

## Jarrettsville – Norrisville Community Council

The Jarrettsville – Norrisville Community Council met at the Norrisville Community Center on Wednesday September 30, 2009. Members in attendance were Rick Russell – Chairman and David Jones.

Chairman Russell announced that Ms. Deborah Marindin, who was in attendance, decided not to seek another term on the council following the expiration of her current term (September 2009). Ms. Marindin indicated that she still intends to attend and actively participate in council meetings as time allows.

The Sheriff's Office representative - Community Policing Unit – reviewed the current crime statistics for northern Harford County (Sectors 80, 90, and 100). In general calls are still higher than during the same timeframe in 2008 (1Jun-12Aug). Notable crimes occurring with frequency include thefts from automobiles, mostly due to unlocked doors, and thefts of All-Terrain vehicles, which are on the rise. The representative also warned that thefts of gasoline and recyclable metals are increasing. He will try to bring a graphic of the sector locations in the county to future meetings.

Mr. Nicodemus indicated via email that there were no new updates to report from DAC or Parks and Recreation.

The representatives from the BGE energy check program scheduled to speak were not present. Chairman Russell would check with Ms. Jane Walker to determine if this would be rescheduled.

Chairman Russell announced that Thomas Evans of Fallston was named to the Harford County Board of Education. Student populations have plateaued in Harford County around 38-40K students in the system. It is still anticipated that the number of students may increase as a result of BRAC, but it has not been seen to date. Some schools are still overcrowded (Forest Lakes, Prospect Mill, etc), but overall the school system is within its capacity.

An inquiry was made as to the possibility to have an appropriate county official speak to the rationale behind property taxes. Specifically, why are tax bills so high at this time during a stressed economy and housing market?

Chairman Russell will discuss with Ms. Jane Walker the possibility of accessing an alternate location (HCSO – Northern Precinct Conference Room) for the October meeting. If an alternate meeting location cannot be identified for October, the next meeting is scheduled for December 2 at the Jarrettsville Library.