

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board
 Meeting Number 41 (05-19)
 June 3, 2019

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Meetings are held at the Harford County Sheriff's Office Southern Precinct, 1305 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, MD 21040.

Meeting Number 41 was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by chairperson Paula Mullis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of meeting number 40 were motioned for approval by Gloria Moon and seconded by Ron Sollod. CAB members present were Paula Mullis, Gloria Moon, Doris G. Carey, and Ron Sollod; Paula Mullis introduced Maryann Forgan and Rich Bennett as future CAB members. Absent members were James B. Lyons III, J.J. McQueen and Fran Salbeck.

Special guests and community members who gave presentations or shared information were Captain Peter Georgiades of the Sheriff's Office; Sylvia W. Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services; Russell W. Moy, MD, MPh, Harford County Health Department; Julie Mackert, Environmental Health, Harford County Health Department; Adam Shellenbarger, preacher at Joppatowne Christian Church; Councilman Andre Johnson; and Samantha Harris, Legislative Aide for Council President Patrick S. Vincenti.

Sheriff's Office / Community Policing Report

Captain Georgiades reported that there was hardly any crime in the Joppa/Joppatowne area during the last month. He congratulated community members for locking doors and calling in when suspicious individuals are seen in neighborhoods. He also pointed out the shortage of law enforcement officers in the county, stating that currently there are only 15 deputies working throughout Harford County and just two state troopers; these numbers must be much higher to meet the needs of the community in a timely manner.

CPT Georgiades presented the Joppa/Joppatowne Community Crime Report statistics for May 3, 2019 – June 2, 2019, comparing them to the same period last year.

Top (3) Calls for Service

2018/2019

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>
#1 Suspicious Incidents	41	#1 Alarm Calls	44
#2 Alarm Calls	40	#2 Suspicious Incidents	40
#3 Thefts	37	#3 Animal Complaints	40

presentation included topics such as how healthy are Harford County residents, county health rankings, opioid-related overdose deaths and many other topics. It was also mentioned that the health department gets so little money for the support of the community that it is very tough to address all the issues at hand. Dr. Moy and his team are advocates for Harford County. However, the department is dependent on the State for money and data. Ms. Julie Mackert fielded many questions on beach water testing. She promised to follow up with answers as soon as possible.

Sylvia Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services – County Updates

Ms. Bryant updated the community on the many activities that are continuing throughout the year. Flyers were shared so that the activities can become a part of the community members' calendars.

Adam Shellenbarger continues to be a great resource to the area schools. He pointed out some of the impressive school programs, such as the Homeland Security Capstone that is offered at Joppatowne High School. He feels that students are doing some amazing things at the school. The amount of \$4.7 million is available for academic scholarships. Adam thanked Councilman Johnson for standing up for the needs of the schools in the Joppa/Edgewood area and encouraged him to keep pushing for equal treatment for the Route 40 corridor schools. Much help is needed in this area. He also recognized Maryann Forgan for her substitute work in the school. He said there is a great need for volunteers in the middle and high school. There seems to be very little parent participation and there is also a great need for a Parent-Teacher Association.

Councilman Andre Johnson – County Council Update

Councilman Andre Johnson stated that he voted his conscience on the budget. He continues to try to get more money for the Route 40 corridor. He puts in amendments but is often being voted down. Councilman Johnson mentioned that Thompson Toyota plans to offer an apprenticeship program for high school students who want to become automotive technicians or collision technicians. The program will start with Edgewood and expand to Joppatowne. Students will be brought in for a three-year program that will allow them to become certified and earn from 60K to 80K per year. Apprentices will earn minimum wage, receive benefits and the necessary tools. He is visiting other businesses in the area to get them to offer similar apprenticeship programs for local students.

CAB Members and Community Members' Updates

Ron Sollod of the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company continued to provide fire safety tips. Again, he emphasized that every household must have a home fire escape plan. He reminded the community

about the importance of using portable generators safely, outdoor electrical safety and other considerations for fire safety.

Paula Mullis thanked everybody for making this the most well-attended CAB in the county; there are many important issues that are brought before the CAB. She asked everyone to share what happens at the CAB meetings and to bring their friends and neighbors.

Community member Ralph Comegna suggested that the county should have a program to negotiate trash service. He mentioned that street sweeping is needed in the area. Community members should be told when their streets are going to be cleaned so that automobiles can be moved from the streets.

The county needs to maintain median strips on Route 40. Traffic calming devices are needed on roads such as Joppa Farm Rd, Shore Drive and other streets in Joppatowne.

Community member Judy Rose mentioned the status of the US 40 bridge construction projects which involves bridges over the Little Gunpowder and Big Gunpowder Rivers. She said SHA is still waiting for the utility companies to complete their work. They ran into a few issues. However, they expect to be completed by mid June at the latest. The stream diversion is scheduled to begin June 16, 2019. This is dependent on whether or not the utility relocations have been completed. Once the stream diversion is in, the contractor will begin bridge demolition and construction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Doris G. Carey, Secretary