

Greater Severna Park Council Meeting October 9, 2018

In the President's absence, Treasurer Steve Poland welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no guest speakers today.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee:

Anne DeMajistre gave the CY 2017 Audit Report, which is attached to these minutes.

Chamber of Commerce:

* The Holiday Trade Fair will take place on 11/01 from 4pm - 8pm at Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company.

* The 9th Annual Taste and Sip will take place on 11/14 from 6pm – 9pm at Homestead Gardens.

* The Annual Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on 12/07 at 5pm at the Chamber of Commerce. After the tree lighting head over to see Santa at the Park Plaza.

All the events are open to the community; only the Taste and Sip needs a ticket for entry, which you can purchase at severnaparkchamberofcommerce.com.

Planning, Zoning, and Legislation (Art Timmons):

The committee is looking for a volunteer to do the watch list; is a good fit if you like working on computers.

West Benfield Road is closed and there are signs up for a detour.

Elections will take place on 11/06; early voting takes place from 10/25 - 11/1 from 10am - 10pm. Recommendation is to bring your ballot with you already marked with how you want to vote.

There is a new policy for community meetings: the presenter must now have a checklist with the information needing to be presented. The recorder must have accurate minutes; considering moving the final meetings before the plans are improved; cannot skip preapproval meetings;

Planning, Zoning, and Legislation continued (Amy Leahy):

Attended her first Citizen Advisory Committee meeting. Very well organized; planning and zoning are wonderful. Three to four people from the Severna Park area are members of this committee.

Education Committee:

A recent report came out that children are standing on the bus because there are not enough seats.

Here Comes the Bus is a good app that lets you know when the bus is near your stop and more.

The recess policy, especially taking it away as a form of punishment is being looked at closely. The old thought is to take away recess time; newer thought is to not do this. This is a significant topic of concern.

26 CEUs are required to graduate from high school in Anne Arundel County and 21 CEUs is the state requirement to graduate. This discrepancy is being looked at.

Police/Community Relations, Doug Nichols:

Police Chief's Advisory Committee: to date 847 overdoses this year with 143 fatalities. Two of the deaths were from fentanyl laced marijuana. The police department is looking to focus on additional training and

awareness with the opioid and other drug problems. More parental responsibility and working with the PTAs to address drugs at the elementary level are topics they will work on.

3,800 Anne Arundel County employees are getting active assailant training (earlier called “active shooters training”); the course is approximately one hour long.

Encouraged all to have CPR and AED training. Also, Stop the Bleed training course, which could have saved children in some of the school shooting, disseminates basic bleeding control techniques to as many people as possible so that in the event of a tragedy, immediate bystanders can save lives. There is also a medical device you can have in your home; it is a gauze pad that can stop and at least slow down bleeding. Red Cross and American Heart Association are the only ones that can certify the Stop the Bleed training, where there is then a cost associated with the training.

Museum of Severna Park:

The Severna Park Elks Lodge on Truckhouse Road is storing items for the museum until a location determined. Betty Wells is the point of contact.

Public Works Committee:

The Health and Safety Authority was contacted about a noise problem on Ritchie Highway and Route 648.

There is no left turn from White Street to East-West Boulevard on the weekdays. Be careful at this intersection.

Environmental Committee:

Severn River meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10/16 at 7:00pm

The Magothy River is 67 miles of coastline. Paul Spadaro presented charts of statistics showing how plants filter water.

League of Women Voters:

Meetings for democrats will take place on 10/10 and for republicans on 10/16 at West Severna Park Beach (end of Holland Road).

The next Greater Severna Park Council meeting is Tuesday, November 13, at 7:30pm at the Severna Park Library.

Respectfully Submitted,
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