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THE ADVOCATE

A Newsletter for Residents of the Crofton Special Community Benefit District

CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 7:30 PM

AGENDA

- Board of Directors Election Results & Seating of New Members
- Approval of Minutes for Previous Board Meeting
- Committee Reports
- Police Chief Report
- Town Manager Report
- Enclave Property Update
- Other Business
- Citizen Comments

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CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Martin Simon
Vice President	Anna O'Kelly
Secretary	Brian Riley
Treasurer	Diane Schertzer
District 1 Director	Daria DeLizio
District 2 Director	Charles See
District 3 Director	John Barrella
District 4 Director	Robert Kendall
District 5 Director	Melanie Smith

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
MARTIN SIMON

Hello Neighbors!

As I write this in mid-August, it seems strange to be thinking about our CCA Board Election that should have happened in May, but was postponed due to the pandemic. At the time, we had optimistically hoped to be back to "normal" by now and able to conduct our election in person at the fall General Membership meeting, but clearly that is not yet possible.

So, enclosed in this newsletter is a mail-in ballot and instructions for casting your vote. Please take the time to do your civic duty and make your voice heard today!

I'm pleased to announce that we have a full slate of candidates, with some returning incumbents and three new voices, each bringing a unique skill set and fresh perspective to our group.

I'd like to express my appreciation to our departing members – John Barrella, Diane Schertzer, and Melanie Smith – for their years of dedicated service to the Crofton community. We will miss you!

As we all grapple with our new "normal", the CCA Board has had to adjust its way of communicating with all of you. Being able to reach our members electronically is more important than ever, so if you have not already done so, please sign up for our Listserv at Town Hall by emailing CCATownHall@Comcast.net. Though we have been using this service for several years now, fewer than half of our residents have signed up, so please help us spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

Until further notice, our CCA Board meetings will be conducted via Zoom, including our budget meetings coming up in the fall. Though it is not ideal, it actually makes it easier for folks to participate than braving the elements to attend meetings in person. Notice of each meeting is sent

out on the Listserv and posted to our website at www.CroftonCommunity.org. I look forward to seeing each of you in a tiny box on my computer screen soon!

Stay healthy, stay safe, and VOTE!

Thank you,
 Martin



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
LARRY SCHWEINSBURG

In September the Chief of Police, the Comptroller/ATM and I will be working on preparing a proposed FY22 Budget for the CSCBD (Tax District). The proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Directors in early October. The Board and staff will meet several times between October 19 and November 9 in public meetings to discuss the proposed budget and to modify it as directed by the Board. It is likely that the meetings will be conducted remotely on Zoom.

The next General Membership Meeting, which will be combined with the October Board of

Director's meeting, will be held on October 5. This meeting will also be conducted remotely on Zoom. Information on how to participate in virtual meetings is posted in this edition of The Advocate.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to your Crofton Police Officers and Town Hall staff for the manner in which they have performed during the coronavirus pandemic. During the period when Town Hall was closed to everyone but the Police Department, Chief Fox and the officers came to work every day and continued to serve the community effectively despite the ever present possibility of being exposed to the virus. Susan Myers, our Assistant Town Manager and Comptroller and I were the only civilian employees working for two months and we worked almost exclusively from home, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order. Susan did a great job of keeping the financial and administrative business matters of the Tax District on course.

Many business and government offices are still conducting business from home. Crofton Town Hall, however, has been open Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM since June 1. Our "Jill of all Trades" Receptionist, Tara Gottschalk, is back working hard as usual. Charlie Robinson has returned to us as Maintenance Foreman and is once again doing a great job. Now if we can ever get permission to hold any recreational gatherings again we will be able to get Recreation Coordinator Kathy Lavin back to work. Again, thanks to all of you for keeping the Tax District going during this unprecedented period!



