

Town of Myersville Quarterly Update

July 2014



A message from the Mayor & Council

It goes without saying it has been a busy few months in Myersville. Not since being the fastest growing Town in the State in the early 90s have we witnessed such construction activity. Of course, nearly 70% of the houses were not yet constructed within the neighborhoods we now call home.

Naturally that growth has generated the need for investment in our services and infrastructure. Unlike the 90s it is fueled by public funds collectively generated at all levels of government. I would venture however it is a rare occurrence when a Town experiences that return all at once.

The largest of these is the Main Street project funded by municipal bonds of \$1.8 million. Removing trolley ties and sidewalk from the 1910s and replacing original water lines and storm drains from the 1930s, this project will rebuild a road not touched since the early 1950s.

At the other end of Main Street the State is investing more than \$400,000 to improve pedestrian safety. These sidewalks had nearly receded into the landscape since original installation in the 1890s.

Less visible, but equally important is the relocation of the main sewer trunk line from Grindstone Run. After decades of change in the stream system Hurricane Sandy forced this action to the forefront of our utility maintenance needs. Roughly \$120,000 has been secured from FEMA to assist with this effort.

Even a new vehicle in the current County budget for our resident deputy after ten years serving the community in the same cruiser is a reflection of sharing necessary public costs. As we move forward in the 2015 budget cycle, we will continue to engage our counterparts to ensure a healthy balance of public expense is met with a healthy blend of your collaborative public funds.

Wayne Creadick Jr.
Mayor

Planning & Zoning

Board of Zoning Appeals Applicants - The Town is seeking residents to serve on the Myersville Board of Appeals. Interested residents should contact the Planning & Zoning Administrator at bboldyga@myersville.org or Town Hall.

Development Updates -

Dominion (DTI) - The project has completed all phases of the plan review approval process. Site work for the project has begun and it is anticipated that construction will occur on a 24 hour schedule 7 days per week to meet their November 2014 start up date.

Route 17 Sidewalks - The State Highway Administration (SHA) continues to make progress on the sidewalk retrofit project on the south end of Maryland Route 17 in Town. Project completion is expected by early August.

Saber Ridge - Plans for the raw water line have been approved by the Planning Commission, permitting the construction the remaining 31 homes.

Quail Run - The Water Treatment Plant plans have been approved by the Planning Commission.

Main Street & Walnut Street Project - Project construction has moved into Phase 2 with the south side expected to fully reopen through the school intersection before August 15th. The second half of the project will include two phases extending through Church Hill Road.

Zoning Certificate Process - All construction within the Town requires 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.

Facilities and Utilities

Water & Sewer Rates- as part of the FY15 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 \$10.00 per residential account.

Water System- the April hydrant flushing was postponed due to a water line break and fire incident in April. It has been rescheduled for July 15th. This scheduled flushing will NOT include Main Street for sections within active construction projects.

Water connection vaults and curb stops must be visibly accessible at all times. This is critical to Town operations for maintenance of the water service connections.

Sewer System- the Town has received approval from MDE to commence with relocation of the sewer trunk line from Monument Road to Interstate 70. This project will be funded in part from FEMA due damage from Hurricane Sandy.

Sewer clean outs should be visibly accessible and protected. Missing lids and cracked bases increase water infiltration.

Disposal of cooking grease in the drain clogs the system causing backups. Flushing floss and wipes binds the pumps. These issues are expensive to address.

Street Maintenance- The Town will commence with its annual street system evaluation in August.

The Town encourages being notified of potholes, storm drain debris, damaged utility caps, or other issues that may arise from general street wear.

Solar Project - The Town is currently working with a private investment firm to construct a solar array system on the west side of MD Rt. 17, on a two acre Town owned parcel across from Doubles Meadow Park. This solar array would produce approximately 80% of the electric utility demand on Town owned facilities and provide a savings on electric utility cost over a 20 year period.



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Parks & Recreation

Recreation Committee is hosting the annual Myersville Night Out on 2nd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Doubø Meadow Park. There will be food, refreshments, activities and a movie for all.

Myersville Garden Club – weeded and planted annuals around the Municipal Center and signage in Doubø Meadow Park. The Club continues to work to beautify the planting boxes along the pedestrian trail. Interested volunteers, may contact ParksAndRec@Myersville.org.

Doubø Meadow Park – The overlook pavilion along the hiker/biker trail has been completed and is open for use.

The Town is working with the State on approved funds to complete the trail through the Park. Due to design and cost issues, the soccer field parking will remain gravel at this time.

Trolley Park- the Town continues to move forward with plans to develop the park into a memorial park. State funds have been secured for purchase and development.

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.

Public Relations Committee (PR) is interested in community feedback and ideas on improvements to the Town website. Interested residents are encouraged to contact the Committee at PublicRelations@Myersville.org. or Town Hall.

Lions Club Breakfast – is held the first Saturday of each month, at the Fire Co. from 7:00am-10:30am, September through May. The next breakfast will be held on September 6, 2014.

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.

Is currently selling tickets for the Sportsmens raffle to be held on September 13th at the Fire Hall. The Middletown Braddock Community Show will be held on September 26 and 27 with entry available to the general public in various agriculture and homemaker skills. The annual Car Show will be October 11th.

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 15 is Hydrant Flushing

August 12 is National Night Out
August 23 is FCPS begins classes

September 1 is Town offices closed
September 13 is Frederick Fair
September 20 is Fire Co Breakfast
September 26 & 27 is Middletown/Braddock Community Show

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.

Use of the County recycling program remains successful in the Town. New State law will require apartment and condominium complexes to participate in this effort.

Bulk Trash collection– is scheduled for October 24. Limit 2 items per household. Mattresses and box springs prohibited. For other refuse 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.**

Main Street Project Refuse Collection– schedule will be altered for those areas directly impacted by the Main Street project. During this time 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.

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 Meeting	First Tuesday, 7 PM
Parks & Rec Committee	Last Thursday 7 PM

Mayor
Wayne S. Creadick Jr.
Council members
William Bottoms
Mark Etheridge
Mark Flynn
Mark Hinkle
Melissa Murphy

Trash Pick-up: Friday
Recyclables: Every other Wednesday
Yard Waste: Wednesday April - November
Emergency Contacts
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