



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2013 – **Final**



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The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Maureen Carr-York. Other Board members present included Brad Myers, Steve Poland, John Norville, Dan Nataf, Ann Jackson, and Kathy Michels.

**Introductions:** President Carr-York advised attendees that she is the new President of the GSPC and was also President many years ago. She welcomed and thanked delegates for signing in and attending, and introduced new delegates Pat Rowe of Severndale, who is replacing Charlie Miller, Charlie Nolte of Fair Oaks, and Erin Jacobs of Whitehurst. She thanked County Councilman Dick Ladd for attending, and introduced John Singleton, representing the Severna Park Voice.

**Secretary's Minutes – January 8, 2013:** Ms. Carr-York advised that unfortunately she has not figured out how to get the mailings sent out to the delegates and apologized for not yet sending the January 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Minutes. Steve Poland will transmit the Minutes to the delegates this week since she has not yet been able to get her new computer to work properly but it is being worked on. It was agreed that the approval of the Minutes will be suspended until the next meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> so the delegates can review and provide comments prior to final approval of the minutes.

**Guest Speaker Delegate Steve Schuh, District 31:** President Carr-York introduced Delegate Steve Schuh. Some people who live in the Severna Park Council Area live in District 31 instead of District 33, and we also have a few communities in District 30. Ms. Carr York noted that Mr. Schuh's attention to constituent service and his knowledge and insight into the many issues facing our State right now are very much appreciated, and advised that he is in his second term with the House of Delegates, and that means this is his seventh year of making it through session. Ms. Carr York thanked Delegate Schuh for attending and noted that he is here tonight with his Legislative Aide Danielle Iman who will pass out a List of the Maryland General Assembly Possible Legislation in 2013.

**Go to Page 13 of the Minutes to read the List of Possible Legislation in 2013.**

**I. Possible Legislation in 2013 Session:** Delegate Schuh thanked Ms. Carr-York and noted that it is nice to see everyone. He advised that they are about one-third of the way through this legislative session and he thought it was going to be a fairly quiet session but it turned out to be one of the more raucous sessions they have had in many years. There are a lot of issues on the table right now, and no major legislation has been voted on as of yet so everything is still in flux and still subject to debate and amendment. The sheet that Danielle is handing out is a quick summary of what he thinks are the major pieces of legislation that are rolling through.

In any given year there are about 2,000 pieces of legislation that are submitted for consideration by the General Assembly. Typically 500 or 600 become law, but out of those 500 or 600 typically there are only about a half dozen that really matter in the long run and that sort of defines the character of the legislative session and will go down in the record books.

Delegate Schuh noted that the following items are what he thinks are the three or four biggest issues and if there are any other issues regard to the State or Anne Arundel County, since there is a lot going on in the County now, they can also be discussed:

**a. Transportation Funding:** There is a crisis in transportation funding such that by 2018 the Transportation Trust Fund will be so depleted that there will only be enough money left for road maintenance, and there will be no money left for new road construction. That crisis like so many you hear about has been completely manufactured by the actions of Government.

**I. Possible Legislation in 2013 Session – Delegate Steve Schuh - Continued:**

**a. Transportation Funding - Actions that Caused Crisis – Continued:**

- In the case of the Transportation Trust Fund the two actions by Government that caused this crisis are:

Item 1. Seven to eight years ago with the arrival of Governor O'Malley there began a massive shift in funding priorities away from roads to mass transit. The swing of dollars on an annual basis is about \$300 million; so \$300 million today is not being spent on roads because it is being spent on all these enormous mass transit projects that have very limited ridership and very few people that use these mass transit systems don't want to pay for them.

So the amount of the fair box recovery, the actual percentage of the cost of operations paid for by the ridership, is very low; maybe 20-25%. In other words, when a person rides a mass transit form in Maryland, typically that person is only paying maybe a quarter of the cost through their fare. You, the taxpayer, are generally paying the other 75% of the cost of that ride and now the Governor is trying to double down on assistance that people are barely using and barely paying for it.

Item 2. The second big decision that was made in recent years was to transfer money away from the Transportation Trust Fund. Back in 2007 there was a special session of the General Assembly, and at that time there was an increase adopted in the sales tax. My sales tax was increased from five cents on the dollar to six cents on the dollar, and went from 5 to 6 %, and there was a very significant portion of that increase directed by law to the Transportation Trust Fund. About \$200 million per year was transferred to the Transportation Trust Fund for about 2-years. Then the Governor and General Assembly decided they had better ideas for that money and diverted it away from the Transportation Trust Fund and back into the general fund for other priorities that they had.

The combination of these two items has resulted in \$500 to 600 million of annual under funding of road construction, and that's why there is a crisis now.

- In the case of the Transportation Trust Fund there are two big Proposals on the table to address it, and both have emerged from the President of the Senate as follows:

Proposal 1. One Proposal is an increase in the gasoline tax and is proposing a nickel increase in the wholesale price of gas and currently has 23 cents per gallon and would take it to 28 cents per gallon.

Delegate Schuh noted that he is not in favor of that and doesn't think it is necessary for the reasons he has discussed. It is also important to bear in mind that even though you'll hear that the gas tax hasn't been raised in many years; the fact of the matter is that we rank right in the middle of all the States in terms of the overall burden of gas tax on our citizens.

Proposal 2. The second proposal, which is extremely unusual for a State like Maryland, the President of the Senate has proposed giving Counties regional authority to raise taxes on their own for transportation purposes, and to his knowledge that has never been done in Maryland. There has always been a philosophy of share and share alike that we all as citizens of the State equally share in the burden of transportation and never granted Anne Arundel County the right to levy its own 2 or 3 percent transportation tax to fund its own roads. There are a lot of good and valid reasons for that. We have wide variations of wealth in Counties throughout the State. People in Dorchester County and some in the Maryland Western Counties would have a very difficult time managing their road systems under that kind of arrangement. It has always been share and share alike and this proposal is a very definite breach of that long standing understanding of how we do business in the State of Maryland.

Proposals Approval: Delegate Schuh stated that he doesn't know whether either of these proposals will fly with the General Assembly, and he doesn't think any of the Republican members and very few of the Democratic members of the General Assembly are going to support any increase in transportation funding without some form of protection of the money that goes into the Transportation Trust Fund. He also noted that a lot of people are concerned that it has just become a piggy bank for Governor's of both parties to use the money as they see fit and directed away from roads and it needs to stop.

