

**College Gardens Civic Association**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**  
**Meeting minutes**

32 attendees, including the board members and speakers

**Welcome and Board Updates**

Meeting called to order by board president, Tom Miner.

Directory update: \$1400 was raised from homeowners who paid \$5 per directory, \$1425 was raised through advertising. Special acknowledgements to *Naomi Miner* for selling the ads, and *Karen Carp* and *Jerry Callistein* for their help and expertise in data management and design and layout of the directory. The cost to print the directories was \$973, which netted CGCA \$1852.

*Miner's Note:* All Directories have been distributed to the Block Captains who will be delivering them to residents who ordered a copy. Extras are available for \$5. Contact Tom Miner.



Bob Mills, treasurer, shared the details of the civic association's finances. The association's current balance is \$5992.44. The costs for National Night Out (NNO) totaled \$839, less a \$200 donation from the Woodley Gardens West Civic Association (WGWCA). Therefore the NNO event cost CGCA \$639.

John Mosely Hayes, vice president, recapped National Night Out. He provided a detailed recap of the NNO and its expenses. WGWCA was a co-sponsor of the event. The civic association rented a grill, purchased burgers, hot dogs and Carmen's-Italian ice, and had children's activities. The Water Store donated water. And the Rockville Robotics club and the Rockville German band donated the entertainment. Neighbors brought numerous side dishes and salads to share. John Mosely said that without the help of many individuals and the special leadership and constant help of Tom Miner, the NNO would not have been a success. Over 200 people attended, and shared food and friendship.

**BRT CAC Update (Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Advisory Committee)**

Darcy Buckley gave an update on BRT in our area. BRT can offer reliable, dedicated lanes, off-board fare collection, level boarding, intersection improvements, enhanced stations with real-time transit information, and frequent stops. The long-term vision is a network of corridors in Montgomery County: 355, US 29, MD 586 Veirs Mill, CCT.

They are now in Phase 2: alternatives analysis (2018), identify one recommended alternative, document environmental, cultural, and property impacts, get public involvement, develop a BRT and local bus service plan

- Options for the BRT could include any of the following: no additional lanes added to the roadways, Ride On, mixed traffic operations, special lanes, medians, or dedicated lanes.
- Outreach and engagement open houses in Jan/Feb '18 and Fall '18, community meetings, focus groups, stakeholder meetings, corridor advisory committee (CACs), pop-ups will also take place. More Rockville representation is needed!
- [Darcy.Buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Darcy.Buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov) 240-777-7166
- Ride-On Extra 355: this new route is 22 miles long and runs from Bethesda to Clarksburg

[Link here to Handout](#) (in this document)

### **Stream Restoration Update, John Hollida, principal civil engineer**

John offered thanks to Tom Miner, Lou Marinelli, and Paul O'Brien, all residents of College Gardens, for five years of dedication to helping plan the restoration. The Upper Watts Branch is actually 8 different projects in one. Before the restoration 500 tons of sediment were being lost annually, along with the streams and trees. Princeton Place outfall was in the most urgent need of fixing. Outfalls have been fixed near Carnation, Azalea, Aster, Princeton, behind Princeton, and an exposed sewer has been repaired. The goal is to plant 150 trees per acre to replace trees that had to be removed. Planting won't take place until the spring or fall 2018, depending on the plant. The Princeton repair site by Columbia should be completed by December, and approximately another three months remains for the Princeton/Fordham location. The remaining work is being done simultaneously, so the entire restoration will likely be completed in March, even though the contractor has until June. The main environmental goal of all this work is to get water out of the channel and onto the flood plain. Trails will be restored to pre-repair conditions. No enhancements are being done to the trails. Rocks will be placed in the stream to allow for safe crossing.

[Click here for project overview.](#)

[Click here for project Virtual Tour.](#) (Great resource, well done by the City)

### ***"Deer in da Hood"*, Steve Mader, superintendent of parks and facilities**

In January 2010 a white-tailed deer task force was established. Rockville typically has 133 deer collisions annually, resulting in an average repair cost of \$4000. Coyotes are natural predators to deer, but not necessarily an ideal predator in a suburban setting. There are many costs to having a burgeoning deer population: estimated cost to Rockville drivers is \$500,000, damage to habitat, and Lyme disease. Cover up to protect yourself.

