

## September 2018 – Mayors Report

**Back to School** - On behalf of the Mount Airy Town Council, we hope everyone had a great summer and has a great new school year. It's back to school for many of our families. A reminder to all - please be extra careful on our roads and allow extra time for your commutes. Our children will be present, walking to and gathering at their bus stops during early morning and afternoon hours.

We are also thankful, there have been no adjustments or local school closures and hopefully none in the future! Please follow Save MAES (Mount Airy Elementary School) for updates.

We are also excited to have an increased police presence at our local schools, including our Officers greeting the children, not just for security, but as part of Chief Doug Reitz's Community Public Relations outreach program. Another benefit of having our own Police Force!

**Student Opportunities** – School is back in session and students are working to comply with their service learning hour requirements. Matching our youth with organizations that need their assistance serves both, and ultimately serves our community. While every attempt has been made to ensure compliance with the service learning hour requirements, they do differ from county to county (Carroll and Frederick) so please check with your local school coordinator to ensure that the service qualifies. I also ask that the youth contact the following individuals and organizations directly for specifics on assisting.

Tina Swanson - Mt. Airy Beautification Committee @ [tina406@yahoo.com](mailto:tina406@yahoo.com), to help with rewarding outdoor gardening projects this summer; Holly McCleary - Town Hall @ 301-829-1424, for clerical office or other tasks; Pam Reed @ [reedpa01@yahoo.com](mailto:reedpa01@yahoo.com), 301-524-2512, if you would like to help with any of the exciting Main Street Events, such as the Chili Cook-off, Main Street Christmas, Celebrate Summer event, History 101, etc.; Dick Swanson - MAMSA @ 301-829-1983 to help with eco-friendly and healthy Farmers Market; Rich Morgan-The Four County Lions@ 410-218-0452 to assist with the Lions Carnival and they usually need help with Thanksgiving of Christmas Food Baskets. Do you like the Caboose? We need volunteers to man the caboose and museum for our visitors, also if you have an interest in sports, several local 5K's can use race assistants, contact Parks Manager-Gina Campanile @ [gcampanile@mountairymd.org](mailto:gcampanile@mountairymd.org) for more information. Hopefully you will find something that interest you and benefits the community.

**Downtown Master Plan Update** - Please be a part of designing and making decisions that affect your community. Our first workshop at the MAVFC Building was well attended and productive. Please join us for the remaining workshops on September 24-27 all starting at 6 pm. Please visit [MountAiry.WixSite.com/Master Plan](http://MountAiry.WixSite.com/MasterPlan) for details! Or call 301-829-1424 for questions and or assistance.

**Citizen Highlight** - Mount Airy is blessed with amazing citizens. We will attempt to highlight these citizens, as we have in the past. It's unique to have two from the same family! We are proud to highlight DJ Charlie Shultz!

Born and raised locally, calling Mount Airy home for the last 15 years. You may have heard of Kaycee Schultz, his daughter, who is the only person to have a Day in her name, established on May 19, 2018 as Kaycee Schultz Day! Kaycee, who is in the 6th grade, is a competitive Baton Twirler with many state, regional, and national titles and as of this year is recognized as a World Baton Champion. Charlie is an outstanding gentleman who has immersed himself into the community. Find him on Thursday evenings at the Upper Deck Sports Bar and Grill where he brings his talents as a DJ with his company, Schultz Entertainment, making everyone smile with his infectious happy personality and fun games, bingo, solo cup stacking, etc. Family-friendly bingo will last until about 9:00 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. Make sure you join him on Thursdays at the Upper Deck! He has volunteered his time at many charitable events, like Ava's 5K for Down Syndrome that fosters inclusion through awareness of individuals with Down syndrome, the Ambassador's 5K Challenge & Fun Run to raise funds for the Michael J. Fox Foundation, and another to benefit those who are affected by Cystic Fibrosis. Mary Beth Ruch, one of the founders of Bootcamp 21771 who sponsors the Ambassador's Event speaks very highly of Charlie. "Charlie Schultz is amazing and has a heart of gold. He donates his time and DJ services to our nonprofit event that raises funds and raise awareness to battle Parkinson's disease. Of all the people we interact with for the event, Charlie is by far the easiest and most laid-back, and goes with the flow; whatever the flow may be that day! He keeps the energy level up his personality and his awesome music. He gives and never asks for anything in return". Charlie most recently donated his time to Mayor Rockinberg's "Rock'n the Recovery - Community thank you, Trail of Hope and Remembrance Event". He enjoys engaging the community, by meeting and talking to people at each event. He volunteers his professional services and goes above and beyond to the causes he cares about. Charlie's favorite thing about Mount Airy is the genuine people and atmosphere. When he isn't working as a DJ, he is a teacher, this year will be his first year at Baker Middle School as a 6th Grade History teacher. Visit [www.schultzentertainment.com](http://www.schultzentertainment.com) to contact Charlie for his professional services. He can support all types of events.

**New Council Member** - Congratulations to Patty Washabaugh for her win in the special election. She will become our newest council member. She will serve the Town well. Also thank you to the candidates Scott Sirchio and Matt McDonough for their hard work and creative ideas during the campaign. Though only one could win the seat. They all deserve our respect and appreciation for stepping forward and I hope to see more of them and the contributions they can make to our Town going forward. With the election now behind us let's move forward together and maintain the civility we have established over the last 10 years. It is this civility that is encouraging more folks to come forward to serve, and making our town an even greater place to live! God Bless you, Mount Airy and America!!!

**Open Meetings Class Was Held** - On September 11, 2018, we hosted a University of Maryland - Open Meetings Class for all town volunteer commission members and elected officials. While requirements only call for one member of each commission to be trained, we felt it best to offer

training to all members on this important issue. Topics included what kind of conversations can take place outside of a public meeting, on text and on e-mail. State requirements have become stricter and in Mount Airy we want to ensure full compliance.

**Upcoming events!!!** - Mount Airy's inaugural Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018 in Historic Downtown Mount Airy. The event will be held from 11am to 5pm offering traditional Bavarian beer and food choices crafted by local restaurants, live music throughout the day in two locations, a Kids Corner, and shopping along Main Street.

Main Street will be closed on Saturday, September 29th from 6am to 6:30pm.