



THE FOREST HILL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

September 24, 2019

Advent Lutheran Church, 2230 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill

Members & Representatives in Attendance

Bernie Schweigman – Chairperson

Thom Ellenbecker – Secretary

Nancy Reynolds – Board Member

Cathy Ohler – Board Member

Chad Shrodes – County Councilman

Larry Richardson – Policy Director for Office of the County Executive Barry Glassman

Aurora Kahoe – Legislative Aide to County Councilman Chad Shrodes

Samantha Harris – Legislative Aide to County Council President Patrick Vincenti

Tracy Penman – Captain, Northern Precinct, Harford County Sheriff's Office

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Bernie Schweigman at 7:00 pm.

A crime report for Forest Hill was presented by Captain Penman for the period of Aug 23 to Sept 23.

- Trends showed significant year/year reductions in already-low rates of reported suspicious incidents, animal complaints, total calls for service, crashes and thefts.
- Citizens are advised to continue taking basic precautions like locking cars, homes and garages and to dropping outgoing mail in postal-service boxes to guard themselves.
- The Sheriff's Office was asked to increase speed enforcement on rural roads in the area of Forest Hill including Chestnut Hill, Grier Nursery and Johnson Mill Road, where the speeds of cars traveling these roads are endangering residents on these roads.

Our guest speaker was Ms. Kejuana Walton from the Maryland Insurance Administration and Department of Emergency Services. Covered topics included:

- Advice for understanding the property insurance options offered in Maryland including homeowner insurance declaration pages
- What to consider when buying insurance, including the possibilities of natural disasters, wind damage and the existing condition of your property (e.g. roof age).
- What to consider when making claims, including the right of insurance companies to continue or terminate coverage after 3 claims
- When and how to request assistance from the Maryland Insurance Administration
- The importance of flood insurance which also covers water main breaks and the inundation of water from neighboring pool collapses or rain
- Citizens are invited to like the Maryland Insurance Administration on Facebook to get more advice and information: <https://www.facebook.com/MDInsuranceAdmin/>

Reports from agencies and officials included the following topics:

- Please attend the consolidated Transportation Planning Meeting on Friday at 10am which will include representation from MDOT, SHA, along with State and County officials. This is an opportunity to emphasize the need for a Grafton Shop solution.
- Contract information is available for contacting officials with transportation concerns.
- Upcoming county council votes will include new land preservation properties and the fall sewer plan.
- Transource settlement likely in the next few week which is anticipated to include a new proposal utilizing existing towers and routes and the withdrawal the initial greenfield proposal.
- Harford County is working the state to clarify the county/state split for funding the recommendations of the Kirwin Commission.
- The county has worked to clarify resources available to veterans and will be publishing a new guide with this information. For those interested, the county's Commission on Veteran Affairs next meets on Oct 3.
- The county is also working with health officials to provide updated advice for conversations with kids about mental health, conflict resolution, drug use and other challenging topics.
- An updated Home Grown Harford directory is being published to highlight farms and agricultural businesses in the county.

Larry Richardson clarified the role of the Forest Hill Community Advisor Board

- Mission is to capture and share the current thoughts and concerns of the Forest Hill community with the county executive and council
- The board is bound by Maryland's open meeting laws, agendas must be posted in advance of meetings and minutes must be published afterwards.

Comments and Concerns topics included:

- A new business, Kara's K-9 Waffle Treat Shop, is opening on Rock Spring & Jarrettsville Rd. Grand opening Oct 20th from 1-3pm. RSVP on their Facebook page.
- Sunflowers are out in Jarrettsville – Please be careful driving nearby and please visit the farm this week. Proceeds from the event benefit multiple local charities addressing special needs in the community.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Bernie Schweigman at 8:40PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 7:00PM at Advent Lutheran Church, 2230 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill

Respectfully Submitted, Thom Ellenbecker

The Forest Hill Community Advisory Board is a forum for the area residents to inform the Office of the County Executive on matters of interest and/or concern within the Forest Hill community. This Board will host regularly scheduled public meetings that educate attending residents on local government services, plans and initiatives, along with

various state agencies and other organizations. All meetings are open to the public. Resident involvement is critical to the success of this community board!

Forest Hill Community Advisory Board Members:

Bernard Schweigman II - Chairperson

Thom Ellenbecker - Secretary

Steven Davids

Nancy Reynolds

Catherine Ohler

Elena Skittle-Watson

Daniel Sekowski

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