



Crofton Civic

Association, Inc

# THE ADVOCATE

*A Newsletter for Residents of the Crofton Special Community Benefit District*

## CCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2024, 7:30 PM

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### AGENDA

President's Announcements – Anna O'Kelly  
Nasrin Dahlgren, AA Co. Department of Public Works,  
addressing Crofton Golf (Beaver Creek) restoration

CCA Board Meeting

Other Business

Citizen Comments



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# TEEN SKATE NIGHT!

## A Crofton 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
Skate Zone, 1082 MD Route 3, Crofton, MD 21114



Crofton High School and Middle School Teens are invited to a free skate night at Skate Zone. This is a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party that includes:

- ✦ Free admission and skate rentals.
- ✦ Bowls of popcorn
- ✦ DJ and music
- ✦ Free Skate Mates for beginners
- ✦ Pizza and soda (*until supplies run out.*)
- ✦ A raffle for 20 arcade cards with 50 credits each



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**ANNA O'KELLY**

Hi Neighbors,

As I write this, we are receiving much needed rain from tropical storm 'Debby'. Despite this summer's heat, many residents were able to enjoy activities sponsored by the CCA. The Annual Summer Concert series was well attended, and the 2024 Crofton Pie Bake Off provided local bakers an opportunity to enter their favorite pie recipes in this friendly competition. Proceeds benefitted the Crofton Christian Caring Council's Baby Pantry.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kidz Fest was a great success! An estimated 700+ neighbors attended and enjoyed the many activities offered. Upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events include Teen Skate Night, GCCC Taste of Crofton, Homecoming Community Reception, Croftoberfest, and Gold Star Memorial Dedication. We will be publishing more information regarding ticket prices for the Homecoming Reception and Croftoberfest once costs have been finalized. These two events promise to be very popular so plan to attend!

Work continues to upgrade our playgrounds. Hardy Field playground revitalization is complete and provides a new array of equipment to make it safer and more accessible to our children.

We are still collecting email addresses to communicate digitally with our citizens so if you do not receive our emails, please register your email address with Town Hall at **[Info@CroftonTownHall.org](mailto:Info@CroftonTownHall.org)**. This will ensure that you receive community announcements and notifications as well as the monthly E-Advocate. The print/mailed paper Advocate is published only three times a year, so the electronic notifications provide more timely notice of upcoming activities and events. In addition, the [CroftonCommunity.org](http://CroftonCommunity.org) website provides more in-depth information about the community. Finally, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

We hope to see you at the September 16<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting at the Crofton Elementary School library.

~ Anna O'Kelly

## TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE

**Martin H. Simon**

Have you walked Crofton Parkway lately and wondered what's next for the Crofton Golf stream restoration project over near Crofton Commons? Well, you're not alone! I have received many calls and emails over the summer since the big trucks left from concerned folks asking if what we see now is the finished product. The short answer to that question is no, as there will be a round of planting native trees, shrubs, and grasses when the weather cools a bit this fall.

But to more fully answer those questions and concerns, we will be having the director of that project as our guest speaker during the next CCA General Membership Meeting, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, at Crofton Elementary School's Library Media Center. Please join us for a presentation by Nasrin Dahlgren, Senior Project Manager, Department of Public Works, Anne Arundel County. Ms. Dahlgren will discuss the next phase of the current "valley restoration" project, as well as what will be coming up roughly a year from now for the portion of Crofton Golf stream that runs between the Baptist church and the "W" section town homes.

The current project has all taken place on land owned by Anne Arundel County, so the CCA had no direct say in the plan. Phase 2, however, will mostly be done on property owned by the CCA, so we hope to be much more involved in that project to ensure a proper balance between good environmental stewardship and the concerns of affected property owners here in Crofton.

Information about the current project is available on the County's website but can be hard to find. If interested, please email me at **[TownManager@CroftonTownHall.org](mailto:TownManager@CroftonTownHall.org)** and I'll send you the link...