SIGNS

As you probably know, the CCA has adopted a sign policy that is designed to be within the parameters of the County sign ordinance and to limit the proliferation of signs in the Tax District. The general policy is that signs may be placed on public property (curb lawns, median strips, etc.) from Friday morning until 10 AM on Monday (Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday). Signs may not be placed on CCA property (Lake Louise, main entrance, entrances at Club House Gate, Crossgate Avenue, CCA parks, etc.) without permission from the CCA. Please do not nail signs to trees or tape them to traffic control or street sign poles.

With the highly contentious political races coming up, there is no doubt that there will be many political signs showing up in the community. Regardless of community covenants, state law permits the posting of political signs on **private property** from 30 days before the primary election until 7 days after the general election in November. Please also be aware that political signs (like other signs) cannot be posted on public property (including the curb lawn), except from Friday morning until Monday morning. Please be respectful of your neighbor's right to post signs supporting the candidates of their choice in their yard.

We hope to see you at the General Membership Meeting and CCA Election on October 5th.



RECREATION ACTIVITIES KATHY LAVIN

Normally we would be providing you with information about fall and winter recreation activities. Unfortunately, these are not normal times! We have been unable to plan for any of our activities because of restrictions on inside and outdoor gatherings! The CCA will reinstate its recreation activities as soon as possible.



CCA 2020 ELECTION PROCEDURES

Like so many things in our lives, the manner by which we elect Officers and District Directors of the Crofton Civic Association (CCA) will be different in 2020. There is a ballot included in this edition of The Advocate, as well as a return envelope. Members of the CCA are encouraged to detach the ballot from The Advocate and vote for the candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and for the District Director for their District. If you do not know which District you reside in, just refer to the Neighborhood District street list provided in The Advocate. Be sure to vote for only 1 District Director.

If you are a property owner or at least 18 years old and are a resident of the Crofton Special Community District you are a member of the CCA and may vote in this election. If you want to vote and another resident of your home is using the ballot provided in The Advocate you can come to

Town Hall to complete and submit your ballot. Please be sure to bring a form of official photo identification stating your home address with you. If you cannot get to Town Hall for some reason call Town Hall (410-721-2301) and we will try to assist you.

Please mail your ballot as soon as possible so that it can be received at Town Hall by October 1. There is only one candidate for each position. Please cast your vote for them anyway, to show them your support and appreciation for the many hours they volunteer to represent you and the community. Since the voting is by mail this year there will be no separate absentee balloting. If you would rather hand carry your ballot to Town Hall there will be a drop box available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 10 AM until 4 PM. The elected Board members will serve until May 31, 2022.

Election results will be announced at the CCA General Membership meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Due to continuing Covid-19 restrictions the CCA will be having their Board meeting and General Membership meeting via Zoom. If you are a member of the CCA and would like to participate please send an email to ccatownhall@comcast.net including your name, home address, and phone number by 3:00 PM Monday, October 5. You will then be sent a link with the meeting invitation.



CCA CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT

Martin Simon
1573 Crofton Parkway
Resident: 25 Years

Type of Business or Employment
 Photojournalist / Commercial Photographer

Education:
 Saint Petersburg College – Journalism

Community Involvement:
 Current President of CCA Board
 Former CCA Vice President and CCA Secretary with 22 years service
 Former CCA Liaison to Greater Crofton Council 50th Anniversary Committee member (2014 – 2015)
 Formerly active with Boy Scout Troop 731 (until son became an Eagle Scout)
 Former Captain of Men's Tennis Team Crofton Swim and Tennis Club
 Former CAC Youth Baseball Coach (10 years)

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?

Though there is little room for new development within the Triangle (the former Enclave site notwithstanding), the greater Crofton area and much of West County continue to be targeted for growth, impacting the health and safety of us all. Ensuring that our collective voices are sufficiently heard at the County and State levels is more important than ever!

"Old Crofton" is now 56 and much of our community's infrastructure is showing its age. Continuing our work on updating our parks and common areas remains a priority.

