



# Gaithersburg

A CHARACTER COUNTS! CITY

City of Gaithersburg  
AGENDA FOR A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. INVOCATION
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Minutes of a Work Session of the Mayor and City Council Held January 26, 2009
  - B. Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council Held February 2, 2009
- V. PRESENTATIONS
  - A. Introduction of New City Police Officers
  - B. Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating February 2009 as “African American History Month” in the City of Gaithersburg and Recognition of the BROTHERS Mentoring Program at Gaithersburg High School
  - C. Certificate of Recognition Presented to the Recipient of the *Character Counts!* Person of Character Award
  - D. Certificate of Recognition Presented to the 2009 Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks Sports Alliance Award Recipient
- VI. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

*(public is invited to speak on any subject that is not a public hearing topic on tonight’s agenda – each speaker three minutes)*
- VII. FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - A. Upcoming Work Session
  - B. Executive Session Motion/Announcement
  - C. Upcoming City Events

VIII. FROM THE CITY MANAGER

A. Comments on the City's Strategic Planning Retreat

IX. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS

*(ordinances, resolutions, and regulations to be introduced or adopted following appropriate procedures required by the City Code, or resolutions that may require discussion by the Mayor and Council prior to approval)*

A. Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract to Purchase Copiers, Software and Maintenance (\$245,000)

X. FROM THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS, CITY ATTORNEY AND OTHER STAFF

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Notice to the general public is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg plan to conduct a closed Executive Session at City Hall, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, immediately following the scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council, pursuant to Section 10-508(7) and (8), State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and to consult with staff about pending litigation. The topics are (1) to obtain legal advice about development of an agreement with the County limiting the use of the GE Tech site; and (2) to consult with staff about the AvalonBay litigation. The closed executive session will be conducted pursuant to a motion properly adopted during the session of the Mayor and City Council on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Notice to the general public is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg will conduct a Work Session on Monday, February 23, 2009 to discuss the following topics:**

- A. Discussion of the Greater Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Area Emergency Management Mutual Aid Operational Plan (MAOP)**
- B. Discuss Computing Options and Costs for the Proposed Mayor and City Council Paperless Package System and Associated Physical Changes to the Council Chambers**

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THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009, 7:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 31 SOUTH SUMMIT AVENUE

TO CONFIRM ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS,  
PLEASE CONTACT DORIS STOKES AT CITY HALL, 301-258-6310

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**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING**

*This list is not all-inclusive, and does not reflect priorities or scheduling  
But is intended to provide a glance at future items to come before the City Council.*

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council**

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| Mon., March 2 | - Public Hearing | - Solicit Input on the City's Consolidated Planning Process for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) |
|               | Ord., Res. Reg.  | - Adopt COG's Emergency Management Plan<br>- Verizon Right-of-Way Fee Agreement   |

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**Call to Order**

# Pledge of Allegiance

# Invocation

# Approval of Minutes



## Gaithersburg

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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 26, 2009

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A work session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Ashman, Drzyzgula, Marraffa, Sesma, and Spiegel. Staff present: City Manager Jones, Assistant City Managers Tomasello and Felton, Finance and Administration Director Belton, Planning and Code Administration Director Ossont, Human Resources Director Daily, Chief King, Informational Technology Director Cottrell, Parks, Recreation and Culture Director Potter.

### I. TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION

#### **2009 Mayor and City Council Annual Retreat, Session I – Financial Presentation**

Assistant City Manager Tomasello and Finance Director Belton presented a PowerPoint presentation on the following five general topics relating to the upcoming discussion of the Strategic Plan –

**Economic Indicators** This included discussion of current economic conditions, potential for inter-governmental funding reductions, limits of revenue growth, and challenges in developing the FY 2010 budget.

**Trends in Revenues & Expenses** Included a general breakdown of the sources and uses of City funds and revenue projections for the coming year.

**Real Property Assessments** A discussion of our analysis of the current re-assessment cycle to take affect on July 1, 2009.

**Undesignated Fund Balance** Identified funds that may become available for use in funding the FY 2010 budget.

**Capital Improvements Plan** Staff discussed the likely limitation on capital funds for the coming year(s) and presented a number of under-funded CIP accounts for discussion/prioritization at the 02/07/09 session of the retreat.

Following the presentation, the Mayor and City Council received public input on issues for the retreat. Two residents made comments – Bruce Goldensohn and Rich Koch.

An announcement was made that Session II of the 2009 Mayor and City Council Retreat would be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center.

### II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Tomasello  
Assistant City Manager



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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

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A meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Ashman, Drzyzgula, Sesma and Spiegel. Staff present: City Manager Jones, Assistant City Managers Felton and Tomasello, Planning and Code Administration Director Ossont, Planner Robinson, Police Chief King, Police Sergeant Whalen, Police Officer II Hurtt, Building and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Prithviraj, Olde Towne Revitalization Coordinator Hines, Public Information Director Monaco, Executive Assistant Paxton, Administrative Assistant Sanchez, Recreation Program Specialist Poole, Community Services Director Carr, Board of Appeals Members Kaye, Knoebel and Rieg, City Attorney Board, and Executive Assistant Stokes. Planning Commission present for joint public hearing: Bauer, Hopkins, Kaufman, Levy and Winborne.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was led by Kyle VanCoutren, Gaithersburg High School, Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC).

**II. INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Maxine Oliver, Baha'i Faith.

On behalf of the City, Mayor Katz offered condolences and asked for a moment of silence for the families of the following individuals: Montgomery County Councilman Don Praisner, Juanita Bohrer, mother of former Mayor Edward W. Bohrer, Jr. and Wilmot Arnoult, Jr., father of Public Works Director Jim Arnoult.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Council Member Ashman, seconded by Council Member Sesma, that the minutes of the Mayor and Council regular meeting held January 5, 2009, be approved.

Vote: 4-0

Motion was made by Council Member Spiegel, seconded by Council Member Drzyzgula, that the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session held January 12, 2009, be approved.

Vote: 4-0

**IV. APPOINTMENTS****A. Resolution Confirming Various Reappointments**

This resolution confirmed the following reappointments: **Gaithersburg Senior Council**, Jeannie Pizzonia, 9816 Island Side Drive, Montgomery Village, Maryland 20886, two-year term; and the **Multicultural Affairs Committee**, Washington Nsangou, 903 North Frederick Avenue, 20879 and Patricia Rogers, 4A Crestwood Drive, 20877, two-year terms.

Motion was made by Council Member Ashman, seconded by, Council Member Sesma, that a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMING REAPPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR TO THE GAITHERSBURG SENIOR COUNCIL AND THE MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Resolution No. R- 5-09), be approved.

