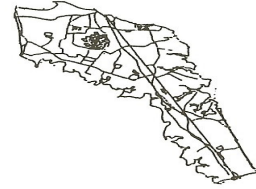




GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL
Meeting
Severna Park Library
September 13, 2011
Minutes



Go to: www.GSPCouncil.Org

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Jerry Pesterfield. Mr. Pesterfield welcomed Jimmy Shipley representing Boy Scout Troop 993, and thanked County Council Chairman Dick Ladd for attending.

Secretary's Report: President Pesterfield motioned for approval of the August 9, 2011 Minutes distributed by email to the full membership. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report was unanimously approved as submitted and filed for the record.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Steve Poland provided the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2011, and noted that there was no account balance or activity changes in August. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as submitted and filed for the record for audit purposes.

See **Appendix A** for Treasurer's Report as of September 13, 2011
See **Appendix B** for Membership Update as of September 13, 2011

Speakers: Detectives Mark Finley and Pat Hoban –Anne Arundel County Special Enforcement Team – Gang's Unit: President Pesterfield advised delegates that the reason for tonight's presentation is to learn what is involved and how to spot problems so community members become aware and knowledgeable about gang issues and activities, and will learn about sharing information and how to report suspected gang activities. Julie Krause, GSPC Director for Police and Community Relations introduced Anne Arundel County Detectives Finley and Hoban. Ms. Krause noted that Detective Finley is a member of the special enforcement team and has been with the gangs unit since 2005, which he essentially invented in Anne Arundel County. Detective Pat Hoban has been on the Police Force for 10 years and has been a member of the special enforcement team since March of 2011.

Detective Finley grew up in California, and his family was bilingual. His grandfather was Irish and his grandmother was Mexican. He noted that it is important for community members to be aware of issues associated with gangs. It's especially important to understand graffiti since it can be an indication of gangs.

Criminal Gang Activities: The top 3 criminal gang related areas include the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area with over 200 gang related homicides. Philadelphia is 3rd largest area followed by Detroit. Baltimore rates higher than Los Angeles. Maryland gang sanctuaries include Baltimore and Prince Georges Counties, with the highest degree of major gang related incidents and crime in Langley Park, PG County. It's also important to understand that there are gang activities in Brooklyn Park, Annapolis, Glen Burnie and the Pasadena areas.

Anne Arundel County Police are actively involved and searching for gangs, and it is important to note that Anne Arundel County is not a gang sanctuary like Baltimore and Prince Georges counties.

Gangs revolve around drugs, and operate within schools. Gangs are on "Facebook" and they actively search Facebook to recruit gang members. Gang recruitment is a major gang activity via Facebook, Twitter, and Music.

Grffiti is an indicator of gangs. For example, graffiti may be in a specific gang identified color with specific letters, symbols, and numbers which may also be crossed through which identifies the gang and specific message. Second largest gang in Anne Arundel County is the Bloods from Baltimore City. Some of the graffiti letters that are used include: DMI (Dead Men Incorporated); FOE (Family Over Everything); GBA (Glen Burnie Assassins); and MOB (Members of Blood).

Neighborhood Safety:

- Develop positive alternatives for the children in your neighborhood (sports/mentor programs)
- Talk with other parents and neighbors – keep informed
- Work with police and other agencies //// GET INVOLVED ////
- Join Neighborhood Watch in your community

Local Police Gang Units: If you see graffiti take a picture and send to the Anne Arundel Police HQ. Call Detective Mark Finley and Detective Pat Hoban if you see suspicious activity as follows:

Police HQ, Veterans Hwy, Millersville, MD 21108
Phone: 410-222-6003
FAX: 410-222-6751

Go to County Website <http://www.aacounty.org/Police/> for more information including contact information and additional resources available regarding gangs.

To view “Social Networking Training Video” and things to avoid, Go to www.stratcom.mil/snstraining.

To read “GANGS 101: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS - WARNING SIGNS AND TIPS FOR PARENTS”
See Appendix C.

Public Works: Director Dan Nataf advised resurfacing of roads in communities is delayed, behind schedule and involves not using the same high quality of products, and a decision needs to be made on whether pouring the sub-asphalt which does not give you the same quality of product is acceptable. Community needs to make a decision whether this is acceptable or pour out more money to upgrade. Berrywood was done this way and from a distance looks nicely done. However, there is no mechanism to get to the decision point whether it should be a price for item a or b and it is more acceptable via pouring asphalt or not. Traffic Engineering is constantly working with communities to try and figure out where you have a traffic speeding or volume problem and come up with strategies to deal with the problems. Right now they are working with Chartwell community to figure out more traffic calming solutions in the Severna Park Area. If you have a problem they will do a traffic count and see what the pattern of the volume is and gage the speed, and will meet with the community and suggest options and if the community wants a speed monitor, of course, the community may have to pay for installation. If a community wants a traffic review call Claudia O’Keefe at 410-222-1940/7331, Traffic Engineering.