**b. Gun Control:** Delegate Schuh noted that everyone is obviously heartbroken by what happened at Newtown's Sandy Hook Elementary School, and it is absolutely right that all members of the State Government take this occasion to take a very hard look at our body of law and regulation to make sure we do everything we can reasonably do to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, those who are mentally ill, those who are prone to violence and those who have addiction problems. The Governor has put an immense Bill that is half an inch thick on the table. The Bill is filled with prohibitions of various classes of weapons and includes registration requirements, license requirements, training requirements, and limitations on who can own guns. It is a breathtaking Bill in its scope. The conclusion he has come to about the Bill and he thinks many in the General Assembly have, is that the Bill is a gross overreach and a direct infringement on the rights of citizens.

**I. Possible Legislation in 2013 Session – Delegate Steve Schuh - Continued:**

**b. Gun Control- Continued:** Delegate Schuh advised that the conclusion he has come to about the Bill, and he thinks many in the General Assembly have also, is that the Bill is a gross overreach and a most direct infringement on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights. He also thinks that many of the members will be more than willing to listen to ideas about how to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, mentally ill, etc. But when it comes to disarming law abiding citizens and infringing on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights that is various dangerous Territory. He always tries to remind people that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment is not about hunting, and he often hears it described this way in the General Assembly which disturbs him. That's not why the framers of our Constitution put it there. That's why they completed the explanation of the Rights with the remarks about a Militia being necessary to the survival of a free State. They understood that we the people are ultimately the guarantors of our own freedom. God forbid that things should ever break bad with our Government such that we had to defend ourselves from our own Government if it became tyrannical; or, if we were ever invaded from without. Right now we are the strongest power on earth and it's not going to happen, and he has complete confidence in our Government and doesn't expect our Government to turn around. But 50 or 100 years from now who knows what will happen. If short cited and over reacting Government policies result in a general disarmament of our population, Delegate Schuh noted that he does believe that one day we will lose our freedom. So we have to be very careful as we navigate this kind of legislation to make sure that we strike that appropriate balance between preventing tragedies and preventing guns from falling into the hands of the wrong people to make sure that we maintain that very fundamental right of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

**c. Death Penalty:** Delegate Schuh commented that the death penalty is in effect in a moratorium in Maryland and it has been during the entirety of Governor O'Malley's term in office. Governor O'Malley is a very staunch opponent of capital punishment and he would like before he leaves office to get it off the books entirely. So they will be seeing that on the floor of the House.

**d. Off Shore Wind Bill:** The last big Bill is the proposal to develop an off-shore power generation plant with giant windmills, giant-turbines that are 20 miles off the coast of Ocean City. Delegate Schuh noted that the proposal has some obvious natural appeal with him. Part of it is that its green energy and the wind is free it doesn't create emissions. Another very important part for him is the national security imperative that over the years and decades to come that we get ourselves out from under the thumb of the Middle Eastern Despot who wants nothing but harm to come to us. So we need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. On the other hand, Delegate Schuh noted that as a financial analyst, he is really concerned about the cost of this proposal. He and his Legislative Aide, Danielle Iman, have been fiscally analyzing the proposal and have meet with people from the industry to continue the analysis of the proposal. It's an expensive proposition. It looks to him to purchase about what is normally in fossil terms cost \$80 million worth of energy, you would have to pay probably in the vicinity of \$120 million worth so there is a \$40 million loss in any given year at current prices to have the luxury of that wind power. He also noted is this really the time to impose the surcharge on residents bills, and it is capped under the Governor's proposal at \$1.50 a month which is not huge. But when people are trying to make ends meet he worries about it and is struggling with the Bill, part of him really wants to get there and get off the fossil fuels, and then he thinks maybe we need to wait until fossil fuels get a little more expensive because the more expensive fossil fuels get the better wind looks as a technology.

**Questions and Answers – Delegate Schuh:**

**1. Authorization of the County Transportation Tax:** GSPC Vice President Brad Myers asked Delegate Schuh when he talks about authorization of County Transportation Tax what would the County be able to tax, and would it be a separate gas tax and is it County specific since it is not clear how the County would implement a Transportation Tax even if they gained the authority?

Delegate Schuh advised that they do not know but most likely that is exactly what it would be an additional County level gas tax on top of the existing State gas tax and on top of the existing Federal tax. Mr. Myers noted every County would have a whole other infrastructure set up to collect and maintain the gas tax. Delegate Schuh noted that is exactly what would occur and it would be buried in the cost and you wouldn't see it at the pump. It's not like when you go to the hardware store and buy something and they tag a tax on it and it would be buried in at the wholesale level, and you might not notice it. Mr. Myers noted that if Prince Georges County does 5 cents and Anne Arundel County does 10 cents you would drive to the other County to get your gas, and Delegate Schuh noted that the authorization they are talking about he believes is 3 percent on the wholesale price, but he doesn't know what the numbers will shake out to be exactly.

**Questions and Answers – Delegate Schuh– Continued:**

**2. Fracking Issues:** In response to a question regarding fracking, Delegate Schuh noted that the question is about hydraulic fracturing which is a process used to extract natural gas from the Marcellus Shale formation. It is the biggest issue in western Maryland because there is an enormous shale formation that runs all the way down the coast, but well inland, and happens to run right through Garrett County. There is a lot of fracking going on in Pennsylvania and other states in that formation and it is a very productive means of getting large quantity of energy at no cost, and our colleagues and citizens out in the western part of Maryland really want to get in on the action. Two years ago when they first took this issue up there were some real questions in his mind about the technology. There were some horror stories that came out of portions of Pennsylvania where water waives and ground water were polluted by the process of fracking. Fracking involves using high pressure pumping systems to pump chemicals and hot water and all sorts of nasty things down into these formations to force the gas out, and then all of that bad stuff has to come back out of the ground to be processed and handled appropriately. The last thing we want to do is create a manmade disaster in the Western part of Maryland.

Two years ago the Governor proposed a moratorium on fracking and Delegate Schuh advised that he supported the moratorium and the plan at the time was to do a study, and that study has not moved forward as planned and he doesn't know why. It may be a funding issue, but he doesn't know that, but it has moved forward. In the meantime, other States have been allowing fracking and companies all over America are using the technology. It has met his standard of satisfaction for safety so this year he believes many of the members will not be supporting continuing the moratorium and he believes we need to be moving on the technology.