The options to deal with the deer are exclusion methods, population reduction (lethal) and non-lethal reduction. All options have pluses and minuses ranging from length of time to see results to cost, to area covered.

The Rockville City Council has a meeting scheduled for February 13 to discuss lethal management of the deer population. Mark Pierzchala, city council member, is trying to drum up support for Rockville to take lethal action to trim the deer population.

[Click Here for Handout](#): Steve Mader provided a multi-page handout which provides an extensive listing of deer-resistant plants.

One of the attendees mentioned that the *Garden Club* also sells deer-resistant plants as part of their annual spring plant sale. [Click Here](#) to join or learn more about the Garden Club.

### **School Boundary Update, by Mark Pierzchala, Rockville councilman**

Elementary school boundaries are changing due to a 5<sup>th</sup> elementary school under construction on West Edmonston. Overcrowding at CGES started one year after the remodel. King Farm south of Redland and Falls Grove developments feed into CGES. The school system is wrestling with updating the school boundaries for the Richard Montgomery (RM) cluster. Under some proposals, students from Woodley Gardens will go to Beall ES. The city council is unsure on whether to step into the fray by supporting one option over another. Mark is in favor of keeping the Woodley Gardens neighborhood within the CGES boundary. A hearing is scheduled for November 16 with a decision to be announced by the end of November.

*Miner's Note*: This is a quickly evolving topic about school boundaries. For the latest updates I suggest you check with the [College Gardens PTA](#).

### **Meeting adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58.

<b>CGCA Executive Committee Members</b>			
<b><i>Tom Miner</i></b>	<b><i>John Mosley Hayes</i></b>	<b><i>Chaula Butterworth</i></b>	<b><i>Bob Mills</i></b>
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# GetOnBoardBRT = US 29

BUS RAPID TRANSIT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

### TO BECOME A PART OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORY!

WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15, 2017  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

East County Regional  
Service Center -  
Main Meeting Room  
3300 Briggs Chaney Rd  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 16, 2017  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Montgomery Blair  
High School  
Cafeteria  
51 University Blvd East  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20, 2017  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Silver Spring  
Civic Center  
Great Hall  
1 Veterans Plaza  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on US 29 will be the first of its kind in the State of Maryland. Join us at an open house to learn about how BRT will provide an easier, more reliable, and less stressful way to get you where you need to go quickly.

Explore **interactive stations** where you'll learn about all aspects of the project and share feedback to ensure that your voice is heard. This is a **family-friendly event** featuring a children's activity area.

The 13.5-mile BRT line will span from the **Silver Spring Transit Center** to **Burtonsville** along the US 29 corridor. Find out why BRT is:



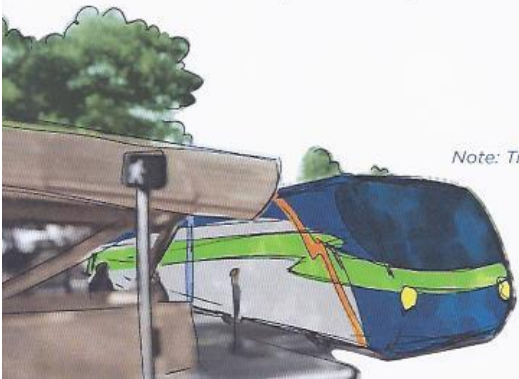
**RAPID:** Features like limited stops, off-board fare collection, priority signaling, and level-boarding through all doors make for a faster ride.



**RELIABLE:** You'll never wait long for the next BRT and will see real-time travel information at the station.



**RELAXING:** Avoid the stress associated with driving: use Wi-Fi to be more productive, read a book, or simply use the time to rest.



*Note: The open houses are self-paced and attendees can come go as they please.*

*The three meetings will be identical and attendance at only one is necessary. Sign language interpreters and other assistive services will be provided upon request. Contact Darcy Buckley at (240) 777-7166 or send a request to [darcy.buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:darcy.buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov).*

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