

Season's greetings. I hope all of you are enjoying this holiday season. In this edition of our Town newsletter you will find a graphic I have been presenting to groups and organizations that illustrate our need for a bypass road north of town that connects Boyer's Mill with Rt. 75.

As we come to the end of another year, we would like to make a list of our accomplishments and goals for the coming New Year.

Accomplishments:

- In April we executed the NM Water Service Area Agreement bringing an affordable source of county supplied water to the town. This also brings a \$600,000.00 county funded CIP water line down Main St.
- At the same time we also executed the Revised Participation Agreement with Oak Hill Properties securing \$850,000.00 to help pay for incremental water lines to areas off of Main St. This will save us the cost of a front foot benefit assessment and perhaps be a source of funding for a revolving loan fund to help others pay for hook up fees.
- Completed second water survey to determine where to run water.
- NM hosted National Scenic Byways road dedication.
- Brought drainage issues to bear on state.
- In the spring we also completed our mini streetscape on Wicomico Ct.
- We approved our concept plan for Streetscape last December and now stand ready when funding is available.
- We held several workshops to discuss zoning changes to the Residential Antique district.
- We introduced a Yard Maintenance Ordinance.
- We are continuing our work with the County to establish a NM Small Area Plan that will help us achieve a bypass and a larger more diversified tax base to secure a better financial future.
- The Citizens Working Group completed its charge and submitted its findings to P&Z.
- We have continued to operate in the black despite severe cut backs in state sources of revenue particularly Income Tax. Our FY03 Unappropriated reserve was \$21k.
- HDC/ARC completed architectural approvals for Royal Oaks.
- HDC approved the National Road and Gettysburg trail road markers.
- HDC/ARC established preliminary consideration of Orchard and Brinkley Manor elevations.
- P&Z granted conditional final plan approval for Royal Oaks.
- Introduced Orchard Annexation Resolution.

Goals:

- Complete Dorchester and Wicomico Ct. mini streetscapes.
- Repair drainage issues on alleys.

- Complete NM Small Area Plan with County.
- Pass Yard maintenance Ordinance.
- Decide appropriate mix of uses for Residential Antique District.
- Establish review process to ensure approved applications are completed as approved.
- HDC to aid with colonial street light design in coordination with proposed new street signs.
- HDC to resolve issues of clarity with respect to guidelines.
- HDC to advise on A Frame Signs for Residential Antique District.
- Complete Orchard annexation a review process.

This should keep us busy for a while. It seems the more we do the more we find there is to do. Happy Holidays.

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