

**Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board**

**Meeting Number 43**

**October 7, 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 43 was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by chairperson Paula Mullis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of meeting number 42 were motioned for approval by Jim Lyons and seconded by Ron Sollod. CAB members present were Paula Mullis, J.J. McQueen, Ron Sollod, Maryann Forgan and Rich Bennett, Jim Lyons. Absent member Fran Salbeck.

Special guests and community members who gave presentations or shared information were Captain Peter Geogiades of the Sheriff's Office, Shawn Felder American Red Cross, Magnolia Middle School Principal Laurie Namey, Crystal Lester MD Health Connection, Linda Ploener HARCO Emergency Services, Adam Shellenbarger, Pastor at Joppatowne Christian Church, Councilman Andre Johnson, and Samantha Harris, Legislative Aide for Council President Patrick S. Vincenti,

**Presentation, Laurie Namey**

Laurie Namey Principal at Magnolia Middle School, 20-year veteran of education provided a very informative presentation for the community at the October CAB meeting. She shared that their school's priorities were Culture/Climate, Parent Engagement, Improve academic growth, Professional learning for staff members, and student empowerment. They also have a new food pantry initiative that will be overseen by Pastor Reeves. This will help support student's families that may need supplemental assistance. Additionally, the school is taking a more proactive approach to lockdown drills, and how those drills are communicated and articulated to students and parents.

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

Updates will be emailed at a future date to Paula Mullis.

**Education, Adam Shellenberger**

Adam Shellenberger continues to be a great resource to the area schools. He stated that it's projected by 2021, we (JHS) will have a HCC computer equipped classroom and HCC office ready by Dec 2020 with HCC classes ready to be taught at JOHS, 300 new computers, largest and most equipped Graphic Arts room and Weight rooms, new HVAC and Fire alarm system, stadium with team rooms, new lavatories, new press box and new concession room, tv studio, professional restaurant quality learning kitchen, and larger expanded music rooms. The community garden is a go. The shelter dates are (1.27.20 – 2.3.20) additional dates are (2.24.20 – 3.2.20).

**Councilman Andre Johnson – County Council Update**

Councilman Andre Johnson stated that route 40 will begin to see pothole repairs soon. He also stated that bus stop shelters have been approved and are in the que for installation. Paula Mullis requested an update with planning and zoning for the pool property. Councilman Johnson said that he'd look into the matter. Joppa residents asked if Councilman Johnson could get some assistance with the amount of trash on route 40, and he agreed to see what was possible to assist. He was also asked about "Old Trails" and based on the legalities he couldn't speak on the subject. Councilman Johnson is working to update the livability code. With the proposed updates certain overlay zones will need to be updated as well.

**Shawn Felder, Red Cross**

Mr. Felder spoke about proactive emergency preparedness and identifying community partners that could support.

**Linda Ploener, EMS services of Harco**

Ms. Ploener highlighted marquee four-week emergency preparedness training. The next training is in November 2019. She also stated that DSS and The American Red Cross are considered important partners. Ms. Ploener also shared the importance of local schools in the event of a catastrophic weather event.

**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. October is fire prevention month. October 12th is Open House at Edgewood fire house, and October 20<sup>th</sup> Bel Air Fire House.

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.

Jim Lyons provided updates about the Joppa-Magnolia response times, fiscal contribution of \$750K from the county for the 50x50 structure.

Richard Morgan of the Lyons Club reported about the festival on October 19<sup>th</sup>. October 20<sup>th</sup> They will be at Redners collecting socks. Lastly, on October 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a filming project for Vets.

Mary Ann Forgan provided that the Art festival will be held at Mariner Point Park on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Doris G. Carey, Secretary