

**FALLSTON COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 27, 2018**

Vice Chairman Larry Keckler called the meeting of the Fallston Community Advisory Board (Board), held at the Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company (FVFC), to order at 6:30 p.m. Board member Robert McArtor was also present, as were Jessica Blake, representing Councilman Woods, Susan Sapp, representing the County Council and Kristina Lowery, representing the County Government.

The minutes of the January 23 meeting were approved.

It was announced that the next meeting of the board would be held on May 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the FVFAC.

Lt. Plumer of the Harford County Sheriff's Office presented crime statistics for the Fallston area for the period February 26, 2018 through March 26, 2018. There were 582 calls for service during this period, the top three reasons being alarm activations (23), suspicious incidents (13) and animal complaints (12). There were also 2 burglaries (Reckord Rd and Durham Rd) and 3 thefts. Lt. Plumer also reported that the Felony Lane Gang seems to have re-emerged in the area. This gang, usually comprised of individuals from outside the area, typically commits "smash and grab" crimes, breaking vehicle windows and stealing purses and other items left unattended and visible in the vehicle.

Ms. Blake informed the group that there will be an open house for the new Youth's Benefit Elementary School on April 21. She also commented about an ongoing zoning issue for a property on Route 152 near Stoneybrook Day Care. The owner is requesting zoning that will permit a personal care boarding home.

Ms. Sapp presented a summary of County Council Meetings held on March 6, 2018 and March 13, 2018, a copy of which is attached.

Ms. Lowery spoke about numerous county sponsored activities in the near future, including:

1. The new tax credit for long-term county residents who have lived in the same home for at least 40 years, and retirees from the U.S. Uniformed Services. The deadline for application is April 1.
2. A "Stop the Bleed" life-saving training session scheduled for March 29 at 1:00 p.m. to be held at the County Administration building on Main Street.
3. Harford County support for healthy streams presentation, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the McFaul Center.
4. Harford County Arbor Day at Annie's Playground, May 30 at 10 a.m.
5. A series (7 sessions) of mental health and safety education programs on Wednesday evenings April 4 – May 16 from 7 – 9 p.m., held at the Ady Road

County Government Building. Registration is online at the Harford County Government website.

6. The construction of a new "Sensory Trail" for citizens with differing abilities to exercise and enjoy nature. The trail will open at noon on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the Schucks Regional Park in Bel Air.
7. The closing of Annie's Playground on April 14 & 15 for repainting by John Carroll High School students.

Diane Adkins-Tobin, a candidate for Harford County Circuit Court Judge, was given the floor for a brief presentation. She spoke about her legal experience, and community outreach and volunteer activities, and why she wants to be a judge.

Ms. Tobin's attendance spurred a question from citizens in attendance, as to whether the Board could sponsor a candidate forum at its May meeting. All believed it to be a good idea. Ms. Blake will speak with Chairman Dave Williams about the possibility of arranging such an event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.