

# JIA NEWSLETTER

The Jessup Improvement Association

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## **NEW HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER AT MARYLAND LIVE**

The Coridsh Company, developers of the Maryland Live Casino, plan to develop an eighteen (18) story, three hundred (300) person capacity luxury hotel and conference center at the Arundel Mills. This hotel is designed to house the high rollers using the casino.

The conference center addition to the plan, will run concurrently through planning and zoning along with the hotel so building can take place at the same time.

The 30,000-40,000 square foot conference center will hold 4,000 people. County Executive, Steve Schuh hopes the business this hotel and conference center brings to the area will benefit the surrounding businesses.

The road surrounding the mall will be expanded near the casino to accommodate the new structure and better the flow of traffic around the mall.

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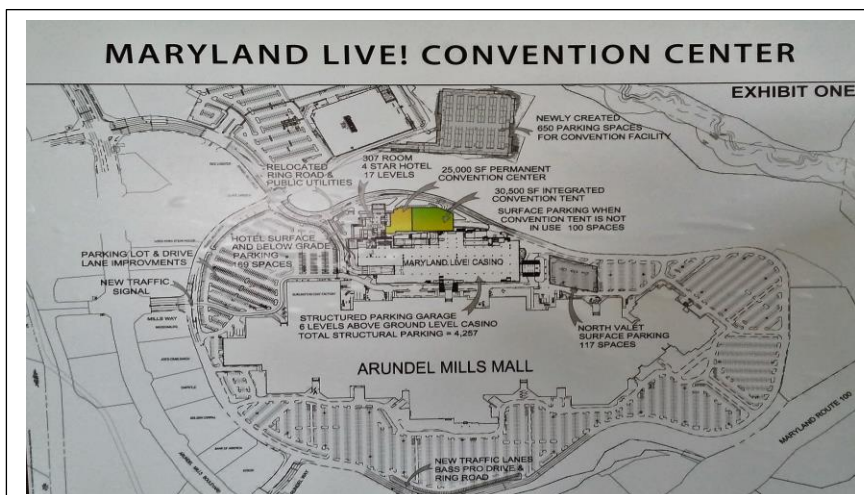
## ***Message from the President***

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It was an exciting summer and we can rejoice that our lawsuit with The Greater Jessup Community Organization is settled and behind us. We have our community hall back and the return of some of our funds. It should be a time for healing as we look forward to the future. It is my hope, with great new initiatives, that you will join us in our community activities, events, and fundraisers to improve our community. We are committed to listening to YOUR concerns and insuring YOUR voice is heard.



President, Doug Gorney



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## **NEW CONVENTION CENTER AT MARYLAND LIVE**

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In addition, the Cordish Company will allow Anne Arundel County High Schools use of the convention space free of charge for a two week period of time for graduation purposes.

Bill 87-15 was proposed by Councilman Pete Smith passed with a four (4) to three (3) vote and includes the following:

- \*650 space surface parking lot
- \*269 space structured parking garage
- \*Public utility lines relocation
- \*Ring Road relocation
- \*Road widening

Work on this project may begin as early as May 2016.

## **THANKS**

To Doug Gorney who volunteered labor hours to renovate the ladies room in JIA Community Hall and to Jim Marshall for his efforts in repairing the hall roof.

HAPPY

HOLIDAYS

## **THE JIA HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES**

The Ways and Means committee of JIA (our fundraising committee) is planning a Holiday event for our members and their families!

We are planning to hold this event Sunday, December 13, 2015, late afternoon, at the Jessup Community Hall and will include caroling, games for the children, tree lighting, a visit and photos with Santa, and desserts.

We would love volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Gary Mauler at 410-419-8247 or

[Jessup.improvement@gmail.com](mailto:Jessup.improvement@gmail.com)

## **JIA MAMMA LUCIA FUNDRAISER**



*Consistent. Convenient. Italian.*

The third Wednesday of each month continues to be a success as members of the Jessup community meet for a meal at Mamma Lucia's Restaurant on Dorsey Road. As of today the Jessup Improvement Association has made a profit \$336.07! Great food, great company, and money for JIA is a combination that is a win win for everyone.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

