

## **York County Homeowner Associations' Meeting**

**October 27, 2021, 6:15 p.m.**

**Senior Center of York**

### **In Attendance:**

#### **HOAs –**

Banbury Cross, Breezy Point, Clearwater Cove, Edgehill, Edgewood, Falcon Crest, Grafton Woods, Kings Villa, Lakes at Dare, Larkin Woods, Laurel Lakes, Magruder Woods, Marlbank Cove, Oaks at Fenton Mill, Osborn Landing, Rainbrook Villas, Skimino Lakes, Thomas Road Pier, Vineyard Heights, Waterview, Woodlake Crossing, Woods of Tabb, Wythe Creek Farms

#### **York County Officials and Staff –**

Deputy County Administrator - Mark Bellamy; Assistant County Administrator/Director of Community Services – Brian Fuller; Director of Planning and Development Services – Susan Kassel; Public Works Engineering Manager – Elizabeth Mertz-Guinn; YPSO Master Deputy – Shawn Kekoa-Dearhart; Planner I – Caitlin Aubut; Public Affairs – Paula Hersh; County Administration – Diane Ingram

### **Opening Remarks – Mark Bellamy, Deputy County Administrator**

Mr. Mark Bellamy welcomed those in attendance and provided an overview of the meeting [agenda](#).

### **County Construction Update – Mark Bellamy, Deputy County Administrator**

Mr. Bellamy spoke regarding the various construction projects within York. They included the Yorktown Library Project, Fire Station Number 7, and the Law Enforcement Building. The slide presentation may be viewed in attachment.

### **Sidewalk and Bike Paths – Elizabeth Mertz-Guinn, Engineering Manager**

Ms. Elizabeth Mertz-Guinn, Department of Public Works, provided an overview on sidewalk and bike path projects. The slide presentation may be viewed in attachment.

### **Planning and Development Services Overview – Susan Kassel, Director of Planning and Development Services**

Ms. Susan Kassel outlined the various divisions within the Department of Planning and Development Services and their specific function in the community.

Ms. Caitlin Aubut provided a brief overview on the public streetlight program which is owned and operated by Dominion Energy.

The slide presentation may be viewed in attachment.

### **COVID 19 and Future Plans – Brian Fuller, Assistant County Administrator/Director of Community Services**

Mr. Brian Fuller, Assistant County Administrator/Director of Community Services covered the initial response for COVID 19. During his presentation, Mr. Fuller covered the various challenges that existed such as supply chain issues, deploying vaccines,

funding received from the CARES Act and ARPA, closing and reopening of the Head Start Program, Parks and Recreation programs, County buildings, and Yorktown Beach.

No slide presentation. Covid Community Report with much of the information may be viewed [here](#).

- Does the County know whether they will be participating in the booster shots?
  - Mr. Fuller suggested contacting one's individual physician or a local drug store for the booster shot as they were more easily available unlike when the shots initially rolled out.

### **York/Poquoson Sheriff's Office Community Policing Update – Sergeant Shawn Kekoa-Dearhart, Crime Prevention**

Sgt. Kekoa-Dearhart stated the Sheriff's Office in the past year has seen an increase of catalytic converter theft, larceny/tampering with vehicles, vehicle theft. She stated in the case of many of the vehicle thefts, the key fob had been left inside the vehicle. Ms. Kekoa-Dearhart reminded the attendees to lock their vehicles, especially with the holiday season approaching. She stated the Sheriff's Office had four different social media sites. Project Lifesaver was another resource for family members within the community to utilize for citizens who suffer with Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease.

No slide presentation Flyer handed out is attached

### **Questions Submitted by the HOAs prior to meeting**

- Does the widening projects for Wythe Creek Road (Route 172) entry into Poquoson include a stop light at Cary Chapel's Road?
  - Mr. Bellamy stated the project does include a stoplight. The project was behind schedule.
- Can the HOA Presidents receive notification from York County when there is a request that affects their neighborhood (Short Term Rentals)?
  - Ms. Kassel stated that when Planning receives a short term rental application, they encourage the applicant to speak with both the HOA and adjacent property owners. If they have a current contact on file for the HOA, Planning will notify them as well either through the mail or through an HOA email contact.
- Can a briefing be provided on the updated ordinance to help combat unkempt properties (hoarders, abandoned, etc.)?
  - Ms. Kassel responded stating the regulation changed in June of 2020 amending the ordinance from a criminal penalty to a civil penalty. It was related to property maintenance (tall grass, inoperable vehicles). She stated that judges did not like to enforce it as a criminal penalty for grass.
- York County schools always face the challenge of unregistered children who do not pay tuition or live within the County. What steps can be taken to ensure the children are receiving the full funded resources to support the extra kids?
  - Mr. Bellamy spoke with Dr. James Carroll from the York County School Division. Upon registering in school, proof of residency is obtained. If anyone is found falsifying the information, they are ineligible to attend the schools.
- Can the York/Poquoson Sheriff's Office address the aggressive driving/speeding on Route 17/ Route 134 to help slow down the speeders to make it safe?
  - Sgt. Kekoa-Dearhart provided statistics for the specific area. The shifts typically consist of eight deputies, the sergeant, and the lieutenant. If you see speeding, whether when driving or if it is noticed at a specific time, please contact their office so that they can increase patrols during that time of day.

### **Questions Submitted by the HOAs at the meeting**

- What is the update on the land swap with Falcon Crest and the County?
  - Ms. Aubut stated this land swap was to accommodate a stormwater project which requires a boundary line adjustment. The adjustment was completed in the spring of the year and recorded. The Stormwater Division is working on a site plan and once it has been approved by Planning and Development Services and VDOT, it could begin construction.
- Why has the County not developed a maintenance code after the state recently allowed localities to do so (City of Hampton)?
  - Ms. Kassel discussed the difference between cities versus counties and that every the locality had to adopt a maintenance code. The County already had it in the code, but Hampton did not. Discussion followed on property maintenance and the enforcement of such.
- What would Fire and Life Safety do if they needed to access a property, but cars were parked on both sides of the road, do they move it with the firetruck?
  - Ms. Kassel addressed concerns about road access/specifics for fire apparatus and if a car was parked in front of the hydrant – a parking violation would be issued.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

[All Meeting Presentations Attached Here](#)