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A Newsletter for Residents of the Crofton Special Community Benefit District

CCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETING

September 15, 2025, 7:00 PM

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AGENDA

President's Announcements – Anna O'Kelly
CCA Bylaws Revision Vote
CCA Board Meeting
Citizen Comments

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANNA O'KELLY

Hello neighbors!

As I write this, we are experiencing "False Fall" weather and a welcome relief from the dog days of summer. This brief respite is a harbinger that by the time this article is published, children will be back in school and summer vacations will be over.

The Board didn't meet in July, but that doesn't mean that nothing was happening in our community. Favorite activities, such as the Summer Concert series, Pie Bake-off, and National Night Out, were among the events that many community members enjoyed.

If you are new to the community, you might not be aware of the Crofton Covenants. In late June, the Covenant Review Committee revised the covenant section of Town Hall's homepage to provide updated information on how to request approval for home projects, how to submit complaints about possible covenant violations, and information about covenant enforcement procedures.

Please visit the covenant page of our website and look at the link at the end of the second paragraph for the new guidelines:

<https://www.croftoncommunity.org/covenants>.

On Thursday, November 6th, the annual Greater Crofton Community Awards Banquet will be held at the Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar and Grill in Gambrills. We are seeking nominations from the community for the CCA Crofton Citizen of the Year Award. Any CCA resident may nominate a neighbor or friend resident they believe should be recognized. Nominations are now open and can be made online at <https://form.jotform.com/242254182700044>. All nominations are due by Friday, October 3rd, and the CCA Board will review all the applications and select one winner at the October Board Meeting.

The Board will be holding budget meetings to discuss the FY 2027 CSCBD and CCA budgets on the following Mondays: October 13th, October 27th, November 3rd, and November 10th at 7:00 PM at the Library Media Center at Crofton Elementary School on Duke of Kent Drive. The community is invited to attend the working sessions and offer comments or ask questions.

If you haven't already registered your email address with Town Hall, please do so to receive timely notices of events in the community. You may visit our website at <https://www.croftoncommunity.org> or stop by Town Hall to register.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Martin H. Simon

Crofton Community Survey – In the four-page center section of this newsletter, you will find our 2025 Crofton Community Survey. The goal of this survey is to get a better understanding of what Crofton residents value most about the services we provide. It is also intended to educate citizens who might be new to the area or have not paid attention recently to all that we do here at Town Hall. Please take the time needed to complete the survey and return it to us by September 30th. Your answers will help guide CCA Board Members as they deliberate funding priorities for the FY27 budget season beginning in October. There are two ways to complete the survey:

Printed Version – Tear out the center section and either drop it off or mail it to Crofton Town Hall, 1576 Crofton Pkwy, Crofton, MD 21114, or, scan and email it to Info@CroftonTownHall.org.

Online Version – Go to <https://form.jotform.com/252234491652052>

Both the printed and online versions contain the same questions, but the printed version is targeted at CCA members (folks who live in the "Triangle") and does not include the expanded introduction and history in the online version that will also be circulated to residents of the greater Crofton area. As such, at the end of both versions, we ask for basic contact information to enable us to sort the surveys according to CCA members and non-members. We will not share your contact information with any third party. Thank you in advance for your help with this community outreach effort!

Crofton Civic Association Bylaws Revision Vote – The CCA Bylaws Review Committee has completed a proposed update to the CCA Bylaws. This is the first comprehensive revision of the bylaws since 2002. While most of the revisions are stylistic or intended to clean up titles that no longer apply (e.g. Crofton Police "Force" vs.

Crofton Police “Department”, or “Tax District” Manager vs. “Town” Manager), some of the changes are designed to bring the bylaws into the 21st century, especially where electronic communications are concerned (e.g. eliminating the requirement to advertise our elections in a “newspaper that is delivered locally”). There is a revision that clarifies and strengthens the definition of “cause” for the removal of Board members and the process for doing so, as well as a reduction in the number that constitutes a quorum at meetings of the Membership.

