

Crofton Civic

Association, Inc

THE ADVOCATE

A Newsletter for Residents of the Crofton Special Community Benefit District

CCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018 7:30 PM CROFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Martin Simon
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Secretary	Brian Riley
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District 2 Director	Charles See
District 3 Director	John Barrella
District 4 Director	Mark Ballantyn
District 5 Director	Melanie Smith

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARTIN SIMON

Hello and Happy Spring!

This is always my favorite time of year here in Crofton. As I write this, the cherry blossoms have just peaked along the Parkway and hints of green are popping up all over the community. We are fortunate to live in such a lovely environment!

May I ask a favor of you?

Please take a moment and let me know what you like best about living in Crofton. It doesn't have to be a long letter – just a quick note. You may either send me an e-mail to: ccatownhall@comcast.net, or leave me a message at Town Hall. Our address and phone number are at the bottom of the front page.

I know how many newsletters are sent out each time, but I'm never quite sure just how many folks are actually reading them. Letting me know would be a big help! And if you have suggestions for how we can make living here in Crofton even better, please let me know that, too!

I hope you have marked your calendar for May 21st to attend our spring General Membership Meeting! We need you to come do your civic duty and vote in our CCA election, as well as hear the latest news regarding development issues within the community. We will also have an update from the County Executive's Office on various issues affecting the greater Crofton area.

And if you forgot to send me that note I asked for, you can pull me aside and tell me then!

See you on the 21st.

Thanks, Martin

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT LARRY SCHWEINSBURG

CCA BOARD

At the General Membership Meeting on May 21st the CCA will be conducting its biennial election for members of the Board of Directors. Information about the election process is included in this newsletter.

BUILDING PROJECTS

There are a number of building projects in various states of progress in our area. The Crofton Civic Association Board of Directors and the Architectural Review Committee have been working diligently on concerns related to The Enclave project. Updated information is published on our website croftoncommunity.org and also sent to our listsery members as the information is provided to Town Hall.

It appears that the construction of our new high school is proceeding in a timely manner.

Obviously, the infrastructure work for Riverwalk at Crofton, the mixed use development located across from the Tax District on Route 3 (S), is well underway. That development will feature townhouses, condominiums, commercial offices, an assisted living facility and a student day care center.

Commercial development in the median of Route 3 between Riedel Road and Route 175 is also proceeding at a fast pace. The Crofton-Gambrills area is experiencing phenomenal growth which will no doubt be accompanied by both benefits and problems.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

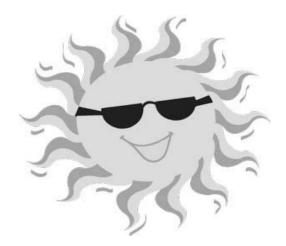
Town Hall submitted the required application for participation in this year's mosquito control program. Further information about the program appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

SIGNS

As you probably know, the CCA has adopted a sign policy that is designed to be within the parameters of the County sign ordinance and to limit the proliferation of signs in the Tax District. The general policy is that signs may be placed on public property (curb lawns, median strips, etc.) from Friday morning until 10 AM on Monday (Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday). Signs may not be placed on CCA property (Lake Louise, main entrance, entrances at Club House Gate, Crossgate Avenue, CCA parks, etc.) without permission from the CCA. Please do not nail signs to trees or tape them to traffic control or street sign poles.

With the highly contentious political races coming up, there is no doubt that there will be many political signs showing up in the community. Regardless of community covenants, state law permits the posting of political signs on **private property** from 30 days before the primary election until 7 days after the general election in November. Please also be aware that political signs (like other signs) cannot be posted on public property (including the curb lawn), except from Friday morning until Monday morning. Please be respectful of your neighbor's right to post signs supporting the candidates of their choice in their yard.

We hope to see you at the General Membership Meeting and CCA Election on May 21st. Have a great summer!





POLICE REPORT CHIEF EARL FOX

Several months ago the County was forced to reconfigure the crosswalk at Crofton Parkway and Duke of Kent Drive to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. This created concerns with walking children who attend Crofton Elementary School. The new design of the crosswalk forces children to have to cross twice at the intersection in order to get to the school.

I have voiced my opposition to this proposal due to the obvious safety concerns. Although the County had other options, they continued with their plans and moved the crosswalk. I met with County officials several times and with the head of the Crossing Guards at headquarters in Millersville. Together we were able to enhance the intersection to a three way stop and added a second crossing guard to assist with the busy intersection. In addition, a no U-turn sign was also added on Crofton Parkway at Duke of Kent prohibiting U-turns during school hours.

