



CROFTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – MAY 2021

General Membership Meeting

The General Membership Meeting (GMM) will be held on May 17th at 7:30 PM. In accordance with the continuing Covid-19 restrictions, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom. The GMM will once again be combined with the Board of Directors May meeting. For those of you who do not attend the monthly Board meetings, it will give you an opportunity to see how Board meetings are conducted while also providing members of the community a chance to inquire about local issues.

If you are a member of the Crofton Civic Association (CCA) and would like to participate, please let us know by sending an email to ccatownhall@comcast.net by 3:00 PM, Monday May 17th. Your email must include your name, home address (or property address) and phone number. You will then be sent a link with the GMM invitation. We hope to see you at the meeting!

Recreation Program

As much of life continues to be these days, the CCA Recreation Program continues to be restricted by Covid-19 regulations. As many of you know, the CCA was not able to hold our traditional Easter Egg Hunt this year, but we did hold a “drive-through” Easter Bunny Event in the parking lot of Crofton Elementary School. Sadly, this will be the second consecutive year that there will not be an Armed Forces/First Responders Parade. That is particularly unfortunate as our Police and all First Responders could definitely use a demonstration of community support this year.

The next event that we hope to re-establish this year will be the ever-popular summer concert series. As of this writing in mid-April, it appears that Covid-19 restrictions will prevent us from holding at least some of our concerts at the Crofton Country Club (CCC). Our Recreation Coordinator, Kathy Lavin, has been working with the General Manager of the Country Club, Mr. Sauser. While he has been very helpful to us, it appears that the CCC will not be available to host the concerts until at least July. However, in an effort to get the concert series underway, we are working on holding the first three concerts scheduled for June in the backyard of Town Hall. If we do that, we will make every effort to follow applicable mask and social distancing guidelines of this slightly smaller venue. We will keep you informed by listserv, our website, and the message board in front of the County Club.

Local Projects

As you all know, the sidewalk project on Route 424 seems to have been going on forever. We were first notified of the project in September of 2018. After many delays and inquiries we were advised by the Administrator of the State Highway Administration (SHA) that the project would be completed by the end of this spring, along with other improvements related to the new Crofton High School. It appears that the SHA is on target to meet the projected date.

A contractor for BGE has begun a project to replace sections of underground cable as well as a number of aboveground junction boxes in various places near Urby Drive and Tarrytown Road. That work is progressing but will not be completed for several months.

Probably the most interesting active project is the rejuvenation of the main entrance at Crawford Boulevard following last year's damage by a drunk driver. The Board of Directors decided to remove the old, iron fence and gates on Route 3 and to update the plantings at those two entrances to Crofton. The gates on Clubhouse Gate Road were removed on March 20th and the remaining white fence section at Crawford Boulevard was removed April 15th. There are no plans to alter the brickwork or "Crofton" letters at either entrance. The Board is now looking at several proposals to remove damaged and unhealthy plantings and upgrade the area with a variety of native species that will require less maintenance and provide additional year-round color. We hope to have the work completed by this fall.

The County project to replace and upgrade the 50-year-old sewage pumping station on Route 3 continues. Fortunately, the ground-shaking and noisy work that was done last fall is over. According to Mr. DeWar, the County Engineer in charge of the project, work should be completed in the first quarter of 2022.

The "Enclave" Property

As you probably know, our residents voted overwhelmingly to authorize the purchase of the land known as "The Enclave" property, or by some residents as "Crofton's Front Yard". Since then, led by Board President Martin Simon, efforts have been pursued diligently to finalize the details of the purchase and to arrange financing. Although there are still multiple levels of approval by the County that must be achieved, we are getting closer to the goal. We will keep you informed via our website, croftoncommunity.org, and by listserv messages as significant developments occur.

Enjoy your summer!