It is the purpose of these bylaws to govern the administration and operation of the Association. Please familiarize yourself with the proposed updates by visiting <https://bit.ly/4m8mOeI> or scanning the QR code here, and then attend our General Membership meeting on September 15th to cast your vote.

Thank you!



Upcoming Fall Events

Fall Festival on the Green – The Greater Crofton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Fall Festival on the Green on **September 27th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** at the Crofton Country Club. There will be food trucks, kids’ activities, crafts, and many local vendors. The CCA and Crofton Police will be there too, so please stop by and say hello!

Crofton Dog Show – Crofton’s 10th Annual Dog Show and Dog Pie Eating Contest sponsored by Crofton Civic Association will be held in conjunction with the GCCC’s Festival on the Green, which will take place at the Crofton Country Club on **Saturday, September 27th, 2025, starting at 11:30 AM**. The judged event is fun and family-friendly, and kids are welcome to escort their dogs. Medals and prizes will be awarded in several categories. *Participation is free for contestants.* Visit <https://form.jotform.com/242215503997056> for more details and to register. Registrations close on September 24th.

Crofton Chili Cook-Off – The 11th annual Crofton Chili Cook-Off will be hosted by the Crofton Kiwanis, the Crofton Civic Association, and the Crofton Farmers’ Market on **Saturday, October 11th, from 10:00 AM to Noon** at the Crofton Farmers’ Market, located at the Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD 21114. Two awards will be given:

- Crofton Chili Cook-Off Champion
- Crofton Chili Cook-Off People’s Choice

There will also be a special prize for the hottest chili. The event will benefit the CCCC’s Food Pantry, which provides food for families in need and the homeless. Participant registration is free. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/212055585800048> for additional details and to register.

Mark Your Calendar for These Other Upcoming Crofton Events!

October 24th – Crofton Police Department’s Trunk-or-Treat, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Crofton Village Green.

October 25th – Crofton Kiwanis Halloween Parade and CCA Town Hall Party.

TBD – Annual CCA Holiday Tree Lighting and visit with Santa, at the Crofton Country Club.



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Crofton Community Survey 2025

Dear Neighbor,

We'd like to hear from you about which CCA services you value or don't value, and what you'd like to see us do better or perhaps something altogether new. This survey will take about five to ten minutes to complete. Please return the completed survey by **September 30th, 2025**, to **Crofton Town Hall, 1576 Crofton Pkwy, Crofton, MD 21114**, or scan and email to **Info@CroftonTownHall.org**. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Public Safety

The CSCBD is currently budgeted for five police officers. Our officers are fully credentialed with the State of Maryland. We have a Memorandum of Understanding with AA County Police, and Crofton officers are dispatched through the AA County 911 service and the AA County Police non-emergency phone number. Our officers are fully equipped. Their jurisdiction is limited to the CSCBD, and they may only respond to calls outside of the CSCBD if dispatched there by AA County Police.

The Crofton PD focuses on traffic and parking enforcement, community safety patrols, and responding to incidents within the CSCBD. AA County Police investigate major crimes (which are rare), and booking and holding are done at the AA County Central Booking facility at the Annapolis detention center. Fully staffed, the five officers provide coverage 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM five days a week, but that schedule varies depending on criminal activity. For instance, Crofton police officers have done night shifts in the last year to help thwart thieves who were stealing wheels off of parked cars.