Although the new stop signs have been installed for several months, I have observed drivers refusing to stop at the stop signs. Others will slow, look, and then proceed through the intersection without stopping. I know that when you are familiar with the roads in your community there is a tendency to become complacent and not be as careful as you should.

Maryland law requires that all vehicles stop at a Stop sign prior to the solid white marked line on the roadway. Failure to do so will result in a \$90.00 fine and one point on your driver's license. Simply slowing, looking and proceeding on is a violation. If you are stopped by an officer you may be issued a citation.

After several meetings with school officials and County Traffic Engineering, we were able to work on a solution to the traffic congestion on Duke of Kent Drive when Crofton Elementary School begins and dismisses. Phase One of the project has already been completed. This phase consisted of installing no parking signs on Duke of Kent Drive on both sides of the roadway. Phase Two will be the installation of a left turn lane on Duke of Kent Drive for parents to use when turning into the school. This will allow traffic to use the right side of the road to continue on toward Crofton Parkway. Once the second phase is completed, traffic conditions should improve greatly.



RECREATION ACTIVITIES KATHY LAVIN

Spring is here! The Easter Egg Hunt was a terrific success, thanks to the help of the Crofton Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops from Units 115 and 758, who generously stuffed over 10,000 eggs for the hunt. Also, I am very thankful to the many citizens of Crofton for their extraordinary assistance with hiding the eggs. Without the help and support of our community volunteers I would be unable to create these wonderful events.

The twenty-eighth Annual Armed Forces / First Responders' Parade will be held on Saturday, May 12th at 11 AM. The parade will step off from Crofton Woods Elementary School, turn left onto Crofton Parkway and proceed to Crofton Elementary School. If you are a member of the Armed Forces (active duty or retired) and would like to participate in the parade, please contact Town Hall at 410-721-2301 or ccatownhall@comcast.net. We hope that our residents will come out to support the heroes within our community that morning!



Spring is in full swing and the Summer Concert Series is just around the corner. Our summer concert series begins on Sunday, June 3rd. Thank you to the Crofton Country Club for allowing us to use their wonderful shaded ground space once again this year for the concerts. All concerts are held from 6–8 PM. Here is this year's lineup of artists:

June 3, 2018: Pocket Change June 10, 2018: Bay Jazz Project June 24, 2018: Ruth Capobianco July 1, 2018: Tom Lagana Group

July 8, 2018: Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition

July 15, 2018: Goodfellas July 22, 2018: Destiny July 29, 2018: Wicked Olde

Make sure to bring your chairs or blankets for the grass seating. Finally, I would like to thank the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County for once again funding our grant request, so we can continue with this wonderful music series!





CCA 2018 ELECTION PROCEDURES

Officers and District Directors of the Crofton Civic Association will be elected at the General Membership Meeting on May 21st at Crofton Elementary School. The term of office for successful candidates will be two years. Candidates who submitted a Declaration of Candidacy by the close of business on March 30th are the only candidates eligible to be elected.

At the time of the writing of this information, there are no contested positions. Therefore, there will not be a separate Candidate's Night. However, all of the candidates will be invited to be present at the CCA Board Meeting on May 14th. Any candidate who wishes to speak will be able to make a short statement and to answer questions from residents in accordance with time limitations to be established by the Election Committee.

If you are a property owner or at least 18 years old and are a resident of the Crofton Special Community Benefits District, you are a member of the CCA and may vote in the election. The election shall be by secret ballot with no proxies permitted. The Election Committee and its designees shall confirm voter eligibility prior to issuing a ballot for voting. Please ensure that you have an official photo identification (such as a driver's license) to present when voting. Information on absentee balloting procedures appears in the following section.

On Election Day, May 21st, the polls will open in the lobby of Crofton Elementary School at 6:30 PM and will close at 9 PM or at the conclusion of the General Membership Meeting (whichever is first). The ballots will be counted by Election Committee members immediately after the polls close, and the results (including absentee ballots) will be announced upon the completion of the count.



ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURES

Absentee balloting will be available during regular business hours (9 AM to 5 PM) at Town Hall from May 14th to May 18th, and on May 15th from 5 PM to 7 PM.

The voter must appear in person and present a valid photo identification (such as a driver's license) to the staff member at Town Hall. The staff member will verify the voter's eligibility. The voter will be given a ballot for the District in which he/she lives, an unmarked envelope and an "Absentee Ballot Received" signature form. The staff member will print the voter's name, address and District number on the signature form.