## Police Chief's Report Chief Jason Jett



Greetings! Summer is over and by the time this reaches you our local schools will be open for another school year. Please watch for children crossing our roadways and please follow the direction of our Crossing Guards who continue to make sure the children of our community arrive at school safely. We will again be in our local schools and promoting our positive relationships with our teachers and students. Sergeant Sims will be back at Crofton Elementary School and Officer Carrier will replace Chief Jett at Crofton Woods Elementary. We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces again.

### July Statistics:

Calls for Service-564

Patrol Checks- 319

Traffic Stops- 105 with one DUI

Type of Call	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Administrative	110	103	26	74	43	39	44
Alarm	8	1	3	4	4	2	1
Assist Other	19	5	2	4	1	7	19
Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Cross Guard Detail	40	18	22	8	3	1	0
Community Policing	3	4	5	15	19	13	2
Domestic Violence	1	0	0	1	3	4	1
Mental Health	3	2	0	7	2	1	2
Family Dispute	3	0	0	2	0	2	4
Harassment	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
House Check	1	0	3	0	0	1	2
Misc	30	18	22	39	41	39	44
Missing Person	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Patrol Check	427	287	270	339	181	280	319
Property Damage	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking	2	6	2	3	5	3	0
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repair Order	0	2	1	7	1	0	0
Report Writing	11	13	0	8	8	4	1
Stolen Auto	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
School Check	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspicious	12	8	0	7	7	7	6
Traffic Accident	9	4	1	9	6	6	12
Theft	4	5	1	3	3	4	1
Trespassing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Stop	118	74	10	76	105	76	105
Warrant	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>564</b>



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### Community Events

The Crofton Police Department participated in many community events happening during July and into August. The Kidz Fest on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Village Green was an enormous success and we made so many new friends. I was lucky enough to be a judge at the Crofton Pie Bake-off on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all the winners. We just completed National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup> and wanted to thank the Greater Crofton Chamber of Commerce for hosting this special event.

The Crofton Police Department is also preparing for our Second Annual Trunk or Treat on **October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Though we are still in the planning process, we expect this year's event to be even bigger than last year's! Stay tuned for a location announcement soon...

## Crime in the Community

We are seeing an increase in mental crisis incidents. Luckily for our department we have well-trained officers who can supply the help and resources for those in need.

A reminder to lock your vehicle doors. We are continuing to see Theft from Auto incidents. Do not be a victim; secure your valuables and keep your vehicles locked. An unlocked door is an open invite to those that would commit these crimes.

Tire/Wheel Thefts are continuing to happen throughout Anne Arundel County. We are working closely with the Anne Arundel County Police Department to identify these individuals and get them off our streets. If you see something, say something. These incidents are happening late at night and in the early hours before dawn. Apartment complexes and town house communities are their desired targets due to the volume of cars available in these areas.

Be safe and God bless,

~Chief Jason Jett

## Welcome Officer Carrier

The Crofton Police welcome Jon Carrier as our newest officer. Officer Carrier has been a certified law enforcement officer since January 1989, working for Federal, County and City jurisdictions within the state of Maryland.



He is a graduate of (FLETC) Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Georgia; The Prince George's County Police Academy MD with honors; The Anne Arundel County Police Academy MD, and the Department of Defense's Police Academy. During his 35 years in law enforcement, Jon has been a member of some of the elite units of the police department, including the CNT/Conflict Negotiations Team, CIT/Crisis Intervention Team, and an SRO/School Resource Officer.

Jon is a recognized expert in several law enforcement disciplines, and a speaker and organizer at local and national conferences. He has been a member of several NIJ/DOJ (TWG's) Technical Working Groups for the federal government, to include an "Active Shooter Focus Group" and a member of the (MSDE) Maryland State Department of Education's "Best practices in School Discipline" workgroup.

Jon has a Degree in Criminal Justice (Dean's List) with an emphasis on investigations; he has received over 3,000 hours in law enforcement specific classroom instruction and is a (SME) Subject Matter Expert in physical security, specifically as it relates to schools. He is a contributor to national video resources, "National Crime Prevention Council video on CPTED" and "It Can Happen Here." He has contributed to articles for the Journal of School Safety and contributed to other resources for the National Crime Prevention Council, Department of Justice, Tech-Beat, AACPS and others.

