

CROFTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – May 2017

Dear Crofton Resident:

Upcoming Events

On Saturday, May 13th at 10 AM the annual CCA Armed Forces/First Responders Parade will step off from Crofton Woods Elementary School. Please join us as we honor the men and women who protect us both at home and abroad.

The General Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, May 15th at 7:30 PM at Crofton Elementary School. We will have a representative from the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) at the meeting to provide information about the AVFD and the important services the members provide in our community. Efforts to rehabilitate the original fire station, commonly known as the white building, will also be discussed. We hope to see you at the meeting!

The summer concert series will soon be starting. This year the concerts will move to the Crofton Country Club. They will continue to be held on Sunday evenings from 6 PM to 8 PM. The schedule for this year is:

June 4th – Pocket Change (Easy Listening)

June 11th – Bay Jazz Project (Jazz)

June 18th – Ruth Capobianco (Cabaret – This concert may be re-scheduled to July 2nd)

June 25th – Tom Lagana Group (Jazz)

July 9th – Big Band Caliente (Big Band)

July 16th – Beatles Tribute Band

Sidewalks and Roadway Work

Badly needed repair work on sections of Crofton Parkway and Crawford Boulevard is about to begin as this Newsletter is being written. Over the past few years the condition of those roadways has deteriorated due mostly to the effects of numerous large potholes. The Department of Public Works (DPW) has always been very responsive to our requests for pothole repair, but those repairs were only temporary fixes. On this occasion, however, DPW prioritized those portions of the two streets and will be doing a milling and re-paving operation. We are grateful for that project being carried out.

As part of the preparation work for this project, the County has also performed curb and sidewalk repairs and upgrades. A number of pedestrian intersections and crosswalks are being modified to bring them into compliance with federal ADA regulations. Similar work has been done in a few other areas of the community. Not all sidewalks in the Tax District will be upgraded at this time. Generally, the County

does that work as part of the regular sidewalk rehabilitation program or in conjunction with roadway upgrades and repairs.

Gas Meter Relocation Project

BGE is currently carrying out a program in the Triangle (and nearby communities) to relocate gas meters from inside garages to outdoor locations. This program was initiated as a result of the reaction of the Maryland Public Service Commission to a natural gas explosion that occurred in Columbia, Maryland, in September 2015. That incident, in which several townhouses were destroyed or heavily damaged, occurred as a result of a gas meter located inside a garage being struck by a vehicle. BGE officials attended our Board of Directors meeting on March 20th to explain the project and to answer questions from residents. Information about this project is available on our website, www.croftoncommunity.org. If you have questions, please contact MeterProtection@BGE.com. If you have not already been contacted by BGE, it is unlikely that your home is involved.

Covenants

This is the time of year when many residents initiate a variety of home improvement projects. If you decide to use a contractor for those projects, be sure the company is reputable and qualified. Beware of unknown persons who come to your home uninvited and attempt to solicit work from you. Often these projects may require review by the Covenant Review Committee (CRC). You may call Town Hall or stop by if you have questions. However, recently all of the various covenants have been posted on our new website: croftoncommunity.org. The site also provides a summary of the information you will need to submit to the CRC to secure approval for your project.

The Board of Directors and Town Hall regularly receive complaints about covenant enforcement, or as some residents see it, the lack of covenant enforcement. Among the most common complaints are those about trailers, commercially marked vans and "For Sale" vehicles parked on public roads. The CCA's covenants are not applicable on public roadways; therefore in such cases the CRC can take no action. Legitimate covenant violations, however, can be enforced by the CRC upon receipt of a formal complaint filed by an eligible resident. Covenant enforcement is funded solely by contributions, not tax money. If you would like to contribute, please forward your contribution to the Crofton Civic Association at Town Hall, with a designation that it is to be used only for covenant enforcement.

House Numbers

There are many homes in the community that do not display house numbers that are clearly visible, or for that matter, any house numbers at all. The absence of house numbers makes it very difficult for public service personnel to respond to your home when called. This is especially critical during hours of darkness when Police, Fire or Emergency Medical Services have been requested. If your home is one of these, please take corrective action as soon as possible.

Enjoy the summer!