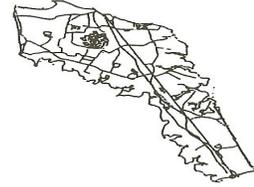




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GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL  
Meeting  
Severna Park Library  
October 11, 2011  
Minutes



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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Jerry Pesterfield. Mr. Pesterfield welcomed delegates attending, and thanked the following for attending: Delegate Cathy Vitale, Senator Ed Reilly, Council Chairman Dick Ladd, and Diane Jennings, Legislative Assistant to Dick Ladd, and Severna Park Chamber of Commerce Director Tom Lerario.

Mr. Pesterfield noted that Al Johnston, GSPC Vice President for Public Affairs, is recovering from back surgery at Genesis Rehabilitation Services on Truck House Road.

**Secretary's Report:** President Pesterfield motioned for approval of the September 13, 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 October 11, 2011, and noted no dues deposits were made. Beautification Trust Fund balance in the amount of \$2,476.58 was transferred by Bank of Annapolis by check to BB&T, and the account was closed. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as submitted and filed for the record for audit purposes.

*See Appendix A* for full Treasurer's Report as of October 11, 2011.

*See Appendix B* for Membership Update as of October 11, 2011.

**Speaker: Teresa Sutherland, CPA, County Auditor:** President Pesterfield welcomed Ms. Sutherland and thanked her for taking the time to meet with the GSPC delegates.

Reports issued by the County Auditor are available to the public, unless law prohibits their disclosure, at <http://www.aacounty.org/Auditor/Index.cfm>.

Contact information for the Office of the County Auditor, (410) 222-1138 e-mail: [tsutherland@aacounty.org](mailto:tsutherland@aacounty.org) web: [www.aacounty.org/](http://www.aacounty.org/)

**Overview of County Auditor's Responsibility and Duties:** Ms. Sutherland provided an overview of the County Auditor's responsibilities and duties and noted that the County Auditor is an officer of the Legislative Branch, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the County Council. The role of the County Auditor is to serve as a "watch dog" over the affairs of the Executive Branch, ensuring public funds are spent in accordance with budgets adopted by the County Council and other provisions of the County Charter and County Code. The Auditor is required to call to the attention of the County Council and the County Executive any irregularity or improper procedure that she discovers, and the fiscal impact of each bill or resolution. The auditor's office also acts as the financial advisor to the County Council and provides advice on the fiscal impact of each bill or resolution if it can be determined and the consequences of approving the bill, but does not take a public or personal position.

The duties of the County Auditor include auditing the County's [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#) and conducting performance audits to evaluate internal controls, compliance with laws and regulations, and effectiveness and efficiencies. All audits are conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The Auditor also advises the County Council on the operating and capital budgets proposed by the County Executive and on the fiscal impact of proposed legislation. The auditor's office analyzes the complete revenue and debt pieces of the budget including analyzing (1) revenue projections and whether they will have the revenue projected by the Administration; (2) debt affordability— can the Administration afford to issue as much in bonds as proposed; (3) will funding be received at the level recommended for state programs, e.g., "open space" funding for 1

parks and recreation projects that are proposed in the budget; and (4) state funding levels for schools. The office then looks at all operating budgets and every single capital budget project and funding proposed including the utility, solid waste, and child care fund budgets. The office attends all Planning and Advisory Board Meetings and asks the Administration to advise on why timing, scope and funding of project changes or funding is inappropriate, and points out where there is bad public policy built into the budget projects.

Special Community Benefit Districts: There are approximately 70 special community benefit districts that have to file financial statements with the Auditor's office, and require submission of periodic audit statements (not conducted by the County Auditor) be filed with the Auditor's office. Community benefit districts can request that they be taxed more and designate where they want to use the additional tax assessment in their community. Statements on how the money was spent have to be filed with the auditor's office for review to verify that the money was actually spent for the designated project within the community benefit district.

