



**CROFTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Board of Directors & General Membership Meeting

The combined CCA Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting (GMM) will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The Board had considered making this meeting the first post-pandemic face-to-face meeting or possibly a hybrid meeting with both a face-to face option and a remote ZOOM option for participants. However, with the impact of the Delta Variant of Covid-19 on the public safety equation it was decided that it would be best to continue with the remote meeting model for now. If you are a member of the Crofton Civic Association (CCA) and would like to participate, please let us know by sending an email to [ccatownhall@comcast.net](mailto:ccatownhall@comcast.net) by 3:00 PM on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Your email must include your name, home address (or property address) and phone number. You will then be sent a link with the GMM invitation. We hope to see you at the meeting. If you would like to join our listserv, please email us with that same information to the same email address and request to be added to that service.

Parks Rejuvenation Committee

The Parks Rejuvenation Committee continues to work hard at the task of upgrading the CCA Parks. As most of you know, the playground in the Willows community has been significantly improved largely to the efforts of Eagle Scout candidate Patrick Mooney and a small army of his friends who removed the old decaying timbers and installed a new composite border which greatly improved the appearance and safety of the playground as well as improving the accessibility for residents who have mobility issues. The playground equipment was also power washed making it much more attractive to the children who use the park.

In addition, Rob Kendall, the Chairman of the Committee, other members of the Committee, as well as the CCA Board President and the Town Manager met with the owner of Commercial Recreation Products at Swann Park to discuss possible strategies for up-grading and/or replacing the playground equipment. We have since received three proposed options for replacing the current equipment with modern play structures that offer more variety, challenges, safety and inclusive play options. The Committee members are examining these initial proposals. We are at the very beginning of a long road for this project which will involve community input, intensive work by the Committee and the expenditure of significant funds. The Committee will provide updates to the community as the process continues.

## Public Works Projects

During the summer the County Department of Public works has been very busy in the Tax District. Their work included sidewalk and curb repairs, the badly needed re-paving of Duke of Kent Drive and the most extensive program of tree maintenance in memory. The most important component of that project was the removal of a large number of trees in curb lawns and median strips that were dead or in poor condition and presented potential dangers to both property and persons. DPW has also repaired the sinkhole problem at the main entrance. We offer our thanks to AA County Public Works.

It is also good to see that the State Highway Administration has stepped up its efforts to bring the Route 424 sidewalk project to its elusive conclusion! Additionally, the new traffic light at the entrance to Crofton High School became operational on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

The CSCBD is continuing with its planning and projects designed to enhance the appearance of the Crawford Boulevard entrance to our community. The next step is to have our grounds maintenance contractor complete an extensive clean-up of the shore line of Lake Louise from the south end of the Lake along Crawford Boulevard around to the shore line that parallels Route 3. That work should have been completed by the time this Newsletter is published.

## The "Enclave Property"

As of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the "Enclave property", also known as "Crofton's Front Yard", officially became the property of the CCA. That brought to fruition many months of effort to accomplish what many people believed was an impossible goal. Many people played valuable roles in the effort, starting with the members of the CCA who voted in favor of the acquisition of the property. Mr. Berkshire's willingness to negotiate in good faith with Board President Simon was very important. Martin's hard work and dedication to the task with the Board's support was invaluable. Susan Myers' many hours of assisting President Simon, from the beginning of the project right up until the closing on the property, was extremely important. Congratulations to all!

## Back to School

As far as we know as this is written in early August, in classroom school will be back in session in September. Please drive and cycle safely, especially near our two elementary schools.