

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission – Julia Betz

The Planning Commission has not met since the last Mayor and Town Council meeting. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Town House.

Merchants Meeting – Al Grasley

There was no business meeting because they are the last Friday of the month, however there were some e-mails about some youths causing trouble at different business. The police were brought in, and I believe since school started, all is well.

Also, this email was received from Debbie from A Likely Story Bookstore on Sept 15:

Wanted to give you a heads up. One of my employees caught an adult stealing our charity donation box that sits on the counter. She (mistakenly) went after him and got it back. I know many of us put these out for different charities, so just be aware. We really never thought about it being an issue. A woman saw what was happening and took pictures of him and his car, which the police used to track him down. We did make a police report. It wasn't very much money, so we didn't press charges, but the police did advise us to send him a letter stating he is not allowed in the store and if he does come in the police will be called.

Another thing you may want to go over with any of your employees, as I did again yesterday, don't go after anyone. Luckily she was fine and nothing happened, but you never know. It's not worth it.

Historic District Commission and Gate House Museum – Stacy Link

The Historic District Commission has not met since our last Mayor and Town Council Meeting. The next HDC meeting is scheduled for Tues, September 26th at 7PM.

Parks and Recreation (SPARC) – Anna Carter

We have not had a meeting since our last MTC meeting.

Liberty High School advised the murals on the Snack Shack are a little more than what they can handle. We are looking into other artist that may be interested.

We are having special meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30pm to discuss increasing attendance to our events. Regular meeting will be Thursday, September 27 at 7pm.

Sustainable Communities – Chris True

Mayor Shaw signed and submitted Sykesville's "Sustainable Community Renewal Plan" on September 14, 2017.

Chris True will be attending Maryland Department of Transportation Carroll County Pre-Tour meeting on Friday September 29th at 1pm. The meeting will be located in the County Office Building, Hearing Room 003 in Westminster.

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) invites interested persons to attend an Informational Public Meeting for the Phase II dualization of MD 32 (Sykesville Road). The project will widen MD 32 from a two-lane road to a four-lane divided highway with shoulders. The six-mile MD 32 widening project in Howard County begins at Linden Church Road and ends at the I-70 interchange. The public meeting will place at Glenelg High School on October 17, 2017. For more information about this project please visit SHA's website at <http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=HO7562313>.

Main Street Association – Leo Keenan

1. Mayor Shaw, Council President Betz, myself, Rich Austin and Fred Gossage (by phone) from the Main Street Board Members met on September 19 to discuss the MOU for the separation of Main Street from the Town. I will take the requested changes back to the Board at a meeting on September 28, and hope to present a final draft for review by the full Council at our October 10 meeting.

2. Farmers Market is entering its' final weeks, wrapping up on October 29. This year's "Harvest Festival" is being incorporated into one of the Farmer's Market dates on October 8, with additional vendors, and expanding the time to 3 p.m., and expanding on to Main Street. The Mayor and Town Council will set up a "meet and greet" at the porch on the Town Hall with hot dogs and water to give away during the Harvest Fest. I will supply the materials. Below are some of the details:

1. *50/50 raffle at Main Street Tent*
2. *Firetruck – location near police station*
3. *Moonbounce – town house parking lot*
4. *MTC – hot dog social*
5. *Entertainment (at intersection of Main & Sandosky)*

-Circus 10am-11am

-Kung Fu 11am-12pm

-Dance Center 12pm-1pm

-Zumba 1pm-2pm

-Oceanline (in gazebo) 10am-2pm

-Three for All (distillery lot) 9am-2pm

6. Children's Activities

- Silly Willy – next to Main St Tent
- Legos
- Piney Run Nature Center (Sandosky)
- Petting Zoo (Sandosky)
- SP & AC – pumpkin painting
- Tic Tac Toe (Town House Lot)
- Mini Golf (Town House Lot)
- Sensory Tent/ corn box (Town House Lot)