1. Have you seen the Crofton P.D. patrolling your neighborhood? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Do you feel that safety patrol coverage of your neighborhood is ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor
3. Have you seen the Crofton P.D. enforcing traffic? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Do you feel that traffic enforcement within the CSCBD is ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor
5. Are you aware that the Crofton P.D. can do home security checks while you are away from home? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Have you ever used the Crofton P.D. home security checks? ☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Are you aware that the Crofton P.D. can do wellness checks if the safety or health of a relative or neighbor becomes a concern? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Have you ever used this service? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Are you aware that the Crofton PD can sign off on vehicle repair order tickets? ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. Have you ever used this service? ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. In the last two years, the Crofton Police Department has increased its community policing programs, including visits to Crofton Woods and Crofton Elementary schools, participating in National Night Out, hosting a Trunk or Treat event, and hosting women's self-defense programs. Are you aware of these programs? ☐ Yes ☐ No
12. Would you like to see more or fewer community policing programs? ☐ More ☐ Keep the Same ☐ Fewer ☐ No opinion
13. Do you believe that, overall, the CSCBD is being kept safe by the Crofton PD? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion
14. It costs approximately \$200,000 to hire and outfit a single police officer. That translates to roughly \$77 in new taxes per CSCBD household in the first year (including the cost of a new cruiser) and \$50 in new taxes per CSCBD household each year thereafter. Do you believe ...
 - ☐ That we should maintain our police force at five officers
 - ☐ That we should add one officer to extend coverage from 7:00 PM to midnight, five days a week
 - ☐ That we should add two officers to extend coverage to include some weekend or overnight patrols
 - ☐ That we should have 24/7 coverage, which may require three or four new officers
 - ☐ Other (Please explain) _____

15. Are there any suggestions or comments you have concerning the Crofton Police Department and the CSCBD's public safety programs? _____
16. Would you be interested in serving on the Public Safety Committee? (CCA members only) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Recreation

While recreation is the CSCBD's smallest budget category, it is perhaps what most residents are familiar with, both within and outside the CSCBD area. We'd like to know what you think of our current programs, as well as your ideas for other programs.

17. Have you attended or participated in any of the following in the last 12 months (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Crofton Easter Egg Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> Crofton Dog Show
<input type="checkbox"/> Crofton Cherry Blossom Festival	<input type="checkbox"/> Crofton Chili Cook-off
<input type="checkbox"/> Crofton Salutes Our Heroes Banners on Crofton Parkway	<input type="checkbox"/> Crofton Police Trunk or Treat
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Armed Forces/First Responders Parade	<input type="checkbox"/> Backyard party at Town Hall after the Crofton Kiwanis Halloween Parade
<input type="checkbox"/> Crofton Pie Bake-Off	<input type="checkbox"/> Flags for Heroes display on Route 3 (with the Crofton Kiwanis)
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Concert Series at Crofton Country Club (Any of the eight concerts each summer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Crofton Holiday Tree Lighting/Santa Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream Social	

18. Which of these programs do you like?

Crofton Easter Egg Hunt ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Crofton Cherry Blossom Festival ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Crofton Salutes Our Heroes Banners on Crofton Parkway ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Annual Armed Forces/First Responders Parade ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Crofton Pie Bake-Off ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Summer Concert Series at Crofton Country Club ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Ice Cream Social ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Crofton Dog Show ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Crofton Chili Cook-off ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Crofton Police Trunk or Treat ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Backyard party at Town Hall after the Crofton Kiwanis Halloween Parade ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Flags for Heroes display on Route 3 (with Crofton Kiwanis) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

Crofton Holiday Tree Lighting/Santa Visit ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

19. Are there any improvements or changes you would like to see us make to any of these programs? _____

Every 10 years, the CCA organizes several special events to celebrate our anniversary. The CCA does some fundraising, as some of the events are costly to produce. However, four of the programs held in 2024 were very popular, and some folks suggested that the CSCBD make these annual events.

20. Did you or your family attend the KIDZ Fest in 2024? ☐ Yes ☐ No

21. Do you think that the KIDZ Fest should be an annual event? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

22. Did you or your family attend the day-long, six-band Summer Fest concert in 2024? ☐ Yes ☐ No

23. Do you think that the Summer Fest should be an annual event? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

24. Did you attend "Crotoberfest" in 2024? ☐ Yes ☐ No

25. Do you think that the Crotoberfest should be an annual event? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

26. Did you attend the 60th Anniversary Golf Outing at Crofton Country Club in 2024? ☐ Yes ☐ No

27. Do you think that a CCA Golf Outing at Crofton Country Club should be an annual event? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

28. Are there any recreational events or programs that you would like to see us add? If so, please describe: _____

29. Would you be interested in serving on the Recreation and Youth Activities Committee? (CCA members only) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Parks and Common Grounds

This category is a bit tricky for a couple of reasons. First, the CSCBD owns and maintains three parks: Swann Park, Willows Park, and Hardy Field. The playground equipment at Swann Park and Willows Park is being completely replaced, with new equipment similar to what was installed last year at Hardy Field.

