

JIA NEWSLETTER

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Membership Meeting

January 26, 2015

Snow, ice, wind and rain could not deter dedicated JIA members from attending the January membership meeting.

President Herbert updated the members on the status of our lawsuit against the Greater Jessup Community Association and Ellen Moss updated the members on the status of the appeal filed with Anne Arundel County on Koch Homes request to rezone property on Wigley Avenue to R2.

A new bylaw was passed that all board and general membership meetings will begin at 7:00 pm.

Elections were held and congratulations go out to the following on their new officer positions:

President: Doug Gorney

Vice President: Debi Sandlin

Secretary: Ellen Moss

Treasurer: John Hoffman

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Word from the President

I want to thank our board for working hard the past six months tackling some difficult issues facing JIA. We continue to work on the return of our community hall, the funds we worked so hard to raise, and to see our petition to overturn the AA counties request granting Koch Homes R2 zoning.

I encourage your participation in JIA knowing we will be successful with the involvement and support of our members.

This is your association and I am proud to represent you, the members.

If you have any questions about anything feel free to talk to me.

Thanks,

Doug Gorney

Officer Bio's

President, Doug Gorney:

Doug has lived in the Jessup community since 1977 after marrying Kathy Whitehead in 1976. Kathy was born and raised in Jessup and together they raised two beautiful children here.

After serving in the air force Doug began a successful business in Baltimore City called Maryland Plywood. Having passed the reigns of the operation to his son, Doug is now semi-retired. He is excited to now be able to devote his time to giving back to the community he loves.

Doug can be reached at: mdplywood@aol.com or 410-977-7162

Vice President, Debi Sandlin:

Debi has been excited to work for you as a board member and looking forward to her role of Vice President.

She spent her career as a public servant dedicated to improving the economic well-being of residents and businesses. Her background includes serving as a city manager, the CEO of a

nonprofit association, and overseeing the planning and zoning of a Town.

Debi and her husband Paul moved to Jessup two years ago to be closer to their grandchildren. What attracted them to Jessup was the sense of community they found while searching for a home. They fell in love with the rural character of our community and knew this is where they wanted to retire.

Debi can be reached at: dsandlin17@gmail.com or 703-895-4946

Secretary, Ellen Moss: Ellen has been JIA Vice President for the past year and looks forward to being your Secretary.

Ellen retired from owning and running her families wholesale distribution business, Holstein Paper and Janitorial Co. Inc. In addition, she owned and operated the first party store in Maryland called, The Paper Pantry.

Retirement found her restless and she returned to college at Towson University completing a degree in Sociology and Cultural Anthropology.

Ellen is currently employed part time with Cultural Care Au Pair where she is a counselor, mediator, event planner, and fun maker.

Ellen can be reached at: elandm@aol.com or 410-960-8338

Treasurer, John Hoffman

John was married in 1967, and has two children, one deceased, three grandchildren and one great grandchild!

Upon moving to Jessup in 1967 he became involved with the Deep Run civic Association prior to its merging with JIA in the 1970's.

John spent his career working managerial positions in engineering and operations with the US Government handling 1 to 100 Million dollar projects.

John is looking forward to being part of the team leading JIA to becoming a true voice of the community in Annapolis.

John can be reached at: jwhcommunications@comcast.net or 410-746-4922

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Committees

JIA would not be the organization it is today without the dedication of you, its members. We realize within our membership is an exceptional talent pool. We value your ideas and opinions and want to hear from you.

Let us know which committee can benefit from your experience.

Finance: Responsible for accurate reporting and accounting. Preparing the Association's annual budget; and preparing annual tax reports and related information.

Ways and Means: Responsible for the coordination and management of all Association sponsored affairs and coordinates fundraising activities.

Judiciary: Responsible for keeping the By-laws current by proposing necessary amendments and maintains all official proceedings involving the Association.

Public Relations: Acts as the Association's representative in distributing information pertinent to and about the Association such as general

membership meetings, press releases; coordinates for guest speakers or presentations; and coordinates membership drives.

Property Management: Will be responsible for coordination, maintenance and repair of Association property; recommending new construction; and coordinating landscaping of Association property.

JIA Meetings

Board meetings shall be held on the first (1st) Monday of each month or second (2nd) Monday, if a holiday, at the Severn Library **2624**

Annapolis Road, Severn, MD until we are able to move back to our community hall.

Members are encouraged to attend.

General Membership Meetings will be held the third (3rd) Monday of January, April, July and October.

Our next general membership meeting will be held at the Severn Library.

All meetings will start at 7:00 pm.

