

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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Inclement weather and APC meetings: If schools are closed or close early, APC's meeting will be cancelled. contact www.preservearnold.org to receive newsletter by email.

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The general meeting on March 12, 2012, held at the Arnold Firehouse, was called to order by President Elizabeth Rosborg at 7:40 PM. There were 13 people present.

President Rosborg announced that our new web site

<http://arnoldpreservationcouncil.org> is up and running thanks to Jeff Peri, our volunteer web master.

Also we have a new email address:

info@arnoldpreservationcouncil.org.

Treasurer's Report Sue Ricciardi

Closing balances as of February 1, 2012

CD: \$ 4,962.05

Checking: \$11,517.95

Checking Account Activity:

Income

Membership Dues	\$ 570.00
Donations to APC	50.00
Donations to GAN	<u>300.00</u>
	\$ 920.00

Expenses

GAN Contract Payments to Ann Fligsten	\$ 1000.00
Room Rental for February Town Hall Meeting	45.00
Postage and mailing	108.38
Web Site	160.30
Donation to Arnold Volunteer Fire Dept.	<u>100.00</u>
	\$ 1413.68

CD Activity:

Income

Interest posted on 2/12/2012 \$1.73

Closing balances as of March 11, 2012

CD: \$ 4,963.78

Checking: \$10,664.27

Checking account allocation:

APC funds total \$5,115.38

Growth Action Network funds total \$5,548.89



Standing and ad hoc Committee Reports

GAN Ann Fligsten

Annual Report:

GAN completed and circulated to the GAN membership its first annual report. The report is for 2011, but has some history of the

organization beginning in 2007.

Comprehensive Rezoning:

Last year was primarily consumed by the Comprehensive Rezoning of the entire County in 3 separate bills. The bills took one third of the County at a time to rezone. *The Administration did a good job in reviewing the applications for rezoning, but the County Council often did not agree with either the planning staff or the Planning Advisory Board. The County Council generally submitted as many new zoning changes for consideration as submitted in the zoning bills by the Administration.*

The Planning and Zoning Office had over a year to review all of the applications for rezoning. They had sometimes only 2 weeks, if that, to review amendments to the zoning bills.

Neighbors are not notified of proposed rezoning changes so at the end of the bill cycle, there were amendments made that were largely unknown to the community.

A lawsuit by a number of GAN members is challenging 11 amendments that were not supported by the planning office, the PAB or the County Executive who vetoed them, but the Council then overrode the vetoes on 11 of these. Russ Stevenson, founder of the Chesapeake Legal Alliance is representing citizens from South County and Sherwood Forest who believe the County Council did not follow State law requiring consistency between county plans and rezoning.

GAN is studying the entire rezoning process and is drafting a white paper on the most needed changes to the process. The list would start with a required posting of the property proposed for rezoning and written notice to nearby property owners.



Schedule of Hearings

Check this web site for dates and times.

<http://www.aacounty.org/calendars/Administrative%20Hearing>

History Alberta Stornetta

The working title of "the book" is now Arnold, Maryland and Neighbors on the Broadneck. Oral History interviews are scheduled at the Arnold Senior Center on Friday, March 16, and we invite anyone who wishes to participate to contribute their memories, anecdotes, or thoughts for inclusion in the Arnold book. Call 410-757-2831 if you are interested in an individual interview and I will come to you.

Membership Sage Mumma

The current membership consists of 52 voting Members and 17 Friends (non-voting members). 42 are renewals from earlier years, and new members.

Letters with membership forms were mailed to 126 people, communities, organizations, etc., who had been involved within the past 5+ years, inviting them to rejoin or renew.

After 3/31/12, all 2011 members who have not renewed their membership will get a second letter asking them to continue to support APC as they have in the past.

By-Laws Revision Sage Mumma

The Bylaws Committee presented a set of corrections and clarifications to the APC Bylaws to the Executive Committee on February 14, 2012. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to adopt the proposed changes.

Once a date for a meeting is set, copies of bylaws showing the proposed changes will be sent to all APC voting members with a notice of the meeting date at which the membership will vote on the changes and a proxy statement.

Lucy Iliff, Chair
Sage Mumma
Sue Ricciardi



Greater Severna Park Watershed Action Group Report (WAG) Sage Mumma st.moo@verizon.net

WAG will hold its annual Earth Day Festival on April 21, 2012 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Severna Park Middle School.

Learn about "Green Projects" from local schools and businesses, the new Carla M. Logan H Home Environment Improvement Award, and more. There will be exotic animals to see and adoptable pets, food and drinks, and many booths with educational "green" things to share. In addition, Elderberry and Redbud seedlings will be on sale for only \$2/seedling.

If you want to begin (or continue) to compost, there will be composting bins, "Earth Machines", available for those who have ordered them. Contact Sage Mumma about pre-ordering the bins and related composting supplies. Each bin cost \$49. Sage has had one of these for over a year and it is absolutely terrific!

Arnold Volunteer Fire Department

President Elizabeth Rosborg presented Arnold Volunteer Fire Department President Tom Best a \$100 donation from APC.



One interested youth, Jack Dunshee, got a one-on-one tour of the Volunteers' new engine.

Captain Hopkins explained all the complicated gauges and valves used in operating the engine.

Left: The amazing engine 171, equipped with special safety bumpers, extensive paramedic equipment, a rotating flasher light, even a towing hook.



**Help clean up the trail next meeting
Saturday, April 28
10:00 AM
Joyce Lane &
Bike Trail intersection**



Did you know

- *A fire truck gets 3 miles to the gallon of diesel fuel.
- *A recruit has to have completed 600 hours of training before he/she can even ride on the fire truck.
- *Arnold Fire Department is manned by both professional county fire fighters and volunteers.
- *Fire fighters are required to have 500-hour minimum training before they can even ride the truck.
- *Firefighters must go through 4-6 mandatory training sessions per year.
- *337 hours of training area required as well: 171 hrs. for EMT,
- *40 hrs. for HazMat, and 12 hrs. for CPR. Recertification is required annually.
- *There are 4 crews that work a 24-hour on and 72 hour off schedule.
- *Building originally was the Arnold Community Center.
- *The old part of the building is owned by the Volunteer Fire Department.
- *Arnold Volunteers own a Sparky the Fire Dog suit.
- *The **RED** engine is owned by Arnold Volunteers; the white vehicles are county owned.
- *Funding dollars for the Arnold Volunteers comes in the form of donations.