Vote: 4-0

**B. Resolution Confirming Reappointments to the Board of Appeals**

This resolution confirmed the following reappointments: **Board of Appeals**, Harvey Kaye, 522 Chestertown Street, 20878, Richard Knoebel, 202 Rolling Road, 20877 and Carol Rieg, 936 Pointer Ridge Drive, 20878, three-year terms.

Motion was made by Council Member Sesma, seconded by, Council Member Ashman, that a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMING REAPPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS (Resolution No. R-6-09), be approved.

Vote: 4-0

**V. OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor Katz administered the Oath of Office to Harvey Kaye, Richard Knoebel and Carol Rieg to execute the office of Board of Appeals, three-year terms.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS****A. Second Quarter 2008 Employee Recognition Awards**

City Manager Jones joined by Mayor Katz congratulated and recognized the following recipients:

**Employees of the Quarter****Sunil Prithviraj, Building and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works**

As a member of the Facilities team, Sunil supervises, coordinates and participates in the servicing, maintenance and repair of building facilities and equipment. He demonstrates both tremendous customer service and a willingness to perform duties outside his regular scope of work. He is being recognized for excellence, productivity and quality of work.

**Mary Whalen, Sergeant, Administrative Bureau, Police Department**

Mary is being recognized for consistent performance and demonstrating outstanding judgment in an emergency situation. In a recent incident, Mary responded to a call for two individuals being held a gunpoint. On the scene, the suspect threatened Mary with a shotgun. Due to her quick response and ability to calmly evaluate and respond to the potential threat, the incident was

resolved without injury. Her training, good judgment and professionalism allowed her to de-escalate the situation without tragedy or use of lethal force.

### **Teams of the Quarter**

**Capital for a Day Organizing Committee: Fred Felton, Cindy Hines, Britta Monaco, Sarah Paxton, Monica Sanchez (City Manager's Office) and Laura Sarno (Public Works)**

Gaithersburg was named Maryland's Capital for a Day on November 6, 2008. Planning for the event, which relied heavily on input from the Governor's office, could not commence until mid-October. In all, six press events were planned and executed throughout the City on November 6. Meeting frequently over just a three-week period, organizing committee members, while juggling their regular job duties, were tasked with arranging all of the logistics to ensure that both the City's and the State's needs were met throughout the day. The organizing team is to be commended for their outstanding quality of work under extremely tight deadlines.

**Shift 4 Special Search & Rescue Effort Team: Kathy Fairfield, Brian Hurtt and Dan McCarthy - Police**

This team was nominated for exceptional performance in locating and rescuing a critical missing person. Searching on foot at night, members of the team successfully located a missing elderly woman who had wandered from her home. She had fallen in a stream on a frigid evening and was in an advanced state of hypothermia. The officers stabilized her as they waited for an ambulance, and eventually had to carry her from an area that was inaccessible to even a four-wheel drive vehicle. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment and her family was truly appreciative. Without the efforts of these three officers, this situation might have had a much different ending.

Thanks were expressed to the Employee Recognition Committee for their efforts to select the recipients of the recognition awards.

### **B. Certificates of Recognition**

Mayor Katz presented certificates to members of the Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Drill/Color/Academic teams on being awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> place for Color Guard Osbourn Park; 1<sup>st</sup> place for Academic Team Northwestern Meet; and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Armed/Unarmed Basic Drill.

### **C. Certificates of Appreciation**

Mayor Katz presented certificates to the 2008 Winter Lights Sponsors and donations to several charities. The following sponsors gave generous support by cash donations and/or in kind services: Comcast - \$77,589 in kind; Mix 107.3 Radio Station - \$54,000 in kind; Lakeforest Shopping Center -\$5,000 cash/\$15,000 in kind; Gazette Newspapers - \$8,000 in kind; Shady Grove Adventist Hospital - \$5,000 cash; OBA Bank - \$1,000 cash/\$4,000 in kind; MedImmune - \$1,000 cash; Hughes Network Systems - \$1,000 cash; Insight Magazine -\$1,000 in kind; The Beacon Newspaper - \$1,000 in kind; and Washington Parent Magazine - \$1,000 in kind.

The following charities received funds from the 2008 Winter Lights Program: Shady Grove Adventist Hospital - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit \$4,500; Friends of Wells/Robertson \$800; Dolores Swoyer Scholarship Fund \$800; Upper Network Assistance Network \$800; and Friends of Seneca Creek State Park \$800

**D. Readings and Certificates of Recognition Presented to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Literary Arts Contest Winners**

Mayor Katz was joined at the podium by Patricia Rogers, Multicultural Affairs Committee and Community Services Director Carr. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of the City of Gaithersburg and Gazette Newspapers 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Literary Arts Contest were in attendance and had presented their essays during the County Martin Luther King Celebration held Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Music Center at Strathmore.

Their work was judged and chosen as exceptional by members of the City's Educational and Multicultural Affairs Committees. This year the students addressed the theme, "Dr. Luther King Jr.: Truth, Justice and Equality". All work was judged anonymously and a scoring system was used. The following 1<sup>st</sup> place authors read their essays and received certificates and awards: Edward Krasniewski, 12<sup>th</sup> grader, Northwest High School; Jersie Mbu, 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Gaithersburg High School; and Katherine Rodas, 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Washington Grove Elementary School.

**VII. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

1. *Tom Rowse, 101 Dogwood Drive*, shared some Gaithersburg history from 1879. Expressed the importance of securing funds for the revitalization of Olde Towne and asked the City to budget properly.
2. *Adrienne Gillen, as President, spoke on behalf of the Kentlands Citizens Assembly*, asked the Mayor and City Council to develop an implementation strategy for the Kentlands Boulevard Commercial District. She urged the City to adhere to the 2009 Draft Strategic Plan and include \$50,000 for expenditures on wayfinding and signage consultants as well as costs for infrastructure improvements.

**VIII. FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL/ANNOUNCEMENTS****Council Member Drzyzgula**

1. Announced her nomination as Chair of the Council of Governments Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Committee.
2. Recognized the students that read their essays during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Ceremony at the Music Center at Strathmore.
3. Attended the County Council hearing on January 22, to hear discussions regarding GE Tech Park. In addition, she attended the City's Employee Recognition Awards Breakfast.
4. Received feedback from citizens concerned over the loss of businesses in Gaithersburg. Citizens were encouraged to support local businesses by shopping and dining in Gaithersburg.
5. Announced applications are being accepted for the annual Edward Bohrer Memorial CHARACTER COUNTS! Scholarships. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m. on March 17, 2009.

**Council Vice President Sesma**

1. Noted several City events. Thanked Community Services and Parks, Recreation and Culture staff for their efforts on the MLK ceremony. Recognized the historical inaugural event that occurred and expressed hope for the future.
2. Congratulated all the award recipients recognized earlier during the Mayor and City Council meeting.
3. Echoed remarks of Council Member Drzyzgula to help the economy and encouraged citizens to buy Gaithersburg first.