Jewel in Jessup

One of the best kept secrets in our community is the independent non-profit concert house Edith Mays Paradise. Edith Mays Paradise holds shows once a month on a Saturday night with the best music performers around. Chelsea McBee & the Random Assortment, Dirk Hamilton, and Caroline Ferrante & the Whole Magilla to name a few. All Ram's Head Tavern quality talent without a cover fee. A \$15.00 donation is requested and people always bring food and drink to share. Join your neighbors for a fabulous night at Edith Mays Paradise. Learn more at:

<http://www.georgiejessup.com/edith-mays-paradise.html>.
or call Georgie at 410-799-3755

Points to Ponder

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired

GJCO Legal Update

Your board has hired a new attorney to represent JIA in its lawsuit to regain our community hall and the money that was taken from our bank account. Mr. Alan Legum's reputation precedes him as he is the attorney that successfully litigated against the Glen Burnie Fire Department, who was the GJCO equivalent in the case. Mr. Weisbaum used this case in his argument in our case against GJCO.

We are excited to have Mr. Legum on our side!

He has already begun the eviction process for us to regain possession of our community hall.

For more information call President Doug Gorney at 410-977-7162

R2 Zoning Update

On January 15, 2015 our attorney filed a memorandum in Anne Arundel County objecting to the Board of Appeals decision to grant Koch Homes R2 zoning for their new community of Magnolia Creek on Wigley Avenue.

We have learned that Anne Arundel County staff, who originally supported Koch Homes, will not file a defense in this case at this time.

Koch will have thirty days (30) to respond and we will have fifteen days (15) from that time to respond to their response. Following that all briefings will go before the Circuit Court who will determine if our argument will prevail and the decision will be overturned.

Our attorney has agreed to work for a set fee not to exceed \$7,000. We have received pledges and donations to cover some of this fee and welcome any additional contributions. In order to move forward on this case Doug Gorney and Ellen Moss have signed a guarantee to cover any funds not raised.

If you are able to contribute please contact Ellen at elandm@aol.com or 410-960-8338

Police Community Relations Council

The Western District Police invite people from the community to attend a monthly meeting to hear a speaker and voice their concerns. Each month, board members John Dorsey and Mike Hoffa attend these meeting to report to you.

Due to extra officers assigned in the shopping areas of Arundel Mills December-January robberies were down 13.5% and burglaries were down 29.3%.

A Heroin Task Force will begin in AA County hoping to reduce crime even further. Narcan, an antidote for heroin overdose may now be administered by AA County officers and Emergency Medical Technicians hoping to save more lives. AA County reported 356 overdoses, and 48 deaths. The chief drug of choice was heroin.



Kathy and Adolf Pudwell

Saying Thanks



Have you noticed how the beer, soda cans, and other trash along our roads just seem to disappear? Does the trash magically go away? No, it's our good neighbors Kathy and Adolf Pudwell.

Kathy and Adolf began over 30 yr. ago by combining their love for walking with frustration at seeing all the trash in their neighborhood. Dakota, their beloved dog, joined in 16 yrs. ago, but is now too infirm to make the trip. Adolf keeps him company while Kathy makes her 1 hour, 3 mile loop around the neighborhood.

They are thankful to the neighbors who allow them to put the gathered trash in their recycle bins along the way.

Let's take a lesson from Kathy and Adolf. If you see it, pick it up!

The JIA thank you!!!

Councilman Peter Smith

Dear JIA,

I would like to first congratulate the new Jessup Improvement Association board on their selection and continuance of service to Jessup. Many changes have taken place over the last election and it is my effort to be a voice for issues that affect Jessup. Over the course of my term in office I would like to work with members of this community to ensure some major efforts are completed. First, I will work to ensure Jessup Elementary School receives the necessary funding to complete a rebuild. This project is necessary to ensure adequate safety measures are included that prevent buses and vehicles leaving the school are not subject to significant traffic related problems. In addition, I want to work with state and federal representatives to find a solution to the heavy truck traffic that is exiting Rt. 175. Reducing some of these large vehicles may help improve

the flow of traffic affecting Jessup. Finally, I would like to sit and work with JIA to review the Small Area Plan for this community. This medium is one of the best tools to properly plan and manage the growth that has changed the face of Jessup. As the representative for this area, I look forward to being a conduit that helps you address any issue that arise. My Legislative Aide is Linda Harris. Please feel free to contact us for any matter or concern that you may have.

Pete Smith

Your Thoughts

If you have any thoughts or ideas for future articles to JIA news contact Ellen Moss at elandm@aol.com