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Mayors Report August 2014

Independence Day Celebration ~ Once again special thanks to Ben Golueke of Mt. Airy Liquors and Dr. Chris Coleman of Mt. Airy Eye Care, joined by Denise Fox of the Fox Reality, Digging & Rigging, Say it Signs and all the local business sponsors and vendors. Special thanks to John Stuehmeier, Melissa Hoyle, Diane Martin and the Civil Air patrol, Guy Hadsall and Troop 460. Last but not least, we are appreciative as well of the essential services provided by SOS Potty's. This second annual celebration was even better than the first celebration held in 2013. Events such as this bring the Community together and provide lasting memories for us and our children. I am deeply appreciative to all those who made it possible for these memories to be a part of your hometown. Please support these vendors and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Main Street Improvements ~ The Town is looking forward to a few beautiful curb and sidewalk upgrades in front of the Plumbery and Miracles on Main Street Salon as part of the Main Street Improvement Project. This project is nearing completion, however we still await these remaining sidewalk improvements and the final street paving on Main Street. As a reminder this is a State controlled project and The Town is doing everything we can to encourage the State Highway Administration to finalize this project as quickly as possible. We anticipate this work to happen within the next 30 days, but we remain subject to the delays from the State. Thank you for your patience.

2013 Comprehensive Master Plan Update ~ The final edits of the Planning Commission's Recommended Master Plan Chapters are now complete and have been sent out for printing. Town Staff is working with Carroll County's GIS Division for map updates that coincide with the respective Chapters. We anticipate that the 2013 Comprehensive Master Plan Update will be officially presented to the Town Council at the September Town Council Meeting. A public hearing has been scheduled for September 23rd at the Activities Building located at 1008 Twin Arch Road. Placards will be posted on properties that have been recommended for a zoning change in the recommended plan. Placards will also be posted for areas that have been recommended to be included as part of the Town's outer growth boundary.

Pre-Historic Friends ~ Dinosaurs have invaded Wildwood Park by the library. Please stop by and take a look. Thanks to a great idea by Mary Beth Ruch and a generous donation by Dr. Chris Coleman of Mount Airy Eye Care these creatures have been preserved. Mary Hushour and the Beautification Committee brought them back to life and decided they should live at the park for all to enjoy.

Mount Airy Gem ~ This month's Gem of Mount Airy is The Big Show, a brand new indoor baseball and softball training facility in Mt. Airy, MD. Just in time for the fall leagues, some business team building, or just to get a great workout to brush up on your game. The Big Show offers five tunnels which can be rented by the half hour or hour, with or without pitching machine. All tunnels have batting tees and L screens. For pitchers they have a 65' tunnel with a softball pitching mat or a mound for baseball. They also serve teams with multiple tunnel rentals or rental of the full facility with nets that can be pulled back to give you a 4000+ sq ft open space. Do you have a team practice you need to cover? Their highly sought-after instructors make it their personal mission to develop each player to their full and unique potential with a roadmap that is designed to get the best out of each athlete, physically, mentally and emotionally. All located right here in Mt. Airy. Please visit them in Twin Arch Business Park behind Weis on 1702 Back Acre Cir or call [302.829.0151](tel:302.829.0151). Their website is GoBigShow.com or visit them on Facebook & Twitter.

The Mayor's Community Forums - The Mayors Community forums normally held bi-monthly will begin again in September. Feel free to contact me at prockinberg@gmail.com or call Town Hall @ 301-829-1424. 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!

Volunteer Opportunities: Please visit (<http://www.mountairymd.org/>) for a list of volunteer opportunities on one of our many commissions. We have three openings on our Water Commission. This volunteer Commission is made up of Mt. Airy residents who study and advise the Mayor and Town Council on all issues related to water, cost structure, conservation, capacities, etc. 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](tel:301-829-1424) or email me directly at prockinberg@gmail.com.