He has taken over four-hundred hours of School Resource Officer (SRO) specific training and has been recognized as a (NASRO) National Practitioner for SRO's. Jon is the past President of MASRO – The Maryland Association of School Resource Officers and a former member of the Executive Board for NASRO – The National Association of School Resource Officers. In 2020 at the start of COVID, Officer Carrier transferred to the (CIT) Crisis Intervention Team and worked with civilian clinicians in the (MCT/CRS) Mobile Crisis Team/Crisis Response System.

Lastly, and most importantly, he is a long-time active community member of Anne Arundel County, where he has raised his family and has deep community roots. If you see Jon on the street, please say hello!

## Recreation Report Kathy Lavin



### Ice Cream!

The Annual CCA Ice Cream Social is scheduled for **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. The event is being held in the Town Hall backyard at 1576 Crofton Parkway. There will be face painters, balloon artists, a bounce house, and music. Ok, and there's ice cream, too! The event is free and it's a great chance to come out and meet the neighbors.

### Teen Skate!

Crofton 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teen Skate Night at Skate Zone – This free event for teens is scheduled from **6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on September 15<sup>th</sup>** and includes skate rentals, arcade credits, food, and drinks.

### Upcoming Events This Fall:



### Greater Crofton Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival on the Green

The Crofton Chamber will host its annual Fall Festival on the Green on **September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at the Crofton Country Club. There will be food trucks, kid's activities, crafts, and many local vendors. The CCA and Crofton Police will be there, too, so please stop by and say hello!



### Crofton Dog Show

Crofton's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dog Show and Dog Pie Eating Contest sponsored by Crofton Civic Association and Higgins and Friends Pet Sitting, LLC will be held in conjunction with the Higgins Pet Fair, which will take place at the Crofton Country Club from **11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

Every dog is invited to bring their owner to the 9<sup>th</sup> annual dog show starting at 1:30 PM. Check-in will begin at 1:00 PM and contestants will be judged in the order of their arrival. The judged event is fun and family-friendly, and kids are welcome to escort their dogs. Medals and prizes will be awarded for:

- Best of Show (overall winner behavior and grooming)
- Runner Up (overall behavior and grooming)
- Most Tricks
- Most Original Trick
- Best Costume
- Pet/ Pet Owner Look Alike
- Simon Says (Dogs will line up with their owners and be asked to perform eight common commands by Jill Weissenbach of Higgins and Friends Pet Sitting. The most obedient and responsive dog will win for their age bracket.)

There will also be a dog pie-eating contest -- There will be small pies for dogs under 25lbs. and standard size pies for dogs over 25lbs. This contest is limited to eight dogs in each category (so register early). Early eating will

disqualify your dog. On the command "Eat" the dog that finishes their entire pie first is the winner. This will be a fast contest!

Participation in the contest is free for entrants. Contestants should reserve their place in the contest by completing the registration form at <https://form.jotform.com/242215503997056>.



## Crofton Chili Cook-Off

This is the **10<sup>th</sup>** year for the Crofton Chili Cook-Off; let's make it the best one yet! The Crofton Chili Cook-Off will be hosted by the Crofton Kiwanis, the Crofton Civic Association, and the Crofton Farmers' Market on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**, from **10:00 AM to Noon** at the Crofton Farmers' Market, located in the parking lot of the Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD 21114. There are two awards that will be given:

- Crofton Chili Cook-Off Champion
- Crofton Chili Cook-Off People's Choice

There will also be a special prize for the hottest chili. The event will benefit the Crofton Christian Caring Council's Food Pantry, which provides food for families in need and the homeless.

If you want to enter a pot of chili in the contest, participant registration is free. Please visit <https://form.jotform.com/212055585800048> for additional details and to register.