## **POINTS TO PONDER**

**Worry** is wasting today's time cluttering up tomorrow's opportunity with yesterday's troubles.

## ***VISIT WITH NANCY***

September 8, 2015 Nancy Schurm, director of constituent services for Steve Schuh, came to visit our community along with Pat Daly, our Constituent Services Representative. Pat replaced Chris Casey who left the county position to pursue educational opportunities. As Ellen Moss and Debi Sandlin drove Nancy and Pat through our neighborhoods they were able to address topics near and dear to our hearts. Abandoned properties, new communities, cluster development and flooding in our area. Nancy and Pat were very attentive and as a result of this meeting invited Ellen and Debi to attend a meeting to address cluster development and the effects left in its wake. This meeting, led by the Growth Action Network (Gann), has established a Code Review Committee, and is proposing recommendations in hopes their finding will be directly taken to, and addressed by, our County Executive, Steve Schuh. Planning and Zoning staff are currently

## ***FREE SPAYING OR NEUTERING FOR PET CATS AND DOGS***



Sunshine's Friends Cat Rescue and Sanctuary (SFCRS) is offering **FREE** spaying or neutering for up to 100 pet cats and 50 dogs for Jessup residents! Full funding for this project was provided by the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Spay and Neuter Grants Program. The program starts on 01 November and runs until the quotas are met. SFCRS has partnered with Spay Now Animal Surgery Clinic in Laurel to perform the operations.

The program covers all the costs for spaying or neutering plus a rabies shot. Also, for only \$5.00, Spay Now will treat your pet with Revolution, which kills fleas, ticks, worms, and ear-mites.

Proof of Jessup residency (i.e. driver's license) is all that is required. If you are unable to take your pet to Spay Now yourself, Sunshine's Friends can provide transportation to and from the vet with at least one week's advance notice.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Beverly Burnham at SFCRS:

- Phone: 410-796-SFCR (-7327)

- E-mail: [sunshinescatrescue@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinescatrescue@gmail.com)

- Web: [www.sunshinescatrescue.org](http://www.sunshinescatrescue.org)



## **WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS**

Ashvin Bhalani  
Rusty Bristow  
Doris Busick  
James Busick  
Keith Coleman  
Lisa Coleman  
April Cope  
David Cope  
Stephanie Dirubbo  
Catherine Copeland  
Georgia Cunningham  
Gerald Cunningham  
Raymond Hess  
Arlie Humphrey  
Shirley Humphrey  
Catherine Hurley  
Dimitrios Kaitis  
Kevin McPartland  
Juanita Miller  
Deppa Mistry  
Kalpesh Mistry  
Cyrus Nelson  
Kathleen Nelson  
Angela Ponder  
Austin Ponder  
Marion Porciuncula  
Larry Pullen  
Ashley Stoughtenger  
Barbara Wells



## **KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE**

We hear now and then about home break-in's in our area and delivered packages stolen directly from the front porch are frequently in the news. The holiday season is here, the daylight hours are getting shorter and safety is on everyone's minds.

Here are a few simple things you can do to keep your home safe.

1. Install a real or fake surveillance camera.
  2. Always remember to remove flyers from your door and have a neighbor pick up your mail and flyers if you intend to be away.
  3. Keep your landscaping neat and trim. Don't leave hiding places for a burgler.
  4. Put indoor and outdoor lights on timers. Some timers have multiple settings for the times your lights go on and off eliminating a pattern of behavior.
  5. Display alarm security system decals, even if you do not have a security system.
- Have a safe holiday!

## **THE DUMPSTERS ARE COMING!!!**

Looking to do some fall cleaning? Anne Arundel County will bring dumpsters to the community hall **Monday, November 2 at noon** and will stay until 8:00 am. Wednesday November 4th

## **INTERESTING WEB SITES**

<http://accidentsinus.com/> - Check out auto accidents in any state.

<http://www.breakingnews.com/topic/baltimore-washington-international-thurgood-marshall-airport-mcpherson-md-us/> - Breaking news at BWI Airport

<http://www.topix.com/city/jessup-md> - News for Jessup, MD

<http://explore.org/live-cams/player/brown-bear-salmon-cam-brooks-falls> - Watch the brown bears of Alaska live!

<https://nextdoor.com/> - A great neighborhood sharing site. Find out what's happening in your neighborhood.

# **JIA COMMITTIES**

## **Ways and Means**

This committee raises funds for the organization. This past year we held two raffles, arranged a once a month dinner with Cantina Mamma Lucia's Restaurant, and breakfast with The Country Pride Restaurant. Now we are looking to forward to starting a once a month coffee house night with live music



and a Holiday event for the entire family at the Community Hall. This committee only functions with help from you, our members. We are eager for your ideas and are seeking volunteers to help make these functions a success. Please contact us and get involved! Gary Mauler: 410-765-6601 Ellen Moss: 410-960-8338 Susan Chandler: 410-799-4862

Or

The email address listed below.

