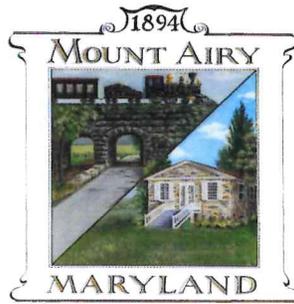


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**TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY**  
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From: Mayor Larry Hushour

To: Town Council and Citizens of Mount Airy

Subj: MONTHLY MAYOR'S REPORT, JANUARY 2026

- 1) On Jan. 5, attended Town Council meeting.
- 2) On Jan. 6, participated in Frederick county 250 year celebration video.
- 3) On Jan. 12, visited Carroll EOC with Staff member Action.
- 4) On Jan. 13, met with Councilmember Domotor and W&S commission reps to finalize PFAS letter.
- 5) On Jan. 13, met with MAVFC reps and Council Pres. Washabaugh to discuss budget.
- 6) On Jan. 14, met with Councilman Domotor, Staff and Sheriff DeWees to discuss storm siren funding.
- 7) On Jan. 14, attended Inclement Weather Task Force meeting.
- 8) On Jan 20, attended staff meeting.
- 9) On Jan 21, met with staff to discuss police station revisions.
- 10) On Jan. 22, met (zoom) with police station architects. Councilmember Domotor in attendance.
- 11) On Jan. 22, signed closing papers for MAPD station site.
- 12) On Jan. 22, met with property owner of Cold Storage site.
- 13) On Jan. 23, attended Economic Development meeting.
- 14) On Jan. 27, met with staff to coordinate for Congresswoman Elfreth's visit.
- 15) On Jan. 29, toured Main Street and had lunch with staff, Congresswoman Elfreth, Councilmembers Munder, Kelly and Domotor.

Notes:

- Mount Airy recognizes we are entering our nation's celebration of 250 years as the beacon of freedom throughout the world. Councilmember Domotor and our Community Development Director, Ashley Collier, are serving as the town's liaisons and facilitators of events for the year. If interested in assisting, please notify town hall and get in touch with

Ashley or Councilmember Domotor. This year we will bury a time-capsule to mark the anniversary that will remain underground for 50 years near the train station.

- PFAS update: Our contractor has sent remediation plans to the MDE for review. While the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) review is underway, we are working with MDE to confirm what additional steps or documentation are required from the Town to prevent delays in financing remediation through the MDE's forgivable loans. Of note, the MDE is asking the Town to extend water service to the Twin Arch Mobile Home Park to confront the community resident's issues of unacceptable levels of PFAS. The Town has sent a letter asking for priority review of permits by the county in regard to all PFAS remediation. The Town received (May, 2025) \$151,000, (Aug. 2025) \$347,000 and (Oct. 2025) \$87,505 in a class action lawsuit in payments for PFAS contamination which will be added to the budget as appropriate. Staff is reviewing how these added funds fit into the town's budget and any requirements associated with the awarded funds. The EPA has relaxed some of the PFAS requirements, but this has no impact on our remediation plans. A letter from the Mayor has been mailed to all residents concerning PFAS in the Town's water supply and efforts thus far. And the Town's website has been updated with the most current test results from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025.
  
- Flat Iron update: Several grants are pending for the renovation of the building.
  - o Preservation Maryland: \$10K, awarded
  - o DHCD Demolition grant: \$150K, awarded
  - o Federal Earmarks: \$850K, (going through congress)
  - o LBI Carroll delegation: \$245K, awarded
  - o Mount Airy Historical Society \$27,722

Brennan and Company is done with their architectural design for the building. The Director of Community Development received word that Congresswoman Elfreth's office is seeking an appropriation in regard to the Flat Iron building for \$850K. This is moving toward the next steps in federal appropriations. The staff is currently seeking building permits to begin the renovation.

- The "Hometown Hero Banner" program: The new collection of banners will be installed by Memorial Day, 2026. We will always remember our 2, September 11, casualties, LCDR Ronald Vauk and CWO4 Bill Ruth. Our three other Goldstar families to be recognized include PFC Ronald Kenney, HM2 Jordan Way and LT Jack Leatherwood.
  
- Storm Sirens: Funding for storm sirens will be included in the FY27 budget in support of Resolution 26-01. I want to thank the "Inclement Weather" task force for their efforts leading to the Resolution supporting the implementation of a storm siren system in

Mount Airy. There are many details to work out, but I anticipate a successful project providing this added safety feature to the region.

- In regard to our town's storm water pipes, inspections are complete. We found 24 loose grates, the need for 15 "trash rack" grates, the need of repairing 4 collapsed drains and the need to place 7 added warning signs. Stambaugh's has completed an estimate of the costs to remediate the issues. This will be discussed as we close out FY26.
- Rails to Trails east: The trail is being scheduled for asphalt between the park and the boardwalk as soon as practicable.
- Repairs are being made to the southbound SH27 on-ramp to I-70. MDOT states this is a spring 2026 project.
- Construction of the traffic circle on S. Main Street (near the Chic Filet) is moving forward with construction of the "round about" to be completed late spring.
- It is early in the year, but for Frederick county residents, be advised Twin Ridge Elementary School will NOT be the polling location for the Primary Elections. Frederick residents will need to go to the Damascus Road Baptist Church on the Old National Pike to vote during the primaries and possibly the November general elections.
- Public Works did an excellent job getting roads cleared during the Jan. 24/25 snow and ice storm. Please extend a thank you as you see them continuing to clear areas of town.
- The recent snow and ice storm has left the majority of the Town's sidewalks in horrid condition. Due to the severity of the storm and the cold temperatures, we are not "fining" persons for not clearing their sidewalks. If able to help a neighbor, please do so.
- I want to thank Catonsville Homes and Rob Scranton for assisting Public Works and the entire town by clearing Main Street for local businesses. This allowed for deliveries as well as needed customer parking. Also, a thank you to 7 Springs Landscaping and Mark Messick for clearing parts of Prospect Road.



Larry Hushour

Mayor