

September 2019 – Mayors Report

On behalf of the Mount Airy Town Council we hope everyone had a great summer and has a great new school year! It's back to school for many of our families. A reminder to all - please be extra careful on our roads and allow extra time for your commutes. Our children will be present, walking to and gathering at their bus stops during early morning and afternoon hours.

We are also excited to have an increased police presence at our local schools, including our officers greeting the children, not just for security, but as part of Chief Doug Reitz's Community Public Relations outreach program. Another benefit of having our own Police Force!

Employee Changes- As anticipated, two of the Town's greatest assets retired. First, Deborah Parker Brennen started working at Town Hall as the Mayor's Executive Assistant in September 1988. In 2009 she also became the Town Clerk, and she retired July 2019, after 31 years with Town Hall. Debbie was replaced by Holly McCleary.

Second, Monika Origlio started working at Town Hall September 1996 as the Town Planner. She became the Town Administrator October 2006 and retired July 2019 after 22 years with Town Hall. Both Debbie and Monika dedicated themselves to the town and they will be missed. It was an honor to work beside them as a volunteer and then as an elected official for many of those years!!

The town will be moving forward with our new Town Administrator, David Warrington starting this month. We welcome David's new leadership and look forward to working with him.

Painting the Town Purple

Please join me, the Town Council, The Illiano Project and local businesses as we recognize September as National Recovery Month. This effort is associated with the color purple. We are encouraging everyone to "go purple" to bring awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders, and to celebrate those living in recovery. The town is sponsoring a contest of the best decorated businesses and will be illuminating town properties in purple!!!! Visit [Mount Airy Goes Purple](#) to learn more about this program.

Celebrate Mount Airy- Our 125th Year Anniversary- WOW what a HIT!!! Special thanks to the exhaustive efforts of Ashley Collier, Gina Campanile and Melissa Thorn. A big shout out to the Mount Airy Historical Society, Eric Stockdale and John Breeding for their hands-on help. Additional thanks to Nancy Hernandez, Barney Quinn, Holly McCleary, Katie Moore, Mary VanMetre, Steve Smith, Steve Mullinix, Carl Lanosz, Phil Raines, Wayne Thatcher, Jason Poirier, Larry Hushour, Pam Reed, Karl Munder, the Mount Airy Police Department and our volunteers. We couldn't have done it without all of you! Special thanks to our sponsors Mt. Airy children's Dental Associates, Mt. Airy Liquors, Safeway and bakery manager Alana More, Baylinson, Kudysh, Greenberg & Helt, LLC, Studio K Design Photography, Ava's T21 Foundation, The Green

Turtle-Mt. Airy, Ben Gue Gifts and to Chewy's Automotive for hosting such an amazing car show!!! Over 5000 attendees, 55 vendors, 200+ car show with 2 monster trucks, drag racing champion Ronnie Proctor, live music by Moonstone, illusionist Dan Eckert, Russel Bly B& O Conductor, stilt walker and unicyclist Breanna Taylor, (2) 20 by 40 tents, 10 high tops, 15 bales of straw, 9 inflatable attractions, bar, trackless train, 6 foot solid cake topped with 125 full size cupcakes. Happy 125th Mount Airy!

Property Updates- Looks like Home Goods will be open by Black Friday!

Student Opportunities – School is back in session and students are working to comply with their service-learning hour requirements. Matching our youth with organizations that need their assistance serves both, and ultimately serves our community. While every attempt has been made to ensure compliance with the service-learning hour requirements, they do differ from county to county (Carroll and Frederick), so please check with your local school coordinator to ensure that the service qualifies. I also ask that the youth contact the following individuals and organizations directly for specifics on assisting:

Tina Swanson - Mt. Airy Beautification Committee @ tina406@yahoo.com, to help with rewarding outdoor gardening projects; Holly McCleary - Town Hall @ 301-829-1424, for clerical office or other tasks; Pam Reed councilmemberreed@mountairymd.gov, 301-524-2512, if you would like to help with any of the exciting Main Street Events, such as the Chili Cook-off, Main Street Christmas, History 101, etc.; Dick Swanson - MAMSA @ 301-829-1983 to help with MAMSA events; Rich Morgan-The Four County Lions@ 410-218-0452 to assist with the Lions Carnival and they usually need help with Thanksgiving or Christmas Food Baskets. Do you like the Caboose? We need volunteers to man the caboose and museum for our visitors, also if you have an interest in sports, several local 5K's can use race assistants, contact Parks Manager-Gina Campanile @ Gcampanile@mountairymd.gov for more information. Hopefully you will find something that interests you and benefits the community!!!!

Volunteer Opportunities: Please visit our Town website (<http://www.mountairymd.org/>) for a list of volunteer opportunities on one of our commissions. If anyone is interested in serving on a commission on which we have a vacancy, you can call Town Hall at 301-829-1424 or email me directly at prockinberg@gmail.com.

Community Outreach – The Town uses several forms of community outreach to engage with our citizens. Please remember to follow our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram feeds for important community information. Links are provided below and are also available on the town's website. Our Twitter feed allows us to bring you up-to-the-second emergency and Town government information relating to public infrastructure emergencies and repairs, weather related emergency information, State of Maryland emergency information, and other related content. If you have not already done so, please join us on Twitter today to stay connected! Follow the Town's Facebook page to learn about exciting upcoming events happening in the community. Be certain to subscribe to the Town's website notification platform to receive important notifications and updates.

Town Web Site: <http://www.mountairymd.gov/>

Town FB: <https://www.facebook.com/TownofMountAiry>

MAPD FB: <https://www.facebook.com/MountAiryPD/>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/MountAiryMD>

Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/mountairymd>

Emergency Notification Link: <http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/emergency>

Upcoming Events!!

Mount Airy's 2nd Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 in Historic Downtown Mount Airy. The event will be held from 11am to 6pm offering traditional Bavarian beer and food choices crafted by local restaurants, live music throughout the day in two locations, a Kids Corner, and shopping along Main Street. New for this year- special VIP Experience including a VIP line, T-shirt, 1 liter mug with 4 1-liter pours.

Making Strides - The Thirteenth Annual Making Strides for Breast Cancer walk is Sunday, October 20, 2019. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and the walk starts at 10:00 a.m. The 5k walk starts and finishes at Watkins Park. For those that can't do the entire 5k, there is a shorter walk just around the walking path at Watkins Park.

A shout out to Wendi's Warriors! They formed and started the walk in 2007. Main members are, of course, Wendi Peters and her entire family, along with Mary VanMetre, the team captain, and her family. The team has raised approx. \$100,000.00!

Kaycee Shultz Update! Our multi-winning Gold Metalized in Baton Twirling is still competing and winning! Kaycee was the youngest in her age group and finished 8th and 9th in her two events. Next up will be the Netherlands in April.

The Mayor's Community Forums: The September 2019 Mayor's Community forum will be held on Saturday, September 21st at Concetta's on Main Street from 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Jeff will be running a Mayor's Special! Residents are encouraged to drop by and discuss any town-related items. Town Council members are also invited to attend. The setting is comfortable and informal. Grab a cup of coffee and stop by!