



Crofton Civic

Association, Inc

# THE ADVOCATE

*A Newsletter for Residents of the Crofton Special Community Benefit District*

## CCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st, 2020 7:30 PM (Snow Date – January 28th, 2020) CROFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### AGENDA

- President’s Message – Martin Simon
- Presentation and Discussion of FY21 Budget
  - Other Business
  - Citizen Comments



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**MARTIN SIMON**

Greetings and Happy Holidays!

As we near the end of this decade, your CCA Board of Directors has been looking ahead to the next and would like your help in crafting a plan for 2020 and beyond. To that end, we have included in this newsletter a survey with a handful of questions aimed at getting a sense of the community's priorities for the future.

It has been 20 years since we last did this and long overdue! Please take a few minutes and complete the survey either by filling out the enclosed hard copy and returning it to Town Hall or by going to our website, [www.croftoncommunity.org](http://www.croftoncommunity.org), and clicking on the "Crofton Survey 2020" link to submit online.

We would love to have your response by January 15<sup>th</sup> so we can crunch the numbers and report back to all at the General Membership meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you in advance for your participation!

The CCA Board of Directors and Town Hall need your help in another way, too. As you will see in the budget pages to follow, we have once again crafted a fairly conservative budget for FY'21 that will mean a modest, average additional cost of \$12 per household in the Triangle. That nominal increase will enable us to provide increased police protection, better pay and benefits for our five police officers, improvements to our three parks, and maintain some of the other services provided by Town Hall.

What that additional \$12 will NOT do, however, is support the vital services provided by the CCA that are NOT supported with your tax dollars – protecting property values by enforcing covenants, proactively representing your interests in area development and zoning concerns, and administering the Tax District overall.

These services (and the legal fees that are often required to provide them) come out of the small CCA budget, not the Tax District budget. The CCA budget is supported entirely by donations from you and your neighbors. We have no other revenue stream!

So, in an effort to reverse the trend of declining donations that we have experienced in recent years, we are instituting the "CCA 2020 Fundraising Plan" that will be rolled out early in the New Year. One key element of that plan that is already up and running is the addition of an online giving option to our website, [www.croftoncommunity.org](http://www.croftoncommunity.org).

As you finalize your end of year giving plans, please help us start 2020 off right by making a donation today to your CCA!

2020 is an election year here in the Triangle. That means that in May the CCA will hold its election for all positions on the Board of Directors. If you are a voting age member of the Crofton Special Community Benefits District (CSCBD) and would like to serve your community as a member of the Board, please toss your hat in the ring!

If not actually running for office, perhaps you might consider serving on the Election Committee? We need a minimum of five resident volunteers to help run the election process. The Committee will solicit candidates for all nine Board positions, arrange a "meet the candidates" night following the filing deadline, oversee the absentee ballot procedure, and conduct the election at our General Membership meeting in May. If interested, please call Town Hall for details at your earliest convenience – 410-721-2301.

Many thanks and have a very Happy New Year!!

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**LARRY SCHWEINSBURG**

In September the Chief of Police, the Comptroller/ATM and I worked on preparing a proposed FY21 Budget for the CSCBD (Tax District). The proposed budget was presented to the Board of Directors on October 7. The Board and staff met four times between October 21 and November 12 in public meetings to discuss the

## **POLICE REPORT CHIEF EARL FOX**

proposed budget and to modify it as directed by the Board. The budget was then approved by the Board on November 12.

The approved budget includes a 2% COLA for all employees. Another important aspect of the FY21 budget is the continued support of the efforts to improve our parks. The Parks Rejuvenation Fund will be increased by \$3,000. The Park Equipment Fund was increased by \$12,000. That will allow us to address some near-term projects while also building a pool of matching funds to use if an appropriate grant opportunity should arise.

The approved FY21 expense budget is \$1,132,416 which is an increase of \$36,132 over the FY20 budget (3.3 %). The Board of Directors worked diligently to provide a budget sufficient to meet our operating needs while maintaining a level of taxation that is not burdensome for our residents. We have requested authorization to hold the General Membership Meeting at Crofton Elementary School at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, January 21. The snow date for the meeting would be Tuesday, January 28. The budgets for both the CSCBD and the CCA will be presented to the community at the meeting. We hope to see you there!



Congratulations to Officer Jett, the newest member of the Crofton Police Department. Officer Jett retired from the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Department where he was a K-9 Handler. Officer Jett grew up in the Crofton area and he will be a great asset to the Department and the community. The Crofton Police Department is now up to full staffing with four officers and the Chief of Police.

## **RECREATION REPORT KATHY LAVIN**

The CCA Recreation Director is looking for volunteers for the 30th annual Armed Forces/First Responders Parade, scheduled for Saturday May 9, 2020.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 2020, date to be determined.

Interested parties will be part of a planning committee to assist in this special anniversary celebration.

If interested please contact Town Hall at (410) 721-2301, or [ccatownhall@comcast.net](mailto:ccatownhall@comcast.net). You may also contact Kathy Lavin at [Kathryn804@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathryn804@yahoo.com).

## **UPCOMING CCA EVENTS**

**CCA General Membership Meeting**, Tuesday January 21, 2020, 7:30 PM, Crofton Elementary School

**CCA Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday April 4, (rain date April 11, 2020), 12:00 PM, Crofton Elementary School

**CCA Armed Forces/First Responder's Parade**, Saturday May 9, 2020, 11:00 AM, Crofton Parkway

**CCA Summer Concert Series**, Sunday evenings through June and July, beginning on June 7, 2020, Crofton Country Club

**CCA Ice Cream Social**, Saturday September 2020, Town Hall backyard

**CCA Halloween Party**, Saturday October 2020, Town Hall backyard

**CCA Christmas Tree Lighting**, Monday November 30, 2020, Crofton Country Club.



### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**410-222-8610** Anne Arundel County Police Non-Emergency.

**222-4040 or 7940** for snow removal on County roads

**410-841-1009** for snow removal on State highways (Routes 3, 50, 424, 450; I 95, I 97, I 495, I 695)

**410-222-0600** for scheduled health care services (dialysis, oxygen deliveries, etc.) emergency food or shelter requests.



**JOIN OUR LISTSERV** Town Hall has been compiling resident email addresses as an additional way to communicate important and timely information. If your email address is not already included in the listserv (email distribution list) and you would like to be added, please contact us at:

[ccatownhall@comcast.net](mailto:ccatownhall@comcast.net) . Please include your name, home address and phone number. This service is only available to residents of the Crofton Special Community Benefit District (CSCBD).

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