

Good Afternoon Neighbors: It is July 3, hot and humid today. Sorry this is a little late for our June newsletter information; but I wanted to wait to put this out to include information about the meeting we held on June 26 with State Senator Elfreth and other State and County officials. Below is a summary of what was discussed and what we can expect to see happen as a result of this meeting.

June 26th Meeting with Residents of Holland Point & Rose Haven, Senator Sarah Elfreth, State Highway Administration

Present: Senator Sarah Elfreth; Robyn Bissett, Office of Delegate Seth Howard; Courtney Buiniskis, Office of the County Executive; Kimberly Tran, District Engineer, District 5, SHA; Kellie Boulware, Community Relations Manager, District 5, SHA; Eric Beckett, Deputy Officer of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA; Jonathan McKoy, Traffic and Engineering Manager, District 5, SHA.

Status of traffic calming and long-term planning from State Highway Administration:

- Traffic study showed vehicles traveling an average of 36-40 MPH
- SHA is in the midst of putting up 80 total traffic signs o SHA will conduct a second speed study after a period of time
- SHA is working with Anne Arundel Police Department to set up a temporary speed monitoring trailer along 261. This will be accompanied by increased AAPD presence and speed enforcement.
- Senator Elfreth provided the following updates:
- Her office will send a letter formally requesting SHA consider updating internal policy and placing a permanent flashing speed awareness sign on 261.
- The General Assembly recently passed Senate Bill 679 that enables Anne Arundel to place speed cameras in residential neighborhoods - including on State highways when in conjunction with SHA - where the speed limit is 35 MPH or less. The law goes into effect on October 1st, 2023. The County is currently establishing a process by which to determine how and where speed cameras are utilized.
- SHA has begun its feasibility study (funding already secured) of long-term challenges including widening road, flooding, ditches, shoulders for bike and pedestrian traffic. The timeline is approximately eight months.

The following action items were agreed to at the meeting:

State Highway Administration:

- 1. Will fix incorrectly installed rumblestrips in Rose Haven.
- 2. Scheduled to clean culverts/ditches on the east side of 261 this summer.
 - o SHA will provide an estimated schedule of the work by July 5th.
 - o SHA will address crushed pipes during this process.
- The community will solicit feedback on where crushed pipes exist and share with SHA and the Senator's office.
- 3. Agreed to use the **community's/Larry's thorough report**, as a starting place for its feasibility study and to meet with the committee in late July/early August. If you would like a copy of this 45-page report, please email Larry Brown at larrybrownesq@cs.com.

Senator Elfreth's Office:

- 1. Provide the following update on speed camera opportunity: The General Assembly recently passed Senate Bill 679 that enables Anne Arundel to place speed cameras in residential neighborhoods including on State highways when in conjunction with SHA where the speed limit is 35 MPH or less. The law goes into effect on October 1st, 2023. The County is currently establishing a process by which to determine how and where speed cameras are utilized. Senator Elfreth will keep the community informed on the County's progress as the law's implementation date approaches.
- 2. Will organize a meeting of Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management and Resilience Authority (Matt Fleming) and the community to discuss strategies to address flooding, emergency preparedness, and possible grants to establish the community center as a resilience hub during power outages. Tentative meeting time: September. (Woody Young will be handling this.)
- 3. Agreed to proofread and provide feedback on the community's grant application to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

County Executive Pittman's Office:

- 1. Will serve as conduit to the Anne Arundel County Police Department regarding increased traffic and speed enforcement. Will provide an update by July 5th. (Woody Young is working on this issue.)
- 2. Will follow up with the Department of Public Works/other departments on best liaison regarding the marsh area. Will provide an update by July 5th.

Holland Point & Rose Haven communities:

- 1. Will provide SHA with the community's Long Range Planning Committee report.
- 2. Will share CBT application with Senator Elfreth for her feedback when ready.
- 3. Will solicit and compile community feedback on locations of crushed pipes and share with SHA and Senator Elfreth's office by July 15. (I will be sending out a separate email to the community on the process of identifying these crushed pipes).

As you can see, Larry and the LRPC has been working very hard to get information prepared for this meeting. THANK YOU.

The world is full of willing people....some willing to work.....the rest willing to let them. Attributed to Robert Frost

Officer and Board Elections

At our July 13, General Membership meeting, Terri Sisk, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will be presenting a slate of names to be voted upon at our August General Membership Meeting. During the presentation of the slate of nominations, the floor will be open to any further nominations from those members present. Voting will take place at our August 19 membership meeting. Only those members in good standing will be eligible to vote.

Next Membership Meeting – Thursday, July 13 at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

It has been wonderful to see all the families and friends who are gathering in Holland Point for the July 4 th celebration. Enjoy and be safe.

See you around the block, Gayle

Dates to Remember – 2023

Saturday, April 22 — General Membership Meeting 11:30 am, followed by Springfest Thursday, May 18 — BOD Meeting 5:30 pm; General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm Saturday, June 17— General Membership Meeting 10:00 am

Special Guest Speaker, Kathy Bergren Smith, author of <u>Deadly Gamble, The Wreck of Schooner Levin J. Marvel.</u>

Thursday, July 13 — BOD Meeting 5:30 pm; General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm: **Nominations**

Monday, August 14 - Wednesday, August 16 - **Dumpster Days**

Saturday, August 19 — General Membership Meeting 9:30 am **Elections** (President & Vice President and 2 Directors)

Saturday, September 16 - B0D Meeting 8:30 am; General Membership Meeting 9:30 am Saturday, October 7 - Oyster Roast 1-4 pm

Thursday, October 12 — General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 30 — Board Meeting (Budget and Calendar) 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 9 — Community Christmas Party

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