

**A P C 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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The APC board has been working hard behind the scenes and wanted to bring you up to date on some things happening in Arnold.

We will be hosting our September General Membership meeting on Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. via zoom. Please join us to get caught up after the summer break. The zoom link is: [Arnold Preservation Council General Membership Meeting](#)

We are still finalizing the agenda and will send it out next week before our meeting.

**Membership** **Sue Ricciardi**  
**August 30, 2021**

APC has the following members in good standing

Individual/Household	28
Community/Homeowner Association (2089 households)	13
Business	0
Institution	0
Voting Organization	1
<b>Total Voting Memberships</b>	<b>42</b>
Friend (Non-Voting)	10
<b>Total Voting and Friends</b>	<b>52</b>

**Treasurer's Report** **Kathleen McCoun**

Closing balances as of July 26, 2021

CD 2020:	\$ 5,285.08
CD 2020(2)	\$ 5,209.45
Checking:	\$ 6,011.50

Checking Account Activity:

Expense: Donation	\$ 100.00
Total:	\$ 100.00

CD Activity:

Interest Income 2020 CD:	\$ 0.24
Interest Income 2020(2) CD:	\$ 0.66

Closing balances as of August 30, 2021

CD 2020:	\$ 5,285.32
CD 2020(2)	\$ 5,210.11
Checking:	<u>\$ 5,911.50</u>
TD Bank Totals:	\$16,406.93

Note: 1. Checking account has \$395 designated for Arnold Sign

2. Donation to Hospice of the Chesapeake in memory of Dick Ladd

## Anne Arundel County Celebrates National Preparedness Month

The month of September is recognized as National Preparedness Month, an annual opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of always being prepared for disasters and emergencies. Preeti Emrick, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, urges community members to integrate preparedness into their lives as well, “even if in the smallest way. Whether it is creating a communication plan with your family, purchasing an item or two for your emergency kits, getting vaccinated, or simply signing up for [Alert Anne Arundel](#), we can all take steps to better prepare ourselves for the challenges ahead.”

### **1. Make a Plan**

Talk to your friends and family about how you will evacuate or shelter-in-place and communicate before, during, and after a disaster.

### **2. Build a Kit**

Put together an emergency go-kit and gather supplies for sheltering-in-place that will last several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate or move to a different area of your home quickly.

### **4: Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness**

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

Visit [our website](#) for more information about National Preparedness Month and how you can prepare for emergencies and disasters.

## Draft Green Infrastructure Master Plan, Public Comment Period

The county has released the draft Green Infrastructure Master Plan, and the beginning of the public comment period. The draft plan would conserve 5,000 acres by 2030, while adding green spaces to urban communities.

“The Green Infrastructure Master Plan is how we ensure that future generations are able to experience the health and wellness that nature provides,” County Executive Steuart Pittman said. “It lays out a bold, equitable and comprehensive vision for the future of conservation in Anne Arundel County.”

The Green Infrastructure Master Plan identifies a connected network of natural, recreational, historic, and cultural areas. The plan identifies areas to prioritize for conservation in the future, and can be found at [www.aacounty.org/greeninfrastructure](http://www.aacounty.org/greeninfrastructure). The public comment period will remain open for 45 days.

“We need to conserve our forests, wetlands and farms right alongside our homes, ice cream shops and movie theaters. We need enough of both the natural and built environments to have truly thriving communities,” said Sarah Knebel, Executive Director of Scenic Rivers Land Trust. “I look forward to working with the County to review this plan and achieve its goals because the health of our communities depends upon it.”

The Green Infrastructure Master Plan incorporates the County's most significant natural areas, including streams, wetlands, floodplains, and forests. The Green Infrastructure Master Plan also recognizes the importance of smaller open spaces and natural areas, especially in more urbanized areas of the County.

After the public comment period ends, the draft Plan will be reviewed through a formal series of meetings with the County Planning Advisory Board

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and the County Council through the fall and winter. The County Council has the final authority to adopt the plan.

### **Broadneck Council of Communities**

The BCC will host a General Meeting dedicated to Bay Bridge issues on Thursday 9/23/21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cape St Claire Clubhouse, 1223 River Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21409.

The guest speaker will be Jim Ports, MDOT/MDTA Executive Director who will address the Bay bridge problems and proposed solutions.