**3. Anne Arundel County School Board:** In response to a question about the Anne Arundel County School Board, Delegate Schuh advised that the School Board in the County is appointed by the Governor of Maryland, and that is a very unusual arrangement. Probably about 95% plus of school boards throughout the United States are elected. In Maryland eighteen of our twenty-four school boards are fully elected boards, so it's unusual nationally to have appointed boards and is even unusual in Maryland to have appointed boards. Based on the work they have done, appointed boards tend to exist in large, urban, troubled school systems. Not like Anne Arundel County's that has a very good school system on its way to being excellent. Delegate Schuh noted that he doesn't see any policy justification for the Governor of the State of Maryland to intrude on our local control of our school board. He also stated that he wants to be very clear that he doesn't have any issue what so ever with any particular people on the school board and he thinks they are very good. He thinks we have a good school board, they are good people and they are doing a good job, but their manner of selection is not appropriate and they are not accountable to community residents, they are accountable to the Governor.

Delegate Schuh also advised that this year he has introduced a Bill and Delegate Tony McConkey is the co-sponsor with him on the Bill, and they are proposing that the nine member school board over the next several years convert gradually to five elected members and four appointed members. So it would give the elected members of the board a majority. There are two other counties now, Harford and Wicomico, that have these hybrid boards, partly elected and partly appointed, which he thinks given the political difficulties, this undertaking is achievable. Politics is the art of the achievable and there are a lot of people who like supporting the school board because it supports certain control over the school, so wish them luck on this.

The Bill has passed through the Education Subcommittee of the Anne Arundel County Delegation to the General Assembly which is on its way to the Anne Arundel County Delegation where he expects it will pass on Friday, and proceed on to the General Assembly and it is a big challenge.

**4. County's Transportation Tax:** In response to Councilman Dick Ladd's question whether this proposal that has been made to allow Counties to raise their own transportation money is intended to be a replacement for the way that the State previously helped to fund local road building, and Delegate Schuh noted that the answer is yes. Under past Administrations there were very large amounts of money that came from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Counties, so that the Counties would have the funding they needed to build the roads over and above what they themselves fund. That funding stream has dried up completely, and that's why we are having so much trouble maintaining our roads. So the proposal at hand is let's not go back to the old way that is local highway user fund, let's replace it with these local funding authorities and let the Counties sort of fend for themselves.

Councilman Ladd noted then they are completely coming out of the local transportation business, and Delegate Schuh responded that is what the President of the General Assembly is putting on the table, and Councilman Ladd asked if it was the bridges as well, and Delegate Schuh noted that they have not had that level of discussion but he believes it would include the roads, bridges and tunnels as well.

## **Questions and Answers – Delegate Schuh– Continued:**

**5. Voter Referendum Limitations:** In response to GSPC Director John Norville's question regarding citizen's right of petition and whether it will be limited more, Delegate Schuh noted that under the Maryland Constitution you have a right after the General Assembly has adopted a law to gather signatures, and if you gather enough signatures that law will be put in suspension and will appear on the Ballot for the next general election for a vote of the people. That's a petition by ballot. But what we don't have in Maryland is what they have in California which is petition by initiative where you can just sort of dream up a law in the comfort of your living room, and gather signatures and have it enacted over the will of the legislature. We don't have that here. In Maryland it's retrospective. Once the legislature is acted and adopted a law you can challenge it and the people can vote it down.

Delegate Schuh noted that what Mr. Norville is getting at is in the last election there were three ballot initiatives – three questions - petitioned onto the Ballot by the citizens. It was a historic development and the last time even one question was put onto the Ballot was in 1994 and it was a rarity, and to have three appear on the ballot at one time was an extraordinary development, and he thinks it says something about how stirred up the voters are about some of the actions of the General Assembly.

The three Bills were the Dream Act, Same Sex Marriage, and the Gerrymander, the redistricting of the congressional districts. All three bills were supported by the voters so despite the efforts of the people that got them onto the Ballot they all failed to be overturned, and are now law. The actions of the General Assembly were upheld.

So you would think the people that supported those Bills, which he did not, would be gracious winners but they are sort of sore winners about it. It was a close enough scrape to have their actions undone by the citizens, but they now want to adopt a series of laws, and there have been many laws now put on the table for consideration by the General Assembly this year to make the process of citizen's petitions much more difficult.

Delegate Schuh also noted that it's disturbing in his opinion to limit the power of the people to engage in direct democracy is inconsistent with who we are in his view. So they are going to fight hard against any attempts to make it harder since it is already very, very hard, and that's why it happens so rarely. It happened seventeen times in a hundred years or maybe less than that, and it happened so rarely it's hard to find records of it, but it is some small number like that over a hundred years so it's not like it's a crisis of citizen intervention into the political process.

In response to Mr. Norville's question regarding what they are trying to do, e.g., get more signatures, Delegate Schuh responded that the totals he has heard is to not allow the use of computers to assist in signature gathering. About a third of the signatures in the last petition process were facilitated through computer system. You go on line, you give your name and your address comes up, you print out a form, sign it and mail it in. It was made very easy rather than having to go to the Mall to gather signatures the traditional way. So that helped and that's one thing that is on the radar to get rid of the computer. There is a proposal but he doesn't know whether it has found its way into an actual legislative proposal, but there is a Delegate saying that every signature should have to be notarized. We are talking 80,000 to 100,000 signatures all requiring a notary. Obviously, the intent of that Delegate is to make sure this process is never used.

**6. Transportation Funding Firewall:** In response to a question about what kind of firewall will be put up to protect any kind of transportation funding, Delegate Schuh noted that he doesn't know what is going on in the Senate since he is in the House and he doesn't know what is going on in the Senate since he tries to stay away from them. He noted that in the House they have what is called a Lock Box Bill, and what those Bills would do is require a super majority rather than a simple majority of the General Assembly to extract funds out of the Transportation Trust Fund and use those funds for other purposes. He also noted that he thinks it is a very smart idea, everybody he knows support it and the only people who don't support it are the politicians who want to use the transportation money for their pet projects, and gave nothing to do with transportation.

**7. Cutting Budget:** Delegate Edward Geary, North Cape Arthur, asked why most forms of Government regardless of whether it's small or Federal never looked at cutting the budgets, and just come up with more ways and more money for taxes. We started out with the lottery and went to gambling and when is going to end? As individuals for our households we have to cut back, and why can't the Government cut back?

