

## **Mayors Report July 2015**

### **Mount Airy Independence Day Celebration**

Mount Airy celebrated its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Independence Day Celebration, on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 at the Fireman's Carnival Grounds. A special thank you to Ben & Kelly Golueke of Mt. Airy Liquors, Dr. Chris Coleman of Mt. Airy Eye Care and Denise Fox of Fox Team – Remax Realtors as well as many other sponsors noted at the event. These gave the Mt. Airy Community yet another awesome Independence Day Celebration right here in our back yard. A great time was had by all and our children are building great memories of their home town!

Also thanks to the John Stuemeier and our Resident State Troopers, Civil Air Patrol and members of Mt. Airy's Town Facilities Department for their hard work.

### **Maryland Municipal League Convention**

The Maryland Municipal League Annual Convention was held June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Thank you to the Councilmembers that took time off from their day jobs to attend this annual convention held in Ocean City. At this convention we attend courses on a variety of issues facing our community such as – Community Policing, Grant Applications, Ethics, Code Enforcement, Aging Infrastructure and Economic and Downtown Revitalization. This year I am proud to say that I join fellow Council members Peter Helt and Bob King and have completed all the course requirements for the University Of Maryland Academy of Excellence School Of Public Policy.

### **Mount Airy Fireman's Carnival**

The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company's (MAVFC) Annual Carnival will be July 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please come out and support the MAVFC! The carnival includes fun and games for the entire family. There is also a firemen's parade, raffle drawings, buffet dinners, live bands, and much more! The MAVFC has dedicated volunteer, full-time and part-time personnel that respond to incidents in Carroll, Frederick, Howard and Montgomery Counties. The station houses an engine, tanker, rescue engine, brush truck, three ambulance/medic units and numerous support vehicles. The MAVFC responds to an average of 2,200 calls for service a year, and relies on both a county operating budget and donations from our great citizens to provide a top notch service day in and day out.

### **Mount Airy Town Council Meetings**

Mount Airy Town Council Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month @ 7:30 p.m. @ 110 South Main Street. The meetings are also televised live on 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.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Summer is here and students are working to comply with their service learning hour requirements. Matching our youth with organizations that need their assistance is mutually beneficial, and ultimately serves our community. While every attempt has been made to ensure

compliance with the Service Learning Hour requirements, requirements do differ from county to county, so please check with your local school coordinator to ensure that the service qualifies. For specifics on assisting with Town operations, please contact the following: Dick Heiger, Mt. Airy Beautification Committee @ 301-829-8996, to help with rewarding outdoor gardening projects this summer; Annelise Niner at the Town Office @ 301-829-1424, for clerical office or other tasks; Ellie Bonde at Blossom and Basket @ 301-829-8300, 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 of the MAMSA @ 301-829-1983 to help with the eco-friendly and healthy Farmer's Market; Ben Gue of the Lions Club @ 301-829-Lion, to help serve at our annual Lions Club carnival or other events; Terry Baker of MAVFC @ 301-829-0100, to help serve at the annual Fireman's carnival.

Please visit our Town website (<http://www.mountairymd.org/>) for a list of volunteer opportunities with one of our commissions or task forces, and let me know if anyone is interested in serving on a task force or commission on which we have a vacancy. You can call Town Hall at 301-829-1424 or email me directly at [prockinberg@gmail.com](mailto:prockinberg@gmail.com).

### **The Mayor's Community Forums**

The July Mayor's Community Forums will be held on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30am to 12:00pm. To enhance community policing a representative of the Maryland State Police will join me and address any questions or concerns you may have. Residents are encouraged to drop by Town Hall on Main Street 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 and stop by for a chat!

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR PERIOD 1 JULY 2014 – 30 JUNE 2015

Activities of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) impacting Mount Airy during the period 1 July 2014 thru 30 June 2015 are listed below. The Economic Development Commission meets on a monthly basis.