4. Announced the City will conduct several public meetings to discuss the use of FY '10 Community Development Block Grant funds. Public meetings will be held at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park on Wednesday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, February 5 at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall.

**Council Member Spiegel**

1. Announced vacancies on various Committees and encouraged citizens to get involve and seek to become members.
2. Recognized the MLK event and the historic inauguration of President Obama which he along with other Council Members traveled to Washington, D.C. to witness. Gave kudos to the local and regional public safety employees for their efforts to make the inauguration event incident free. Thanked Community Services staff and the many volunteers who helped with the MLK event at the Music Center at Strathmore.
3. Noted that the City was able to assist and promote the County's Yes Montgomery Can initiative to make MLK Day a day of community service and volunteerism.
4. Echoed condolences to the families mentioned above.
5. Congratulated the award recipients mentioned above during presentations and the reappointees to the various City Boards and Committees. Thanked the sponsors of the Winter Lights program and organizations that provide services to the community.
6. Attended the Employee Recognition Awards Breakfast and congratulated those employees that received special recognition for their outstanding performance and years of service. In addition, he recognized those recipients of quarterly awards mentioned earlier during the meeting.
7. Announced that on January 22, 2009, he and others attended the United Way reception at the Kentlands Mansion and recognized the non-profit groups that were recipients of United Way grants. Asked citizens to support their non-profit groups.
8. Joined other City Council members on January 22 and attended the County Council hearing on the Smart Growth Initiative to ensure that the City's concerns were communicated to the County Council.
9. Announced the City will host a African American History Month celebration on Tuesday, February 17, 6:15 p.m. in the City Hall Gallery.
10. He and Council Member Drzyzgula traveled to Annapolis and met with several State Delegates to expressed thanks for their past support of Gaithersburg and encouraged support for City's legislative priorities for 2009.
11. Announced "Gaithersburg Day" in Annapolis on Thursday, February 5, to urge legislators to support the City's priorities.
12. Reminded residents and businesses that they are required under City law to clear sidewalks in front of their properties. Stated it is a matter of public safety.
13. Reported that recycling not picked up on the normal day due to severe weather, pick-up will occur on Saturday.

City Manager Jones clarified that staff is working it out that during inclement weather, if there is a missed pick-up, the next scheduled pick-up will be the following Saturday, but it is not the current practice.

**Council Member Ashman**

1. Echoed the remarks of his colleagues and marveled at the MLK essays read by the students recognized above.
2. Announced Session II of the Mayor and City Council Annual Retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2009, coffee and pastries 8:30 a.m., formal session 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center to receive Departmental Presentations and a Strategic Plan Review. Public participation will not be permitted during the session.
3. Encouraged residents to subscribe to Alert Gaithersburg.

**Mayor Katz**

1. "Gaithersburg Day" in Annapolis scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2009, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Assistant City Manager Felton gave an update on the City's legislative priorities on funding (new senior center, Gaithersburg Community Museum in Olde Towne, and seeking a grant for an energy assistance program for low to moderate income homeowners) and transportation (Watkins Mill Road Interchange, Corridor Cities Transitway and the scheduled completion of the Intercounty Connector on schedule). He added Nancy King is supporting the City on the passage of a bill that would prevent Maryland's violent offenders from receiving Diminution Credit, time off for good behavior.
2. Announced the following meeting schedule:
  - work session scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2009, to discuss MP-2-08 - Municipal Growth Element, an Amendment to the 2003 Master Plan and Discussion With Montgomery County Officials on the Proposed Smart Growth Initiative (*includes the acquisition and reuse of the GE and Finmarc Parcels in Gaithersburg*)
  - next regular meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

**IX. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. JOINT – T-389, Application Requests to Amend Chapter 24 of the City Code (City Zoning Ordinance) Article III, Entitled, "Regulations Applicable to Particular Zones," Division 2, Entitled, "R-90 Zone, Medium Density Residential," § 24-32, Entitled, "Dimensional Restrictions," to Modify Subsection (d) to Establish New Standards for Impervious Areas in Front and Side Yards**

Planner Robinson stated the joint public hearing was advertised in the *Gaithersburg Gazette* on January 14 and 21, 2009. The issue of front yard coverage in the R-90 Zone was raised during discussions for text amendment application T-385 – Mansionization. The current development standards for the R-90 Zone limit structures to no more than 30 percent lot coverage. The proposed amendment will limit the amount of impervious area found in the front yard. He added that no structures can be built within areas defined as yard setbacks in the R-90 Zone. The amendment provides two methodologies depending on the size of the lot and would not apply to those properties reviewed under Historic Area Work Permit. The methodologies are a contiguous area that is no more than 25 percent of the area of the front yard or a contiguous area 25 feet wide and the depth of the front yard, whichever is less. Lead walks (walkway to front door) measuring not more than five feet in width are excluded. He stated that the purpose for the two methodologies is to address the atypical lot size scenarios found within the R-90 Zone and minimize both the physical and visual impacts of any impervious areas. Several scenarios were shown. He further stated that the proposed amendment is not retroactive on existing conditions, but for new construction and site development permits. The ordinance basically addresses environmental and parking issues.

Concerns were expressed by the Mayor and Council and Planning Commission regarding impervious pavers and areas for parking, configuration of lots, front and side yards in relation to the 25 percent of the total area, special exception process and new construction, variance qualifications, setbacks regardless of the depth of the house, lot coverage, unconventional designs and number of lead walks permitted.

Speakers from the public:

1. *William Fallon, 822 Jonker Court*, endorsed the proposed amendments and expressed displeasure of a neighbor paving over the majority of his yard.
2. *JoAnn Schimke, 734 Tiffany Court*, expressed support for the proposed amendments to the ordinance to avoid excessive paving by neighbors and the visual loss of a residential community.

There were no other speakers.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kaufman, seconded by Commissioner Winborne, that the Planning Commission hold their record on T-389 open until 5 p.m. on February 20, 2009, anticipated recommendation on March 4, 2009.

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made by Council Member Drzyzgula, seconded by Council Member Sesma, that the Mayor and City Council hold the record on T-389 open until 5 p.m. on March 11, 2009, anticipated policy discussion on April 6, 2009.

Vote: 4-0

## **X. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS**

### **A. Resolution Amending a Schedule of Fees, Charges, Fines and Expenses**

The proposed amendment to the fee schedule would enable the Mayor and City Council to adopt an alternative fee schedule for City-wide telecommunications projects by separate resolution. Staff had been working with representatives from Verizon in their efforts to bring Fiber Optic Services (FiOS) to Gaithersburg. It was determined that the current permit fees for telecommunication facilities in the public right-of-way would be nearly \$500,000 for the City-wide project. Verizon believes that a reduction in the fees for this project is appropriate. The amendment would be not only for Verizon but for future telecommunication companies doing a City-wide project.

