

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board

Meeting Number 40 (04-19)

May 6, 2019

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Meetings are held at the Harford County Sheriff's Office Southern Precinct, 1305 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, MD 21040.

Meeting Number 40 was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by chairperson Paula Mullis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of meeting number 39 were motioned for approval by Gloria Moon and seconded by Ron Sollod. CAB members present were Paula Mullis, Gloria Moon, Doris G. Carey, James B. Lyons III, and Ron Sollod; members absent were J.J. McQueen and Fran Salbeck.

Special guests and community members who gave presentations or shared information were Captain Peter Geogiades of the Sheriff's Office; Sylvia W. Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services; Adam Shellenbarger, preacher at Joppatowne Christian Church; Councilman Andre Johnson; Joyce McBride and Miss Ivy, representing Civic Works; and Samantha Harris, Legislative Aide for Council President Patrick S. Vincenti.

Sheriff's Office / Community Policing Report

Captain Geogiades shared information concerning the community since the last CAB meeting. He stated that other than the weather, nothing major happened at the carnival. The final permit for the Edgewood/Joppatowne Independence Day Parade has been secured. The date for the parade will be July 6 and will be held in Edgewood. Capt. Geogiades shared notable incidents that have happened so far this year from the crime report in the Joppa/Joppatowne community. CPT Geogiades presented the Joppa/Joppatowne Community Crime Report statistics for April 5, 2019 – May 5, 2019, comparing them to the same period last year.

Top (3) Calls for Service

2018/2019

		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>
#1	Alarm Calls	41	#1 Suspicious Incidents	36
#2	Suspicious Incidents	37	#2 Alarm Calls	30
#3	Thefts	27	#3 Check Well Being	24

Total Calls for Service in 2018 were 1186 compared to 1083 in 2019, a change of -9%. Total crashes reported in 2018 were 3 compared to 7 in 2019, a change of 133%.

Part One Crimes

2018 / 2019

	2018	2019	% Change
Homicide	0	0	NC
Rape	1	0	-100%
Robbery	0	0	NC
Assault	0	0	NC
Burglary	1	1	0%
Theft	9	9	0%
Auto Theft	0	0	NC

Capt. Geogiades answered community members' questions and shared that the department is looking to recruit new officers. There will be a new academy for law enforcement beginning on November 4. He also gave the following drug statistics:

Total Narcan Use by law enforcement	19
Total Fatal	21
Total Non-Fatal	103
Total Overdoses	124
Repeat OD's	
Repeat OD's	15
Number of Repeat Individuals	3
Harford Memoria Hospital	16
Upper Chesapeake Medical Center	47
Cell Phones Seized	35
Marijuana Used as a Gateway	21
Prior Rx Opiate Use – Prescribed	10
Prior Rx Opiate Use – Unprescribed	22
Accidental Exposure – Emergency Personnel	0

Presentation – Joyce McBride and Miss Ivey – Civic Works – How to keep your home and business energy efficient

Ms. McBride and Miss Ivey informed the audience that they could start saving money on their energy bill by using free energy efficient products. They explained the cost savings of LED light bulbs with the example that an LED bulb burning for 24 hours would cost 2 cents compared to 18 cents for an incandescent bulb. Other examples of savings that would result by using aerator faucets in the bathroom, aerator massage shower heads and pipe wrap insulation. Community members may schedule consultation appointments with the Civic Works project by calling 410-929-6139. Civic Works will provide free energy savings products.

Sylvia Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services – County Updates

Sylvia Bryant gave a rundown on some of the many county activities that may be of interest to various communities from May through August. Some of the activities include Symposium on Addiction and Recovery, Harford's Most Beautiful People, and Harford County Community Mediation Program, to name a few of them. She also answered questions concerning when CAB members and others may be notified of their appointment to the Community Advisory Board, as well as finding someone from the County who can address citizens' concerns in addition to budget information.

Adam Shellenbarger, Joppatowne Christian Church preacher, gave a brief report from the Joppa Development and Heritage Corporation which recently met. He was the facilitator of a discussion in which several state elected officials participated, and members will see if any good comes from the discussion. The county has added an additional \$20,000 for water quality testing. Mariner Point Park is continued to be beautified by friends of the park. Adam has met with Superintendent Bulson and Mr. Eric Davis since their meeting at his church in April. He said that they had a productive meeting. There are still big concerns with the budget for education in the southern part of the county. However, there are a lot of good things coming to the high school. Adam also reported that his church will host Christmas in July. Free school supplies will be donated to families who need them for their children. He is also hosting town trivia; everyone is welcome to come and participate.

Councilman Andre Johnson – County Council Update

Councilman Andre Johnson stated that being involved in his first budget season has been quite an experience. He is finding that support for the southern end of the county is lagging. He stated that if there are issues that need to be pushed for the support of the southern part of the county, be sure to let him know. Councilman Johnson believes we have a perception problem in this part of the county. His plan is to make sure everyone knows good things are happening here. There were questions from community members concerning

outsourcing grass cutting, use of contractors, BGE services and other issues of concern. Councilman Johnson asked members to contact him and he will work on getting problems fixed.

CAB Members Updates on Community Issues

James B. Lyons III gave an update on the firehouse expansion project; building permits and water & sewer permits have been obtained. He also discussed the purchase of two new ambulances by the county with plans to build a new firehouse. He stated that this was not brought out in the budget; accordingly, he is concerned that this will result in increased competition for resources among the volunteer fire companies.

Ron Sollod reported on the new 911 system, explaining how the new 911 system will be more accurate. The system will allow calls to be made more efficiently from remote areas and on the water. Ron talked about the importance of having 10-year sealed smoke alarms and emphasized that new smoke alarms should be on each level in the home.

Gloria Moon warned community members to be proactive against ticks, as ticks are very bad this year. Lyme disease can cripple or kill you.

Doris Carey shared her concern about the need for diversity and training in the police department in Harford County. She referenced two incidents in the county involving lawyering while black and walking in the neighborhood while brown.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Doris G. Carey, Secretary