Jim will present the current status of the NEPA/DEIS & FEIS studies and give us an update on improved travel across this corridor. Also, a Q&A session is scheduled. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about the future of these Bridges and our Broadneck corridor. Our Elected Officials are invited to attend. Our District 5 Councilwoman, Amanda Fiedler will be on our agenda.

### **Highway Clean Up - September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Come help us pick up trash along Ritchie Highway and make the gateway to our state Capital beautiful again. Meet at 1 p.m. at the Goddard School parking lot. Trash bags and safety vest along with water will be provided. Please email [arnoldpreservationcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:arnoldpreservationcouncil@gmail.com) to sign a release form if helping for the first time. Everyone 12 and older is welcome.

### **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County's (CFAAC) Environment Anne Arundel Fund supports Anne Arundel County nonprofit organizations working to protect and improve the environment in Anne Arundel County and the Chesapeake Bay.

Anne Arundel County is a place of natural beauty that can be enjoyed through two state parks and 70 county parks linked by an extensive network of recreation and transportation trails. With 534 miles of linear coastline, the county ranks second for waterfront in the state.

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Successful grant applicants will support projects that improve and green communities, address environmental issues such as stormwater, and/or increase student awareness and involvement in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay, local streams and rivers, and other natural areas.

The Environment Anne Arundel Fund will award one or two \$3,000 to \$5,000 grants, based on available funding. Applications should demonstrate the non-profits' ability to:

- educate the public on protecting the natural environment,
- raise awareness of the impact of public and private actions on the natural environment,
- engage citizens to help improve and protect the natural environment.

**Grant applications close on September 30, 2021, at midnight.**

### **Community Meeting – Chick-fil-A**

There is a community meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. via zoom to discuss a proposed drive - thru Chick-fil-A next to the Sunoco Service Station on Ritchie Highway. Here is the link to the notice sent out: [Chick-Fil-A Community Mtg notice.pdf](#)  
[Sketch of proposed Chick-fil-A](#)  
[Chick-fil-A Diagram.jpg](#)

APC is still investigating all the details and will speak about this in depth at our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Joyce Lane Bridge to Close**

The Joyce Lane bridge on the B & A Trail will close after Lifeline 100 to be repaired. More details to follow as it gets closer.

### **Growth Action Network Meeting this MONDAY**

GAN will meet with Steve Kaii Ziegler and OPZ staff this Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. This meeting is open to all GAN members.

## ***This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom***

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85469009044?pwd=bWNITTNweXBlaUc1WDBVdWY2Smhldz09>

**Meeting ID: 854 6900 9044**

**Passcode: 325180**

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(Washington DC)

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***It is not clear that recording of this meeting will be permitted, so please try to participate in the live stream.***

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### **Agenda items will include:**

#### **1. Introduction** – Kate Fox

We will be focusing on the whole process of Region Planning, and the function and make-up of Stakeholder Advisory Committees

**2. Statistics of SAC applicants** - In the interests of transparency, it would be desirable to publish the statistics of applicants to the SAC committees. Names are not necessary, but public information should include statistics on:

- Applications per region
- Occupational categories of applicants
- Organizational affiliations
- Age of applicants

**3. SAC Member Information** - Will you provide the following information on SAC Members:

- Background and Experience
- Contact information including direct email address (not an OPZ address)

**4. Regional Plan Coordinators** - Who will be the OPZ Administrative Coordinator(s) for each Plan?

**5. Public Observation of SAC Meetings** - Do you expect SAC meetings will be open for public observation, and recorded?

**6. Use of Public Surveys** - Will you conduct public surveys to capture community opinion of

topics of interest, and provide results online so the public can review them?

**7. Land Use Changes** - Will you provide all the comments on the proposed Land Use changes to the SAC members? Will there be an option for more Community input on the Land Use maps?

**8. Public Contributions to the Regional Plans** - Will there be a systematic way that people not on SACs can contribute to the plans?

**9. Consistency of Recommendations with Community Guidance** - How will OPZ ensure that SAC recommendations will be consistent with community guidance gathered from surveys, direct public input and meetings?

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**If we have time after we have gone through the meeting Agenda topics, we will allow questions from the membership. We will not take questions during the discussion of Agenda items.**