Motion was made by Council Member Ashman, seconded by, Council Member Sesma, that a RESOLUTION AMENDING A SCHEDULE OF FEES, CHARGES, FINES AND EXPENSES AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAITHERSBURG (Resolution No. R-7-09), be approved.

Vote: 4-0

**XI. POLICY DISCUSSION**

- A. T-388, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 24 of the City Code (City Zoning Ordinance), Entitled, "Zoning," Article IX, Entitled, "Signs," § 24-211 Entitled, "Signs Permitted In All Zones," Subsection (e), Entitled, "Election Campaign And Ballot Questions Signs," to Eliminate Conflicting Provisions and Renumber Accordingly**

The American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland (ACLU) had provided case law from the City of Baltimore and Prince George's County asserting that the time limit restrictions regarding Election Campaign and Ballot Questions signs found that the City's zoning ordinance are unconstitutional. Staff reviewed the correspondence and City Attorney Board concurred with the ACLU. The text amendment would modify Section 24-211(e) by removing subsections (2) and (3) that are deemed unconstitutional.

Motion was made by Council Member Spiegel seconded by, Council Member Ashman, that AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 OF THE CITY CODE (CITY ZONING ORDINANCE), ENTITLED, "ZONING," ARTICLE IX, ENTITLED, "SIGNS," § 24-211 ENTITLED, "SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL ZONES," SUBSECTION (E), ENTITLED, "ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND BALLOT QUESTIONS SIGNS," TO ELIMINATE CONFLICTING PROVISIONS AND RENUMBER ACCORDINGLY (Ordinance No. O-1-09), be adopted.

Vote: 4-0

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Doris R. Stokes*

Doris R. Stokes  
Executive Assistant

# Presentations

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

February 17, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Chief John A. King

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Chief John A. King

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
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Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

<b>TITLE:</b>
Introduction of New Police Officers

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
<p><b>Officer Holly Parke</b> was hired in July 2008 and shortly thereafter began the requisite 6-month training at the Montgomery County Police Entrance-Level Training Academy. Ms. Parke successfully completed her training and graduated from the Academy in January 2009. Prior to coming to the Gaithersburg Police Department, Ms. Parke obtained a Criminal Justice degree from Montgomery College. She grew up in Montgomery County and is a graduate of Damascus High School.</p> <p><b>Officer Herbert Ackermann</b> was also hired in July 2008 and began the requisite 6-month training at the Montgomery County Police Entrance-Level Training Academy during that same month. Mr. Ackermann successfully completed his training and graduated from the Academy in January 2009. Prior to coming to the Gaithersburg Police Department, Mr. Ackermann was an active member of the United State's Marine Corps. He was born in Lima Peru, and is fluent in Spanish.</p>

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
Introduce New Employees

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

February 17, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Linda Plummer and Nivea Cordova-Berrios-Multicultural Affairs Committee(MAC), Co-Chairs

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Crystal Carr  
Community Services

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordinance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resolution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
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Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

**TITLE:**

Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating February 2009 as "African American History Month" in the City of Gaithersburg and Recognition of the BROTHERS Mentoring Program at Gaithersburg High School

**SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:**

African American History Month is celebrated annually in the United States during the month of February. This celebration started in 1926, by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who wanted to bring national attention to the large contribution of African-Americans to the history of their country. Woodson chose February as African American history month because it was the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Langston Hughes.

In celebration of African American History Month, the Multicultural Affairs Committee sponsored a reception this evening honoring Gaithersburg High School students of the BROTHERS Mentoring Program. The BROTHERS Mentoring Program (Brothers Reaching Out to Help Each Reach Success) provides peer mediation, conflict resolution, mentoring, and leadership activities so youth will be better able to cope with violence and negative peer influences. Morris Hudson, Coordinator of the program provides in-school peer mediation and supportive sessions to students.

We, now invite, Morris Hudson, Coordinator of the BROTHERS Mentoring Program at Gaithersburg High School to come forward to receive the African American History Month Proclamation as well as present a montage of African American literary works entitled, "Don't Judge Me".

**DESIRED OUTCOME:**

Presentation and Proclamation for African American History Month

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

February 17, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Crystal Carr  
Purnell Garris Bell

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Crystal Carr, Director  
Community Services

**AGENDA ITEM:**  
(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
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<b>TITLE:</b>
Certificate of Recognition Presented to the Recipient of the <i>Character Counts!</i> Person of Character Award

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
<p>This evening we recognize an outstanding citizen with the Person of Character Award. Mrs. Purnell Garris Bell has dedicated her life to her family, church, and community, and has maintained a lifelong commitment to education and learning.</p> <p>At eighty-eight, Ms. Bell earned her Master of Arts Degree in Counseling and Psychology and is now determined to establish a center to support grandparents rearing grandchildren from homes broken by sociological ills such as transient housing, parental drug addiction, unemployment and/or alcoholism. As a licensed psychologist, Ms. Bell will facilitate workshops based on the principle, "Learning to Live and Living to Learn." Her continuous perseverance in the pursuit of excellence personifies the pillar of responsibility and her commitment to community reflects the pillar of citizenship.</p> <p>As a young woman growing up in South Carolina, Ms. Bell experienced civil atrocities, including the observation of several lynchings, which influenced her decision to move north. This move signifies Ms. Bell's sense of dignity and respect for all.</p> <p>Ms. Bell settled in Trenton, New Jersey where she became a dressmaker, studied nursing and health, all while working with local churches to provide social services to families in need. Moreover, she was a part of the open training offered by the New Deal Program introduced in the late 1930's under President Roosevelt's administration. Today she continues to make clothes for underprivileged children.</p> <p>It is an inspiration to witness such a wonderful example of citizenry and an individual's desire to pursue excellence. As the mother of two, a certified nurse, health educator, and avid volunteer with her church, she personifies responsibility, caring and citizenship. We are privileged to have her as a role model in our community and look forward to learning of her next milestone.</p>

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
Present Character Counts! <i>Person of Character</i> Award

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

February 17, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Mr. Geovanny Fallas

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Michele McGleish, Director  
 Parks, Recreation and Culture  
 Jim McGuire, Program Director

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

	Presentation
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<b>TITLE:</b>
Certificate of Recognition Presented to the 2009 Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks Sports Alliance Award Recipient

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
<p>The City of Gaithersburg is an active member of the Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks Sports Alliance. The Alliance promotes the positive aspects and values associated with youth sports. Each year public and private recreation departments are afforded the opportunity to nominate deserving coaches that exemplify the philosophy of youth sports. The principles of fair play, skill development, team play and an understanding of the City's sport philosophy are characteristics demonstrated by our 2009 award recipient.</p> <p>On Monday, February 2, 2009, Mr. Geovanny Fallas was recognized at a session of the House of Delegates and reception hosted by the Speaker, Mr. Michael E. Busch.</p>

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
Present Certificate of Recognition

# Public Appearances

From the Mayor and  
City Council



MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor and City Council  
City Manager Jones  
Interested Parties

FROM: Executive Assistant Stokes

DATE: February 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Topic(s) of Mayor and Council Work Session

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, unless otherwise noted.