1. Hosted Mark Ripper (Carroll County Director of Technology Services) who briefed EDC members on Carroll County current efforts to provide Fiber System network and participated in discussions with EDC members on how can towns like Mount Airy can participate.
2. Participated in discussions regarding planning for location of Caboose in Mount Airy resulting in change in site location because of fire, safety and location concerns.
3. EDC provided input for consideration in developing the 2014 Town Master Plan and participated in meetings reviewing input for the Master Plan.
4. The Economic Development Commission co-hosted with town staff and the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce's Business Card Exchange at Town Hall on Wednesday, 10 December 2014. This event helped raise approximately \$2,400 for the local Chamber scholarship fund.
5. EDC members working with town staff developed promotion materials encouraging "Shop Local Shop Mount Airy" for distribution at the Main Street Chili Cook-off (12 April 2014) and provided a representative during the event.
6. Hosted Melissa Wilcox, Market Works who discussed with the EDC consideration of a project to develop a Market Strategic Plan for Mount Airy to help develop and encourage awareness of the uniqueness of Mount Airy. After discussion, the EDC voted to earmark \$1,500 for Melissa Wilcox services to develop a Market Strategic Plan for Mount Airy looking at the downtown zone and all of Mount Airy.
7. Held open sessions during EDC meetings to encourage businesses to introduce themselves and their businesses and to express concerns, suggestions, etc. to improve understanding of businesses in Mount Airy.
8. Discussions within the EDC will continue to focus on business ideas/incentives for businesses in Mount Airy, feasibility of Wi-Fi, fiber Optic Connections and technology in Mount Airy. The EDC will continue to discuss parking alternatives for Mount Airy, support for consideration of Office Park Employment (OPE) zoning and development of ideas/options for encouraging development of Center Street, and other locations in Mount Airy. These discussions will continue during the 1 July 2015-30 June 2016 fiscal year.

Complaint Log: June 2015  
Code Enforcement

Date of Complaint/Type	Complainant & Contact No.	Address to be Investigated	Name of Property Owner	Complaint	Action Taken	Date Resolved
5/29		905 Village Green Dr.		barking dog	Repeated visits at various times of day. No evidence of noise violation	6/9 dr
6/5		804 E Ridgeville Blvd		re: violation notices and fines previously issued. She has a contract on the property, expects settlement by end of month.	Continue to monitor property conditions. Improvements noted	6/8 dr
6/8				requested I re-send previous e-mail re bushes at Fairwood	Sent e-mail	6/8 dr
6/8		1506 Laurel Ct		noled camper with electrical hookups for several days	Sent letter. 6/11 - Owner replied, explained situation, will be removed by the weekend.	6/15 dr
6/8		110 Centerside		called re ticket issued for parking dump truck on town roadway	Expl reason for ticket. Discussed his options. Provided contact info for someone who might allow him to park truck in another location.	WORKING
6/9		Horizon Rd		trailer on roadway	issued warning to remove or be fined	6/15 dr
6/9		1001 Village Gate		overgrown grass	warning posted by Sam	6/15 dr
6/9		Yates Automotive		Noise complaint - Saturday mornings	Expl need for two valid complaints - will pursue if they are received.	6/16 dr
6/9		102 Paradise		overgrown grass at rear of vacant property	Contractor called to cut grass	6/12 dr
6/9		Promenade		dead trees along Promenade - Town responsible?	Spoke w/ BQ and e-mailed Brian. DR visited site. Called her back and asked if she has spoken with her HOA? Never got a return call.	6/17 dr
6/10		1001 Longbow Rd		unauthorized conversion of single-family home to include apartments	Jason Green of Carroll County called - he cannot proceed against homeowner - HoA must go after her - Town cannot proceed without proof of existence or construction of apartment(s).	6/11 dr
6/12		201 Moxley St		overgrown grass	DR visited site and left warning	6/15 dr
6/12		Lot 28, Back Acre Circle		letter sent to lot owner	owner of record cannot be contacted by phone (out of service), rec'd mail returns. Contractor called to cut	6/30 sam
6/22		512 Lewis Ct		cars from swim club blocking mailboxes over the weekend	DR visited and found no issue. Not a Code issue. Called and suggested he contact the post office - can't understand wht letter carrier couldn't get out of the truck and deliver mail.	6/22 dr
6/22		Weis Markets various vacant properties		Non-compliant signs and other devices overgrown grass	Spoke with Randy (store manager) - He had submitted application to Town/A.N. on 5/29. Check back to see if ever approved at Town Hall. Further discussion between Randy and MW. Final decision to allow until the special event ends (end of July). Contractor called to cut grass	WORKING 6/25 dr
6/22		1014 Westward		uncovered trash containers, has to pick up blowing trash from nbr.	DR went by house on trash morning - did not see evidence of problem.	WORKING
6/22		Windy Knoll		dirt bike parked on sidewalk in front of vehicle, trashy looking	DR went to Windy Knoll - no dirt bike, everything in order	6/23 dr
6/24		Kings Forest Trail		Car parked "since January - doesn't believe it is road worthy	DR checked vehicle, up-to-date plates - no Code issue.	6/24 dr

6/26	[REDACTED]	Berman lot various vacant properties		construction lot overgrown overgrown grass	DR contacted owner. 6/29, lot cut but areas still required weeds cut, especially at hydrant, posts, etc. Contacted owner again, promised he would get his contractor back to finish. Contractor called to cut grass	7/1 dr 6/30 dr
6/22						