30. Have you visited Hardy Field since the new playground equipment was installed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

31. Is there any other type of playground equipment or facilities you would like to see installed at Swann and Willows Park? If so, please explain: _____

For Swann Park, would you make use of the following if they were installed?

32. Shelter with picnic tables and a grill ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

The CCA owns and/or maintains over a dozen common areas throughout the district. Some, like the front entrances and Lake Louise along Route 3, are obvious. Some, like the wooded acres at the corner of Good Hope Drive and Route 450 or the Duvall Family Graveyard in the "H" section, are not so obvious. Some are located behind houses, and you wouldn't know they're CCA properties unless your home borders one of these properties.

The CCA's largest third-party contract is with a landscaping company that you may have seen mowing, trimming, blowing, and planting every week. We also have on staff a part-time maintenance worker who handles various tasks, including collecting yard signs on the Parkway, removing trash from the parks, and performing tree trimming after storms.

33. Overall, what do you think of our maintenance of common areas? ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

34. Is there anything specific you would like to see done in common areas that we are not doing now? _____

35. In the "front yard" area, which some call the "Enclave" property, we signed a Forest Conservation Easement with AA County, and the County planted 1,600 trees there a few years ago. One idea is to create a walking path around that area. While adding a mulch path may be a few years off, the saplings are growing, and if we are going to put in a path, we should cull the path starting this winter. Do you think:

☐ Yes, put the path in. When the forest matures, it will be a great place to take a walk.

☐ No, leave the growing forest to the animals and let it grow wild.

☐ I have no opinion on this matter.

36. From Town Hall to where Crofton Parkway crosses Beaver Creek, there are Yoshino cherry trees on each side of the Parkway that give Crofton a signature look during the spring flowering season. The CCA Board has allocated funds in the FY26 budget to plant 8 to 10 new Yoshino cherry trees along the Parkway, with the long-term objective of completing the entire Parkway by repeating a limited planting every year. Do you think:
- ☐ This is a good idea and should be continued as planned.
 - ☐ This is a great idea, but pick up the pace and add more to the annual budget to get it done faster.
 - ☐ I'm not fond of the idea and don't think it should be a priority.
 - ☐ I have no opinion on the matter.
37. Would you like to see a few benches added along Crofton Parkway in public areas so that people have a place to take a break while walking the Parkway? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion
38. Would you be interested in serving on the Operations & Maintenance Committee? (CCA members only) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Communications

The CSCBD has five channels of communication: The E-Advocate (online), The Advocate (printed), email lists, websites, and social media. Except for the printed Advocate, which is mailed only to residents in the district, all communications are available to everyone in the greater Crofton area. In social media and the E-Advocate, we distribute information on CCA and CSCBD news and events, and share family-oriented activities in Crofton, including PTA and school events, as well as events organized by local organizations.

The E-Advocate – The E-Advocate is distributed monthly as an e-book formatted newsletter that can be read on any device and allows you to download a PDF if you want to save it or print it out. This channel provides the most comprehensive coverage of all things Crofton.

39. Do you currently receive the E-Advocate? ☐ Yes ☐ No
40. If not, would you like us to add you to the list? ☐ Yes ☐ No
41. If so, do you read or review it each month? ☐ Yes ☐ No
42. Is there any subject, event, or topic that you think should be added to the E-Advocate coverage? _____
- _____

The Advocate – The printed Advocate is a full-color newsletter that is mailed to every resident in the CSCBD in May, September, and December of each year. The May edition includes CCA Board election information every other year, and the December edition includes the full budget for the coming year.