## Monday, February 23, 2009

### **A. Discussion of the Greater Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Area Emergency Management Mutual Aid Operational Plan (MAOP)**

### **B. Discuss Computing Options and Costs for the Proposed Mayor and City Council Paperless Package System and Associated Physical Changes to the Council Chambers**

This schedule is subject to change. Work Sessions are broadcast over Cable TV, Channel 13 and on the Internet at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/tv](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/tv). Receive City agendas, minutes and news via e-mail. Log on to the myGaithersburg e-mail-based news service at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/myGaithersburg](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/myGaithersburg). Please contact 301-258-6310 prior to meetings to confirm accessibility accommodations.

#### **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING**

This list is not all-inclusive, and does not reflect priorities or scheduling  
*But is intended to provide a glance at future items to come before the City Council.*

#### **Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council**

<b>Mon., March 2</b>	<b>- Public Hearing</b>	<b>- Solicit Input on the City's Consolidated Planning Process for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</b>
	<b>Ord., Res. Reg.</b>	<b>- Adopt COG's Emergency Management Plan</b>
		<b>- Verizon Right-of-Way Fee Agreement</b>

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# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Notice to the general public is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg plan to conduct a closed Executive Session at City Hall, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, immediately following the scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council, pursuant to Section 10-508(7) and (8), State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and to consult with staff about pending litigation. The topics are (1) to obtain legal advice about development of an agreement with the County limiting the use of the GE Tech site; and (2) to consult with staff about the AvalonBay litigation. The closed executive session will be conducted pursuant to a motion properly adopted during the session of the Mayor and City Council on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.**

# **ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE READ AT MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 17, 2009**

Resident registration is now underway for Gaithersburg's enriching summer camp programs. Nonresident registration begins March 4.

Give your kids a summer they will never forget with programs that feature sports, arts and crafts, games, team building, and special activities.

Full-day and half-day camps for elementary and middle school children are offered in convenient two-week sessions. Sign your child up for just one, or combine them all for an entire summer's worth of exciting activities.

For a complete listing visit the City's website at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov), pick-up a 2009 "Summer in the City" Guide at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue, or call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture at 301-258-6350.

**From the City Manager**

# Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

February 17, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Peter Cottrell,  
Director of Information Technology

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Peter Cottrell,  
Director of Information Technology

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

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<b>TITLE:</b>
Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract to Purchase Copiers, Software and Maintenance (\$245,000)

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
<p>All of the City's sixteen copiers are due or past due for replacement, with some as old as 10 years and not able to connect to a network to provide printing capability.</p> <p>With this purchase, copiers will be fully integrated into the City's IT infrastructure. Besides serving as copiers, the machines will also provide network printing and scanning. For the first time, at least one copier in the largest City facilities will have color capability, which should allow staff to retire stand-alone color printers with higher operational costs. Numerous other benefits, such as enhanced user functionality, better system monitoring and management, and a reduced impact on the operating budget due to maintenance will be realized by this replacement with new equipment.</p> <p>IT staff have collected user requirements and have made multiple site visits to review different product lines, and have selected Ricoh as a cost-effective choice which meets the City's needs. As a result, staff is recommending the purchase of new copiers from Meridian Imaging Systems using an existing U.S. Communities contract.</p> <p>The cost of this equipment will not exceed \$245,000.</p>

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
Vote on Resolution

# Resolution Request Form

REQUEST FORM FOR RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING  
TO EXPENDITURES FROM THE CITY BUDGET  
(CONTRACTS/PURCHASES, TRANSFER FUNDS)

(Please attach the Mayor and Council Agenda Cover Sheet to this Form. For contracts/purchases, the Cover Sheet MUST include a list of all bidders and bid amounts.)

Requested by: Peter Cottrell Date of City Council Meeting: February 17, 2009

## AUTHORIZING

Purchase X Award Contract X Transfer Funds \_\_\_\_\_ Negotiate/  
Execute a Contract \_\_\_\_\_

## BID INFORMATION:

Advertisement Date N/A  
Newspaper(s) N/A  
Bids Opened/Tabulated (date) N/A

## DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S):

(Be specific; include quantity, item name, model number, etc.)

**(17) assorted Ricoh copiers and associated options  
Management software and licenses**

## CONTRACTED/PURCHASE FROM:

Company Name: Meridian Imaging Solutions

Street Address: 4601 Eisenhower Avenue

P. O. Box Number \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Alexandria, Virginia 22304

CONTRACT/PURCHASE AMOUNT: \$ 245,000

Check One: In the Amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Not to Exceed X

FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FROM: Operating Budget \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Improvements Budget \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: 100-311300 Copier Replacement Fund

(For Finance Department use only; not to be included in the Resolution)

VERIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS Available  Not available \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature] '09  
Finance Dept. Date

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER  
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE  
COPIERS, SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, Section 57 of the City Charter provides that the City Council may permit negotiations of contracts without sealed bids for products and services when utilizing contracts bid by other governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ricoh copiers can be purchased by the City of Gaithersburg via the municipal U.S. Communities contract; and

WHEREAS, a majority of City copiers are in service past their projected lifespan; and

WHEREAS, the state of copier technology has advanced significantly since the City's copiers entered service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gaithersburg needs to replace its copier infrastructure to increase reliability and functionality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg that the City Manager be and she hereby is authorized to award a contract to purchase Ricoh copiers, software and maintenance from Meridian Imaging Solutions, 4601 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22304, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$245,000); said funds to be expended from an Equipment Replacement Budget.

ADOPTED BY THE City Council this 17th day of February, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and  
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council in public meeting assembled on the 17th day of February, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Angel L. Jones, City Manager

From the Assistant City  
Managers, City Attorney  
and Other Staff

Adjournment

**From Staff**

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG  
31 South Summit Avenue  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

**MINUTES OF THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
December 4, 2008**

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Chair Richard Arkin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Committee Members present: Richard Arkin, Chair; Clark Day, Joseph Coratola, Clark Wagner and Mary Jo La France. Absent: Warren Johnson, Staff present: Eliza Voigt, Planner, Teresa Izquierdo, Recording Secretary.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 6, 2008 Meeting

Motion was made by Member Day, seconded by Member Coratola, that the minutes of the November 6, 2008, Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) meeting be approved.