As always, public safety is our top priority. Maintaining and modernizing our community policing standards and services should continue to be a focus of the CCA.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

We are all learning to navigate the Covid-era challenges as best we can. The folks at Town Hall are no different. Though many of our social activities have been postponed, our core services remain intact. As CCA President, I have been working with Larry, Susan, Tara, and Chief Fox to navigate this new reality and ensure that the CCA's business continues with minimal interruption. Though I look forward to the end of "virtual" Board meetings sooner than later, I believe now is the time to hunker down and just get through it. To that end, continuity of leadership is key and I therefore ask for your support for another term as your President. Thank you!

VICE PRESIDENT

Anna O'Kelly
1411 Knightsbridge Turn
Resident: 31 Years

Type of Business or Employment:

Retired/occasional accounting assistance for Manufacturer's Rep.

Education:

Professional Secretary Degree from Hickey Business School

Undergraduate courses at the University of Pennsylvania

Community Involvement:

CCA Vice President since 2016
 Member of Architectural Review Committee
 CCA Secretary 2011-2016
 Chairperson Covenant Review Committee since 2011
 Former Chairperson of Maintenance Committee
 Former Member of Maintenance Committee

CCA District 3 Director 2002-2006
 Crofton Greenery Garden Club
 2nd Vice President, Federation Garden Clubs of Maryland
 High School Redistricting Committee (1997)

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton for the next two years?

The safety of our citizens continues to be a priority. Growth in surrounding areas directly affects our quality of life and we need to be sure that our voice is heard when decisions for approvals of new projects outside of the Civic Association are considered.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

Crofton has a reputation as a family-oriented community and a great place to live. As a long-time, active resident and Board member, my institutional knowledge provides insight that may be beneficial to other members of the Board and Community.

SECRETARY

Brian Riley
2902 Middlebridge Court
Resident: 17 Years

Type of Business or Employment:

Government Relations-The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company

Education:

B.S.-Political Science/History-The American University (1988)

Community Involvement:

Secretary, Crofton Civic Association Board of Directors
 Chairperson, CCA Public Safety Committee
 Member, Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
 Former Crofton Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader
 Children graduated from South River High School and Indian Creek Upper School

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton for the next two years?

Continued public safety issues and awareness as well as increased attention to maintenance and preservation as the infrastructure ages in the CSCBD.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

I want to continue to give back to the Crofton community by serving on the CCA Board of Directors. I believe that my background in government finance and budget, and government relations, would continue to be of value to the CCA Board.

TREASURER

Renee D. Speer
1575 Crofton Parkway
Resident: 19 years

Type of Business or Employment:
 HeinLantz CPAs and Advisors (CPA)

Education:
 B.A. Economics,
 M.S. Telecommunications Management,
 Certificate Public Accountant (CPA)

Community Involvement:
 Member-Anne Arundel Estate Planning Council (AAECP)
 Adjunct Professor at Anne Arundel Community College, Cost Accounting, Fall 2019
 Crofton Chamber of Commerce 2018-2019

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?

One major area of concern for Crofton in the next two years is the rapid development of the surrounding area. This has created increased traffic, noise, air and light pollution. What can we do to maintain the charm of Crofton amidst all this development?

Why do you want to be elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

I've lived here for some time now. The Treasurer position allows me the opportunity to give back to my community.

DISTRICT ONE DIRECTOR

Daria DeLizio
1534 Birdwood Court
Resident: 15 Years

Type of Business or Employment:
 IP Paralegal

Education:
 B.S. Political Science and Sociology (Minor)
 Paralegal Certificate

Community Involvement:
 CCA District One Director since 2012
 Chairperson Recreation Committee
 President, HOA
 Former member of Crofton's 50th Anniversary Committee

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?