## **Public Relations**

This committee is multifaceted dealing with all issues that concern the Jessup/Hanover communities. They serve as a liaison between State, County, and local officials that follow up, and act on, the wishes of the community.

This committee is also responsible for distributing information for press releases, coordinating guest speakers, and organizing membership drives.

If you want to get involved contact Vice President Debi Sandlin at 703-895-4946

or

The email address listed below

## **Judiciary**

This committee is currently working with a pro bono lawyer associated with the Community Law Center to re-write and update our by-laws.

## **Finance**

The finance committee is responsible to audit the treasurer's report and present and accounting of the Association's financial standing.

Susan Chandler has been instrumental in producing detailed monthly audit reports. Thank you Susan.

## **Property Management**

This committee is responsible for the maintenance and repair of our Community Hall. President Gorney has developed a plan to renovate our hall as the funds become available. Many of these small repairs can be done with volunteers like you. Can you paint? Sweep the floors? Make a coffee run for those who are working? We welcome your help!

Doug Gorney: 410-977-7162

Or

The email address listed below



## **WHAT IS THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL and HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?**

The Local Development Council (LDC) is a board comprised of the Senator from District 32, Two Delegates from District 32, one representative of the video lottery operation licensee from the Cordish Company, seven residents of the communities surrounding the casino and four representatives of local business or institutions in the immediate proximity to the casino.

### **Elected Officials:**

Senator James E. DeGrange Sr.  
Delegate Pam Beidle  
Delegate Theodore "Ted" Sophocleus

### **Business Members:**

Ms. Fran Schmidt, Chief Executive Officer, North Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce  
Mr. Gene Condon, Vice President & General Manager, The Mills Corporation  
Ms. Claire Louder, President & Chief Executive Officer

West Anna Arundel Chamber of Commerce  
Ms. Karen McJunkin,  
Elm Street Development

### **Residents:**

Catherine Bracy Tynes  
Otis Duffie  
Rusty Bristow  
Kam Cooke  
Donzella Parker Bert  
Daryl Jones  
Luis Gonzales

The LDC is responsible for advising the County Executive on the needs and priorities of the communities directly surrounding the Maryland Live Casino. A portion of the total revenue generated by the video lottery terminals (4.51% ) are then distributed by the LDC. Communities in the immediate vicinity (3 mile radius) of the casino will benefit from this money which can be applied for by local grants.

Some organizations granted money for 2016 are: Meade High School Parents Teacher Student Association received \$39,996; Severn Crest Home Owners Association received \$35,690; the Villages of Dorchester Home Owners Association received \$40,000; and the National Electronics

Museum received \$25,000. A total of \$250,000 was awarded in 2016.

The Jessup Improvement Association is planning apply for the next grant application process. We hope to fulfill our wish list of improvements for the community hall that serves the Jessup and Hanover communities.

If you have experience with writing a grant and want to help JIA contact: Vice President Sandlin at 703-895-4946 or the email address listed below.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The community of Jessup got its name from an engineer with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad during its original construction. Mr. Jessup was charged with making sure the rail track was properly laid through a particularly difficult two mile stretch. Once completed, this stretch was called the "Jessup's Cut." As the town grew in the vicinity with the influence of the railroad the name "Jessup" stuck.

## **TAX DEDUCTABLE OR NOT?**

The Jessup Improvement Association recently refiled for its nonprofit tax status after learning our 501C4 status was revoked for failing to file the necessary paper work for the years 2012 and 2013. Treasurer Hoffman learning this paper work needed to be filed sent the 2014 filing five days late. The IRS seeing the 2012 and 2013 years were missing revoked our status. This led to a thought. Should JIA be a 501C3 or C4 and what is the difference?

A cursory internet search listed the primary difference is the ability of a 501C4 to support or lobby for a political purpose but the organization must spend less than 10 % of its operating budget on this endeavor. However, donations to a 501C4 are **not** tax deductible. Examples of 501C4 groups are those that promote social welfare like civil leagues and Lions Clubs.