VOTE: 3-0-2 (Coratola, Wagner Abstained)

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HAWP 104A Applicant: City of Gaithersburg  
Request: Installation of Gutters on B & O Train Station

*Planner Voigt* stated that this public hearing was duly advertised in the *Gaithersburg Gazette* on November 26, the property posted, and at the present time there are 16 exhibits in the record file

*Pete Geiling, Applicant*, stated the roof was improperly installed 22 years ago. He researched the original installment of the roof and there were galvanized nails which rusted and broke off. The original specifications showed a terracotta cap on top of the roof, as well as terracotta finials. Mr. Geiling believed using the terracotta finials and cap is not feasible and would not weather the climate of this area. The specification also stated the cut of the shingle was a beaver tail cut and after reviewing the photographic record there was no evidence of a beaver tail cut; it was more of a straight cut slate.

Mr. Geiling met with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) for further guidance and ideas. MHT does not feel it was necessary to go back and emulate the old specifications. MHT agreed that replacing the terracotta would not be a feasible choice. They support the direction Mr. Geiling is going regarding the roof. MHT is also in support of the gutter system that will be implemented. There will be a pole gutter system implemented. Iron gutter boots will be added to the bottom of the downspout to prevent damage. This is referred to as a reinforced gutter shoe.

*Chair Arkin* questioned whether the proposed downspout will be added, as well as snow guards.

Mr. Geiling said that the snow guards will be added to the steep portion of the roof only.

Mr. Arkin asked if the entire diverter will be encased.

Mr. Geiling said there will be a metal protector around it. The sheathing will have a grayish, galvanized appearance.

*Mr. Clark Wagner* noticed the downspout seemed higher than the diverter, and asked if the skylight was a recent addition.

Mr. Geiling added that there will be a slope to the diverter and the skylight was a new addition at some point.

*Ms. Mary Jo La France* inquired about the gutter style that will be used.

Mr. Geiling researched the history of the gutter system. It was used extensively in the mid to late 1800's. The gutters are being replicated in a more modern form.

*Mr. Clark Day* wanted to know how long the project is going to take.

Mr. Geiling anticipates the work taking approximately 4-6 weeks. The specifications state the use of copper nails that need to be tapped in by hand. The lead time for ordering the slate could be long as well. The project is planned to start in early March. The meeting with the MHT Easement Committee for final project approval is in early January.

Mr. Wagner asked about the budget for this project. Mr. Geiling stated he has \$150,000 budgeted towards the project.

Ms. Voigt stated she included a November 20, 2008 letter in the HPAC packages from the Maryland Historical Trust regarding the mortar on the B&O station and asked if Mr. Geiling could elaborate more on that topic.

Mr. Geiling said in April the City undertook a project to replace the mortar on the station as the condition of the bricks and mortar were in need of repair. MHT reviewed the type of mortar used and the letter discussed their ultimate agreement with mortar choice.

Mr. Coratola believed replicating the original gutter system and enhancing it with new techniques was a good approach. He favors the steps that are being taken towards the project.

Ms. La France agreed with Mr. Coratola and favors the application.

Mr. Arkin applauded the City's efforts in preserving the building and agreed with prior comments from Mr. Coratola.

The motion was made by Member Coratola, to close the record of HAWP 104A, seconded by Member Day.

VOTE: 5-0

Member Coratola moved that HAWP 104A be recommended for approval, seconded by Member La France, finding the proposed alterations in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standard One which states: "A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment"; and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards Six which states: "Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical or pictorial evidence." The City has provided evidence that the roof and gutters require replacement and there are being replaced with features matching the old.

VOTE: 5-0

### III. COURTESY REVIEW

Applicant: Nadine Qazar and Eley Antar  
9 Cedar Avenue  
Rear Addition

*Nadine Qazar, Applicant, 9 Cedar Avenue*, stated she would like to add a family room addition in the portion of her backyard between the garage and the house.

*Jose Salenan, Contractor*, described the project materials and stated he intends to use asphalt shingles for the roof and vinyl siding for the exterior of the addition. The new materials will resemble the materials on the existing house.

Mr. Coratola questioned the elevations. The plans show two windows on both side elevations. The plans also show two rear doors. However, Ms. Voigt explained that this has been adjusted to one door. The City code inspectors noticed that the property had some grade issues and that because of this, they needed more stairs from the rear of the addition to the outside area. As the detached garage is very close to the addition, the configuration of the stairs was changed and a door was removed.

Mr. Arkin asked about the proposed window material. Mr. Salenan stated that the windows will be vinyl.

Mr. Wagner asked about the current use of the driveway and whether the ability to use it will be affected by the addition.

Ms. Qazar stated it is a narrow driveway that is shared with their neighbor and there are no intentions to change it and its use will not be affected by the addition.

Mr. Coratola offered some suggestions. He noted that the plans reflect the fascia on the addition as below the existing fascia of the house. He recommended placing the fascia on the addition at the same level as the fascia on the existing house so they run continuously. Furthermore, he suggested using a hip roof design, like the roof on the existing house, for the addition instead of the planned gable design; and to reduce the width of the addition slightly, about 4 inches on both sides, so that it is differentiated and not flush with the existing house.

Ms. La France had a concern about the distance between the existing garage and the addition. Mr. Coratola stated that there seems to be enough space for maintenance between the residential and utility uses. Ms. La France also noted that the property has a large rear yard behind the existing garage.

Ms. Qazar stated that the addition will not be clearly seen from the road; only from the side.

#### IV. DISCUSSION ITEM

Reviewed 2009 Work Plan and 2008 Annual Report.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Izquierdo, Recording Secretary

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG  
31 South Summit Avenue  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

**MINUTES OF THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
January 8, 2009**

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Vice-Chair Warren Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Committee Members present: Joseph Coratola, Warren Johnson and Mary Jo La France. Absent: Richard Arkin, Chair; Clark Day, Clark Wagner. Staff present: Eliza Voigt, Planner, Jacqueline Marsh, Planner. Teresa Izquierdo, Recording Secretary.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the December 4, 2008 Meeting

Approval of Minutes was deferred until the next meeting as there was not quorum.

II. PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION

Applicant: Ali Tahriri Adabi  
Request: Addition at 100 Central Avenue

*Vice Chair Warren Johnson* read an excerpt from the HPAC Rules and Procedures describing the preliminary consultation.

*Alan Vedadi, Friend/Consultant*, represented the applicant and gave a brief background on the property. He mentioned that on August 28, 2008, a significant fire occurred at the property. He presented photos showing the fire damage and the fire department report. He stated that the home was severely damaged by the fire and that the roofline is completely gone and the second floor has to be rebuilt. A tarp is currently being used to protect the property since the roof has been destroyed.

Mr. Vedadi presented a model showing the existing home and the proposed addition. He stated that the applicant would like to keep the integrity of the historic home while bringing the house up to a current living style. Mr. Vedadi used the model and the plans to show the proposed alterations. The addition will be located to the rear of the original house. In terms of materials, Mr. Vedadi stated that the brick and vinyl materials shown on the plans are not going to be used and instead, they plan on using cement siding.

