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MAY 2015 - MAYOR'S REPORT

Town Election Results - Another election cycle has ended. We congratulate and welcome Jason Poirier to the town council and returning Councilmember's Peter Helt and Bob King.

A special acknowledgement is in order for Councilman Chris Everich that completed his second term. His first term was an appointed Council member a few years ago. Councilman Everich served with distinction. Prior to his Council service he served as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He has also been a dedicated scout leader and soccer coach for many years. His knowledge, hard work, and dedication has made our home a better place. Councilman Everich thanks for your awesome services!

Swearing-in ceremony for the recently elected officials will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Come Experience Some Small Town Flavor With The Following Events!

Celtic Festival

The Celtic Festival will be held at the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company (MAVFC) Carnival Grounds this Saturday, May 9th, 9am – 6pm. There will be awesome bands, Scottish Dancing, Pipe Bands, Demonstrations, Highland Games with professional and amateur athletes competing! This cultural heritage event provides our community with the unique opportunity to explore the rich culture and tradition that resulted from the movement of many Irish and Scottish immigrants to the United States. Whether you are a first time visitor or returning, we welcome you! Our goal is to make your day at the Festival enjoyable!

May Fest

The Mount Airy May Fest will be held May 16th, 10am – 6pm and May 17th, 10am – 5pm. at the MAVFC carnival grounds on Twin Arch Road.

Mutt Run

Mount Airy's Annual Mutt Run will be held Saturday, May 16th, 8 am, at Watkins Park. Hope to see you and your favorite K9 there! Proceeds support the dog park. Thanks to Amethyst Tymoch for coordinating this event!

Graduations and summer vacation are near. The following may be of interest.

Linganore High School's Safe and Sane Celebration - Linganore High School's 28th Safe and Sane Celebration will be held at Knott Arena at Mount St. Mary's University on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015 following the 7:00 pm Graduation. It begins shortly after graduation, at approximately 9:30 pm and ends at 5:00 am when the graduates ride the buses back to Linganore one last time. At this event, the graduates are treated to food, entertainment, and prizes throughout the night. This is supported by many generous donations from our wonderfully supportive community. The entertainment consists of inflatables, a mechanical bull, caricature drawings, karaoke, a money machine, and much, much more! Prizes consist of cash, gift cards, college apparel, and 10 big prizes! Our biggest of the 10 prizes is a car donated by Century Ford! They have donated a car to the event for the past 17 years and have committed to do it again this year and next! Winners of the 10 big prizes are chosen randomly at the end of the event. Anyone who wants to contribute by donating food, cash, or prizes; should contact Chip and Melissa Harner at Harner_LHS_SafeandSane@verizon.net.

A special Thanks to the Harners for their dedication to this event and to Century Ford for their donation of seventeen brand new vehicles over the years -- to help keep our kids safe, which is worthy of special recognition. When considering a new vehicle, please keep them in mind.

Volunteer Opportunities

Summer is near 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 Commission @ 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 Mount Airy Main Street Association (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; and **Terry Baker** of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Co. @ 301-829-0100, to help serve at the annual Fireman's carnival.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

The Town of Mount Airy is excited to announce the completion of two Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations conveniently located at the Mount Airy Municipal Parking Lot at the intersection of Park Avenue and Cross Street. (On the Park Avenue side.) The stations will be on all of the time and there is no charge. There will be a ribbon cutting

ceremony to celebrate this new technology in Town on Monday, May 11th, at 3:30 pm. Citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony. The charging stations will be added to the U.S. Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center Fueling Station Locator to encourage visitors to our downtown area to support economic development, and to also promote this technology. For additional information, call Town Hall.

Gems of Mount Airy - Mount Airy is a gem for many reasons. We are one of the few municipalities on a superior ground water system. We are close to several larger metropolitan hubs but have retained our small town charm.

It may be a surprise to many boaters, but we have marine resources right here in Mount Airy. GD Marine Performance, established in 1992 has been providing marine services to area residents for over twenty years. Owner, Gilbert Derry took his own passion for water sports and turned it into a thriving business. From regular watercraft maintenance, winterizing, engine repairs, trailer repairs, to body work; no job is too big or too small. Along with winterizing, GD Marine offers storage space for your watercraft at an affordable rate year round. Whether it is a jet ski or a 40 ft. high performance boat, GD Marine prides itself on providing excellent customer service at competitive prices. GD Marine Performance is conveniently located at 1001 E Ridgeville Blvd. in Mount Airy and can be reached at (301) 831-4391.

Mount Airy Commissions/Committees/Task Forces - Please visit our Town website (<http://www.mountairymd.org>) for a list of volunteer opportunities with one of our commissions, committees or task forces. Please let me know if anyone is interested in filling a volunteer vacancy by calling Town Hall at 301-829-1424 or email me directly at prockinberg@gmail.com as well. It is a great way to get involved, contribute to the community and make new friends.

The Mayor's Community Forums - The Mayor's Community Forums will be held on Saturday, May 9th and May 23rd, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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!

Patrick Rockinberg
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