

THE JESSUP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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REZONING HEARING - 1ST OF 3 SCHEDULED

The first of three hearings for Copt Brock Bridge Properties to present to the Board of Appeals was held August 3rd. Copt is requesting the Board overturn the decision of Douglas Clark Hollman in his denial to rezone the property from SB (small business) to W1 (warehouse industrial.)

The first hearing gave Copt the opportunity to present their case before the board. Their lawyer introduced "expert witnesses" and JIA attorney, Ryan Kennedy did a fantastic job during his opportunity for cross examination.

The second hearing is scheduled for October 19th, 5:30 pm and the third, November 1st. It is important for the members of our community to have a voice. JIA volunteers will be coming around soon with a petition for you to sign if you would like the property to stay small business.

When both sides have presented their case the public will have an opportunity to speak. It would be advantageous to have as many people from the community to attend as possible.

If you would like to attend and need a ride please contact us at:
Jessup.improvement@gmail.com



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Jessup Improvement Association is working hard for the community.

It is our wish to unite our neighbors and provide a feeling of community. As the fall approached join us for Spaghetti dinners and Bingo!

We attend zoning hearings, speak at County Council meetings on your behalf, and strive to keep you informed.

Your opinion matters. Feel free to contact me with any community concerns or ideas.

Doug Gorney,
President

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THANKING JIA

A neighbor and fellow JIA family, The Kolodziejski's, sustained a devastating fire. Although the fire originated in the garage, smoke and water damaged the entire home. The family is safe, staying with relatives and planning to rebuild and return to Jessup. Their thank you letter to the Jessup community is below.



JIA,

We are forever grateful for the gracious outpouring of prayers, thoughts, help, and encouragement offered to us during this crazy, surreal time. So many individuals have reached out to help us. We are still amazed by how many of you jumped at the opportunity to lend us essentials, send us words of encouragement, as well as give donations. Thanks so much again to the Jessup community, we are truly blessed to be a part of it. We also want to let everyone know that we are doing fine and keeping our heads up high ...we can't wait to be back in our home again soon!

Love,

Kristen, Ryan and Caroline Kolodziejski

ALL CYCLISTS WELCOME

October 1, 2017 is the 4th Annual Lifeline 100 Century Ride. There will be 100, 65, 30, & 15 mile routes all beginning and ending at Kinder Farm Park. This event is open to the public and includes a Free Children's Bike Rodeo and Community Health Fair.

The 100 & 65 mile scenic tours include the Severn River, Historic Annapolis, U.S. Naval Academy, the Chesapeake Bay and more.

The 30 & 15 mile flat, paved trail rides at you own pace.

Registration Fees are:

*Century Ride – Individual
Registration: \$50.00 (walk-in \$60)

*60-mile Ride – Individual
Registration: \$40.00 (walk-in \$50)

*30-mile Ride – Individual
Registration: \$30.00 (walk-in \$35)

*15-mile Ride – Individual
Registration: \$25.00 (walk-in \$30)

The rides hope to:

- *Advocate for safer routes & laws
- *Encourage biking for fun & function
- *Educate cyclists & drivers

Check out the website for more information and registration:

LIFELINE100.COM

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A
CLASSIFIED SECTION TO THE
NEWSLETTER?**

**LETS US KNOW WHAT YOU
THINK AT:**

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THE DUMPSTERS will be at the JIA Hall Friday, August 25th 12:00 pm until Saturday, August 26th 12:00 pm

WOMEN'S PRISON IN JESSUP

I, along with fellow JIA member, Fred Steffens had the privlidge of touring the women's prison recently. Our tour began with a search, much like you get at the airport, with a metal scanner and pat down. We signed in and left our drivers licenses at the front desk.

Warden, Margaret Chippendale lead us first to the education building. All of the women entering prison must undergo educational testing and spend their 1st 120 days at school. After completing the mandatory days an imates are encouraged to continue their education. School consists working toward obtaining a GED, earning college credits through a program offered by Goucher College, remedial reading and writing classes, and instruction on life skills. Warden Chippendale said there are inmates who need to learn even the basics of health and hygine. The school is complete with a library (they would love donations of books) and computers for testing.

Our tour continued to a housing unit. Each 2 person cell cell was around 10' x 6' with a locker for possessions. Women were cleaning, doing laundry, and one inmate brought her cat to meet us! The prison has a dog and cat program where dogs are forstered to learn skills for the disabled.

The next stop was in the work area. Here we spoke with inmates proud to have coveted jobs earned with good behavior. The prison has an architectural design department where the women learn CAD programing to design spaces for other State buildings. We were proudly shown a space designed for Frederick College. This was not only designed and priced for renovation, but each element was color coated to indicate another facility that would take part in the construction, like the men's prison, who would be building some of the funiture. This is a job that takes education, skill, and dedication.