In response, Delegate Schuh noted that when he arrived in 2006 the Maryland State budget was between \$28 and \$29 billion and in the years since the Governor has claimed publicly over and over that he has cut \$10 billion from budget. The budget proposal he has made this year is \$37 billion. So his interpretation of the Governor's remarks is that he must mean that he really wanted to spend \$47 billion but he has cut his wishes back to a mere \$37 billion.

**Questions and Answers – Delegate Schuh– Continued:**

**7. Cutting Budget – Continued:** Delegate Schuh noted that the budget has grown every year under Governor O'Malley, and he truly doesn't get it. Each and every year since he has been in the General Assembly, he has worked with a minority group on alternative budgets and has developed budgets that really would require the State to live within its means, and operate with additional taxes, and we are already the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> most taxed State within the United States.

Delegate Schuh also noted that they are a very energetic group trying hard to get the government to live within its means. But there just aren't enough of them, and our friends who feel differently have the numbers to drive through the General Assembly these big spending budgets and that's why we are so heavily taxed today.

**8. Sales Tax Proposal on the Internet:** In response to a question whether it is a sales tax proposed on the Internet or in effect for anyone buying something in Maryland whether they are a State resident or not, Delegate Schuh noted that particular proposal and there may be a second one, but the proposal that has been floating around in the General Assembly is to impose sale taxes on things you buy over the Internet out of State. If you are a Marylander and you buy something from a company in Colorado over the Internet and is mailed to your house, there is discussion about applying our 6% sales tax to that transaction. Under current law citizens are supposed to pay a sales tax, it isn't called a sales tax, and it's essentially a volunteer tax that you are supposed to pay, but there is no enforcement mechanism since the Government has no means of tracking those kind of transactions.

Technology has advanced in recent years, and Federal law has evolved to the point where it's becoming quite possible and technologically practical for the State to begin to tax Internet generated transactions that originate in other States for the goods that are shipped into Maryland from other States.

Delegate Schuh also advised that it is probably a \$200 million revenue item to the State, maybe more, and those are big numbers and the Controller would like to get his hands on those dollars. There is an argument for it, and the traditional retailers who are physically based in Maryland say these Internet people like Amazon have an unfair advantage. They have an automatic 6% advantage over them competitively and it isn't fair, and shouldn't we balance that out and apply the tax to everyone. Delegate Schuh stated that the argument has some merit, but he isn't sure it's really wise to keep layering on additional taxes. If we could get to an understanding where applying that tax for \$200 million we might find some tax relief somewhere else and will sort of get an even trade on it, he could see his way of getting there.

In response to a question from Mr. Norville whether Amazon and E-Bay lobbying, Delegate Schuh noted that he thinks they focus their lobbying at the Federal level because for this to really become a reality there will have to be continued revolution of Federal law because this is all controlled by interstate commerce. Historically the Federal government has made it very difficult for States to go there. He isn't sure about the Federal structure, and it is a better question for John Sarbanes and our friends in Congress, since he isn't sure about the Federal law but he does know that Maryland has been stifled in the past in the attempt to try and extract this particular tax.

**9. Fracking Demands:** In response to a question whether there is a demand in Maryland or just overseas, Delegate Schuh stated that our country has a vast network of natural gas pipelines. Our country is literally a fish net of interconnected pipelines that cover every jurisdiction in the State, and he thinks we have 8,000 miles of natural gas pipe just in the state of Maryland. So what would happen is that gas would just be tapped into the system and become part of the overall energy supply within the United States. Natural gas can be chilled and made into liquid form, and can be put on boats. His understanding of American consumption of natural gas is on the rise because of its cause attractiveness and it is actually crowding out other older, dirty forms of technology which is a good thing. But he is not enough of an expert to definitely provide answers.

**10. New Bills Introduced:** President Carr-York asked Delegate Schuh if they are at the point where no new Bills will be introduced, and he advised that any Bills introduced at this point would have to go to the Rules Committee and get a special dispensation to be introduced.

**11. Closing Remarks:** In response to President Carr-York's question, Delegate Schuh noted that anyone who has any additional questions can contact him. Ms. Carr-York thanked Delegate Schuh for his participation and stated that we are always grateful when we have our elected officials as guest speakers to share what is going on.

Ms. Carr York advised that Dick Ladd is here to discuss County issues and the GSPC is very grateful for his participation also.

**Introduction of Attendees from Sister Organizations:** President Carr York advised that Pat Lynch, President of the Broadneck Council of Communities, and Elizabeth Rosborg, President of the Arnold Preservation Council, are present. Ms. Carr York noted that we have some communities in common and obviously we all share an interest in this general region, our waterways, our roads and general environment, and for that reason we try to work closely together, and are very grateful to them for attending tonight.

Ms. Carr York also advised that we have one item that is of particular interest that Councilman Ladd will probably be asked to address, and so before we get to that because this other report will tie into it, Ann Jackson was asked to present her Environmental Committee Report Summary.

**Environmental Committee Report – Ann Jackson, Director:** Ms. Jackson advised that she just wanted to talk about upcoming events, and will leave it to Councilman Ladd to discuss the Stormwater Tax.

- **2013 State of the Magothy River Meeting:** The Magothy River Association will hold its 11th annual “State of the Magothy River” presentation on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, starting at 7:00 PM. The meeting will feature the annual Magothy River Index as well as presentations on other topics of interest and a variety of displays.

- **Free trees and shrubs from the Backyard Buffer Program at the Watershed Stewards Academy:** The Backyard Buffer program provides homeowners free trees and shrubs to create a native woodland buffer. They are very small trees but are totally free and come in bundles. Backyard Buffers can be planted near any area where stormwater flows. The Watershed Stewards Academy is holding a free workshop on the program on Thursday, March 7 at Arlington Echo at 6 p.m. More information is available on the website: [www.aawsa.org](http://www.aawsa.org)  
The Watershed Stewart Academy is also having their annual conference on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and you don’t have to be a watershed steward to attend, and they have different workshops. One of them is called: “Honey I Shrank the Lawn,” and talks about what you can do so you have less grass on your lawn so you have more trees and plants to help with stormwater runoff issues.

- **Severn River Association Hike:** The Severn River Association used to have hikes and they are starting that again at 10 am, Saturday, February 23, at the beginning of the headwaters of the Severn River.