The staff member will highlight the voter's name on the membership list and have the voter sign and return the "Absentee Ballot Received" form. The voter will then complete the ballot, fold it and insert it into the ballot box. No other ballot will be issued to a voter who has been issued an absentee ballot.

Special arrangements can be made for persons with disabilities or shut-ins. Please contact Town Hall at 410-721-2301 for information.

CCA CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT

Martin Simon 1573 Crofton Parkway Resident: 23 Years

Type of Business or Employment Photojournalist / Commercial Photographer

Education:

Saint Petersburg College – Journalism

Community Involvement:

Current President of CCA Board

Former CCA Vice President and CCA Secretary with 20 years service

Former CCA Liaison to Greater Crofton Council 50th Anniversary Committee member (2014 – 2015) Formerly active with Boy Scout Troop 731 (until son became an Eagle Scout)

Former Captain of Men's Tennis Team Crofton Swim and Tennis Club

Former CAC Youth Baseball Coach (10 years)

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?

The proposed Enclave development at our front gates will continue to be a major issue of concern for the foreseeable future. Bringing the Crofton Police Department up to full staffing remains a priority. Improving our aging common areas in the community will require additional attention.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

Though serving as President these past two years has proven to require more time and attention than I ever anticipated, I believe continuity of leadership at this particular time is important. Development, police personnel and aging infrastructure issues will be front and center for the next CCA Board. My goal is to continue the progress we have already made to lead our team to workable solutions for each of these challenges in the coming months.

VICE PRESIDENT

Anna O'Kelly 1411 Knightsbridge Turn Resident: 29 Years

Type of Business or Employment:

Part-time Office Manager

Education:

Professional Secretary Degree from Hickey Business School Undergraduate courses at the University of Pennsylvania

Community Involvement:

CCA Vice President since 2016
Member of Architectural Review Committee
CCA Secretary 2011-2016
Chairperson Covenant Review Committee since

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Former Chairperson of Maintenance Committee Former Member of Maintenance Committee CCA District 3 Director 2002-2006 Crofton Greenery Garden Club

2nd Vice President, Federation Garden Clubs of Maryland

High School Redistricting Committee (1997)

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton for the next two years?

The safety of our citizens is a concern. As the surrounding areas continue to expand, the likelihood of crime spilling over into our community is inevitable.

The completion of the new high school is an exciting prospect. It will enhance the desirability of Crofton. We also need to ensure that Crofton retains its strong community values.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

As a long-time resident and volunteer in the community, I believe that my knowledge and leadership are valuable assets to the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY

Brian Riley 2902 Middlebridge Court Resident: 15 Years

Type of business or employment:

Government Relations-The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company

Education:

B.S.-Political Science/History-The American University (1988)

Community Involvement:

Secretary, Crofton Civic Association Board of Directors

Chairperson, CCA Public Safety Committee Member, Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Former Crofton Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader Oldest child graduated from South River High Second child is a senior at Indian Creek Upper School

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton for the next two years?

Continuing public safety issues and enhanced safety awareness are significant concerns. Additionally, there needs to be increased attention paid to maintenance and preservation efforts as the infrastructure in the CSCBD ages.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

I want to continue to give back to the Crofton community by serving on the CCA Board of Directors. I believe that my background in government finance and budget, as well as government relations, would continue to be of value to the CCA Board.

TREASURER

Diane Schertzer 1720 Dryden Way Resident: 35 years

Type of Business or Employment:

Financial Consultant/Legal and Regulatory Analyst, The Oakleaf Group, Bethesda, MD

Education:

J.D. 1993, The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

Community Involvement:

No formal commitments

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?

Appropriate zoning and development, and public safety.

Why do you want to be elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

My parents are original owners since 1968, and still live on Urby Drive. I grew up in Crofton, and have returned after living away for a number of years. Crofton has always been home. I plan to remain in Crofton, and want to ensure Crofton remains a wonderful community for my family, friends, and neighbors.

DISTRICT ONE DIRECTOR

Daria DeLizio 1534 Birdwood Court Resident: 13 Years

Type of Business or Employment:

Litigation Case Manager

Education:

B.S. – Drew University Political Science and Sociology Paralegal Certificate

Community Involvement:

CCA District One Director since 2012 President, HOA Former member of Crofton's 50th Anniversary Committee

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?