Your license tags and renewal stickers come from the women's prison. Flags are sewn there along with uniforms.

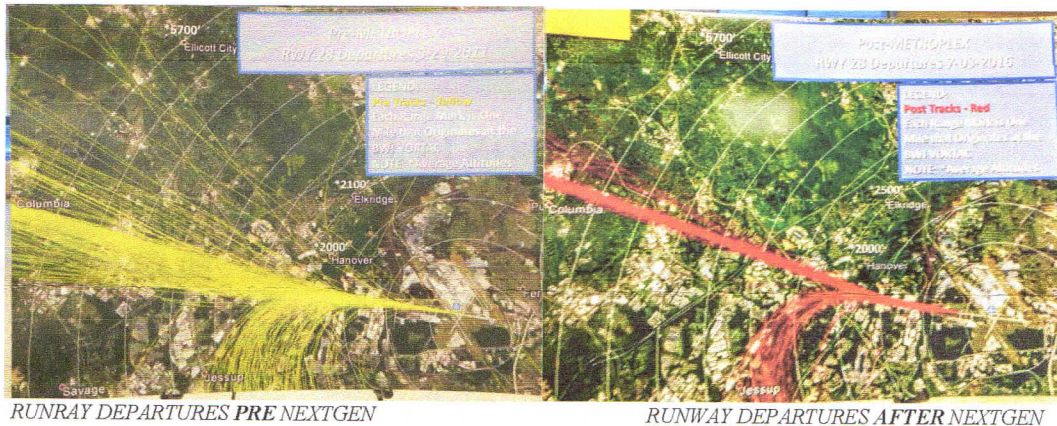
The Women's Correctional Institution is not an idle palce. It has it's problems as would any correctional intitite but Warden Chippendale is striving to improve the lives of the women serving time there. She believes the women deserve an opportunity to use the time they are serving to better their station and help the women achieve a level a success when their time at the Correctional Institution is at an end.

Many thanks to Warden Chippendale for providing this informative tour.

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BWI AND FAA METROPLEX/NEXTGEN



Most people are accustomed to the daily road traffic in their neighborhoods. Now imagine that surrounding roads are closed off and all traffic must now drive by your house 24/7. That analogy is what it is like for people living under the path of the new FAA NextGen system.

You may not find your home on the above maps above but these pictures show departures from BWI airport before and after NextGen that fly over the Jessup area. Flights have gone from a widely dispersed pattern, as seen in yellow, to a narrow pattern, shown in red. This means flights are flying over someone's home every 90 SECONDS and at lower altitudes.

Citizens and political representatives across the country have banded together to encourage FAA to revert to the old flight pattern so people living under this new "superhighway in the sky" are not exposed to the additional noise and air pollution. A "roundtable group" has formed in our area to address the issues and work with FAA. This group is slowly making progress. The Roundtable meets the 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Maryland Aviation Administration offices. 991 Corporate Blvd. Linthicum. Assemble Rooms A/B. The public is welcome.

One way YOU can help is to report low flying, loud, or frequent aircraft. When FAA administers their changes they could shift more flights to areas that are now **NOT** filing any complaints. These complaints are being counted and plotted and will effect future flight path decisions. Complaints can be filed by calling the hotline at: **410-859-7021** or filing an on line form at: <http://www.maacommunityrelations.com/content/anznoiseupdate/noisecomplaints.php> or, Google BWI Noise Complaints.

Contact Ellen at elandm@aol.com for more information.

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JIA CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday, August 25th 12:00 pm – Saturday, August 26th 12:00 pm - Dumpsters (All dates & times subject to change. Check website)



SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 29th – Bingo



OCTOBER

Thursday, October 19th – COPT Brock Bridge zoning



hearing

Friday, October 20th – Bingo



Saturday, October 21st – Spaghetti Dinner – 5-8 pm
All you can eat. Fresh salad bar, pasta, garlic bread,



dessert, beer and wine included.

Monday, October 23rd 7:00 pm– General Membership Meeting – Elections for 3 board positions



Saturday, October 28th – Children's Halloween Party



COUNTY EXECUTIVE, STEVE SCHUH IS COMING TO JESSUP WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15, 2017 7:00 PM

Please attend this important meeting as County Executive, Steve Schuh will be at the Jessup Community Hall to deliver a "State of the County" address. This will be your opportunity to hear what's happening and ask questions



POT HOLES

If you drive, you've hit a pot hole. Anne Arundel County acknowledges there are pot holes and now have a new on line line for reporting them!

