



Town of Myersville Quarterly Update

October 2012



A message from the Mayor & Council

After a busy summer of local activities, the Town looks forward to keeping that enthusiasm alive through the holiday season. The Town appreciates the commitment by the many volunteers and staff that make these events happen and would encourage every resident to get involved to ensure these traditions remain a strong part of our Town.

To follow up on the success with our first National Night Out in August, the Parks and Rec Committee will be hosting a Harvest Fest in October. This event will be followed by Christmas in Myersville in early December.

Equally important are the major issues and initiatives that impact every citizen. There are two that have consumed much of our council meetings this year.

At the top of that list is the Gas Compression Station. The Mayor and Council ruled unfavorably on the DTI Master Plan request in August. That issue is now before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for final decision. It has been a complex project and we appreciate the public's patience in allowing the proposal to work through the Town process.

As part of a refinance package that resulted in reduction of payments on existing debt, the Mayor and Council approved a bond for \$1.3 million to reconstruct Main Street. Now that funding is in place and engineering is underway, the Town expects construction to take place in 2014. This effort will take significant community input and patience, but we believe the end result will be well worth the effort.

Lastly, the Town enlisted the aid of an intern this summer, which made great strides in improvements to the Town website. I would encourage folks to check it out and provide feedback to help in our efforts to be better assist you.

Wayne Creadick Jr.
Mayor

Planning & Zoning

Zoning Text Amendments – The Planning Commission is seeking input on proposed text amendments revising the existing signage ordinance and allowing the residential keeping of chickens by November 6th.

Developments Updates

Dominion Station (DTI) – At an August 1st public hearing, Mayor & Council unanimously determined that the DTI Site Master Plan amendment did not meet Town zoning code requirements and was therefore denied. A copy of the determination is posted on the Town's website and was submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for its consideration in the federal review process. The FERC may issue a ruling on Docket No. CP12-72 at its October 18th or November 15th meetings and you may access the link at www.eLibrary.FERC.gov.

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 developer is currently discussing a draft public works agreement with the Town and will also prepare improvement plans for the Town's review.

Sunoco – was issued a building permit to convert the existing garage into an expanded convenience store and operate 24 hours. Construction is underway and Sunoco will be closed until the renovation is completed in November.

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– the 5% rate increase takes effect this billing cycle, which will assist in addressing the capital maintenance schedule of necessary systemic projects to improve 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 will also take effect. The Town, argued 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.

Water System– The Town is finishing with necessary repairs of wells in Doub's and Ashley. These efforts, while expensive, have achieved positive results in restoring vital resources to the Town supply.

The Town would request that residents keep meters and water connection vaults easily visible and accessible for Town maintenance staff access.

Sewer System– the Town is moving forward with correction of several main line deficiencies identified as the highest producers of inflow and infiltration.

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– as part of its Fiscal Year 2013 budget, the Town adopted a capital improvements program for the municipal street system. This program includes a comprehensive analysis of all streets within the Town to proactively focus limited annual funds, which will deter premature deterioration and delay repairs.

In order to assist in preservation of the street system, the Town would encourage residents to remove debris and vegetation from the seams of curbing along the street, and notify the Town of potential damaging effects such as potholes and debris build up in front of storm drains.

Solid Waste & Recycling

Refuse Collection– in Town has decreased in tonnage for the third consecutive fiscal year. For FY12, the Town collected 435 tons of solid waste, a 16% drop from last fiscal year equating to over \$6,000 in tipping fees savings and \$22,000 overall.

Bulk Trash collection– will be on October 19. Limit is 2 items per household. Mattresses and box springs prohibited. For 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.

Hazardous Waste Drop Off– is being offered by the County FREE for residential drop off on October 27, 8AM to 12PM at the Public Safety Training Facility, 5370 Public Safety Place. For information contact the County at 301-600-1035.

Yard Waste- runs through the last week in November. The following rules apply:

- Brown biodegradable bags (no cans)
- Debris free of any household waste
- Bundled sticks max of 3' in length
- Branches max of 3" 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– 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.

Parks & Recreation

Doub's Meadow Park– Construction for access to the soccer fields is finally complete and open for public use. The parking lot will remain gravel until further funding is identified and provides approximately 40 additional spaces.

The US Fish and Wildlife recently returned to the Park for repair of damages to the downstream section of the stream restoration project.

Harp Park– the Town recently authorized contract for repair of the tennis courts at Harp Park. These repairs will include improvements to the playing surface as well as runoff affecting the courts.

Myersville Harvest Festival – The Parks & Recreation Committee will host a variety of children's activities at Harp Place Park Saturday, October 20th. The festival will also feature yard sales, vendors and activities coordinated by other community organizations along Main Street.

Open Space & Trails Committee – The committee is preparing a final draft master plan for Town parks and trails that will be submitted for public comment and Mayor & Council comment in January.

Garden Club – Planted fall annuals at Town Hall and Doub's Meadow Park and will meet October 6th to weed, cleanup and plant in existing beds along the hiker trail. Contact the club at ParksAndRec@myersville.com if interested.

Standing Committees – The Town is still seeking members to fill vacancies for the Board of Appeals and 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 contact the Sheriff's Dept at 301-600-1046 or 301-600-2071.

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

The Fire Company will be hosting its annual Classic Car Show on October 13.

The Fire Company is finalizing plans to establish a weekly Bingo Night starting in 2013. Details will be forthcoming for those interested in volunteering.

Emergency Preparedness: be sure to keep streets clear of obstructions for the plows. Also, check on your neighbors during extreme cold and heavy snowfall events.

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

October 8 – Town offices closed
 October 13 – Fire Co Classic Car Show
 October 16 & 17 – Hydrant flushing
 October 19 – Bulk Trash Collection
 October 20 – Fire Co Breakfast
 October 20 – Myersville Harvest Fest

November 12 – Town offices closed
 November 17 – Fire Co Breakfast Bazaar
 November 22 & 23 – Town offices closed

December 1 – Christmas in Myersville
 December 15 – Fire Co Breakfast w/ Santa
 December 25 & 26 – Town offices closed

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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