The following items were also reported and discussed related to flooding problems and clean-up : (1) Three standing ponds have evolved behind the Giant and are heavily infested with mosquito’s. The ponds evolved as a result of storm water run off by taking down trees. However, every time there is a heavy rain the ponds run over and there are now three ponds. Mr. Pesterfield will contact Ron Bowen to follow up on the action item. (2) Ben Oaks: Severn side drive collapsed and was filled in with gravel upstream to catch sand and soil. However, it didn’t work, broke stones and ran down and collapsed Severn side drive, (3) List is being built where roads are damaged so communities can get grant funds to help with clean up. Grant information is on County website to facilitate cleanup including removing trash from waterways and beaches to haul away debris. Funding by the Department of Natural Resources to remove trash and debris run off from Magothy and Severn Rivers and the Bay.

There are three areas including West Ridge and Fair Oaks where water lines are being replaced. Benfield and Severna Park area has replaced water and sewage system lines.

Education Committee Report: Director Brad Myers advised delegates that Folger McKinsey Elementary School is moving along and it looks like construction will be completed next spring not at the end of the year. The Board of Education is revamping citizen advisory committee appointments, and he has been asked to be on the steering committee which he has agreed to do. The Severna Park High School design contract school starts early October.

Environmental Committee Report: Submitted by Ann Jackson & Ed Krause, Watershed Stewards.
See Appendix D for the full Committee Report including upcoming events.

Police-Community Relations Report: No report.

Other Community Business:

Upcoming activities: See Appendix E

- Aspire Severna Park Heritage Day: **Saturday, October 1** – Severna Park Community Center
- Stride for SPAN: **Saturday, October 1** - Kinder Farm Park – 5k Race Time: 8:30 am / 1 mile Fun Run/Walk: 9:00 am

Planning/Zoning/Legislative Committee

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- *Gangs Presentation:* President Pesterfield advised delegates that he has confirmed that County Detective Mark Finley will give a presentation on gangs at the September 13 GSPC general meeting.
- *Property Management:* Delegates were requested to let President Pesterfield know if they have any information they can share with Cypress Landing on Property Management.

Next Meeting Dates:

- Board of Directors Meeting: **Wednesday, September 21, 2011** - 7:30 pm - Severna **Park Library**
- - General Meeting: **Tuesday, October 11, 2011** – 7:30 pm – Severna Park Library: **Teresa Sutherland, County Auditor – County Financial Overview**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Very respectfully submitted:



Kathleen J. Michels, GSPC Secretary
September 18, 2011

GSPC General Meeting
September 13, 2011

Treasurer's Report

Account balances (as of 08/31/2011)

BB&T checking	= \$ 6,289.46
SmithBarney money market	= \$... 849.20
SmithBarney CDs (4)	= \$25,000.00

Beautification Trust Fund balance (as of 08/31/2011)

BankAnnapolis	= \$ 2,475.15
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Account activity in August

BB&T

Dues deposited	= \$ 0.00
Checks cleared	
--none	= \$ 0.00)

SmithBarney

Money Market	= \$ 0.00
Interest	= \$ 0.00

BankAnnapolis (Beautification Fund)

Interest	= \$ 0.00
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GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

Membership UPDATE

September 13, 2011

The list of Greater Severna Park Council communities and their membership status includes:

55 Communities in Good Standing YTD 2011

Late for 2011 (3) [no longer in “Good Standing”].

Ben Oaks, McKinsey Park, Severn Heights.

Paid 2011 dues (55) (Most recent dues payments in red)

Arnold Preservation Council, Belleview Estates, Bendale, Berrywood, Bluff Point, Brittingham, Cape Arthur, Carrollton Manor, Cattail Passage, Chartridge, Chartwell, Chartwood, Colchester, County Crusaders, Crain West, Cypress Improvement, Cypress Landing, Evergreen, Fair Oaks, Fairwinds, Glen Oban, Harlequin, Hollywood, Jennings Road, Kensington, Kilmarnock, Lake Waterford, Linstead, Lower Magothy, Magothy Forest, Manhattan Beach, North Cape Arthur, North Severna Park, Oakleigh Forest, Olde Severna Park, Point Field Landing, Pointfield West, Round Bay, Severna Enclave, Severna Forest, Severndale, Sheffield Park, Shipley's Choice Community, Shipley's Choice Homeowners, Shipley's Retreat Homeowners, Swann Point, Tam Glade, Twin Harbors, Westridge, West Severna Park, Whitehurst, Whitney's Landing, Williams Woods, Woodberry Farms, Woodbridge Forest.

