



Straight Talk

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The Commissioners of Poolesville

November/December 2010

Commissioners Sworn In

At the November 8, 2010 Commissioner's meeting, newly elected Chuck Stump and re-elected Jim Brown took the Oath of Office. Both of these men bring experience and enthusiasm to the Commission. *Congratulations to both of them.*

Election of officers and board appointments followed the swearing in. Commissioner Kuhlman remained in the President's chair while Jim Brown was appointed as the Vice-President. Jerry Klobukowski remained the School Liaison, Chuck Stump was assigned to the Planning Commission, Link Hoewing to the CEDC and Jim Brown continued as the Park's Board Liaison.

A Special thanks to the Supervisors of Elections for their volunteerism on what is always a long day!

Current Legislation Update

After several months of considering options and utilizing public input, the Commissioners voted on two important pieces of legislation. But first, some background information so that the context in which the proposed legislation was drafted is understood.

Over a year ago, a special exception hearing for a professional office in a residential zone was held by the Poolesville Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The applicant received an approval. However, the decision was appealed to the Montgomery County Circuit Court within the appropriate timeframe.

The presiding judge remanded the case back to the Poolesville BZA to consider private covenants in the deliberations. Hence the adoption of Resolution #182, which adds the stipulation to the Town Zoning Code that the Town shall not be

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REPORT STREET LIGHTS

Please have the following information ready and call, or send your request via e-mail to townhall@lan2wan.com

1. Pole Number
2. Nearest Street Address
3. Nature of Problem



Current Legislation update (cont.)

obligated to enforce nor consider private covenants and deed restrictions when assessing municipal zoning requirements. This is very common throughout municipal jurisdictions since it is virtually impossible to know all the different variations of rules incorporated into private agreements and if they conflict with the local municipal laws.

The second resolution, #183, would not permit homeowners of shared driveways to be approved for a home based business special exception use that would result in an increase in driveway traffic. Ultimately, based on public testimony, the Commissioners chose to allow the current process that exists, which allows each case to be judged on its own merits, to remain in effect and tabled a final decision on the resolution until the Board of Zoning Appeals concludes the hearings on the open case.

Town Receives \$60,000 Grant

The Maryland Board of Public Works has announced the award of a \$60,000 Community Parks and Playground grant for the Dr. Dillingham Park. The development of a tot lot in this park is part of the overall plan approved by the Poolesville Park's Board. The Board will solicit bids after the first of the year and begin construction this Spring.

Winterization

If you haven't already, it is time to get started on those winterizing projects. Besides inspecting the fireplace and sealing windows, protecting the water pipes can often be one of the most important and sometimes overlooked items. Here are a few tips to follow:

- ✓ Know the location and how to operate the interior shut-off valve
- ✓ Disconnect and drain hoses
- ✓ Shut-off valves to outside spigots and drain
- ✓ Insulate any exposed or vulnerable water lines

Water/Sewer Emergency Contacts

- 888-607-0147
- 301-647-8239



POOLESVILLE'S 5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY

Please join us in capturing the true spirit of a small-town holiday celebration. The 5th Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony at Whalen Commons will take place on Friday, December 3rd, 2010. Visits with Santa begin at 6:30 pm and the Official Lighting Ceremony begins at 7:30 pm.

Twinkling lights, performances by local choirs, and the aroma of chestnuts roasting will transport the child in you to memories of holidays past. Enjoy ice carving demonstrations, visit Santa's Workshop, and stop by the Town Hall Foyer to view the Children's Tree. New this year – Climb aboard the "Holiday Express" for a trip around the Commons!

Be part of the true meaning of the holidays by bringing a new unwrapped toy to support WUMCO. Toys will be distributed to local families needing assistance this holiday season.

Refreshments available for purchase include: Beef Brisket, Homemade Soups, Country Ham Sandwiches, Roasted Chestnuts, and Funnel Cakes!

Begin your holiday shopping now! Stroll through Town and enjoy the HMD Winter Craft Show at Old Town Hall (5:30 to 9:00 pm) and PACC First Friday Events, which include special offers and late hours at area retail stores.

Sponsored by these Poolesville Merchants:

- Selby's Market, Don Hoffacker's A/C & Heating, Capital Fence, Kettler Forlines Homes, Stephanie's Secret Garden, Mallow Construction, Potomac Valley Surveys, House of Poolesville, Kuhlman Lawn Service

Holiday Lighting Contest

Judging will take place
December 17, 18 & 19

Everyone is encouraged to help make Poolesville look
its best!

All homeowners and merchants in the
Poolesville town limits are invited to "deck
their halls" and show their holiday spirit.

For homeowners we have three (3)
categories:
Contemporary, Traditional, and Townhouse!
One business will also be chosen as most
appreciated.

Fisher Avenue will be the dividing line with
one winner from each category selected from
each side of town.



Care Packages

The American Legion Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 will
be accepting donations for packages to be sent to
local military personnel serving in combat zones.

The items needed are as follows:

- Any kind of toiletries
- baby wipes
- aspirin
- antacid
- sunscreen
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- soap
- shampoo
- small toys and candy that they can pass out
to kids
- deflated soccer balls
- playing cards
- magazines (Old is fine. Sports, hunting and
guns are the most popular types.)
- hand written notes of support
- pictures children have drawn
- homemade baked goods
- Movies or TV episodes on DVD (Used is
fine.)

Drop - off bins will be located at Town Hall and
collection of items will continue until January 1.

Annual State of The Town Meeting

This year's meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2011, 7:30 PM @ Town Hall and will feature reports
from financial auditors, supervisory staff and board and commission chairs.

It is a great opportunity for the public to see their tax dollars at work or ask questions. We have great
volunteers and supporting staff, which all strive to make and keep Poolesville the best it can be!

From the Commissioners and staff,

**Warmest Greetings of the Season
and Best Wishes for
Happiness in the New Year
with Holiday Blessings**



Meeting Schedule

Commissioners: December 6, January 10 & 24

Planning Commission: December 15, January 19

Parks Board: December 8, January 12



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Town Manager*

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