43. Do you recall receiving the Advocate in the last year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
44. If so, do you read or review it? ☐ Yes ☐ No
45. Instead of mailing the printed copy, would you prefer a less expensive option of mailing a postcard announcing the Advocate with a link to an e-book format version, similar to the E-Advocate? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion.

Social Media – The following are the social media outlets we use to get word out on events, meetings, and issues.

46. Which of these sites do you follow or participate in (check all that apply)?
- ☐ Crofton Facebook (www.facebook.com/CroftonCivicAssociation)
 - ☐ Crofton 60th or 70th Anniversary Facebook (www.facebook.com/CroftonAnniversary)
 - ☐ Crofton Police Facebook (www.facebook.com/CroftonMDPolice)
 - ☐ Crofton Instagram (www.instagram.com/croftontriangle)
 - ☐ Crofton Police Instagram (www.instagram.com/crofton_police)
 - ☐ Crofton Together (www.facebook.com/groups/croftonttogether)
 - ☐ Next Door (nextdoor.com)
47. Is there another social media app or site that you believe we should be using? _____
- _____

Email – The Crofton Civic Association maintains several mailing lists, including one for district residents, another for non-district residents, and a list of local businesses. Only the E-Advocate goes to everyone. However, we typically put out 4-10 email messages per month. These may include information on county meetings concerning a Crofton issue, late news, or reminders of big events, among other things.

48. Do you receive email messages from the CSCBD? ☐ Yes ☐ No
49. Do you read these email messages? ☐ Always ☐ Usually ☐ Sometimes ☐ No
50. Is the quantity of email messages ☐ About Right ☐ Too Frequent
51. If you do not get email from the CSCBD, do you want to be added to our lists? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Website – www.croftoncommunity.org is our website. The homepage includes current news and events, information about covenants, the CSCBD, staff and Board members, an archive of meeting minutes, the Gallery of Heroes, and other reference information.

52. Have you visited croftoncommunity.org ... ☐ In the last year ☐ In the last month ☐ Weekly ☐ Daily ☐ Never
53. Do you find what you are looking for when you visit? ☐ Always ☐ Usually ☐ Sometimes ☐ No

54. Do you find the site easy to use and navigate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

55. Are there any improvements, changes, or new material that you would like to see on our website? _____

Advocacy

The CSCBD advocates for Crofton's issues with the County and the State. Recent examples include advocating for an extension of the sidewalk on 424 to Bell Branch Park with a safe crossing, advocating for less development along Route 3, getting parking signage changed on the Parkway to reduce or move long-term parking of recreational vehicles, fixing the runoff problem at Crofton Colony, and so forth. We coordinate information sessions when an issue comes up, such as a session last year on the Beaver Creek restoration or annual legislative updates from our local representatives. The CCA belongs to and participates in the Greater Crofton Council and the AA County Growth Action Network.

56. Are you aware of CCA and CSCBD advocate programs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

57. Would you like to be part of our Planning and Zoning committee? (CCA members only) ☐ Yes ☐ No

58. Have you ever attended one of our community meetings ☐ Yes ☐ No

59. Is there a subject or issue that you think we should be proactive about? If so, please describe: _____

60. May we contact you regarding this issue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Covenants

Unlike HOAs, most of the CSCBD properties are bound by restrictive covenants. There is a hodgepodge of many different covenants that were written as each section of the CSCBD was developed, going back to 1964. (see <https://www.croftoncommunity.org/covenants> and <https://www.croftoncommunity.org/copy-of-streets-in-the-cca>). Over the years, some of the rules have become arcane and unenforceable. For instance, some covenants only allow you to park "sedans and station wagons" in your driveway, and some require that you use "metal trash cans that are stored below ground level." Others are outdated and require judgment in enforcement. For instance, most covenants prohibit conducting business from a residential house. Times have changed, with many residents now working from home, but most still prefer to avoid retail foot traffic in the neighborhood. There are also covenants regarding yard signage, architectural changes, and new buildings that are regularly enforced, and most residents want to continue these practices.