501C3 organizations are nonprofit groups that promote religious, scientific, charitable, or literary

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purposes. Examples of 501C3 are churches, youth groups, museums, and private operating foundations. Donations to a 501C3 **are** tax deductible for the donor and the organization must receive at least 1/3 of its donated money from a broad base of public support. Support or endorsement of a political candidate is strictly prohibited.

.Do you think this issue needs more thought? Let us know what you think!!!

### **FAMOUS QUOTE**

Always remember  
that you are  
absolutely unique.  
Just like everyone  
else.

[Margaret Mead](#)

## **ELKRIDGE ATHLETIC CLUB**

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## **TURKEY SAFETY**

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and food safety is a major concern. The CDC recommends being aware of 4 issues; Thaw, Prepare, Stuff, and Cook. The following is directly from the CDC website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/turkeytime/>

### **Safe Thawing**

Thawing turkeys must be kept at a safe temperature. The "danger zone" is between 40 and 140°F — the temperature range where foodborne bacteria multiply rapidly. While frozen, a turkey is safe indefinitely, but as soon as it begins to thaw, bacteria that may have been present before freezing can begin to grow again, if it is in the "danger zone."

There are three safe ways to thaw food: in the refrigerator, in cold water, and in a microwave oven.

### **Safe Preparation**

Bacteria present on raw poultry can contaminate your hands, utensils, and work surfaces as you prepare the turkey. If these areas are not

cleaned thoroughly before working with other foods, bacteria from the raw poultry can then be transferred to other foods. After working with raw poultry, always wash your hands, utensils, and work surfaces before they touch other foods.

### **Safe Stuffing**

For optimal safety and uniform doneness, cook the stuffing outside the turkey in a casserole dish. However, if you place stuffing inside the turkey, do so just before cooking, and use a food thermometer. Make sure the center of the stuffing reaches a safe minimum internal temperature of 165°F. Bacteria can survive in stuffing that has not reached 165°F, possibly resulting in foodborne illness.

### **Safe Cooking**

Set the oven temperature no lower than 325°F and be sure the turkey is completely thawed. Place turkey breast-side up on a flat wire rack in a shallow roasting pan 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep. Check the internal temperature at the

center of the stuffing and meaty portion of the breast, thigh, and wing joint using a food thermometer. Cooking times will vary. The food thermometer must reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165°F. Let the turkey stand 20 minutes before removing all stuffing from the cavity and carving the meat.



## **SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE recipe**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Mix: 3 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes  
1/2 cup butter

1 cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

2 eggs

1/3 cup milk

Place in casserole dish and top with a mixture of:

1 cup brown sugar

1/3 cup butter

1/2 cup flour

1 cup nuts

Bake 30 minutes. Serves 8-10

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## **BREAKFAST WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Join us

Sunday, November 8, 2015  
8:00 am – noon  
at the Country Pride  
Restaurant

7401 Assateague Drive, Jessup

Meet your neighbors and  
support the Jessup  
Improvement Association by  
enjoying a fabulous meal at  
The Country Pride  
Restaurant.

15% of your check will be  
donated to JIA.

Check out their extensive  
mouthwatering menu at:  
[http://www.ta-  
petro.com/amenities/restaura  
nts/country-pride/country-  
pride-menu/](http://www.ta-petro.com/amenities/restaurants/country-pride/country-pride-menu/)

### **R2 UPDATE**

It has been over one year since we have gone to the hearings to prevent Koch Homes from rezoning property they purchased from R1 (one home per acre) to R2 (2.5 homes per acre.) To recap Koch Homes applied to the zoning board and was denied their request. They appealed to the Board of Appeals and won. We filed to object and the case went to the Circuit Court where once again Koch Homes prevailed. We have appealed this decision to the Special Circuit Court of Appeals. At this point Koch Homes is able to begin work on their project but it is at their own risk should we prevail.

The courts have now asked both parties to agree to an Alternative Dispute Resolution to try and come to an agreement before going before the judge. Our lawyer, Tom Deming, was surprised that Koch Homes has agreed to this step and feels they may have something to offer. The date for this is mediation of sorts is set for Wednesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.

The lawsuit with GJCO has been settled but JIA continues to be the center of other legal action. Due to our concerns regarding the financial burden on JIA the board has agreed to hire Ryan Kennedy as the lawyer to represent us in place of Tom Deming should the case continue after the Alternative Dispute Resolution. Mr. Kennedy was referred through the Community Law Center and will provide his services Pro Bono. JIA will still be responsible for other costs such as filing fees, copies, and transcripts.