



Straight Talk

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Town of Poolesville

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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

COMMISSIONER LINK HOEWING

announced that he would have to vacate his position effective after the November 7th Commissioner meeting. Link will be moving out of Town and will no longer be eligible to fulfill the position.

In a statement read at the October 17th meeting, Commissioner Hoewing explained that it was with a heavy heart he would be leaving after a long and wide-ranging service to the Town. Link served as the PTSA president for several years and has been a member for over 22 years. He also served on the Poolesville Parks Board from 1979 to 1991, Poolesville Planning Commission from 1996 to 2004 and Commissioner from 2004 to present.

Commissioner Hoewing always demonstrated a professional approach in conjunction with his exceptionally diverse experience and knowledge to make decisions in the best interest of the Town.

Link will be sorely missed and from Town Staff and the Commissioners, we wish you the best.

Poolesville's Charter requires within 30 days of a Commission seat vacancy that the remaining Commissioners shall elect a qualified person to fill the position until the next election. If the Commissioners fail to fill the vacancy in the specified time frame, a special election shall be held within 60 days of the vacancy.

If you are interested in filling this one year position, please submit a letter of interest to Town Hall.

WELLS 7, 9 & 10 TREATMENT

The occurrence of naturally-occurring radionuclides in Town water was initially noted by the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) in November 2005, which followed the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) radionuclide regulation revisions.

After several years of testing and developing constructions plans with the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Commissioners have awarded the well treatment construction contracts.

The MDE informed the Town that Wells 7, 9 & 10 contained elevated levels of alpha radionuclides based on their sampling and analysis. S. S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc. (SSP&A), the Town of Poolesville's hydrologic consultant, provided further testing and analysis to determine the best course of action.

Although the analysis proved that the Town's water supply was in compliance on an annual average basis, some of the individual analysis were above the MDE's maximum contaminant level. For this reason, the wells were taken off-line and Huron Consulting (the Town's Engineering Firm), working with SSP&A, performed a uranium removal pilot test, developed design parameters and evaluated treatment equipment best suited for the Town's requirements.

The treatment process and overall design features approved by the MDE consists of combining all three wells into a central location to provide for uranium media absorbent vessels, radon removal units and a chlorine contact system.

The total cost of the construction and equipment will be \$986,750.00. The anticipated start should occur within the next month and completion during late spring or early summer 2012.

CHARTER CHANGES

Yes.....this issue is back in front of the Commissioners. It is understood that too many changes and not enough public education/participation made this a difficult issue last time. For this reason, the Commissioners will be introducing a few proposed changes at a time, beginning with the most important for the basic operations of the Town.

The first proposed change deals with budget preparation and proposed tax rate adoption time line requirements. The current language requires the budget and tax rate to be adopted before we receive information from State and County revenue sources. Very simply stated, this makes planning for the annual budget difficult, inaccurate and to be based on best guess estimates, not reliable figures.

The proposed change will only change the adoption timelines and not provide for additional taxes or remove citizen referendum challenge provisions.

A Public Hearing on the proposed charter amendment will be on November 7, 2011 at Poolesville Town Hall, 7:30 pm. To see the exact proposed changes go to www.ci.poolesville.md.us.

**FALL FESTIVAL
TO BENEFIT WUMCO
Whalen Commons
Saturday, October 29,
2011
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Music * Vendors * Prizes**

11:30 am - Walk Registration
12:00 pm - WUMCO WALK
12:30 pm - Costume Parade and Contest (kids and
dogs)
3:00 pm - Painted pumpkin & Scarecrow contest

**Wristbands: \$5.00 for all activities
Paint-a-Pumpkin, Stuff-a-
Scarecrow, Games, Moonbounce**

MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioners: November 7 & 21

Planning Commission: November 16

Parks Board: November 9

**Community and Economic
Development: November 17**

Water/Sewer Emergency Contacts

- 240-286-3389
- 240-286-3359

**POOLESVILLE
NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
(PNS)**



The Town is in the process of compiling a list of residents that would like to be included in an email alert system, PNS. The purpose of the PNS is to alert residents to water main breaks, storm damage clean-ups, public hearings and other important information.

PNS is just another effort from your local government to disseminate information as quickly and efficiently as possible.

To receive notifications, just send an email to townhall@lan2wan.com and request to be included. At anytime, you can be removed from PNS by simply clicking on the "unsubscribe" link.

Wade Yost
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