

**JOPPA/JOPPATOWNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
Meeting Number 94(04-09)  
April 6, 2009

The Joppa/Joppatowne Community meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Joppatowne High School beginning at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Meeting Number 94 was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairperson Chris Rohe, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Chris Rohe, Gloria Moon, Betty Byrne, Ron Sollod, James B. Lyons III and Doris Carey. Heather Mullis brought greetings from her mother Paula who was unable to attend the meeting. Gloria Moon moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting in February; the motion was seconded by Betty Byrne. Chris Rohe welcomed and greeted members of the community and special guest. Council introduced themselves.

**Sheriff's Office /Community Policing Report.**

Deputy Crossley reported the following:

Calls for service –

2009 – County	13,054
2008 - County	12,744
2009 – Sector 10	3,095
2008 – Sector 10	3,153
Burglary	14
MV Theft	3
Robbery	2

Gloria Moon and other council members questioned Deputy Crossley concerning several issues. He stated that noise pollution is still being worked on, emphasizing that there are good laws that are difficult to enforce. Scooter use has gotten crazy. However, there are loopholes in the scooter laws. In some areas gas is being siphoned from vehicles – usually at night. If community members are aware of any laws being broken, they should call the police and report the offenders.

**Scheduled Special Presentation by Stephanie Palmer-Ziegler, Harford County Mediation Program.**

Ms. Stephanie Palmer-Ziegler stated that mediation is a voluntary and confidential alternative for individuals involved in a dispute. She is reaching out to communities to recruit members to become trained mediators. The goal in mediation is to assist individuals in developing a situation where everyone

can come out a winner. She mentioned many types of disputes that can be mediated. Those mentioned were neighborhood disputes, business, landlord/tenant and others. The mediation service is a free service created by the Harford County government for the citizens of Harford County. To use the service, call or e-mail the Harford County Community Mediation Program office. An intake worker will determine if your conflict is appropriate for mediation. Mediation can keep disputes out of court. Chairperson Rohe thanked Ms. Palmer-Ziegler for her presentation.

**County Council and Community Update from Councilman Dion Guthrie and Council Members.**

Councilman Guthrie discussed the continuing issue with traffic in and out of Rumsey Island. He is working with the county to possibly put speed bumps in the area to slow down traffic. Dredging in the canal is needed as boats are being damaged. He will try to convince the County to construct sediment ponds to stop sediment runoff into the canal. That process is cheaper than dredging. Councilman Guthrie stated that the present budget will probably be the worse budget yet. There is talk about furloughing county employees. This is a downturn year. The County Council will have another series on comprehensive rezoning in July. There will not be a session in Joppatowne. It has not been explained why a session will not be held here. At Mariner Point Park, out-of-state boaters will have to pay to use the boat launch ramp, effective 1 May. Military personnel, however, will not have to pay. James B. Lyons, III shared that on April 18 there will be a bull roast fundraiser to help offset cost for needed treatment for the fire chief and his wife. It was also stated that because of the many new people that will be moving to the County as a result of BRAC, it will be very taxing on the fire and ambulance services as well as the hospitals. In the foreseeable future there could be as many as 10,000 more people needing services. Because of the death of Veronica Chenowith, the Republican Central Committee is seeking a republican replacement from her councilmanic district.

Gloria Moon motioned and Betty Byrne seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

*Minutes by Doris G. Carey*