## A Taste of Crofton

The Greater Crofton Chamber of Commerce will host this event on **October 8<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**, at the Crofton Country Club. This event invites local restaurants to provide samples of their fare. There will be music, door prizes, and lots of food samples. Stay tuned for additional information on this Crofton 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event!

## Please stay tuned for additional information on these upcoming Crofton events!

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Crofton Police Department's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk-or-Treat. Location TBD, stay tuned for additional details of this very popular Crofton event!

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Crofton 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming at the Crofton Country Club.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** – Crofton Kiwanis Halloween Parade and CCA Town Hall Party.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** – Crofton 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary *Crotoberfest* at the Crofton Country Club.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Crofton 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Goldstar Memorial Dedication on the lawn at Crawford Boulevard.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Crofton 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 60's Open Mic Night at Historic Linthicum Walks.

**TBD** – Annual CCA Holiday Tree Lighting and visit with Santa, at the Crofton Country Club.

## VOLUNTEERS

Our events would not be possible without the help of volunteers in the community. If you are interested in volunteering at any of our upcoming events, please contact our event coordinator Kathy Lavin at [Kathryn804@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathryn804@yahoo.com).

## Hardy Field Gets a Re-Do

Hardy Field now has all-new playground equipment. This project was funded by the CCA and a \$95,000 grant through Rebuilding Together Anne Arundel County (RTAAC) from the Community Safety Works Program of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. The work included re-grading the park area, as well as the path to the park from Farlow Avenue. The new path to the park is ADA-compliant. In addition to regrading, brand new park equipment has been installed as well as 12" of fresh playground mulch. The CCA contributed \$10,707.00 to the effort. The finishing touch will be newly refurbished park benches and a picnic table, currently underway as part of an Eagle Scout project.



The CCA also invested another \$7,000 to split the cost of renovating the garage at Hardy Field with the Crofton Athletic Council. Area Roofing & Siding replaced the roof, which was in bad shape and installed new siding. The garage is used to store athletics and maintenance equipment for use on the field.







## SIGNS

Campaign signs, as well as signs of any kind, are subject to restrictions by Anne Arundel County Code. Campaign signs are allowed only on private property with the permission of the property owner and may NOT be placed in County rights-of-way. This includes curb lawns and CCA community property. Campaign signs are allowed from 60 days before the election and are to be removed within 7 days after the conclusion of the election. Signs are not to exceed 12 feet above grade level and 9 square feet in a residential district.

## CCA Citizen of the year 2024

Every year the residents of the Crofton community get to nominate a citizen of the year. Nominations are reviewed and selected by the CCA Board of Directors. The citizen is honored at the Community Awards Banquet on November 13th, hosted by the Greater Crofton Chamber of Commerce. Do you know someone who has made a difference in our community?

Visit [www.croftoncommunity.org](http://www.croftoncommunity.org) for a link to the nomination form. Nominations are due by 5:00 PM, Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The nominee must be a CCA resident.

Nomination forms may also be emailed to [info@croftontownhall.org](mailto:info@croftontownhall.org) or dropped off at Town Hall in person. Please include your name, address, email, and phone number, the nominee's name, address, email, and phone number, and the reasons why you wish to nominate your candidate.





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## CSCBD & CCA FY2026 Budget

CCA residents are invited to the annual budget meetings that are held on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM throughout the month of October. Meetings will be held at the Library Media Center at Crofton Elementary School, 1405 Duke of Kent Drive.

The CCA Board of Directors encourages citizen input and comments for planning the next year's budget, so please join us.

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** - Maintenance & Operations and Administration budgets

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** - Public Safety and Recreation budgets

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** - Overhead & CCA budgets

## Upcoming Board of Director's Meetings

The CCA Board of Directors Meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the Library Media Center at Crofton Elementary School. All board meetings are open to the public and resident questions and input are welcome.