Communities in arrears

For 2009 -- 11: Berrywood Ridge, Berrywood South, East Earleigh Heights.

For 2008 -- 11: Jones CA.

For 2007 -- 11: Arundel Plaza, McKinsey Woods.

John R. Leopold—County Executive

**Colonel James Teare, Sr.
Chief of Police**

GANGS 101

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

WARNING SIGNS

You should be concerned if your child:

- Admits to gang involvement; is obsessed with one particular color of clothing or shows a desire for a particular logo over and over;
- Wears sagging pants (this in and of itself is not indicative of gang activity);
- Wears excessive jewelry with distinctive designs and may wear it only on either the right or left side of the body;
- Is obsessed with gangster-influenced music, videos and movies to the point of imitation;
- Withdraws from family with an accompanying change in demeanor;
- Associates with undesirable and breaks parental rules consistently;
- Develops an unusual desire for privacy and secrecy and may completely rearrange living quarters to create privacy;
- Uses hand signs while with friends and practices them at home;
- Or there is evidence of the appearance of:
 - Physical injury (such as being beaten) and then child lies about the events surrounding the injury;
 - Peculiar drawings or language on school books (may appear later as tattoos or brands);
 - Unexplained cash or goods, i.e., clothing or jewelry;
 - Possible use of alcohol and drugs with attitude change.

ADVISE YOUR CHILDREN THEY SHOULD NOT:

Associate with any gang members or “wannabe/gonnabe” gang members; identify or communicate with gangs; hang out near or where gangs congregate; approach strangers in cars who appear to want information or directions; wear gang related clothing where gangs are known to gather or traverse; wear initialed clothing such as BK – British Knights – a/k/a “Blood Killer” in high crime areas; use words like “crab” or “slob” (localized lingo may develop) anywhere gangs may be, e.g., malls, sporting events, etc.; attend any party or social event sponsored by gangs or their associates; take part in any graffiti activity or hang around where graffiti is present; or use any kind of finger or sign language in a public place.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Impress upon your child the importance of school and good grades
- Spend quality time with your children
- Get involved in your child’s school activities
- Establish rules, set limits and be consistent, firm and fair in Punishment

- Encourage good study habits
- Respect your child’s feelings and attitudes and help them develop self-esteem
- Watch closely for negative influences
- Improve your own self-esteem so your children can model themselves after the most important *role model*: **YOU**.

TIPS FOR PARENTS/EDUCATORS

- Help children develop self control
- Help children deal appropriately with problems
- Get involved in community oriented prevention and intervention programs. Urge others to become involved. Volunteer at your child’s school. Gangs are a community problem and their influence does not stop at any particular boundary.
- Listen to your children. Communicate with them about their concerns and fears.

Other Resources

<http://irr.com/nygc/faq.htm> National Youth Gang Center/Institute for Intergovernmental Research

<http://www.gangs.umd.edu/index.aspx>

<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org>

<http://sanantonio.gov/sapd/pdf/awareness.pdf> Gang Awareness Handbook

[www:stratcom.mil/snstraining](http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining) Social Network Training

Environmental Committee report for Greater Severna Park Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Submitted by Ann Jackson & Ed Krause, Watershed Stewards

Oyster Spat

Communities are receiving their oyster spat this week for those who have volunteered to be oyster farmers. Check with your community to see how you can help with this effort.

Below is some information about this program.

Be an Oyster Gardener

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in partnership with the Severn River Association and several subwatershed organizations is encouraging waterfront property owners to become oyster gardeners through the second year of the "Marylanders Grow Oysters Project."



Oyster Gardening is important to the health of our waterways because oysters act as natural filterers. Did you know that a mature oyster can filter as many as 60 gallons per day?

SRA has three primary teams leading DNR's "Marylanders Grow Oysters (MGO) Project": the Whitehall Bay Conservancy; Saefern Yacht Club for waterways in the middle portion of the River; and Long Point/Herald Harbor for locations around Round Bay. For the last two years, this free program provided waterfront property owners with small cages filled with dozens of young oysters called spat. New spat will be provided this year, and cages will be available for new participants. The spat in cages are suspended under piers throughout our watershed as done in over twenty other rivers on the Chesapeake. If you become a successful oyster gardener you will make a contribution to the creation of a living oyster reef in the Severn and help clean up the Bay.