CCA volunteers do covenant enforcement, as CSCBD staff are not allowed to enforce covenants. No tax dollars may be used to enforce covenants. For the most part, there are not a lot of reports of covenant violations, but occasionally, we do get them.

It has been suggested that we replace the current collection of covenants with a single, universal set of covenants. This would be a huge and expensive project. It would entail legal review, an affirmative vote of a majority of the homeowners in each neighborhood with the same covenants, and filing fees. The legal and filing costs could be tens of thousands of dollars.

61. Do you believe that the current covenants provide adequate protection for the homeowners in the CSCBD? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

62. Do you believe that making the move to a single, universal covenant system is worth the expense? ☐ Yes ☐ No

63. Do you believe that current covenant enforcement is adequate? ☐ Yes ☐ No, the CCA should be more aggressive in its enforcement
☐ No, the CCA should be less aggressive in its enforcement. ☐ Not sure

64. Have you ever been a party to a covenant enforcement? ☐ Yes ☐ No

65. Would you be interested in serving on the Covenant Review Committee? (CCA members only) ☐ Yes ☐ No

General Comments

Do you have any ideas, suggestions, or comments that you would like to share with the CCA Board and the CSCBD staff? _____

Contact Information

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Residence (check one) ☐ Single-family home ☐ Townhouse ☐ Apartment

Family Status (check all that apply) ☐ pre-school aged children ☐ children in grade school or middle school ☐ children in high school
☐ college-aged or adult children living at home ☐ no children living at home ☐ N/A

Age (check one) ☐ 21 years old or younger ☐ 22 to 45 ☐ 46 to 64 ☐ 65 years old or older

Are you retired? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Thank You!

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

CHIEF JASON JETT

Summer has quickly come to an end, and our new school year has started. Please be mindful of increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Let's all do our part in getting our children to and from school safely. Please obey our hard-working Crossing Guards throughout the community.

Improving a local police department like the Crofton Police Department depends a lot on the community's needs and existing practices. Drawing on proven strategies can be a powerful first step. Here is a small sample of ideas for the future of the Crofton Police Department:

Strengthening Community Engagement – We continue to build trust through active citizen engagement. We are currently building a new informative and accessible Crofton Police Department website. The website will contain crime reports and statistics as well as upcoming community events. We regularly host events such as Coffee with the Chief, Trunk or Treat, Ride Along Programs, as well as attend various community functions. We want to foster an open dialogue with our residents. My office door is always open.

The Use of Data-Driven Patrol Resources –The Anne Arundel County Police Department has launched a Real-Time Information Center (RTIC), a state-of-the-art facility designed to improve public safety, crime prevention, and emergency response. The RTIC integrates real-time situational awareness platforms, security cameras, license plate readers, and data analytics to monitor critical incidents as they unfold. By providing instant, actionable intelligence, the center enables officers to proactively address crime, mitigate public safety threats, and improve response times.

Here at the Crofton Police Department, we are investigating the use of Flock Safety License Plate Readers (LPR) and live video cameras on entryways into the community. These LPRs scan for stolen vehicles, identify vehicles associated with criminal activity, and send out alerts to local law enforcement. We will be conducting a 60-day trial of the Flock Safety License

Type of Call	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Administrative	145	60	57	75	44	39	50
Alarm	10	6	13	12	4	0	5
Assist Motorist	1	1	0	1	1	3	1
Assist Other	15	10	24	12	7	2	5
Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross Guard Detail	8	11	11	15	35	16	0
Community Policing	13	2	8	12	10	11	6
Domestic Violence	1	5	3	0	4	3	1
DOA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Petition	3	1	5	0	0	2	0
Equipment Repair Order	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Family dispute	1	0	0	2	3	1	0
Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
House Check	9	7	1	1	1	0	0
Hazardous Road Conditions	5	1	6	2	3	0	2
Miscellaneous	33	13	25	31	18	25	9
Mental Health	2	3	4	1	0	2	0
Missing Person	1	0	4	2	0	0	1
Overdose	0	0	1	2	1	0	0
Patrol Check	336	260	274	343	210	242	247
Property Damage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking	11	31	10	3	2	3	5
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recovered Property	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Repair Order	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Report Writing	8	6	3	0	3	0	3
Stolen Auto	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
School Check	30	19	19	6	7	3	0
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Suspicious	14	22	11	12	8	9	7
Traffic Accident	8	8	17	5	6	4	3
Traffic Detail	46	38	38	9	8	0	1
Theft	2	4	3	2	1	0	3
Trespassing	3	8	1	1	0	1	0
Traffic Stop	40	46	27	36	17	11	15
Warrant	6	0	1	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Maintenance	15	8	9	11	7	0	6
Total	638	437	471	521	355	352	336