7. Shuttle from Sykesville Middle (2)

3. Promotions Committee and Economic Development met on Tuesday September 12 to continue planning for upcoming events and to begin setting plans for 2018 events. The next upcoming major event is the Craft Beer Festival on Saturday November 4 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Street; we have eliminated the chili competition from this Festival due to the cost factor for the chili vendors – they were running out of chili by 2 p.m., and it costs them too much money to make enough for the event. This year's festival will feature craft beer and food trucks. Some details are below:

1. Sponsors – EWB, Market Tavern \$1500 ea, Tevis Oil, Assist 2 Sell = \$4500 total
2. Vendor – 10 food to date, 12 retail vendors to date
3. Entertainment – Garret Mabe Trio opening act; Soundtown Baltimore 2nd act; wireless speakers along street
4. Chili contestants are asking about contest – we will reach out and ask if they would be interested in next year's Harvest Festival
5. Beer – 10-12 confirmed; goal = 30

6. Volunteers – sign up genius is out and is beginning to fill up

For 2018 events, initial thoughts are to eliminate the IceFest daytime activities and replace them with a gala at Baldwin's. Another idea, in order to avoid the fiasco that took place on Mother's Day this year, is to have a Flower Festival on the Saturday before Mother's Day in one of the parking lots, and hold off on the Farmers Market until the following weekend. A full proposed schedule for 2018 will be provided to the Council at a November meeting for review and approval by the Mayor and Town Council.

4. Ghost Tours have been renewed for this year, with George Carter acting as the tour guide. I believe that the most dates are already sold out.

5. Firehouse Creamery is now open and has been a huge attraction for visitors downtown, particularly with its outdoor seating area. It's great to see the increased overall foot traffic downtown on a daily basis.

6. Attached is the August financial report for Main Street. The figures do not include \$8,621 in the account at Carroll Community bank, and \$13,270 in our Paypal account.

7. On Tuesday September 19, Julie attended the required quarterly Maryland Main Street Association meeting, held this time in Rock Hall, Maryland. In her own inimitable fashion, her update on that meeting was as follows: ***Omg!Omg! I love these meetings: so much creativity, so many questions answered and great ideas!! I promise to keep them off the MTC agenda/meeting until you and the rest of the board approves. I am very excited though:)***

8. I did not receive committee reports from the other committees in time for this update, but will include them on the next report.

9. Julie's update is as follows:

Grants and Reports:

- OAF-NAF: last report submitted (copy attached)
- Main Street quarterly reports: submitted (copies attached)
- Carroll County Art Council, funds for Art related programs: award announcement is mid-September

Projects:

- Bike Rack: design and printing of promo material and official invitations
- MOU and By-Laws of Main Street: submitted to MTC.
- 2018 Main Street Calendar of event in the making.

Meetings:

- Quarterly Main Street meeting: September 19th (all day)
- Carroll Downtown meeting: September 21st (half-day)
- Committee meetings: September 20th, 22nd.
- Board meeting: September 28

Events:

- Carroll Business Academy: October 8th, 8 to 10 am. Business Sustainability and Development.

Planning completed, registration still open.

- Farmers Market: Every Sunday, 9 am to 1 pm. last day Sunday Oct. 29th
- Harvest Festival: October 8th.
- Halloween on Main Street: October 26th, 5 to 7 pm.

Please find as an attachment the resident package that was dispersed on Main Street, given to landlords and residents.

For discussion and feedback:

- After meeting with Miss Alyce Doll - Egg Artist - and discussing possible exhibits open to the public, I was asked to create a set of procedures and guidelines to allow Miss Alyce Doll to place a shadow box containing her eggs at the visitors centers. Information is attached.

This was discussed with the Design Committee and will not require Town resources. Miss Doll has offered to be maintaining the exhibit. Because this was first introduced in June and I would like to be considerate of Miss Doll's offer, I would like feedback on how to make progress on this. I would like to have this matter added to the next Council agenda if possible for October 10, but I understand the concerns over adding new items at this time of transition.

10. The Association received a \$2,000 grant award from the Carroll County Arts Council this week. Award letter attached.