- **Severn River Association Meeting:** SRA Monthly Meeting will be held at 7 PM Tuesday February 19, 2013, and will feature Steven Giordano on “NOAA's Restoration Efforts in Chesapeake Bay.”

- **Cypress Creek Project:** The project has been a long time coming, 10 years or more, but it is almost finished and the County expects it to be finished in April. If you go north on Route 2, right before McKenzie Road, and look to your right you see the big pond which is just the beginning of it. It goes for a very long way and is very expensive, and will help a lot with the water that flows into the Magothy, since there is so much water that comes into that area, and now it’s being filtered, slowed down and cleaned before it goes into the Magothy.

Go to Page 16 for full information and details regarding the above items.

**Adoption of Treasurer’s Reports:** Mr. Poland thanked the 24 communities who have already submitted their 2013 dues, and presented the following account activity:

- **Account Balances as of January 31, 2013:** (1) \$525 in dues were deposited, (2) one check for \$2.00 issued to Office Depot, (3) Bank service charge of \$2.00, (3) BB&T checking account balance is \$7,250.63, (4) Smith Barney CDs (4) @ \$5,000 each= \$20,000, and (5) Smith Barney money market account balance is \$5,833.29, (6) the \$5,000 CD that matured the end of January was put into another CD for a total of 5 CDs, and (6) \$50.14 in interest was earned on the CD that matured

- **Membership Update:** 53 communities remain in “good standing” with five communities remaining ineligible to vote in 2013 since dues were not paid in 2012 including: Evergreen, Fair Oaks, Jennings Road, Sheffield Park, and Williams Woods.

The Treasurer’s Report and Membership Update for January 31, 2012 are attached on Pages 14-15 . The motion to approve the Treasurer’s Reports, as submitted, was unanimously approved, and filed for the record for audit purposes.

- **Audit Committee:** President Carr York advised that Anne DeMajistre, Audit Committee Chair, was present and asked her to summarize the upcoming work of the Audit Committee. Ms. DeMajistre noted that the audit would be conducted and completed in February and anyone that wants to volunteer and is interested in working on the Audit Committee would be greatly appreciated, and to please contact her.

**Anne Arundel County House Delegation Meetings:** President Carr York advised attendees that the Delegation meets on Friday mornings at 9:00 am in the Lowe House Building. Anyone can attend, although you can't participate but you can listen to the session. All of our delegates would be there and we have their agenda for the February 15<sup>th</sup> Delegation Meeting which is attached to the Minutes on Page 17. You can Go online at <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/> and click on: (1) "Legislation by Session" and (2) go to the top of the page and click on "Schedules" for a list of upcoming meeting dates.

**Councilman Dick Ladd – Summary of Current Bills:**

- **Personnel Changes:** Councilman Ladd advised that there were two major personnel changes including:

1. Dr. Angela M. Wakhweya who was Health Officer is going back to the State level. Resolution No. 5-13 removed her from that position, and Resolution No. 9-13 approved the continuing service of Dr. Jinlene Chan as Acting Health Officer.

2. Mr. Jim Pittman was appointed as the Acting Director of Inspections and Permits.

- **Critical Area Bill:** Did 35 plus or minus amendments to it, and there will be very little increase in restrictive authority over and above what the State has previously established. It is clear that if you have an individually owned residential piece of property your rights are largely grandfathered. They can't make you back up and have less imperious surface. You cross the bridge to the reduced authorized lot coverage only if you seek a variance to increase your current lot coverage and intensify lot usage. They cannot take anything away from you that wasn't already in State law.

- **Stormwater Bill:** Was filed last time and there will be public testimony on it at our next meeting. The Bill will have 3-tiers for fees: small, medium and large. For people who have R-22, R-15 or R-10 zoning, the fee is \$34 per year; for people who are in zoning of R-2 and R-5 (that is somebody who lives on roughly half an acre) the fee will be about \$85. If you are on an acre or more (R-1, RA or RLS) the fee will be \$170 per residence.

Councilman Ladd noted that there was a lot of discussion about people who own much larger tracts of land as to why they are paying so much. The fact of the matter is you are paying about the same amount as someone who lives on an acre- it has to do with imperious service around your home.

- **Retirement Age:** There was a Bill changing the retirement age for new County employees which was rejected. Currently you can get a retirement if you work as little as five years. The amendment was trying to move it up to ten years. It will be reintroduced and will be addressed later.

- **Upcoming Work Sessions and Meetings:** In response to questions, Councilman Ladd provided the following information:

1. **Stormwater Bill Work Session:** Next Tuesday the Council will have a work session on the Stormwater Bill.

2. **County Executive Applications and Nominations:** All the applications from parties interested in being nominated or appointed as the County Executive are due this Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have private meetings next week to interview all qualified candidates. The Council will have public televised interviews Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, and will vote that evening. Hopefully they will not break their previous record of how long it takes to decide and will put the new County Executive in place sometime around February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

3. **Stormwater Hearing:** Will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, and that is just the start of it, and he suspects that they will go on quite a bit. The other thing to remember when we talk about stormwater is this is one of three initiatives we have to do to clean up the Bay:

a. The first is to clean up all the waste water treatment plants

b. The stormwater is the second which is about \$1.2 billion, and which will clean up the streams and the drainage infrastructure that we have to take water off the street

c. The third, which will affect a great number of people present, will deal with existing septic systems. There are forty-two thousand of them in the County, and half are planned to be connected to the sewer.

Councilman Ladd noted that fifty percent of those septics they want to deal with are in this District. So we will be deeply involved with that. It will be very complicated for you and your homeowner's associations. It is a \$1.3 billion project to fix. All three will contribute and hopefully will be done by 2025. There is a lot more to come and it is a very complicated issue, particularly the financing.

## **Councilman Dick Ladd – Summary of Current Bills - Continued:**

### **- Upcoming Work Sessions and Meetings - Continued:**

3. **Stormwater Hearing- Continued:** President Carr York asked when will public citizens have an opportunity to address the Council on these issues, and Councilman Ladd advised that the stormwater will start on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, and they are probably a year or more away from the septic bill being considered. They are doing the design work on how they would put stuff into the ground. There will be a committee of stakeholders formed to develop options on how to do the financing and related matters.

