tax increases, it includes a comprehensive list of capital projects for utilities and streets which are prioritized over the next several years.

With roughly twenty street maintenance projects listed for this summer, one item not reflected in the budget is recent news that just as the Town was selected as one of only two communities in the County to receive the solarize grant project, it is also one of only two communities to receive State Highway retrofit funding. What this means is that while the Town is working next year on reconstruction of Main Street, the State will be committing \$400,000 for sidewalks along MD Rt 17 from Cedar Street to the I-70 interchange.

One final item I wanted to touch on is the Dominion project,. This issue now rests largely in the hands of legal and federal entities of which we have spent much time deliberating over and clearly conveying our position. I can say with great confidence that whatever decision is reached, this Town Council remained throughout this process diligent in its charge to fairly weigh the proposal and represent our citizens.

All that said, I encourage everyone to celebrate our successes and the good summer ahead.

Wayne Creadick Jr.
Mayor

Planning & Zoning

Planning Commission Applicants - The Town is seeking residents to serve on the Myersville Planning Commission. Interested residents should contact Town Planner Brad Dyjak at bdyjak@myersville.org.

Residential Livestock Ordinance ó The Planning Commission recommended approval of allowing limited keeping of hens, and certain livestock on residential properties. The Mayor & Council will hold a public hearing on the ordinance July 9.

Planning Commission Updates ó Is continuing to update sections of the Code. Upcoming revisions include regulations for locating utilities and updating the Village Center zoning district provisions.

Developments Updates

Dominion Station (DTI) ó the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) denied the Town's January 22 request for reconsideration of the FERC decision.

The Town filed response to a legal case filed by DTI to the Federal District Court for Baltimore and awaits a decision.

Saber Ridge ó The developer has identified a water source to supply the subdivision and submitted plans for approval by the Town.

Quail Run ó The Planning Commission conditionally approved the grading and stormwater management plans and is reviewing subdivision improvement plans.

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– as part of the FY14 budget deliberations, the Town adopted a 5% rate increase, which will be applied to the October water/sewer rates.. This will generate an estimated \$30,000 in revenue with an average quarterly increase cost of \$9.00 per residential account.

Water System– In addition to locating and keeping water connection vaults easily visible and accessible, it is a good idea to protect them from being struck during the mowing season. Striking a water meter vault or curb stop could jar the vault box or bend the curb sleeve, causing the stop to be inaccessible or breaking the water line that runs through it or below.

Sewer System– the Town is in the process of working with its engineers and FEMA to take corrective action on damage to our main sewer trunk line.

Like water line vaults, sewer clean outs should also be visible for access and protected from damage by the mower. Striking a clean out often results in damaging more than just what's above the ground, Sudden jarring from a mower could result in snapping the pipe below.

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.

Street Maintenance– In order to assist in preserving streets, the Town encourages being notified of potholes, storm drain debris, damaged utility caps, or other issues that may arise from general street wear.

Removing vegetation and debris build up from the seams of curbing along the street prevents the ability for water to pool and penetrate soils below the asphalt causing premature pavement damage and aging.

As part of street maintenance the Town also looks for damaged street signs. Residents are encourage to contact town office for missing, fading, or damaged signs, or any suggestions for new ones.



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Parks & Recreation

Night Out ó Join the Parks & Recreation Committee for the second annual Myersville Night Out event Wednesday, August 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Doub's Meadow Park. This free community event will feature entertainment, food and refreshments, children's activities, and police and firefighter demonstrations and displays. Contact Brad Dyjak at BDyjak@Myersville.org for more information.

Doub's Meadow Park ó the Town received notification from the State it has been awarded a \$60,000 grant to complete paving of the soccer side parking area.

Open Space & Trails Committee ó A draft master plan for Town parks and trails is nearing completion to release for public comment before being recommended to the Mayor & Council for adoption.

Garden Club ó has added flower beds on the trail, and is working with a Girl Scout troop and an Eagle Scout on projects that will add plantings and include wooden bed boxes respectively. The Garden Club welcomes volunteers, so please contact ParkAndRec@Myersville.org if interested.

Public Relations Committee (PR) ó will sponsor a website banner design contest soliciting concepts from community residents. The website banner upgrade will be partially funded through business and organization donations with the opportunity to advertise on the Town website. Interested residents are also encouraged to apply for an opening on the PR Committee. For further information, please contact PublicRelations@Myersville.org.

Lions Club Breakfast – is held the first Saturday of each month, at the Fire Co. and will run from October through May.

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. Bingo is the 2nd and 4th Friday each month. Doors open 5:30, Bingo at 7.

The annual Golf Tournament is September 17th at Musket Ridge and the annual classic car show in October.

Siren Test– after several tests for the new emergency notification siren technical issues have been identified and are being corrected by the County. This may require additional testing.

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

Important Upcoming Dates

July 4 ó Town offices are closed
July 13 & 14 ó MJBL fall ball sign up

August 14 ó National Night Out
August 19 ó FCPS begins classes

September 2 ó Town offices closed
September 14 ó Frederick Fair
September 21 ó Fire Co Breakfast

homeowners interested in installing solar PV electric and solar hot water heating systems.

The second Solarize 201 Workshop will be held Tuesday, July 16, 7-8:30 p.m. with the installers at Town Hall. To register, contact Lisa Orr, at 301-600-6864 or LOrr@FrederickCountyMD.gov. For more information, please visit www.SolarizeFrederick.org.

Bulk Trash collection– is scheduled for October 25. 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 is every Wednesday. 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. As a courtesy please do not place items at the curb early during rain events. **NOTE: Pickup that falls on holidays 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.

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
MES: 800-669-7080

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