Auditor's Budget Role and Advice: In her budget role she has advised Council Chairman Dick Ladd that the County government, in her opinion, has become unsustainable as it is structured. The recurring revenue is not enough to pay recurring expenses. Just like with home budgets you can cut your recurring expenses by going out and getting a second job so you are bringing in more money. You can raise revenue or cut expenses but ultimately you have to get it where recurring revenue is covering recurring expenses, and if you have non-recurring revenue it's going to cover non-recurring expenses.

Cuts in This Year's Budget: This year's budget had about \$50 million of non-recurring revenue that went for non-recurring expenses, and noted that the County Council did a great job of cutting \$16 million out of an incredibly tight budget. Sixteen million out of a billion dollar budget is not a tremendously large number but it was an extremely tight budget. Of the \$16 million, \$5 million was put in the rainy day fund for saving, and \$3 million in the CAO contingency account. Council saved in following two different pots including:

- Rainy Day Fund: The difference is that money in the rainy day fund cannot be spent in an emergency, e.g., hurricane, etc.. Rainy day funds can only be used to support revenue shortfalls. However, if you can show that you can't cut any expenditures, you can dip into the rainy day fund for a revenue shortfall, e.g. paying police teachers, pave roads, etc.
- CAO Contingency Account: In the CAO contingency account you can save money there and if you need it for a spending emergency you can come to the County Council to ask for permission to spend it for expenses, e.g., moving money for snow removal, etc.
- Slots Revenue and Cuts in Revenue: County Council also had to cut expenditures by \$3.5 million because the slots revenue that the budget was built on is not going to materialize due to delay in Arundel Mills slots facility opening from January to June next year. There was \$8 million in slots revenue built into the budget that had to be offset the money that was not going to materialize.
- Income Tax Cut: There was also a \$4 million income tax cut that was passed by the Council.
- Severna Park High School Funding: A lot of changes to the Capital Budget with respect to schools. A study done in 2005 called MGT study looked at the conditions of all schools including the educational suitability and technological needs, and gave each school rates scores. Two high schools including North East and Severna Park were rated priority 1. However both schools cannot be funded at the same time, and decided to do North East first and Severna Park 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Olde Mill. In 2012 County Council decided to go back to the original plan and plugged in three Elementary schools first and then Severna Park High. BOE has approved design contract for Severna Park High funding and slated for construction in 2016 with a small piece of construction in 2015 for \$3 million. Total cost for construction is \$105 million.

Questions/Answers:

**Delegate Cathy Vitale:**

**Senator Ed Reilly:**

**Appointment of Anne Jackson to GSPC Board of Directors:** President Pesterfield advised delegates that Anne Jackson has been appointed for the remainder of the year to replace former GSPC board member Roy Higgs. Mr. Pesterfield noted that Anne is an outstanding appointee and is actively involved with projects on the B&A Trails.

**Election Committee:** President Pesterfield advised delegates that the Board Members elected GSPC Director John Norville to Chair the 2012 Nomination Committee, and approved Jack Mason and Charlie Miller as Committee officers. Motion to approve the Election Committee's Chairman and Officers was unanimously approved.

Election of Board Members will be open in November and community delegates should let John Norville, Jack Mason or Charlie Miller know if you have nominations. All incumbents do want to continue to serve but nominations will be accepted. He also noted that it is very rewarding to serve on the GSPC and Board, and encourages anyone interested in serving to contact the Nomination Committee so a list of interested nominees can be developed.

**Public Works:** Director Dan Nataf advised members that Public Works is conducting a traffic engineering study at Chartwell and Linwood looking for traffic calming areas and installation of speed bump on Kinder Park Road and, bike trails through Chartwell. Public Works will be outsourcing traffic counts and traffic study.

**Education Committee Report:** Director Brad Myers advised members of the following:

- CAC: The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) appointee for Severna Park is Thurmond Reynolds and Michelle \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. Brad noted that he was appointed as an "at large" member.

- Board of Education did approve the Capitol Budget funding for Severna Park High School design and Benfield Elementary modernization.

**Environmental Committee Report:** Submitted by Ann Jackson & Ed Krause, Watershed Stewards. Ms. Jackson noted that the project behind the Giant regarding the draining and planting should be finalized next week.

