CROFTON SPECIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT



NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2022

Board of Directors & General Membership Meeting

The combined CCA Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting (GMM) will be held on September 12, 7:30 PM at the First Baptist Church on Crofton Parkway. For those unable to attend in person, a Zoom option is available. If you are a member of the Crofton Civic Association (CCA) and would like to participate via Zoom, please send an email request to info@CroftonTownHall.org by 3:00 PM on Monday, September 12. 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. If you have not done so already, please join our Listserv to receive the latest news and information from Town Hall. Simply email us with that same information to the same email address and request to be added to the Listserv service. Hope to see you at the meeting, either in person or on Zoom!

President's Message - Anna O'Kelly

When you attend the next General Membership meeting, you will note that there have been a couple of changes since the May election. These changes have been announced on our digital community announcement Listserv and on our website. Former CCA President Martin Simon was hired by the Board to fill the position of Town Manager, which was vacant due to Larry Schweinsburg's retirement after many years of dedicated service to our community. Martin's move left the position of Board President open. Since I have held many positions on the board, as Vice President, Secretary, and District 3 representative, the board members asked me to return to the board as President. After a lengthy search for a comptroller, District 3 representative, James Harvey, applied for and was hired to fill the position. Jim's service on the board, experience with the CSCBD budgeting process, and his knowledge of our community, will be great assets in his new role. The board approved the nomination of Stephen Tull to represent District 3. Stephen served as Chairman of the Election committee, and we are pleased that he has agreed to accept this position. Several new committee assignments have been made as a result of these changes. Stephen will be Chairman of the Covenant Review Committee. District 2 representative, Chuck See, will be the Greater Crofton Council liaison, and Vice President Marsha Perry will chair the Planning and Zoning Committee. The new board is poised to work with the community and staff to address the needs of the community while minding the CSCBD budget.

New e-mail addresses at Town Hall

Town Manager Martin H. Simon – <u>TownManager@CroftonTownHall.org</u>

Receptionist Tara Gottschalck - info@CroftonTownHall.org

CCA Parks Update - Rob Kendall, Parks Committee Chair

The CCA maintains three parks: Swann Park, Hardy Field Park, and Willows Park. I would like to thank the volunteers who have helped with a variety of parks projects over the last few years; these have included painting, cleaning, laying mulch and gravel, pruning, removing invasive plants, replacing fencing, and even installing a brand-new pollinator garden at Swann Park. Those volunteers brought major improvements while allowing us to stretch our limited budget toward saving for upcoming parks improvements. Even after those efforts, the playground equipment is showing its age and we are continuing plans to replace equipment at Swann Park and Willows Park. Last spring we applied for a State Legislative Bond Initiative, which would have accelerated this project, but unfortunately we were not successful. We have been encouraged by state legislators to apply for this again, and plan to do so this fall. In the meantime, we are working with vendors to determine what immediate updates could be made to the existing equipment, and building a plan for new playground equipment that could be implemented all at once, or in phases over time as funds allow. Additional thanks to those who have helped provide feedback and guidance on our playground plans, and I look forward to seeing our parks continue to improve.





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