The major areas of concern are increasing traffic and development on Route 3. We need to continue to keep crime levels low, and maintain our community's appearance and property values.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

I enjoy living in Crofton and would like to see the community's quality of life passed on to future generations. Crofton is a friendly, active and civic minded community. I would like to continue to serve on the CCA Board and have a voice in community projects while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

DISTRICT TWO DIRECTOR

Charles See
1514 Eton Way
Resident: 20 Years

Type of Business or Employment:
 Colliers International

Education:
 B.S. Accounting

Community Involvement:
 I now have time to participate in this community, personally, and have served as the District Two Director for five years.

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton for the next two years?
 My major areas of concern are the increase in traffic and development on Route 3.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?
 I wish to continue to serve as District 2 Director in order to bring informed opinion to the CCA. I've also enjoyed serving and keeping up on political issues in the county.

DISTRICT THREE DIRECTOR

James E. Harvey
1908 Harcourt Avenue
Resident: 27 Years

Type of Business or Employment:
 Publisher, *Living in the Triangle* magazine

Education:
 M.B.A. Johns Hopkins University

Community Involvement:
 Member, Crofton Kiwanis Club
 Former President, Crofton Rotary Club
 Organizer of fundraising events for local organizations through *Living in the Triangle* magazine such as Annual Bake-off and Chili

Cook-off for the CCCC, and the Flags for Heroes program which raises money for the AVFD Station 7.

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?
 Support for Public Safety and maintenance of CCA should continue to be high priority items. The continuation of the many CCA events that make life great in Crofton is high on my list! In light of recent events, organization of community response to public emergencies is important and my experience as a Civil Affairs officer in the US Army may be helpful in that regard.

Why do you want to be elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

I'm very active in the community and the fact that I am the publisher of *Living in the Triangle* puts me in a position to improve communications with the community, not just in print, but on line as well. For instance, I recently started a Crofton Instagram page that I've been using to post both town articles as well as communications from the magazine. Also, as the magazine publisher, I have lots of communication with local organizations and people in the community of all ages.

DISTRICT FOUR DIRECTOR

Robert Kendall
1782 E. Regents Park Road
Resident: 7 Years

Type of Business or Employment:
 American Systems

Education: M.S. Mechanical Engineering,
 University of Virginia

Community Involvement:
 CCA District Four Director since 2017
 Chairperson Education Committee; Parks
 Rejuvenation Committee (Clean-up days)
 Member Crofton Swim and Tennis Club

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?

For the CCA, it will be important to ensure that the activities of the CCA are widely known amongst its members and accurately reflect members' concerns. Traffic safety and the conditions of CCA property are top concerns based on a recent survey, and I would like to continue to work with the CCA on these issues.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

In my first term as District 4 Director, I have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in administering the Special Tax District, especially getting to see how the community, Board and staff work together. I would like to continue to use this experience to bring residents' concerns forward and guide the activities of the CCA. I greatly appreciate the support from all involved the parks rejuvenation efforts, and would like to continue our efforts to improve the conditions of the CCA parks.

DISTRICT FIVE DIRECTOR

Hal Sheldon

1703 Usher Place

Resident: 42 Years

Type of Business or Employment:

Residential Real Estate Appraiser-27 years

Education:

B.S. Marketing, Chemistry (Minor) University of New Haven 1968

Community Involvement:

Boy Scout Scoutmaster Crofton 1984-1986

Crofton Jaycees 1977-1978

Branford, CT Jaycees District Vice President 1975-1976

Branford, CT Jaycees District President 1974-1975

I currently compete in spirit triathlons.

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton for the next two years?

We need to help reduce development along our highways for the safety of our citizens.

Why do you want to be elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

I have attended about three-quarters of the CCA Board meetings over the past eighteen months and feel I can be of service to our community



JOIN OUR LISTSERV

Town Hall has been compiling resident email addresses as an additional way to communicate important and timely information. If your email

address is not already included in the listserv (email distribution list) and you would like to be added, please contact us at: ccatownhall@comcast.net and include your name, home address and phone number.