The major areas of concern include residential development in Crofton and increasing traffic on Crofton Parkway and Route 3. Other important issues include maintaining the community's appearance, protecting home property values and supporting the Crofton Police Department.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

I enjoy living in Crofton. It is a privilege to serve on the CCA Board with such dedicated fellow members. I want to be involved in the decisions affecting our community, including quality of life issues and maintaining fiscal responsibility.

DISTRICT TWO DIRECTOR

Charles See 1514 Eton Way Resident: 17 Years

Type of Business or Employment:

Regional Operations Manager, Colliers International

Education:

B.S. in Accounting

Community Involvement:

I now have time to participate in this community, personally, and have served as the District Two Director for four years.

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton for the next two years?

We need to monitor the increasing development, along Route 3, both residential and commercial. Of course, as this development grows we need to be concerned with traffic volume and safety in this area.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

This is an interesting time in the Tax District and vicinity. I want to continue to be involved and to serve my community on the Board of Directors.

DISTRICT THREE DIRECTOR

John A. Barrella, Jr. 1453 Crofton Parkway Resident: 44 Years

Type of Business or Employment:

Retired NSA Employee and Defense Contractor

Education:

B.S. in Technology, UMUC Graduate of U.S. Armed Forces Staff College Numerous technical and management courses at various U.S. agencies

Community Involvement:

CCA District Three Director since April 2015 Maintenance **Operations** Chairman. and Committee

Coached youth soccer and baseball in CAC Coached youth basketball in GORC

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?

Seeing the Crofton High School built and operating. That now appears to be nearing. have much concern about the growth on Route 3. Traffic is terrible, there are far too many accidents and that will increase. Something must be done to hold down Route 3 corridor growth. Now that we have a near full complement of police officers, I would like to see increased traffic law enforcement and citations issued for speeding, tailgating, and stop sign violations.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA **Board of Directors?**

My family and I have lived here for 44 years, most of which I was working. Now that I am officially retired and have some time available, I desire to give something back to this great community. Serving on the CCA Board of Directors during the past two years has provided me knowledge, high interest, appreciation and a much better understanding of the community's capabilities, needs and plans for the future. As Chairperson for Maintenance and Operations, I review with the Town Manager the maintenance and operations account activities. The Town Manager is very knowledgeable and keeps me informed of issues. Lastly, I have concerns about The Enclave development. More discussion and information must be made available.

DISTRICT FOUR DIRECTOR

Mark C. Ballantyne 1768 Rochester Street Resident: 4 Years

Type of Business or Employment:

Defense Contractor

Education: Johns Hopkins University

Community Involvement: CCA District Four Director since 2016 Member Crofton Swim and Tennis Club

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton in the next two years?

Concerns include the pace of development along Route 3 and plans for development within the Triangle; school overcrowding and student redistricting; and crime and public safety within the community.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA Board of Directors?

I would like to serve another term as the District Four Director in order to be involved with the community and its financial planning process. As a father of young children, it is important to ensure that Crofton remains a desirable place to raise a family.

DISTRICT FIVE DIRECTOR

Melanie A. Smith **1672 Patrice Circle Resident: 25 Years**

Type of Business or Employment:

Federal Banking Regulator (retired)

Education:

Coalition

B.S. in Finance, Arizona State University Graduate School of Banking, University of Colorado at Boulder

Executive Program, University of Michigan Habitat for Humanity Leadership Conference Harvard Business School

Community Involvement:

District Five Director since 2012 Past President - Arundel Habitat for Humanity Board member and Treasurer for 12 years Past President - Anne Arundel Affordable Housing

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Cantor Member Kiwanis Club

What do you consider to be the major areas of concern for Crofton for the next two years?

The safety of the children in the community remains my primary concern. I supported Urby Drive residents in their efforts to have traffic calmers installed on their street by County Public Works. We need to do more to discourage speeding and other traffic violations from endangering our neighborhoods. We need to be a strong voice in discouraging irresponsible development along Route 3 and Route 450 with emphasis on reducing traffic volume, speeding and noise levels.

Why do you want to be re-elected to the CCA **Board of Directors?**

I have served three terms as the District 5 Director, including four years as Chair of the Public Safety Committee and the last two years as the liaison to the Greater Crofton Council. During the past several months, I have also been a member of the Architectural Review Committee, the CCA committee charged with reviewing the site plans and architectural renderings for The Enclave development. We are making every effort to ensure that the 1988 agreement is followed and that the proposed development fits the character of Crofton. I would like very much to continue to serve my community in these roles.



MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR 2018 - 2019

This notice is to inform the residents of the Crofton Special Community Benefit District of mosquito control services that are being provided by the Maryland Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Anne Arundel County Government, for the 2018 – 2019 period. Between April and October, a County-wide

surveillance and control of larval mosquitoes will be conducted. Surveillance and control of adult mosquitoes will be conducted between May 30 and October 2.

Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if an MDA employee determines it is necessary. The frequency of ULV spray treatments will be based on the level of mosquito infestation and the resources available. Spraying will not be conducted if it is raining, the winds exceed 12 MPH or the temperature exceeds 89 degrees. Please note that ULV spray treatment of adult tiger mosquitoes is most effective when conducted in conjunction with community clean up efforts to remove standing water containers. Birdbaths and containers under potted plants should be flushed twice a week. Old tires should be properly disposed of and not stored in yards. Roof gutters and down spouts should be kept clean. Dripping outdoor faucets should be repaired. Collections of water in tarps or grill covers should be drained. If stored outside or under decks, items like pails, wading pools, wheelbarrows and such, should be turned upside down.

Residents who would like their property to be exempt from adult mosquito control services must notify the MDA in writing, using the Department of Agriculture's request form. The Request Form is available from the MDA

(http://mda.maryland.gov/plantspests/Documents/MosquitoControlExemptionForm.pdf) and at Crofton Town Hall for Special Community Benefit District residents.



STREETS IN THE CROFTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS

DISTRICT ONE:

Albermarle Drive Angus Court Bandury Court Birdwood Court

Carlyle Court

Crofton Center

<u>Carlyle Apartments</u>:

Carlyle Drive

The Point at Crofton Apartments:

Parkridge Circle Greenwich Court Cold Spring Way

DISTRICT TWO:

Ardsley Place

Crofton Parkway (1493-1653)

Dana Street

Dryden Way

Earlham Avenue

Ebbotts Place

Edgerton Place

Ellsworth Avenue

Elwyn Avenue

Endsley Place

English Place

Eton Way

Eversham Place

Farlow Avenue

Farnborn Street

Farrell Street

Flynt Place

DISTRICT THREE:

Candleberry Court

Crofton Parkway (1427-1487 & 1824-1856)

Grev Birch Court

Harcourt Avenue

Harrow Avenue

Harwell Avenue

Henley Place

Heston Place

Hylton Place

Jameson Place

Jerrold Place

Jordan Avenue

Justin Place

Kensington Place

Knightsbridge Turn

Lavton Street

Marlow Place

Mayfair Place

North Forest Apartments:

Crofton Parkway (1825-1839)

North Forest Court
Treeview Court

Ormsby Place

Persimmontree Court

Peartree Court
Peartree Lane
Pecan Tree Court
Pepperbush Court
Pleasant Meadow Road
Stonegate Avenue

DISTRICT FOUR:

Summersweet Court

Crofton Country Club

Crofton Parkway (1701-1814)

Falling Leaf Court
Middlebridge Court
Misty Meadow Court
Old Willow Way
Ralston Place
Rawlings Court
Reading Street
Regents Park Road
Reynolds Street
Rochester Court
Rochester Street
Roxboro Place
Saxony Place

Scribner Place Shaftsbury Avenue Spring Green Avenue

Stratton Road Sturbridge Place Swinburne Avenue

Tarleton Way

Tarrytown Avenue

Tedbury Street Tipton Drive

Torrington Place

Trent Street

Truro Road Twain Road

Tyrone Street

Willow Glen Court

Willow Wood Court

DISTRICT FIVE:

Bromley Court

Carry Place

Chainbridge Court
Crawford Boulevard
Crossgate Drive
Farmington Court
Fernham Court
Fillmore Court
Floral Court
Freemont Court
Gable Court
Gabriel Court
Gaffney Court

Gabriel Court
Gaffney Court
Galaxy Drive
Golden Court
Good Hope Drive
Granite Court
Greentree Court
Gunwood Place
Meghan Court
Patrice Circle
Ullswater Place
Urby Drive

Ullswater Place
Urby Drive
Usher Place
Village Green
Waldorf Court
Walleye Drive
Whitestone Court
Whitfield Court
Wickham Way
Wilkshire Drive
Woodbridge Court



JOIN OUR LISTSERV

Town Hall has been compiling resident email addresses as an additional way to communicate important and timely information. If your email address is not already included in the listserv (email distribution list) and would like to be added, please contact us at: ccatownhall@comcast.net and include your name, home address and phone number.



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