### **- Questions and Answers:**

1. In response to a question, Councilman Ladd advised that within the County about half of the septic systems are planned to move onto the sewer. There are others who live far from existing sewers (there are some within this District), particularly in South County where there is not enough density to justify bringing a pipe in. Homes not connecting to the sewer will be required to put a nitrogen removal capability on their septic systems. They can get funding assistance through the flush fee program which is handled through the Department of Health.

2. A question was asked whether a community like Chartwell will be basically forced onto a sewer, and Councilman Ladd noted that is the case. The problem with this is, whenever they have taken a step to connect a community, it is to be done by petition and that's a real time consuming challenge by itself. DPW knows that the cost for a community that does connect can be from \$40,000-\$45,000 per house; they know that nobody would happily do this. So we have got to find a very different way to handle this situation. We completely understand that. It is what is going to take a year or more to figure out.

**Police Community Relations:** President Carr York advised that Julie Krause was absent but did submit a report, and the main point of the report is that there are a lot of personnel changes going on in the Eastern District. She also noted that she doesn't know whether Councilman Ladd or Delegate Schuh has any updates, but understands they have lost their Captain and a detective that everyone knew who got promoted too, and asked what else is happening as far as new appointments. Councilman Ladd stated that they are getting an active person in the position, but they don't know yet whether this person will be promoted to Captain.

**Public Works Committee- Dan Nataf, Director Emeritus:** Dr. Nataf reported the following items:

- **Speed Bumps on Lynwood Drive and Riggs Avenue:** He spoke to Claudia O'Keefe, County's Traffic Division, regarding speed bumps to slow down traffic and he expects it to be done in the spring.

- **Arnold Preservation Council – Safeway:** He did receive a communication from the Arnold Preservation Council about the Safeway, and he is willing to meet with them.

- **Faded Markings at Intersections:** He encouraged attendees to let him know about any fading markings at intersections so he can report them to Claudia O'Keefe.

- **Intersection Light on Benfield at High School:** In response to a question why the light on Benfield Blvd. at the High School states no one can turn right at the light when it is on red until 7:00 pm, Dr. Nataf noted there are two justifications and anyone that has been here long enough knows them. One is you are not to take Evergreen by continuing down Robinson Road, the other is people going westbound on Evergreen need a break so they can make a left turn onto Benfield.

- **Weather Related Restriping and Repaving Roads:** In response to a question whether the weather is the reason why they have not restriped the roadways at Jumpers Hole and Lynwood, Dr. Nataf advised the weather does have to be 40 degrees before work .

### **Other Business:**

- **ASPIRE Report:** President Carr York advised that ASPIRE is the Association for Severna Park Improvement Renewal and Enhancement, Inc., and it basically is our 501(c)3 tax exempt arm of the Greater Severna Park Council, Chamber of Commerce and a couple of other organizations combined. Every year one of the big events is a recognition event of leadership in the Greater Severna Park area.

- **This year's Nominee:** The Greater Severna Park Council has traditionally nominated a recipient for this award, and this year Brad Myers has been nominated for the work he does as GSPC Vice President and Director of Education including the outstanding work he does for the schools and sports coaching.

- **ASPIRE Awards Ceremony:** Brad will be honored at the ASPIRE Awards Ceremony to be held at the Chartwell Club on February 27th. Anyone who would like to attend is encouraged to let President Carr York know.

There will be a table for the attendees and the dinner is \$50 a person, and is a really great dinner to honor Brad.

**Other Business - Continued:**

- **County Council Televised:** Director John Norville noted that he wanted to remind delegates advised that the County Council sessions are mostly televised on Channel 98, and are rebroadcast the following Monday so if you miss a Monday you can view the following Monday so you don't have to attend since you can watch on TV.

**Planning, Zoning, and Legislative Committee – Roy Higgs, Vice President:** President Carr York noted that we had our legislative update tonight, and would encourage anyone who has an interest in any of these subjects to come to the meetings and hearings, and call your elected representative and advised that emails work too.

Ms. Carr York advised that Roy Higgs is absent tonight, but there is one issue regarding potentially rezoning the site on Ritchie Highway, and Elizabeth Rosborg, President of Arnold Preservation Council, is working with her on this rezoning issue which is sort of right on the border of the two areas between Arnold and Severna Park.

- **Report Related to “Flea Market” at 845 Ritchie Highway:** Elizabeth Rosborg, President, Arnold Preservation Council provided the following report:

Arnold Preservation Council along with GSPC is concerned about the endless "flea market" at 845 Ritchie Highway. Furniture and various other household items have been stored in the woods covered with blue tarps and it is very unattractive. The business is licensed to operate as a produce market and recently has had its certificate of use revoked. The owner, Ms. Donna Marsh, is appealing the fines and has a Court of Appeals hearing on Wednesday February 13th at 6:30 p.m. Arnold Preservation Council and GSPC plan to attend the hearing and testify against reinstating the certificate of use until she conforms to AA county code and cleans up the entire site.

Update - We did attend the hearing and supported her operating as a produce market, but strongly objected to the yard sale/flea market. The Court Appeals has scheduled a visit for Saturday February 16th and will rule within 60 days.

Councilman Ladd noted that she had a permit to do certain things and that permit has been pulled, and she is appealing that decision. Ms. Rosborg responded that is what they have been told, but unfortunately they have not been able to confirm. Councilman Ladd also noted that she had a nonconforming use withdrawn which permitted her to sell flowers or certain kinds of things, but it is a residentially zoned piece of property, so her nonconforming use has been withdrawn so to go down and support that decision is good advice.

Ms. Rosborg noted that they are hoping that our communities can join forces and get that area cleaned up and get her conforming again.

President Carr York advised that residential zoning basically allows her small nursery operations, sales of plants, Christmas trees, and things like that are all legitimate. But what this lady apparently has been doing is a little bit more extensive, and a little bit more of an intrusion on a residential area. Ms. Carr York also noted that she is not entirely sure since this just came to our attention very recently, whether she isn't trying to seek some commercial zone which would really change what the community and our neighbor's community fought so hard against to keep the parts of Ritchie Highway that are still residential, residential. What she is doing created problems and she has been visited by the police on numerous occasions for various violations. There are traffic issues, and it's hazardous where she is for people to pull off, and there is not a safe place for people to get back on the highway. There are a lot of issues and apparently she hasn't followed through on fixing the issues.

Ms. Carr York also noted that she is going to go tomorrow night to listen, and it's a little bit hard to ask the delegates for a mandate for what we should do, but she would like to ask the delegates to empower her to at least state that our organization wants to maintain the residential status of that portion of Ritchie Highway, and then let the experts decide what that means with regard to the lady's business. The motion to approve the request was seconded and approved.

