

JARRETTSVILLE/NORRISVILLE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

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The Jarrettsville/Norrisville Community Advisory Board held its monthly meeting on May 11, 2022 at the Jarrettsville Branch of the Harford County Public Library.

In attendance were Board Chairman Dave Seman and members Nancy Dance and Aimee O'Neill. Recording Secretary Jackie Smithson and Sara Clisham were absent, with notice. Aimee O'Neill agreed to act as Recording Secretary, pro-tem.

Board Chairman Dave Seman called the meeting to Order at 6:40 pm, as the traffic from the Jarrettsville Lions Club Carnival prevented many people from arriving in a timely manner.

Dave Seman led the assembled in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Harford County Sheriff's Deputy Captain Robert Royster - Division Commander of the Northern Precinct, made the following report:

- In response to a complaint which was filed with Harford County Sheriff Gahler, regarding the high speed of traffic through the Norrisville Elementary School zone, the Northern Precinct conducted a traffic/safety patrol from April 12 through April 18, 2022, during which time there were 52 stops with citations and warnings issued, of which 4 were Pennsylvania residents. The average speed in excess of the posted speed limit was 17 miles per hour.
- The crime report is minimal with 1 theft within the past 30 days. The theft was described as a dispute between youths which resulted in the removal of a house sign.

In response to questions from the audience:

- The Northern Precinct works in conjunction with Sectors 70 and 92 to patrol and respond to Sector 80.
- A Speed Trailer will be installed in the area of Norrisville Elementary School to continue to monitor traffic conditions. The Speed Trailer is a data collection device but does not result in the issuance of citations.
- Overdose data is no longer reported on signs at the precinct stations due to the reduced rate of overdose reports, likely as a result of the availability of Narcan.
- There is an increase in cocaine use, which when mixed with Fentanyl, is resulting in increased cocaine overdoses in the area
- The Sheriff's office is understaffed and seeking applicants.
- A question was posed regarding the installation of Speed Bumps. The construction of Speed Bumps is limited to residential neighborhood streets and is managed by the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning.

Captain Royster encouraged the assembled to contact him directly with concerns and reports – Captain Robert Royster, Badge # 423 – 410-638-4485 – [roysterr@harfordsheriff.org](mailto:roysterr@harfordsheriff.org)

There was no one present from the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company to provide a report.

County Executive liaison Brandon Mahoney was not present, having sent his regrets.

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County Council President Patrick Vincenti's representative, Sue Sapp, arrived after nearly an hour navigating the Carnival Traffic, and delivered the Council Report from the May 3, 2022 Harford County Council Meeting

County Councilman Chad Shrodes and his liaison Aurora Kahoe did not attend the meeting and sent their regrets.

Aimee O'Neill reported that the April 27, 2022 Candidates' Night was held at the Jarrettsville Gardens. 36 Candidates attended. Approximately 300 people were in attendance. The event was well-received and well-attended. Ms. O'Neill reiterated the group's appreciation for the support of the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company for the use of the Jarrettsville Gardens facility at a minimal cost. There are plans for a Fall Event, prior to the General Election.

Delegate Lauren Arikan – District 7B provided a report of activity during the 2022 Legislative Session in Annapolis:

Bills of note:

- Expansion of Abortion options, including the peri-natal period, post birth - did not pass
- Government funding for Abortion Clinicians – not MD's – did not pass
- A Juvenile Crime perpetrator bill which protects the rights of Juveniles who are accused of a crime was passed
- Sales Tax Exemptions were created for oral care products, such as toothbrushes; baby products such as diapers and chronic medical care products.
- A Senior income tax credit was created which provides from \$ 1,000.00 to \$ 1750.00 income tax credit for Maryland Taxpayers who are over 65 years of age and receive retirement benefits from IRA and 401K programs. This income tax credit begins in 2023 and is phased-in over a 5 year period.
- The decision regarding legalization of recreational marijuana will be a ballot question at the 2022 General Election
- Mandatory Sick Leave funding was created as a payroll deduction for employers/employees in a company with 15 or more employees
- A bill was passed which requires "Ghost" Guns to be registered
- A bill was passed which requires Federal Firearms Licenses (FFL) to construct and maintain additional security barriers as a condition of their license. Although initially intended for retail locations, there is an indication that the statute may also apply to residential FFL locations. All FFL holders are encouraged to contact the Maryland State Police to obtain an interpretation of this legislation relative to their operation.