Click on:

<http://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/potholes>

There will also be a link from the JIA website: <http://jiainc.org>

SEVERN RIVER BRIDGE EXPANSION

To alleviate congestion on Rt. 50 the Severn River Bridge is scheduled to begin expansion construction in the Fall of 2017. The new bridge will be 3 lanes in one direction and 4 lanes in the other.

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IS THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The General Development Plan is a comprehensive guide to growth and development throughout the county developed by the Office of Planning and Zoning. Understanding how the process is not easy.

To help you better understand the process, how it affects you, and what you can do please attend a dessert and coffee night sponsored by the GAN group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 7:30 PM at the Jessup Community Hall.

JIA is a member of the GAN (Growth Action Network.) This non profit group is a coalitions of citizens, community associations, organizations, and businesses that address growth and environmental concerns in the county. The members of GAN are directly involved in advocating for "smart growth" and best practices that protect and preserve natural resources.

JIA is putting together a working group to discuss the Small Area Plan for our community. Our first meeting will be:

Wednesday, September 6th 7:00 pm. At the Jessup Community Hall.

If you are interested in participating in the important group, contact:

Ellen Moss @

Jessup.improvement@gmail.com

Or

410-960-8338



INTERSECTION OF RT. 175 & WIGLEY AVENUE

JIA has good news! Eastbound Rt. 175 will be getting a new turning lane on to Wigley Avenue and a left hand turn lane traffic signal!

Koch Homes, the developers of Magnolia Creek, will be funding this endeavor and it will become part of their development plan.

Magnolia Creek, a community of 79 single family homes, will be built on the West side of Wigley Avenue just North of the intersection of Wigley Avenue and Rt. 175.

They have received sketch plan approval from the county and are awaiting final approval. This could take up to 1 year.

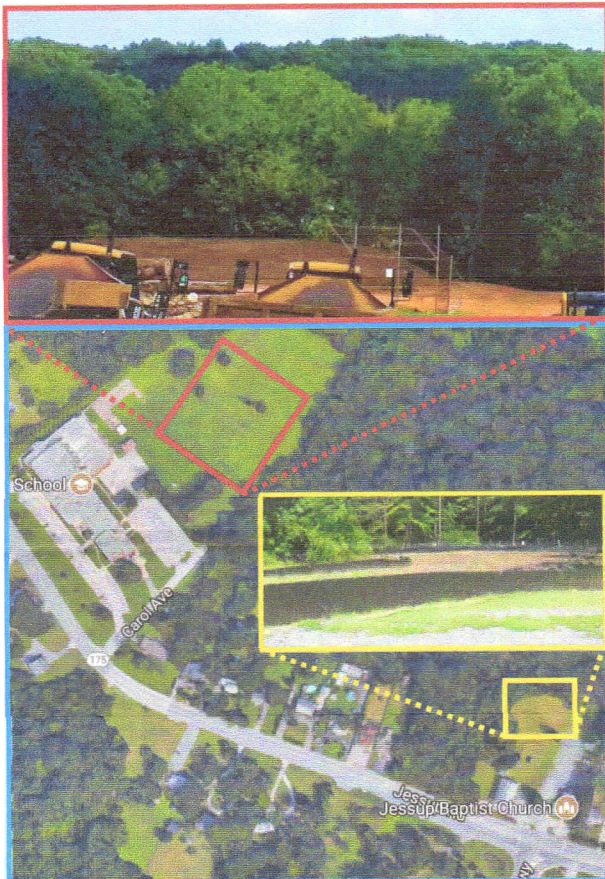
Thank you Koch Homes for helping to keep our residents safe.

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NEW JESSUP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Work has begun on the new Jessup Elementary School! The construction entrance is at the intersection of Rt. 175 and National Business Parkway. The old YMCA building at the corner of the intersection is being used as a construction office. The new school, being built behind the current school building, is scheduled to open in 2019.



STANDING JIA COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

Property Management: Coordination, maintenance and repair of Association property.

Finance: Responsible for accurate reporting and accounting of Association's finances.

Public Relations: Acts as the Association's representative in distributing information pertinent to and about the Association affairs and liaisons with public officials.

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.

In addition, we have:

Traffic Committee – work with Maryland State Highway and Anna Arundel County representatives to keep the community informed of changes or problems in our community.

Newsletter – Write articles and sell ad space to keep the community informed.

Sweat Equity – Facilitate help were needed in our community. Contact us if you know someone in our community that needs assistance.

Your involvement with JIA can be as little or lot as your time permits. Help us continue with our positive path and let us know where you can help.

The success of The Jessup Improvement Association depends on the wonderful volunteers we have and the participation of the members of our community.

Please let us know what you think, what you would like to see in our community, and how you can contribute.

**Contact Doug Gorney at: 410-799-0391 or
Email: Jessup.improvement@gmail.com**

PUN FUN

I couldn't quite remember how to throw a boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.

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