

APC NEWSLETTER

THE MISSION OF THE ARNOLD PRESERVATION COUNCIL IS TO UNITE THE PEOPLE OF ARNOLD, PRESERVE ITS RURAL HERITAGE, AND ENHANCE ITS ENVIRONMENT BY ADVOCATING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH, LINKED NEIGHBORHOODS, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND EXCELLENT SCHOOLS.

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Congratulations to the new Board of Directors



As your incoming President, I want to first let you know how proud I am to have the opportunity to serve Arnold Preservation Council. I am entering a position, founded with solid leadership and a strong sense of commitment. Elizabeth Rosborg served APC as president from 2012-2016! They say filling shoes can be difficult - imagine my challenge knowing that these shoes also come with heels! On behalf of the entire Board and all members of APC, we are forever grateful for Elizabeth's service and extend her a giant THANK YOU!

Let me take a moment to introduce the other Executive Officers that will help lead APC this year: (Vice President and Membership Chair) Elizabeth Rosborg, (Recording and Corresponding Secretary) Sue Ricciardi, (Treasurer) Teresa Miller, (Director-

at-Large) Chris Kerchner. To the Executive Officers and You I say, thank you for this opportunity!

While I have had the great pleasure of meeting many of you over the years, I thought I would share a bit about me for those I have yet to meet. Professionally, I graduated from University of Maryland College Park with a degree in Urban Planning Architecture. I spent my early career with my Alma Mater UMCP until 2007 when I left my position as, Manager Design and Development to work as the Campus Planner for Anne Arundel Community College. I came to Severna Park when I was 5 yrs old, attended the local high school and later moved to the Arnold community after college where I had the good fortune of experiencing what many families find here: A strong sense of community pride surrounded by local talent and healthy civic identity. Along with my wife, Diane, our community and church we fashioned a family and raised and two children, Hailey and Richard III.

In terms of APC priorities for this year, they are as follows: 1) increase member awareness of all APC has to offer, 2) ensure we are offering as complete and relevant a calendar of programs and events as possible throughout the year, and 3) continue to cultivate APC's role in community initiatives and development.

APC has always strived to assure that members receive the maximum value from their membership! To that end, I encourage all of you to take a few minutes and truly explore the APC website to learn more about all of the advantages of being an APC member. As an organization, as board members, and as APC president, your input and feedback is truly desired, so please do not hesitate to share your thoughts.

Let me close by saying "Thank you" once again for the privilege of letting me serve! I hope to meet as many of you as possible over the next 2 years and not only welcome, but encourage you to provide feedback directly to me at president@arnoldpreservationcouncil.org so we can all keep Arnold a vibrant place to live.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Ensor Jr.

Membership **Elizabeth Rosborg**
February 15, 2017

APC has the following members in good standing

Individual/Household	34
Community/Homeowner Association	10
Institution	1
Total Voting Memberships	42
Friend (Non-Voting)	5
Total Voting and Friends	47

PLEASE RENEW TODAY !!

Treasurer's Report

Teresa Miller

January 1 – 28, 2017

Closing balances as of December 31, 2016

CD 2016:	\$ 5,062.10
CD 2017:	\$ 5,022.61
Checking:	\$ 3,769.61

Checking Account Activity:

Income:	
Member Dues	\$ 845.00
Donations	<u>\$ 270.00</u>
Total:	\$1115.00

Expenses:

Postage	<u>\$ 9.00</u>
Total:	\$ 9.00

CD Activity:

Interest Income 2018 CD:	\$ 2.79
Interest Income 2017 CD:	\$ 1.28

Closing balances as of January 28, 2017

CD 2016:	\$ 5,064.89
CD 2017:	\$ 5,023.89
Checking:	<u>\$ 4,875.61</u>

TD Bank Totals: **\$14,965.39**

Note: \$260.00 in checking account has been designated for Arnold Sign.

NEW BUSINESS:**Jones Station Road at Mago Vista Road Intersection Study**

The Anne Arundel County Traffic Engineering Division (TED) has received a number of complaints about the traffic operations and safety at the intersection of Jones Station Road and Mago Vista Road. In response to these concerns, TED performed a traffic study which included obtaining traffic volume counts and taking 13 hours of video footage of the intersection.

TED's review of the video footage has revealed the following concerns:

-A large number of 'near miss' collisions involving the two uncontrolled movements (eastbound along Jones Station Road and the southbound right turn from Mago Vista Road) versus the other controlled movements.

-Possible rear-end collisions between drivers unsure of the operations of these uncontrolled movements and those drivers who are aware of these movements.

-Conflicts between the uncontrolled movements and school-aged pedestrians within the crosswalks at the intersection. (Belvedere Elementary School staff has expressed their concerns on this matter.)

In an effort to eliminate the traffic safety issues noted above and to improve upon the non-standard signing associated with the intersection, TED is looking at the possibility of changing the operation of this intersection to a 4-way stop. TED has evaluated the operation of a 4-way stop by utilizing computer software that simulates traffic operations with the existing traffic volumes.

This simulation has shown a minor increase in delay for the eastbound and southbound right turn movement and a slight increase in the queue lengths for these two movements, but these increases do not appear to be significant.

TED's main goal is to improve safety for all modes of transportation, and feels that the improved safety we achieved through implementing a 4-way stop control at this intersection greatly outweighs the minor delays that may be created.

TED would be happy to share its study and discuss any concerns with the affected area communities. You may provide any questions or comments to the County (Eric Tabacek) at 410-222-7731 or via email at pwtaba20@aacounty.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The annual 2016 State of the Magothy program will be held this Friday February 24 at AACC on the Arnold campus in the CALT building room 100. Doors open up at 6 pm and the program starts at 7 pm. There will be ample parking. Refreshments will be served. For directions and college map see link: www.aacc.edu/locationsandmaps/maps/file/Arnoldcampusmap.pdf

County Executive Steve Schuh Announces Budget Town Hall Meetings

County Executive Steve Schuh and his administration will host a series of town hall meetings in February and March to discuss the FY2018 budget.

The meetings will allow the citizens of Anne Arundel County to express their views and budget priorities one-on-one with the County Executive.

The locations and times of the meetings are as follows:

February 28th at 7:00 PM - Southern Middle School, 5235 Solomon's Island Rd, Lothian, MD

March 15th at 7:00 PM- Park Elementary School, 201 East 11th Ave, Baltimore, MD

The County Executive will be joined by members of his staff, as well as key members from departments across county government. Mr. Schuh will propose his budget on May 1st.

SRA Educational Series, 7 PM Tuesday

February 28, 2017, at Union Jack's, 2072 Somerville Rd, Annapolis MD 21401.

Fishing and Exploring the Severn River by Kayak
by **John Veil**, Free and open to the public.

HAPPY 18TH ANNIVERSARY APC !!

From APC History:

In March of 1999, a group decided to organize more formally, drafted Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, and elected officers. The Arnold Preservation Council (APC) was born as a local "watch dog" organization. APC continues to monitor the Arnold area to assure that all development enhances the community.

First newsletter was January 2000

Special kudos and thanks to the following members who have been supporting us for ALL 18 years –

Missy Blevins, Sue Canfield, Lucy Iliff, Sage Mumma, Jeff & Sue Schaub and Mary Jo Wells

Upcoming Meeting

March 13, 2017 at 7:30

Asbury United Methodist Church

78 Church Road

Arnold, MD 21012