**STREETS IN THE CROFTON
CIVIC ASSOCIATION
NEIGHBORHOOD
DISTRICTS**

DISTRICT ONE:

Albermarle Drive
Angus Court
Bandury Court
Birdwood Court
Carlyle Court
Crofton Center
Carlyle Apartments:

Carlyle Drive

The Point at Crofton Apartments:

Parkridge Circle

Greenwich Court
Cold Spring Way

DISTRICT TWO:

Ardley Place
Crofton Parkway (1493-1653)
Dana Street
Dryden Way
Earlham Avenue
Ebbotts Place
Edgerton Place
Ellsworth Avenue
Elwyn Avenue
Endsley Place
English Place
Eton Way
Eversham Place
Farlow Avenue
Farnborn Street
Farrell Street
Flynt Place

DISTRICT THREE:

Candleberry Court
Crofton Parkway (1427-1487 &
1824-1856)
Grey Birch Court
Harcourt Avenue
Harrow Avenue
Harwell Avenue
Henley Place
Heston Place

Hylton Place
Jameson Place
Jerrold Place
Jordan Avenue
Justin Place
Kensington Place
Knightsbridge Turn
Layton Street
Marlow Place
Mayfair Place
North Forest Apartments:

Crofton Parkway (1825-
1839)

North Forest Court
Treeview Court

Ormsby Place
Persimmontree Court
Peartree Court
Peartree Lane
Pecan Tree Court
Pepperbush Court
Pleasant Meadow Road
Stonegate Avenue
Summersweet Court

DISTRICT FOUR:

Crofton Country Club
Crofton Parkway (1701-1814)
Falling Leaf Court
Middlebridge Court
Misty Meadow Court
Old Willow Way
Ralston Place
Rawlings Court
Reading Street
Regents Park Road
Reynolds Street
Rochester Court
Rochester Street
Roxboro Place
Saxony Place
Scribner Place
Shaftsbury Avenue
Spring Green Avenue
Stratton Road
Sturbridge Place

Swinburne Avenue
Tarleton Way
Tarrytown Avenue
Tedbury Street
Tipton Drive
Torrington Place
Trent Street
Truro Road
Twain Road
Tyrone Street
Willow Glen Court
Willow Wood Court

DISTRICT FIVE:

Bromley Court
Carry Place
Chainbridge Court
Crawford Boulevard
Crossgate Drive
Farmington Court

Fernham Court
Fillmore Court
Floral Court
Freemont Court
Gable Court
Gabriel Court
Gaffney Court
Galaxy Drive
Golden Court
Good Hope Drive
Granite Court
Greentree Court
Gunwood Place
Meghan Court
Patrice Circle
Ullswater Place
Urby Drive
Usher Place
Village Green
Waldorf Court
Walleye Drive
Whitstone Court
Whitfield Court
Wickham Way
Wiltshire Drive
Woodbridge Court

2020 BALLOT – BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

CROFTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION**OFFICERS****President** **Martin Simon** _____**Vice President** **Anna O’Kelly** _____**Secretary** **Brian Riley** _____**Treasurer** **Renee Spear** _____**DISTRICT DIRECTORS****District One** **Daria DeLizio** _____**District Two** **Charles See** _____**District Three** **James Harvey** _____**District Four** **Robert Kendall** _____**District Five** **Hal Sheldon** _____

There are no contested positions in this election. If you wish to vote to support any of the candidates for the Officer positions, please simply place an “X” next to the name of the candidate.

In the District Directors category you may vote for only one candidate by placing an “X” next to the candidate’s name. You may vote for that candidate who will be representing the District in which you live, or in which you own property (if you do not currently reside in the Special Benefits Tax District). If you do not know which District is yours, please refer to the District Streets List in this Advocate.

In order to cast your ballot by mail you must sign the ballot and provide your address before sending the ballot to Town Hall. By signing below you are certifying that you reside or own property in the Special Benefits Tax District and are eligible to vote in the election for the members of the Board of Directors.

Name: _____**Address:** _____**Signature:** _____

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