**Education Committee – Brad Myers, Director:** Mr. Myers provided the following information:

- **Board of Education Adoption of Capital Budget:** The Board of Education is adopting their Capital Budget on February 20<sup>th</sup>, and as far as he knows that budget still goes forward with proposed priority funding for Benfield Elementary and Severna Park High Schools. All of the discussions he has had recently, primarily with Councilman Ladd, about where they see the high school going through in this process, seem positive. There are some concerns about how creative they need to be to get the project started and there are still a lot of steps to go. From the Board of Education it will go to the County Executive, and we don't know who that will be right now.

**Education Committee – Brad Myers, Director - Continued:**

- **Other Projects and Issues at the County Level:** There is a continued push from a group to start schools later and that is something that has come back to the Board and the Board has put back to the County.

- Questions and Answers:

1. **High School:** In response to a question that the word on the street is that the High School project will start in 2015-2016, Mr. Myers noted that if it goes through as hoped it actually will start in January 2014, so if it gets through in the budget which is effective July 1<sup>st</sup> there will still be six months to get the contract in place, permitting, etc., and that's where the funding is weird. The way it is supposed to typically work is they want full funding in place even if it were starting on July 1<sup>st</sup> and they don't really need that because timing starts on January. But that's where the concern is, and if it does start in January the plan is a two year window at least for the Bill.

President Carr York also noted that a two year should do it and that's the theory. That's why the particular plan was chosen because it can be done in two years. The stadium won't be built quite that quickly, but the school will be in place and fully operational if all goes well two years from the date they actually begin.

2. **Benfield Elementary:** In response to a question, Mr. Myers noted that he doesn't know if there really is a proposed date since Benfield was in the last year's budget process and the Council pushed Benfield out two years. The concern he has is that the full design is done and a push to try and get more elementary schools done, and that is sort of the struggle with the High School. Since if you fully fund the high school for a full year you can't do another elementary school, and whether that will be Benfield elementary is yet to be determined, and will be more political. The good news is that it is at the top of the load and even if they start to try and shuffle priorities in the coming year that project will be the next one in line, and that is his feeling on it.

**Website Upgrading for GSPC:** An attendee noted that it was his understanding that Vice President Myers was working on upgrading the GSPC Website, Vice President Myers noted that he is contracting with a local person to build a new website for GSPC and the process has started. What they will probably do is get some demos, and the hope is that the Board will get presented an initial demo of where we are and then once we have something that we feel good with we will try to bring it to the group to review it and evaluate it.

President Carr York asked if the current website has been updated and Mr. Myers noted that he doesn't believe it has been updated in awhile, and that's part of what the new process will do is to make that process easier and also will have some resources available to make updating for us, and to get current information on the calendar and make it easier for different members of the board to do the updating.

**New Business:**

- **Two Permits Relating to the Culvert on Asbury Drive:** In response to President Carr York's question whether anyone had new business, Adrienne Croll of Berrywood provided the following information:

The Berrywood community has learned that MD State Highways has filed two permits relating to the culvert on Asbury Drive. The first permit is for temporary repairs to the culvert. We have no objections to this permit.

However, the Berrywood Community is alarmed by SHA's proposed permanent redesign of the culvert. Instead of one opening, there will be a large opening and an elliptical opening on each side. We believe that the replacement culvert will further damage Cattail Creek by allowing more water to flow with stronger velocity. We have a group formed here in Berrywood and have had meetings with SHA, MDE, Councilman Dick Ladd and Cathy Vitale so far. Some modifications to the design have been done, but we are pushing for more.

Also, when the full replacement is done (probably in 2014), Asbury Drive will be closed for about 2 weeks for the construction. I didn't know if you all wanted to be listed as an interested party for the proposed hearing on the permit application by MD Department of Environment that may be scheduled for May.

If you would like updates and be listed as an interested party, you should email Steve Hurt at [shurt@mde.state.md.us](mailto:shurt@mde.state.md.us) Of course, we would love to have you listed - would be great to have more communities and interested parties sign-up.

**Old/Unfinished Business:** No report.

**Next GSPC Meeting Dates:**

- Board of Directors Meeting: [Wednesday, February 28, 2013 – 7:00 pm](#) – President Carr-York’s home
- General Meeting: [Tuesday, March 12, 2013 - 7:30 pm](#) – Severna Park Library

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Very Respectfully Submitted:



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Kathleen J. Michels, GSPC Secretary – February 26, 2013  
Updated 3-7-2013

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## MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Possible Legislation in 2013 Session

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#### Transportation Funding

- Maintenance only by 2018
- Proposed increase in gas tax
- Proposed authorization for County transportation taxes
- Caused by diversions and mass transit

#### Death Penalty

- Effective moratorium currently

#### Business

- Paid sick leave (700,000 potential beneficiaries)

#### Bond Interest

- Property tax increase
  - Currently \$0.112 per \$100 of assessable base

#### Gun Control

- “Assault” weapons ban
- Limits on clip size
- Licensure, registration and training requirements

#### Offshore Wind

- Billing surcharge

#### Election Law

- Voter referendum limitations

#### Budget

- 4.3% growth to \$37.3 billion

#### Sales Tax

- Application to online sales
- \$200 million opportunity cost

#### Marijuana

- “Medical” marijuana
- Legal in 18 States

#### Lawsuits

- MD is one of 5 “contributory negligence” States
- Comparative fault standard

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# GSPC General Meeting

**February 12, 2013**

## Treasurer's Report

### **Account balances** (as of 01/31/2013)

BB&T checking	= \$	7,250.63
SmithBarney money market	= \$	5,833.29
SmithBarney CDs (4)	= \$	20,000.00

### **Beautification Trust Fund** (closed 10/2011)

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### **Account activity in January**

#### **BB&T**

Dues Deposited	= \$	525.00
Checks cleared		
--2198	= \$	(2.00)
--21xx	= \$	
Service charge	= \$	(2.00)

#### **SmithBarney**

Money Market	= \$	0.00
Interest	= \$	50.14
CDs		
--matured	= \$	5,000.00
--purchased	= \$	0.00

### **BankAnnapolis (Beautification Fund)** (closed 10/2011)

# GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

## Membership UPDATE

February 12, 2013

Greater Severna Park Council communities and their membership status.

