

APC NEWSLETTER

THE MISSION OF THE ARNOLD PRESERVATION COUNCIL IS TO UNITE THE PEOPLE OF ARNOLD TO ENHANCE ARNOLD'S IDENTITY AS A DESIRABLE COMMUNITY THAT PRESERVES ITS RURAL HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT BY ADVOCATING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH, LINKED NEIGHBORHOODS, LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES, AND EXCELLENT SCHOOLS.

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The general meeting on February 2, 2012 was a combined meeting with Broadneck Council of Communities held at Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. There was no formal business meeting. There were 31 people present.

A town meeting format featured several speakers representing county offices. **Edie Segree**, legislative aide to Mike Busch, presented the **redistricting map**, explaining how the new divisions came about. The new plan reunites Severna Park, but splits Arnold into two districts - 33 and 30A. Several residents said at the Thursday meeting that this was an unacceptable change that could lead to misrepresentation. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like any change is in order. If no changes are made to the proposal before March, it becomes law.

Bill Nevel, transportation specialist, discussed the **Master Transportation Plan, which is focusing on 13 major corridors in the county**. Six of these corridors are critical to the Arnold (as well as the Broadneck) community. **The major concern is the treatment and planning of Rt. 50 and its interface with the deteriorating 60 year old Bay Bridge structure** and Rt. 50's relationship with the on-off



ramps in the local communities. **On Wednesday, February 15, 2012,** Planning and Zoning will hold a **listening session** on the Transportation

Functional Master Plan. The public meeting will be held at **Annapolis High School cafeteria from 6:00-**

8:00 PM. APC President, Elizabeth Rosborg will testify.

Councilman Dick Ladd thanked the meeting attendees for their support. He spoke of the challenges and achievements of 2011. He spoke of comprehensive rezoning and the remedial solutions he is recommending to improve the process.

The Broadneck Council of Communities will focus on these issues in 2012:

- Overdevelopment of the Broadneck area-- a focus on specific companies who are successfully expanding development ventures on the Peninsula.
- Transportation and Bay Bridge safety and planning.
- Water quality/stormwater management, septic and sewage treatment/upgrades.
- Overcrowded schools caused by increased development. The six year plan for developers to hold property with regard to >55 age restriction--must be lengthened.
- Zoning enforcement and compliance with Critical Areas laws.
- Rewriting of the zoning code to respect the safety and privacy of Broadneck residents. The code must require notification of affected neighbors when an applicant requests zoning changes.
- Redistricting/representation.

Important Dates

Wednesday, February 15

Planning and Zoning Listening Session
Annapolis High School cafeteria
6:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 22

County Executive Listening Session
Severna Park Middle School cafeteria
6:00-8:00 PM

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan

The plan has not been updated since 2003 so this is a great opportunity to voice your concerns and offer any suggestions you may have.

Monday, February 27

Public Hearing for the
Charter Review Commission
7:00 PM in the Council Chamber

Please contact
Councilman Dick Ladd
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if you have any questions
or
if he can be of assistance to you.

Next APC General Meeting
Arnold Fire Department Hall