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# VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

The Village Manager's Report in the past has been orally presented at Council meetings. To allow more time for discussion of discrete issues at Council meetings, we are distributing the Manager's Report in advance. The Report will still be available for discussion at the Council meeting but it is anticipated that many items, included mostly for information purposes, will not require extended discussion, thus freeing up Council meeting time for other matters.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Our police patrols continue to operate at various times both day and night. Residents have been good about locking their cars. Chief Marcus Jones indicates the biggest single problem in terms of criminal behavior county-wide continues to be thefts from unlocked cars. There have also been a number of car-jackings in the area so people should be mindful when out and about.

## **BUILDINGS & ROADS**

The developers of both 6817 and 6818 Delaware Street plan to renovate the properties they purchased and add an addition. As of this writing, neither party has applied for a permit from Section 3 and only 6817 has applied for a permit from Montgomery County (the first step).

The proposed ordinances which have been sent to everyone and have been posted on our website will be discussed and voted on at the April Meeting.

There soon will be a new trash can on Georgia Street between Spring and Shepherd, right by the doggie bag dispenser.

Ruts in the greenway will be repaired a little later in the spring. In places where there has been a consistent problem, the Village Manager is looking into having contractors place a honeycomb grid that will prevent ruts and on top of which sod is placed. We already have such a system in place on Raymond Street in front of 3624 and 3626.

The Village Manager will be working with the civil engineering firm of Clark/Azar to evaluate our streets and give us some financial estimates for some stormwater improvements in the next year.

The Village has applied to the State Highway Administration (SHA) so that they can evaluate the proposal to fix the water issues at the intersection of Bradley Lane and Brookville Road, fondly referred to as "Lake Bradley." The Village Manager is also working with SHA and the County stormwater staff to clear the storm drains on Georgia and Taylor Streets in an effort to solve the problem of extreme flooding at the intersection of Brookville and Taylor Streets, which often causes the manhole cover at that intersection to float off, a dangerous situation for drivers.

Finally, the Village Manager is also working with SHA staff to try and come up with a solution to the excessive water which pours down the driveways at 6810 and 6812 Brookville Road and ends up in the backyards of several residents on Georgia Street.

The Village is going to hire a firm to videotape some of the storm drains on private properties in Section 3 to determine their condition and direction and if repairs would in any way improve conditions.

The last storm was the first time we called on our snow shoveling crews to remove ice as it would have been very difficult for our seniors to manage. We have 83 homes on the list—some on corner lots, which means twice the amount of sidewalk to be covered. For the first time ever, they missed four households. They have been reminded to reference the list often. It's difficult

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work and not always easy to amass a large enough crew to do the work. In the most recent case, they had to use a combination of salt and shovels. Village teenagers filled in the gaps for our seniors and others who wanted more extensive clearing done on their front walks and driveways. We have a list of about 10 kids eager to earn extra money.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Three firms have been invited to bid on the Section 3 audit for FY20-21. Bids will come in on March 3 and the Treasurer will make a recommendation to the Council as to which firm should get the job at the March 10 meeting.

### **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL**

We are working on getting a different Food Truck for “hump day” (Wednesdays) every other week. We are due to have the Schmaltz Brothers truck on March 10 and hope to be working with a start-up that will communicate with food trucks throughout the area so that we can select ones that are both Maryland licensed and have a good variety that interests us.

Valentine’s Day went very well for a number of our seniors with special homemade valentines from neighboring children. We thank all 38 families who participated—a fun neighbor-to-neighbor project that made everyone happy.