**Upgraded Stormwater Management System Nears Completion:** Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works is nearing completion of the reconstructing of the stormwater management area along Leelyn Drive between Arundel Beach and McKinsey Roads.  
*See Appendix C for the full Committee Report.*

**Police-Community Relations Report:** Submitted by Buck Brown/Julie Krause – Co-Chairs. President Pesterfield asked members to let Buck and Julie know if you have any concerns.  
*See Appendix D for the monthly Committee Activity Report.*

**Other Community Business:**

**Chamber of Commerce Greater Severna Park:** Chamber Director Tom Lerario provided an update on the following scheduled upcoming activities:

**Upcoming activities:**

**- HOLIDAY TRADE FAIR**  
**Thursday, November 3, 2011**  
**4:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**Earleigh Heights Fire Hall**  
**161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park**  
**Highlights include:**  
**an array of exhibitors**  
**food sampling**  
**safety information**  
**entertainment**  
**door prizes and give-aways**  
**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**Business to Business**  
**Business to Community**

- **Community Beautification at Homestead Gardens:** The Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Holiday Mixer from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 17 at Homestead Gardens, 743 W. Central Ave. Davidsonville. There will be great food and festivities, a silent and live auction and music by the *The Rob Levit Trio*.

Members: \$50 paid by 11/10/11, \$60 after 11/10/11 Non-Members:\$70

RSVP: [www.aaaccc.org](http://www.aaaccc.org) or 410.266.3960

**Other Community Business:**

**- JONES STATION'S 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**  
**Sponsored by anne Arundel County Fire Dept.**  
**Saturday, November 5, 2011**  
**Noon to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Jones Station Co 23**  
**960 Ritchie Highway South, Severna Park**  
**Highlights include:**  
***Interactive Displays***  
**See Rappelling, Concrete Breaching**

**Hazardous Materials Demos**  
**Participate in Fire & Rescue Safety Drills**  
**Put Out the Flaming House**  
**Tour the Firehouse**  
**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – NO DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**  
**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME**  
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**Planning/Zoning/Legislative Committee:** See Appendix F for Mr. Johnston’s detailed report for Legislation, Planning, Zoning and Capital Projects; GSPC Issues before the Board of Appeals, and Circuit Court and Special Appeals Cases and activities.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** Mr. Pesterfield reminded delegates that the next General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> will be held at Woods Memorial Church as noted below.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- General Meeting: **Tuesday, November 8, 2011** – 7:30 pm – **WOODS MEMORIAL CHURCH ROOM 208 – Go in main entrance, turn left—Room 208 is the large second room on the right.**
- Board of Directors Meeting: **Wednesday, November 23** - 7:30 pm - **Severna Park Library**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Very respectfully submitted:



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Kathleen J. Michels, GSPC Secretary  
October 29, 2011

## GSPC General Meeting

**October 11, 2011**Treasurer's Report**Account balances** (as of 09/30/2011)

BB&T checking	= \$ 3,868.46
SmithBarney money market	= \$... 849.20
SmithBarney CDs (3)	= \$25,000.00

**Beautification Trust Fund** balance (as of 09/30/2011)

BankAnnapolis	= \$ 2,476.58
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(Note: Acct to be closed & funds transferred to BB&T checking.)

**Account activity in September**BB&T

Dues deposited	= \$ 0.00
Checks cleared	
--2184 Beautification project	= \$ (2,421.00)

SmithBarney

Money Market	= \$ 0.00
Interest	= \$ 0.00

BankAnnapolis (Beautification Fund)

Interest	= \$ 1.43
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**GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL**

**Membership UPDATE**

October 11, 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.**  
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**Paid 2011 dues (55)**

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.  
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**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.

***Environmental Committee report for Greater Severna Park Council Meeting***

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

**Submitted by Ann Jackson & Ed Krause, Watershed Stewards**

**Severn River Association** [www.sra.org](http://www.sra.org)

SRA Monthly Meeting Tues October 18 at Arlington Echo beginning at 7 p.m.

**Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association** [www.cepaonline.org](http://www.cepaonline.org)

The Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association is sponsoring a forum titled: **The Pollution Diet TMDL's: What a Concerned Citizen Should Know**. It will be presented on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Schmidt Conference Center at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, Maryland. The CEPA forum will examine EPA enforcement of Total Maximum Daily Load requirements for the Chesapeake watershed. There is a suggested contribution of \$10. Go to the website for more information. [www.cepaonline.org](http://www.cepaonline.org)

**Hazardous Waste Disposal Day**

Saturday, October 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glen Burnie Convenience Center at 100 Dover road in Glen Burnie.

**Leelyn Drive**

Below is an article by John Dawson in the Severna Park Patch regarding the Leelyn Drive project that was the subject of a question at the last GSPC meeting. Planting will occur sometime in October.

**Upgraded Stormwater Management System Nears Completion**

Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works is nearly finished reconstructing the stormwater management area along Leelyn Drive between Arundel Beach and McKinsey Roads.

The earth-moving and site work along Leelyn Drive behind the Severna Park Marketplace, from Arundel Beach road to McKinsey Road, is nearing completion. The purpose of the project is to help reduce stormwater runoff from polluting the north branch of Cypress Creek.

Where stormwater once flowed into storm drains and pipes that fed directly into the creek, the runoff will now be captured in a series of earthen pools with sand bottoms and allow the water to percolate in to the soil.

Should a heavy rainfall occur, water will be able to flow into successive pools by passing through areas called weirs, which are composed of cobble rocks and sand stone boulders.

The project manager, Dennis McMonigle of the county's Department of Public Works, explained that the goal of replacing the older, less efficient storm water management system with a series of weirs (small overflow barriers) and pools will help reduce the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants that currently flow into the creek.

McMonigle also stated that the project was able to move from planning to near completion in a year because the land was part of a county right-of-way and outside of the critical area.

Also, grant money to fund the project was provided by the [Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund](#) which is administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Though work is almost completed, the project area still needs to be landscaped with native shrubs and trees. The landscape architect for the project, Keith Underwood of Underwood and Associates, commented that once the landscaping is completed the plants in this system will help filter sediment, and absorb excess nutrients through the plant roots.

When the landscaping is finished, the velocity of the water passing through the weirs and pools will be reduced allowing the stormwater, heated as it passes over hot pavement in the summer, to cool and reduce the effects of thermal pollution to the creek.

The area on the northwest corner of Leelyn Drive and Arundel Beach Road, adjacent to the traffic round about, provides an idea of how the project will look once the landscaping is completed.

When the young trees and shrubs mature and develop extensive roots, the performance of the entire system will become more effective at capturing stormwater runoff and pollution.

It is important to keep in mind that a project of this scope and size is the result of collaboration by people who work in the public and private sectors. Before any ground is broken, many hours are invested in planning, designing, and permitting to ensure a successful outcome.

Police/Community Relations Committee Report

**Buck Brown/Julie Krause – Co-Chairs  
Tuesday October 11, 2011**

**The September 21, 2011 monthly meeting of the AA County Police-Community Relations Council featured as guest speakers Officers Drew Wilson and Dave Elitherin of the Department of Natural Resources. They described the key enforcement activities of their department in contrast to the AA County Police and also gave many examples of ways in which the two departments cooperate. If the illegal activity is on the water they may also cooperate with the Coast Guard.**

**Hunting infractions are a seasonal issue, which at this time of year absorbs a lot of force resources. To report a problem the number to call is 410-260-8888.**

**Capt. Waltemeyer spoke highly of the work done by the DNR officers and of their excellent cooperation with his force. Capt Waltermeyer also shared some recent crime statistics, which shows that violent crimes continue to decline in AA County. He attributes this important decline in violent crimes to better response times and more presence of foot patrols in strip malls, parks as well as residential areas. The contact with the public is having positive effect on crime.**



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NOON TILL 3PM**



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Please park at the Park and Ride, Jones Station Rd**

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