*Member La France*, advised the applicants to follow the Brookes, Russell, and Walker Historic District design guidelines as a reference when restoring the home.

Member Johnson noted that from the photos of the house the siding looks like it consists of wood shingles or individual segments commonly called German Lap siding. He stated that it may be possible to see what the original siding is under the existing siding.

*Mr. Coratola* stated that he made a site visit to the property. He noticed that on the second floor it appeared that the windows and the exterior trim had been removed. Mr. Vedadi thought that it was possibly removed by the Fire Department, or even prior to the applicant purchasing the home in December. Mr. Coratola noted that the current siding is actually asbestos siding which was commonly used in the 1940s and 1950s prior to the use of aluminum siding, and that many times this type of siding was placed directly on top of the original siding. He could see that some of the original German Lap siding was still there by looking at the holes where the windows had been removed. The only way to know how much of original siding exists, the condition, and whether it is salvageable is to do some discovery. The preference of the committee is to use the original German Lap siding material for the original house. The committee will require pictures and/or a report detailing this information prior to making a determination as to what type of siding is acceptable.

Mr. Johnson added that if it is not practical to salvage the siding then the committee will explore other options with the applicant.

Mr. Coratola offered a summary of recommendations. The original house should be restored and pieces that are damaged by the fire be rebuilt to the original design. The front porch should remain, the dormer put back in place, the roof put back in its original form, as well as the one-over-one windows and trim (if available). The committee preferred the front façade stay as is, with the existing window and door styles. The original foundation, with the carved block look, should be kept. The main goal is to preserve the integrity of the existing house.

If the original windows can be located and repaired, they should be put back in. If not, wooden replicas should be used with the same trim profiles.

The addition should not “compete” or “overtake” the original design of the historic house. Rather than having the addition integrated into the existing roofline, it should be differentiated from the original house. The addition should step back, and the roof should be pulled back. The sides of the addition should be brought in slightly from the corners, so as not to be in the same plane as the side walls. The roof line should be brought down on the back side. It is not necessary for the addition to use the original wood siding.

Mr. Coratola suggested that the first step in a fire situation, and especially with a designated historic structure, is to hire forensic engineer. The engineer’s findings should then be provided to the architect and owner to determine next steps.

Ms. Marsh said all the drawings need to have specific indications of all the modifications that are being proposed.

Ms. Voigt said that Mr. Tahriri should consider applying for historic property tax credits with the City of Gaithersburg and the State.

III. ADOPTION OF 2008 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2009 WORK PLAN

The adoption of the 2008 Annual Report and 2009 Work Plan was deferred as there was not a quorum.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teresa Izquierdo".

Teresa Izquierdo, Recording Secretary

# Outside Correspondence

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-2004

January 29, 2009

The Honorable Sidney A. Katz  
Mayor  
City of Gaithersburg  
31 South Summit Avenue  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Dear Mayor ~~Katz~~: *Sid*

Thank you for your letter concerning the economic recovery package currently being drafted by the Obama Administration and Congress. In this difficult economic time, it is critical that Congress provide help to states and local communities that are hurting badly.

I would like to see Congress pass an economic recovery bill that will help strapped state governments provide critical services to our most vulnerable citizens and invest in the infrastructure necessary to keep America competitive while putting people to work. It is important to remember that though challenging, this is a time of tremendous opportunity for growth and improvement. It is encouraging to know that Maryland's communities are identifying projects that can quickly and wisely put federal funds to work on just these kinds of investments.

I am optimistic about the passage of an economic recovery package that will contain significant federal support for state projects. While it is useful to know the general areas in which Marylanders could use federal funds, I want to make clear that the stimulus bill Congress will consider will not list specific projects. Instead, the legislation will provide large lump sums for federal programs for road improvement, wastewater management, affordable housing projects, school repairs, etc. These funds will be distributed to the states, local government entities and other eligible recipients by federal agencies according to standard formulas and criteria. The important exception to this rule will be that infrastructure projects will be 100 percent federally-funded grants. No state or local matching requirements will apply. The recipients will then decide which specific projects will be funded according to their priorities. As such, I urge you to work closely with the state government and agencies regarding funding for specific projects.

The American economy needs significant support from the government in order to recover. The Senate and House of Representatives are both working on this legislation now, and I will keep Maryland's special needs in mind as we finalize these bills. The goal is to get economic recovery legislation to President Obama for his signature by mid-February.

Reply To:

509 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-2004  
(202) 224-4524  
[www.cardin.senate.gov](http://www.cardin.senate.gov)

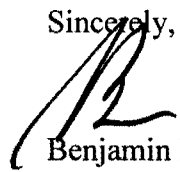
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Reply To:

Tower 1 Suite 1710  
100 S. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 962-4436

I look forward to enactment of this critical legislation and to working with you to put America back on a path of economic growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Cardin', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator

BLC:sk

**NEWS RELEASE****For Immediate Release**

February 9, 2009

**Contact: Tom Grant**

TGrant@AdventistHealthCare.com

301-315-3356

## **Adventist HealthCare Files with State for Long-Planned Clarksburg Hospital to Meet Health Needs of Growing Region**

*After Years of Work with Montgomery County and Local Residents, Health Provider Now Seeks State Approval for Hospital as Part of Larger Medical Campus*

**Rockville, Md.** – Adventist HealthCare announced today it has filed a Letter of Intent with the Maryland Health Care Commission to build its long-planned hospital and medical campus in Clarksburg to expand access to health care for residents in the fastest growing part of the region.

“Our proposal for a comprehensive health-care campus in Clarksburg, including a hospital and other related uses, continues to be the best plan for meeting the needs of residents in upper Montgomery County and lower Frederick County,” said William G. “Bill” Robertson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Adventist HealthCare. “It is the right hospital project, in the right location, moving forward in the right way.”

The 60-acre Cabin Branch site, located at Interstate 270 and Route 121 in Clarksburg, will include a 100-bed hospital, a skilled nursing-care center, medical offices, outpatient treatment facilities, a day care center and other related uses. The campus has received all major land-use approvals from the county, including traffic and environmental approvals, with a final site plan to be filed later this year. In 2008, Adventist HealthCare announced that with most major land-use approvals in place, the organization would file this year for state regulatory approval.

The Clarksburg community and various property owners have been working with Adventist HealthCare for several years to assure that the medical campus fits in seamlessly with planned residential and commercial growth.

“We appreciate the opportunity to have worked with Adventist HealthCare to come up with a plan that is thoughtfully integrated with the residential community,” said Kathie Hulley, President of the Clarksburg Civic Association. “The health-care campus will serve as the anchor for the future of Clarksburg.”

