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## Mayors Report April 2019

**Town Elections** - Every two years we hold an election in Town, on the first Monday of May. This year we will be getting at least two new Town Council members, maybe three and saying thanks to two residents with outstanding service to the Town: **Council President Peter Helt** - who served on Council from 2003 to 2019, as President from 2010- 2019, and interim Mayor for 5 months in 2010; and **Councilman Bob King** who before serving seven years as a Council member 2010-2019, served as President of MAYAA for many years. I hope both continue to contribute on some level. Their amazing elected service is appreciated and will be missed.

Please come out and vote on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Mount Airy Firemen's Reception Hall, 1008 Twin Arch Road, Mount Airy. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**The Downtown Vision Plan-** Study has been completed. The vision plan was a result of the town needing to look at various issues and challenges that will impact our downtown long-term growth and sustainability. This plan allowed the Town's consultant, Design Collective, to perform a comprehensive review of all the interconnecting pieces. The report was compiled utilizing public workshops, a four-day design charrette and continuous input from the public. This plan can be used as a guide and a resource as we evaluate and plan for issues individually in the future. Most of the suggested improvements would be a result of private development and redevelopment.

**Growth Development Task Force (GDTF)** – To hear from you and to guide our commissions and elected leaders. The first meeting of the GDTF, whose purpose is to develop the new Town Survey, will take place May 8, 2019 @ 7:30 pm @ Town Hall and will be on every second Wednesday of the month at the same time until complete. Each Councilmember recommended a member to serve on this Task Force, so it is truly a collaborative effort on behalf your local leaders. Welcome new members Wendy Rimbey, Chris Everich, Marc Mignogna, Steve Domotor, Matthew McDonough, Mike Dixon, and Michael O'Brian.

**Mount Airy Junior Task Force** - The Mount Airy Junior Task Force meeting will be held Monday, March 18, 2019 5:00 PM, at the Mount Airy Historical Society Museum, at 5pm. A local historian will give a small presentation on the history of Mount Airy followed by a trash cleanup along Rails to Trails and the Railyard. Thank you, Town Council candidate Pamela Reed, for forming this Task Force!

**Mount Airy Main Street Association-** is holding their annual elections at their June member meeting, 5 Board of Director seats are up for grabs. Nominations are currently being accepted. Be part of the movement, contact Pamela Reed @ [reedpa01@yahoo.com](mailto:reedpa01@yahoo.com).

**Budget Preparation** –The town is moving into our annual budget preparation cycle. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Thanks to past leadership, the Town of Mount Airy continues to remain fiscally solvent. The first budget workshop is April 25th at 6:00P.M.@Town Hall.

**What's Happening in your town!** - This is just a sampling! Be sure to visit the Town of Mount Airy website and social media pages for all the events and happenings! Restaurant Week was a success! Thanks for all the restaurants who participated and all their customers! The Town received two grants: one for Mackenzie the Caboose's cover and one for a new pavilion and picnic tables at Summit Ridge Park. Thanks to Councilman Hushour and Mary Hushour, as well as town staff for their work to obtain these grants. Thanks to their efforts, the cost of the new park features will be covered by the grant, and the Town's cost of the caboose cover will be cut in half. Pickleball now joins our street hockey court at Prospect Park, MAVFC Big Country Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is April 14, Search for the Golden Easter Egg is April 17-19 downtown, Lions Club Yard Sale April 20, Fishing Derby Prospect Park May 4 and many events during Love Your Park Week April 20-28, including Yoga at Watkins Park April 26th and a guided nature tour April 27th. The Famers Market returns May 15th and will include a visit from the Secretary of Agriculture, Joe Bartenfelder! The market continues every Wednesday thereafter during the summer season.

**Mount Airy Town Council Meetings** - The regular Town Council Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at 110 South Main Street. The meetings are also televised live on Comcast Channel 23 in Carroll County. Please consider dropping by and witnessing a meeting where the latest issues are openly discussed or letting us know any concerns or comments you may have.

**The Mayor's Community Forums** - The Mayors Community Forum for March 2019 will be held on Saturday, April 27th, from 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. NEW Location is Super Foods on Main Street Feel free to contact me at [prockinberg@gmail.com](mailto:prockinberg@gmail.com) or call Town Hall @ 301-829-1424. Residents are encouraged to drop by and discuss any town related items. Town Council members are also invited to attend. The setting is comfortable and informal. Grab a cup of coffee or your favorite drink and stop by!

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Please visit <http://www.mountairymd.org/> for a list of volunteer opportunities on one of our many commissions. There are residency requirements on most commissions. Please let me know if anyone is interested in serving on a commission where there is a vacancy. You can call Town Hall at 301-829-1424 or email me directly at [prockinberg@gmail.com](mailto:prockinberg@gmail.com).

**Town Outreach Resources:** Town Outreach- Web Site ([mountairymd.gov](http://mountairymd.gov)), Mayors Report ([mountairymd.gov/mayors-report](http://mountairymd.gov/mayors-report)), Facebook page ([facebook.com/TownofMountAiry/](https://facebook.com/TownofMountAiry/)), Channel 23 (<http://www.carrollmediacenter.org/channel-23/>), Physical property postings for use changes, and three local newspapers: Frederick News Post, Carroll County Times and The Messenger.

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