Lauren may be contacted at [electarikan@gmail.com](mailto:electarikan@gmail.com) or PO Box 135, Jarrettsville, Md 21084

William Watters Church was not able to send a representative but is interested in appearing at a future CAB meeting. The annual Cooptown Car Show will be held at William Watters Church located at 1452 Jarrettsville Road, Jarrettsville, Md 21084 on Saturday June 18, 2022 from 9 am to 1 pm with rain date on Sunday June 19, 2022 from 12 noon to 4 pm. Registration is \$ 15.00 with free admission to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item.

Contact William Watters Church at: 410-838-4207 or [westharfordunmc@gmail.com](mailto:westharfordunmc@gmail.com)

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A presentation was made by Donna Jones of Bethel Presbyterian Church located at 4135 Norrisville Road, White Hall, Md 21161. Donna coordinates and leads “Graveyard Tours” at the historic Bethel Church on a monthly basis from April through October. The Tours are conducted by local historians in period costumes who tell the stories of those who lived in the Jarrettsville area and are buried at the Bethel Church. One of the oldest congregations in the region, with more than 250 years in the same location, the Bethel Church community is thriving and energetic in its mission to share the Word of God and the Community’s history.

The next Graveyard Tour is Sunday May 15, 2022 and begins at 12 noon. The tour is free to the public and includes a tour of the historic church.

Contact Bethel Church at 410-692-5282 or [www.bethel-md.org](http://www.bethel-md.org)

Jennifer Lane, owner of Belle Patri Consignment and Home Furnishings shop located at 3725 Federal Hill Road, Jarrettsville, Md 21084 was our featured local business owner. Belle Patri was founded more than 15 years ago and has expanded to include a Columbia, Maryland located. In addition to furniture and home furnishings consignment items, re-purposed and artisan crafted items are sold, as well as new merchandise. Decorating advice and services are offered.

Hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 6 pm; Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday from 12 noon to 4 pm

Contact Belle Patri at 410-692-5341 or [jarrettsville@bellepatri.com](mailto:jarrettsville@bellepatri.com)

Visit their website at [www.bellepatri.com](http://www.bellepatri.com) to view their inventory of consignment items and special events.

Think Big Harford representatives were unable to attend the meeting.

Aimee O’Neill reported on the Harford 250 Celebration which will be held beginning in April of 2023 to celebrate Harford County’s 205<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Each community is encouraged to prepare a display of the Community’s history. Aimee is offering to organize a committee for the Jarrettsville and Norrisville Communities to participate in this project. Please contact Aimee at 410-459-7220 or [aimeesings828@gmail.com](mailto:aimeesings828@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in this committee.

Aimee O’Neill presented a report that the Development Advisory Committee (DAC) will hear a proposal for a 14-lot residential subdivision on 42 acres of land offer Putnam Road near Pleasantville Road on May 18, 2022 at 9 am at the County Council chambers located at 212 South Bond Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014 – call 410-638-3103 or visit the Harford County Government website for additional information.

Norma Edie reported that the Swift/Preston Property on Norrisville Road, just north of the Jarrettsville Elementary School, which is owned by the Harford County Government and dedicated to the Parks and Recreation Program may be slated for development as a community center with walking trails and fishing in the pond. However, this is not yet confirmed and has been proposed for many years – dating to plans which were initially proposed in 2009. Norma will provide updates to the CAB.

Chairman Dave Seman reported that he has been absent from many of the recent CAB meetings due to treatment for cancer, which is now reported to be in remission. He expects to be able to continue to serve as Chair of this CAB. Prayers of praise and thanks for Dave’s recovery!

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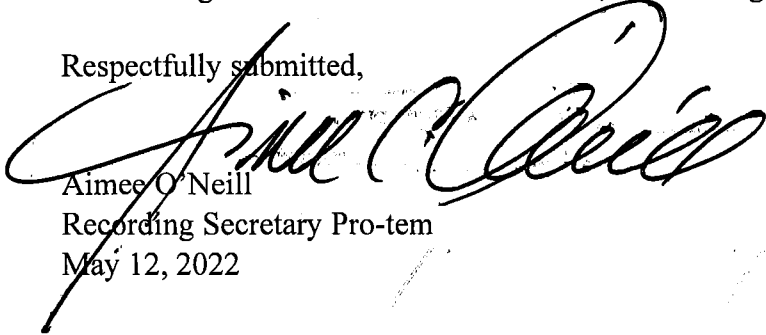
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The CAB does not meet in the months of June, July and August. The next CAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aimee O'Neill". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

Aimee O'Neill  
Recording Secretary Pro-tem  
May 12, 2022