SRA is looking for two levels of volunteers: Owners (or renters) of piers on the creek, and volunteers to help distribute the cages of spat. These are not mutually exclusive. You can be both!

The spat distribution will be mostly in September. We are working with DNR and the Oyster Recovery Partnership to determine exact dates of distribution. One of these will support mid-river locations via the Saefern Club docks. There will also be distributions to Whitehall and Long Point/Herald Harbor. Volunteers will be encouraged to pick up their cages at the most convenient location. New volunteers will be provided with an information packet, along with the oyster spat and cages, to explain how to care for the baby oysters.



the packet,

If you are interested in helping SRA with this exciting work, or if you have questions, please contact Tom Lengle lengle.t@verizon.net or Ray Dumentat raydumentat@ioip.com (around Round Bay), Bob Whitcomb (mid-river and Annapolis) sraoysters@comcast.net, or Don Carren (Whitehall Bay) djcarren@verizon.net. You may also leave a message at sra@severnriver.org or SRA's voicemail 443-569-3556.

For general information about the MGO program see www.oysters.maryland.gov

Severn River Association www.sra.org

SRA Monthly Meeting Tues September 20 at Arlington Echo beginning at 7 p.m.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Here is some information about the effect of Tropical Storm Lee on our waterways from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Rains Flush Pollutants to the Bay

Rains from the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee are delivering high levels of contaminants to the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. The downpours of rain brought by Tropical Storm Lee in recent days will likely contribute to worse than normal water quality in the Chesapeake Bay this year, despite accelerated efforts to clean up the estuary, according to Maryland's top water quality analyst.

Near the southern end of the Susquehanna, the floodgates in the Conowingo Dam in northeastern Maryland have been opened to cope with more than 600,000 cubic feet of water per second. So much water is gushing through the dam that the flow is digging up and releasing downstream a significant amount of sediments and nutrient pollution that had been trapped behind the dam..

For more information go to www.cbf.org and click on Read Tom Pelton's blog post about the flooding or go to his blog directly: cbf.org/baydaily.

The culture of yesterday is not forgotten,
but woven into the fabric of Severna Park.

ASPIRE PRESENTS
SEVERNA PARK
HERITAGE DAY



~October 1, 2011~
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events (Rain or Shine)

10am-11:30am	Walking Tour of SP; Departs SP Community Center	11:30am-3pm	Food Service SP Community Center (ASMSBC)
10am-4:30pm	SP Model Railroad Club Open House (Holly Ave)		Greater SP Chamber of Commerce Street Fair (Holly Ave) (weather permitting)
10am-4pm	Exhibits and Displays, SP Community Center Main Building	11:30am-4pm	Vendors: Greater SP Chamber of Commerce Street Fair (Holly Avenue) (weather permitting)
11:30am- 12:30pm	SP Burns Musical Performance, SP Community Center (The Holy Grounds Gazebo)	1pm-3pm	Community Heritage Awards, SP Diddlers Presentation Arnold Preservation Council History Presentation

All events are FREE and open to the public
Go to www.severnaparkaspire.org for Schedule of Events!

Be Part of the Experience!

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Stride for SPAN
(Serving People Across Neighborhoods)



October 1, 2011

Kinder Farm Park
5k Race Time: 8:30
1 Mile Fun Run/Walk Start: 9:00

Timed 5k Race Fee \$25
1 mile/Fun Run: \$15
Walkers Group 5 for \$60

T-Shirts for First 200 to Register
Prizes for Top Finishers
Registration closes 9-25-11

www.spanhelps.org

Questions? Stride4SPAN@verizon.net

Register Online at www.active.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age on 10/1: _____ Date of birth: _____ Sex: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Entry fee enclosed:

(check one) (\$25.00) (\$15.00) Walking Group (5 for \$60)
 I can't participate but I'd like to donate to SPAN

WAIVER: By signing this race application/waiver, I release SPAN, Anne Arundel County and Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks, the race organizers, and any additional contributors, sponsors, or assigns of any liability associated with the Stride for SPAN 5K. I certify that I am in good enough health to the best of my knowledge to safely participate in this event.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Parent or guardian's signature if entrant is under 18:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MAIL TO: SPAN, P.O. BOX 626, SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146
PHONE: 410-647-0889 – FEDERAL TAX ID # 52-1667690