



**EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Harford County Sheriff's Office/Southern Precinct**  
**1305 Pulaski Hwy Edgewood, MD 21040**  
**Thursday March 12, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

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| <b>A. CALL TO ORDER</b>                                | 03 Minutes            |
| Welcome  |                       |
| Prayer/Moment of Silence                               |                       |
| Pledge of Allegiance                                   |                       |
| <b>B. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE'S</b>                       |                       |
| <b>HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF</b>                          | 10 Minutes            |
| <b>Fire/EMS</b>  | 10 Minutes            |
| <b>C. OLD BUSINESS</b>                                 |                       |
| School Lunch Debt in Harford County Update             | 15 Minutes            |
| Harford County Public Schools                          |                       |
| <b>D. NEW BUSINESS</b>                                 |                       |
| 1) Washington Court Project Update                     |                       |
| Harford County Economic Development                    | 45 Minutes            |
| 2) Water/Lead Update                                   |                       |
| Harford County Public Schools                          | 15 Minutes            |
| <b>E. GOVERNMENT UPDATES</b>                           |                       |
| 1) County Executive's Office (Richard Morgan)          | 05 Minutes            |
| 2) County Council President's Office (Pat Vincenti)    | 05 Minutes            |
| 3) County Council Councilman (Andre Johnson)           | 05 Minutes            |
| 4) Harford County Board of Education (Jansen Robinson) | 05 Minutes            |
| <b>F. COMMUNITY UPDATES</b>                            | <b>Time Remaining</b> |
| <b>G. ADJOURN</b>                                      |                       |

**SOUTHERN HARFORD COUNTY EXPECTATIONS REV Jan 20, 2020**  
**(Edgewood, Joppa and Magnolia)**

**Schools, Education and Training:**

- Vocational training opportunities in Southern Harford County such as apprenticeship programs with small businesses, Federal and county employers, etc.
- Need Hi-tech/Vo-Tec Center operated by private businesses Reinstatement of trades classes back into public schools with experienced trade-oriented instructors.
- Address failing school infrastructure and safety issues
- Ask HCPS to apply for the federal universal lunch program for FARMS eligibility for free lunch & breakfast
- Need environmental apprenticeship programs taught in the schools and as credit courses
- Bring more HCC courses to District A.
- Provide direct LINK transit service between District A and Harford Community College
- Consider bringing a satellite to the Sheriff Southern District as originally proposed for a Health Department building.
- Upgrade all District A public schools and make continuous proper maintenance ***the*** priority
- Need more educational courses to enhance competitive employment opportunities in both private and government sectors.
- Need personal financial management courses for all students – bank and credit card accounts, college tuition debt, loan compound interest, property leasing, etc.

**Recreation:**

- Need community/recreation/senior center for Joppa and Magnolia (located between Magnolia and Joppatowne high density development areas) by perhaps expanding use of Copenhaver Park.
- Reuse former Plecker property as a dog park and natural walking/hiking area. Land is unsuitable for other use.
- Need more trails. A trail connecting Winters Run with Little Gunpowder River would be good.  
Expanded use of the Edgewood Rec Center
- Return of the PAL Center
- More recreational activities for youth

**Public Safety:**

- Establish more Community Watch Programs coordinated with Sheriff's Office
- Address lead contamination in water at several schools
- Improve the poor lighting areas within the Edgewood community, designed to beautify the neighborhoods. Also, lighting along US 40 in Edgewood should be expanded to cover more area.
- Investigate placing movable cameras on streetlights in public areas to help curb crime
- More police/youth partnerships in community to encourage better communication/relationship
- Need cameras on school buses and nearby bus stops for pedestrian safety (Vehicles running the bus sign/arm)
- Need Health Department to regularly test local waters used for boating, fishing and recreation for contaminants.
- Need public announcements re contamination in waterways to alert citizens to avoid contact while fishing, swimming and performing water sports.

**Revitalization/Redevelopment in Southern County**

- Encourage more economic ***redevelopment*** along US 40, especially in Edgewood/Joppa areas (i.e., vacant stores in existing shopping centers are not inviting)

- Beautification - Address blight in the various communities, such as vacant housing and businesses should be minimized, continual trash removal, additional roadside trees, and sidewalks, streets and parking lots should be kept neat and clean.
- Pass-through legislation to allow small businesses to take advantage of special economic **redevelopment** programs. Tax credits should be granted only for revitalization of truly blighted areas, not building on undeveloped land.
- Need better resources, proper oversight and shelters for homeless
- Home improvement grants/funds for low income home owner/occupied properties
- Hold HOA Executive Boards accountable for the communities that they serve
- Update the Livability Code to reflect latest safety standards
- Explore what can be done when property management companies and businesses fail communities

### **Enhanced Communications/Relationships within Harford County**

There is a wealth of information and resources in the county that is not easily accessed and readily available to all residents. Suggest more communications between Harford County Administration - Invite community agencies, health department, community action agency, etc., to CAB meetings

- Zoning issues (Involve local communities **before** county-owned property is to be declared excess or sold)
- Need community info stations/bulletin boards at local retailers, community centers, schools

### **Highway and Transportation Issues:**

- Remove park and ride location from MdTA plans for rural Joppa at Route 152 and Franklinville Road. It would be better located south of I-95 if at all.
- Joppa – As a gateway to Harford County from I-95, US 40 and MD 7, some areas require more window dressing to look more welcoming and exploit assets.
- Signage: “Welcome to Edgewood - A Great American Defense Community”

### **Economic Opportunities:**

- Encourage local businesses to participate in improvement planning
- Invite Joppa and Edgewood representatives to be stakeholders on the Route 40 Revitalization group.
- Encourage a Route 40 Business Association member to join the ECAB and JCAB so all may work together for a better community.
- Investigate the Ring camera/doorbell program that can be sponsored by local government
- Expand Partnership between community and our neighbor, US Army APG

### **REFERENCES/RATIONALE (re parks, community centers, etc):**

Edgewood Community Plan, March 2000

Joppa-Joppatowne Community Plan, March 2003

The area south of MD 152 and west of US 40 has two parks totaling 61 acres. There is no community center for the area. Current population figures for Joppa alone are around 13,000 which points to a lack of park and open space land for these residents.

Two vested development plans in Magnolia just north of Joppatowne subdivision shows Foster Run with plans for possibly 600 or more new single family homes and Stancill’s with 388 new homes. Total new houses = 988, almost 1,000 population increase to 2,470 residents (multiply houses by 2½). For these two new adjoining developments, we need 60 acres of new open space and 62 acres of new parkland according to the 2019 Harford County Parks & Recreation Plan just approved. Over \$6M remains in the budget for site acquisition. HarfordNext maintains that Harford County is committed to attaining 29.5 acres of Open Space per 1,000 people in addition to 30 acres of parks per 1,000 people. School grounds should not be included in the acreage for parks.

The Harford County Facilities Plan of 2015 advises a new community center for Joppa. **Note** that new community centers and expansion and renovation of existing centers are planned in the county prior to fulfilling a Joppa community center planned for 2024. Contained in Harford County 2020 Capital Budget. See Parks & Rec Plan which states parks inside the Development Envelope should be walkable to and within ¼ mile.