Plate Readers and Live Cameras, hopefully beginning in late September. We plan to join forces and share information with the Anne Arundel County Police Department, who already have 70 Flock Safety License Plate Readers throughout Anne Arundel County.

We quickly sold out of our first-ever Crofton Police Department Challenge Coins. We have a new order in-house and have another round of coins available for sale. They are \$15.00 per coin and are available on the CCA website, or you can come to Town Hall during regular business hours and pick one up. Proceeds will go towards our 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat.

Our 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24th, 2025, at Village Green from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This event continues to grow, and it is one of our favorites. We are again asking our local businesses, local politicians, and our community to be involved.

CCA Citizen of the Year 2025

Call for Citizen of the Year Nominations – Do you know someone you feel has made a real difference in the community, and you want to see them recognized for all they do? The Crofton Civic Association recognizes those who have positively impacted Crofton through the Crofton Citizen of the Year award. (See <https://www.croftoncommunity.org/copy-of-cca-citizen-of-the-year>).

Any CCA resident may nominate a neighbor or friend who is a resident that they believe should be recognized. Nominations are now open and can be made online at <https://form.jot-form.com/242254182700044>. Nominations are due **Friday, October 3rd**. The CCA Board will select a winner at the October CCA Board Meeting. The Award will be presented to the winner during the GCCC's annual Greater Crofton Community Awards Banquet scheduled for Thursday, November 6th, 2025, at the Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar and Grill in Gambrills. To complete a nomination, you must submit the nominee's contact information, your contact information, and the reason(s) you believe they deserve to be recognized.

CSCBD & CCA FY2027 Budgets

CCA residents are invited to the annual budget meetings that are held on certain Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in October and November at the Library Media Center at Crofton Elementary School, 1405 Duke of Kent Drive. The CCA Board of Directors encourages citizen input and comments for planning next year's budgets, so please join us.

- **October 13th** – Public Safety & Recreation budgets (combined Board meeting)
- **October 27th** – Maintenance & Operations and Administration budgets
- **November 3rd** – Overhead, Reserve Funds Planning & CCA budgets
- **November 10th** – Tax Rate Determination, Final Review & Adjustments, Board Vote on Budgets (combined Board meeting)

All board meetings are open to the public, and resident questions and input are welcome. The next meeting will be a combined General Membership and Board Meeting on September 15th.



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Cherry Tree Hosting

The Crofton Civic Association (CCA) would like to help plant ten or more new Yoshino cherry trees along Crofton Parkway. The stretch of Crofton Parkway from Town Hall to Beaver Creek has a great spring display of cherry blossoms, and we'd like to eventually see this display extended the whole way around the Parkway.

If you live on Crofton Parkway and want to "host" a Yoshino cherry tree in front of your house, please visit the link below to apply. <https://form.jotform.com/251274465095057>.

- All trees will be planted between the curb and sidewalk in front of your house instead of on the lawn.
- We will not remove any existing trees as part of this program.
- Once planted, care and maintenance of the trees are the homeowner's responsibility, not the CCA.

- By completing the online application form, you are informing the CCA that you permit planting a tree in front of your house, but this does not guarantee that the CCA will plant a tree at your home.

If your planting is confirmed, the host will agree to pay \$195 for a 6' to 8' tall Yoshino cherry tree in a 15-gallon pot. The CCA will cover the costs of permitting and planting.



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