- October 14<sup>th</sup> (combined w/ budget meeting)
- November 18<sup>th</sup>
- December 9<sup>th</sup>

## Missed Garbage Pick-Up

In the last month several residents have called Town Hall to say that their trash, recycling, or yard waste was not picked up on schedule. Anne Arundel County provides trash pick-up and recycling through subcontractor companies. You can report a missed curbside pick-up directly at <https://www.aacounty.org/public-works/waste-management/curbside-collection/report-missed-curbside-collection>.

AA County will then send someone out to investigate and work with the contractor to resolve a problem.

## Copies of Police Reports

Another common call to Town Hall is to request copies of police reports. The Crofton Police Department works with the Anne Arundel County Police department and all police calls and reports are created and maintained in the County's system. You can order copies of recent police records starting at \$5.00 online at <https://www.aacounty.org/police-department/central-records/police-records>. This same system can be used to order copies of body-worn camera videos, CCTV videos, 911 call recordings, and older archived reports. The costs vary depending on the type of record you are requesting.



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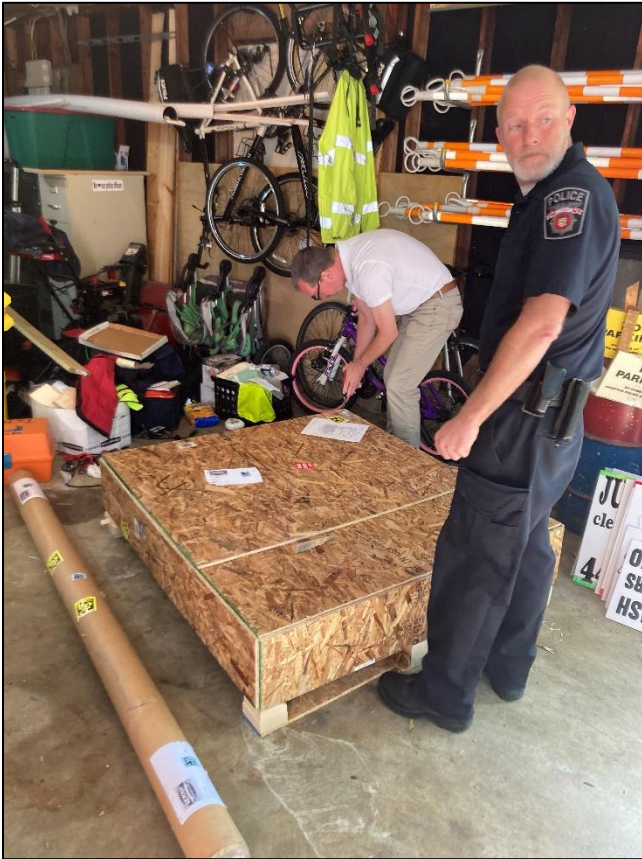


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## The Goldstar Memorial has arrived!

For Crofton's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Crofton Village Garden Club and the Crofton Greenery Club are erecting a Gold Star Memorial in the median of Crawford Boulevard at the main Crofton entrance. This custom-cast metal memorial is a tribute to Gold Star Families whose loved one paid the ultimate price defending the United States of America.

There will be a dedication ceremony on **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** on the median lawn at Crawford Boulevard at **2:00 PM**. Crawford Boulevard will be partially closed. Parking will be available at the Crofton Country Club and a shuttle will take folks safely to and from the dedication ceremony.

The event itself will be held under a large tent and Gold Star family members will be in attendance. Please make plans to join us to honor these families that have given so much to our country.

## Scam Alert

Beware of scammers who are working in the Crofton Area claiming to represent the Crofton Police and saying that folks have missed court subpoenas to be witnesses in some cases. They are using names like "Lieutenant Parsons" and spoofing Town Hall's actual phone number. Do NOT give them any money, bank information, or credit card information! If you have any concerns, contact the actual Crofton Police at 410-721-2301 and ask for Chief Jason Jett.

## JOIN OUR LISTSERV

Every month over 2,000 Crofton area residents receive the E-Advocate, our monthly newsletter with new event information and articles of interest to Crofton. In addition, folks on the list get email alerts for immediate news and information.

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