### 53 Communities “in Good Standing”

#### Paid 2013 dues (22)

Arnold Preservation Council, **Belleview Estates**, Ben Oaks, **Bendale**, **Berrywood**, **Berrywood South**, **Bluff Point**, Brittingham, Cape Arthur, **Carrollton Manor**, **Cattail Passage**, Chartridge, Chartwell, Chartwood, Colchester, County Crusaders, Crain West, Cypress Improvement, **Cypress Landing**, Fairwinds, **Glen Oban**, **Harlequin**, **Hollywood**, Kensington, **Kilmarnock**, Lakeland II, 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**, Shipley's Choice Community, Shipley's Choice Homeowners, Shipley's Retreat Homeowners, **Swann Point**, Tam Glade, Twin Harbors, West Severna Park, **Westridge**, **Whitehurst**, Whitney's Landing, Woodberry Farms, **Woodbridge Forest**.

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### Communities **not eligible to vote** in 2013

#### Did Not Pay 2012 dues (5)

Evergreen, Fair Oaks, Jennings Road, Sheffield Park, Williams Woods.

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### Former member Communities

Arundel Plaza, Berrywood Ridge, East Earleigh Heights, Jones CA, McKinsey Park, McKinsey Woods. Severn Heights.

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

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Submitted by Ann Jackson

Watershed Steward

### **Filtrexx Socks-another tool for stormwater management**

**The Spa Creek Conservancy is sponsoring an educational seminar on compost filter technology on March 5, 2013 at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. There will be presentations about the actual implementation and successes using certified compost filter technology - compost-based BMPs - that will reduce runoff sediments and other pollutants from entering the Chesapeake Bay. A free lunch, including bay oysters and other local fare, will be provided. There is no cost to attend the seminar. Contact Regina Rochez at [rochez2@aol.com](mailto:rochez2@aol.com) or 410-267-0337**

### **2013 State of the Magothy River Meeting**

The Magothy River Association will hold its 11th annual "State of the Magothy River" presentation on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, starting at 7:00 PM. The meeting will feature the annual Magothy River Index as well as presentations on other topics of interest and a variety of displays.

### **Free trees and shrubs from the Backyard Buffer Program and Watershed Stewards Academy**

The Backyard Buffer program provides homeowners free trees and shrubs to create a native woodland buffer. Backyard Buffers can be planted near any area where stormwater flows. The Watershed Stewards Academy is holding a free workshop on the program on Thursday, March 7 at Arlington Echo at 6 p.m. More information is available on the website: [www.aawsa.org](http://www.aawsa.org)

WSA Conference "Spring into Action" Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Join over 100 Stewards, Consortium Members and Friend for an interactive day of networking, learning and planning for Spring to Action in 2013. The day will consist of informative breakout sessions, networking opportunities, and a delicious locally produced lunch. Cost is \$30.00. Register at [www.aawsa.org](http://www.aawsa.org)

### **Severn Run Hike, 10 am Saturday February 23.**

SRA has a long history of sponsoring hikes along the Severn River. Here's a great opportunity to better understand our watershed and areas of concern, a great excuse to get outdoors to explore areas that we often drive by. The Severn Run is the largest continuous source of fresh water in the Severn River watershed, and is historical habitat for fish reproduction, including yellow perch, white perch, pickerel, carp, and at one time, brook trout. The hike is 1 hour in and 1 out. Meet on Rt 3, at the Severn Run bridge, next to I-97, parking area for the Severn Run Environmental area. Contact: 410.987.8290 [Mike Robinson](mailto:Mike.Robinson@severnrun.org)

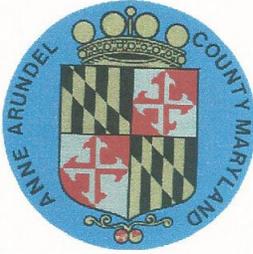
### **SRA meeting**

**SRA Monthly Meeting 7 PM Tuesday February 19, 2013** features Steven Giordano on "NOAA's Restoration Efforts in Chesapeake Bay." Free and open to all interested in Severn River Watershed issues. Meeting will be held at [Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, 975 Indian Landing Rd, Millersville, MD 21108](http://www.aawsa.org).

### **Cypress Creek project**

The Cypress Creek project on the North Branch of Cypress creek is almost completed! According to Anne Arundel County, it is expected to be completed in April. This is a huge project that has been in the works for over 10 years. To actually see it close to completion is quite an accomplishment. If you are driving on Route 2, North you will see the initial pond on your right just before the intersection of Route 2 and

McKenzie Road. The actual project continues for quite a distance and will do much to improve the quality of water that flows to the Magothy.



**The Maryland General Assembly  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY HOUSE DELEGATION**

**Delegation Meeting – Friday, February 15, 2013  
9:00 a.m. -- Room 142, Lowe House Building**

**Chair**  
Nic Kipke

**Vice Chair**  
Tony McConkey

**Delegation Members**  
Ben Barnes  
Pamela G. Beidle  
Michael E. Busch  
Robert A. Costa  
Don Dwyer, Jr.  
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**I. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**

**II. Voting Session:**

**H.B. 113:** Anne Arundel County Board of Education - Selection of Members – Straw Ballot (Sponsor: Delegate Kipke)

**H.B. 703:** Anne Arundel County - Board of Education - Selection of Members (Sponsors: Delegate Schuh and Delegate McConkey)

**III. Bill Hearings:**

**H.B. 910:** Anne Arundel County - Orphans' Court Judges - Salary (Sponsor: Delegate McConkey)

**H.B. 1022:** Anne Arundel County – States Attorney – Annual Salary – (Sponsor: Delegate McConkey)

**IV. Bond Bill Hearings:**

**H.B. 2:** Meade High School Concession Stand (Sponsor: Delegate Sophocleus)

**H.B. 64:** Mayo Civic Association Community Hall (Sponsor: Speaker Busch)

**H.B. 82:** Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 -- Anne Arundel County – Shiplap House (Sponsor: Speaker Busch)

**H.B. 84:** William Paca House Restoration (Sponsor: Speaker Busch)

**V. Presentations:**

**Chesapeake Bay Trust:** Dr. Jana Davis, Executive Director, and Molly Alton Mullins, Director of Communications & Development

**Chesapeake Arts Center,** Belinda Fraley- Huesman, Executive Director

**VI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

**-- Agenda is Subject to Change --**