The property also allows room for future growth and adjoins a 30-acre area reserved for senior housing tied to the hospital.

“For a number of years we have worked with the Montgomery County Government and local residents to

plan for this state-of-the-art hospital and to make sure it is properly located to best meet the needs of the region,” Robertson said. “We now look forward to working with the Maryland Health Care Commission to gain its approval for a hospital that will improve access to health care and have minimal impact on Montgomery County’s existing health-care resources.”

Adventist HealthCare intends to develop the project in a collaborative manner with other health-care providers. The organization has had numerous meetings with several potential health-care partners and those discussions will continue as work is done on a Certificate of Need (CON).

Adventist HealthCare’s Clarksburg plan is a continuation of its longtime commitment to improving access to health-care services in upper Montgomery County that began with the opening of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in 1979. Since then, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, along with the help of the community and state legislators, opened the Germantown Emergency Center in 2006, which has increased access to emergency medical care for residents. And last year, the hospital opened two clinics in Germantown – a health clinic for the uninsured and a prenatal center for uninsured women.

“Adventist HealthCare is an organization that continually seeks to expand access to care, by being both proactive and collaborating with the community,” said Randy Scritchfield, an upcounty business owner and community leader. “This new campus is perfectly situated to meet the growing demands of upper Montgomery County.”

Also, Washington Adventist Hospital has moved forward with the relocation of its facility to the White Oak/Calverton area of Montgomery County by filing a Letter of Intent with the Maryland Health Care Commission.

As part of its Vision for Expanded Access, the hospital announced in 2005 that it would relocate from its current campus, which is too congested, difficult to access and unable to provide physicians with the facilities they need. In 2007, the hospital announced it had purchased a 48-acre parcel of land off Plum Orchard Drive and Cherry Hill Road.

The hospital, which has already received all county approvals for its relocation, will create a Village of Health and Well-being on the current Takoma Park campus once the hospital relocates.

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***Adventist HealthCare**, an integrated, health-care delivery organization based in Rockville, Maryland, is one of the largest employers in the state of Maryland. The mission of Adventist HealthCare is to demonstrate God’s care by improving the health of people and communities through a ministry of physical, mental and spiritual healing. Adventist HealthCare includes Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Washington Adventist Hospital, Adventist HealthCare Behavioral Health Services, Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland, Adventist Senior Living Services, Hackettstown Regional Medical Center, Adventist Home Health Services, the Reginald S. Lourie Center for Infants and Young Children, and LifeWork Strategies. For more information, visit [www.AdventistHealthCare.com](http://www.AdventistHealthCare.com).*

# KEYSTONE<sub>REI</sub>

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February 9, 2009

Mayor Katz and City Council  
City of Gaithersburg  
31 South Summit Avenue  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877-2098

Re: Retreat Comments

Dear Mayor Katz and City Council Members:

I attended the retreat on Saturday to get a better understanding of how the City's fiscal condition would affect the City's priorities and strategies for 2009. I was particularly interested in the discussions related to the City's plans for the revitalization of Olde Towne and the 355 corridor because this is an area where I have invested much of my time and money over the last three years in efforts to gain zoning and subdivision approvals to redevelop blighted properties. In 2006 I purchased a blighted apartment community and contracted to purchase others for redevelopment. As a result of my investment of time and money into this area I consider myself to be very well informed.

Below, I would like to share with you some of my thoughts on the redevelopment of Olde Towne.

- It appears that some of you think that once the Wye site, the Freedman Building and the Archstone/E. Diamond Avenue project are completed that the work is done. These projects are just the beginning. These projects by themselves will do little to revitalize the area and rebuild the City's coffers. It will take a much bigger critical mass of housing units and square footage of office space to rebuild this blighted area.
- We need to acknowledge that although many affectionately refer to the City as the #1 city in the nation there are no real estate developers, investors or lenders that share this affection. Other municipalities provide financial incentives to stimulate investment and lending for community rebuilding projects in blighted areas and the City needs to provide a similar incentive package to effect the redevelopment of this area.
- We need to be realistic about the chances that Olde Towne is going to be a preferred location for major employers or spec office building construction. We also need to be realistic about the benefits to accrue to the City from the Enterprise Zone designation which primary purpose is to subsidize/stimulate

employment and office building development projects. The Enterprise Zone is not going to be a panacea.

- Because the City has a housing based redevelopment strategy for Olde Towne the City needs to provide similar financial incentives found in the Enterprise Zone for housing redevelopment projects and make the financial incentives available to all developers to jump start the construction of new medium-high density housing. Why does the City support a policy to abate real estate taxes for commercial redevelopment projects but not housing redevelopment projects? (I disagree with the suggestion made at the retreat that there should be separate side deals with each developer. I thought practices like this went out with the last Council.)
- Why are you not considering the benefit that would accrue by putting public facilities like the senior center into this area? We need to put uses like the Senior Center in Olde Towne to bring visitors into Olde Towne on a daily basis. Hour of operations of the Senior Center are outside the peak periods when traffic is at its worse so this is another good reason to locate the Senior Center in Olde Towne.
- The imposition of 15% affordable housing on the new housing projects in this area should be delayed into the future. These housing projects will still have an affordable housing requirement, it will just not be imposed until after the redevelopment of this area is completed. Be reasonable, there is no shortage of affordable housing in this area and no more is needed at this time.
- We need to plan for most of the density that will support the revitalization of Olde Towne to be constructed in the 355 corridor outside of the core of Olde Towne but within walking distance to Olde Towne. The limitations of the downtown road network dictates this and also suggest that the revitalization of the core of Olde Towne should be done in a manner that preserves the historic character of the downtown by maintaining and improving some of the existing buildings and replacing others with lower density uses that don't bring more congestion to the roads in downtown in the peak periods. Therefore the Enterprise Zone needs to be expanded to include the 355 corridor. The downtown could become a very cool "Place" but Greg and Tony need to be giving the tools to make it happen.
- We need to replace the retail space included in the projects currently planned for Olde Towne with office space or public use space, like the Senior Center. The three proposed revitalization projects in Olde Towne for the Fishman Building site, the Wye site and E. Diamond Avenue site include 60,000 square feet of new retail space. How is Olde Towne going to support this additional 60,000 square feet of retail? These three projects cannot support this new retail space let alone the existing retail, shops, bars and restaurants.

The previous Mayor and Council didn't put much thought into what was happening in Olde Towne. Their neglect and failed leadership let this area of the City deteriorate into the blighted conditions that exist today. Looking forward, hopefully, this Mayor and Council will not duplicate mistakes of the past and instead will take a leadership role to adopt a well thought out implementation plan that is feasible and that allows the City to effect the future revitalization of Olde Towne instead of leaving it to happenstance. If you make good decisions now the downtown can be rebuilt to become a very cool "Place" to live, work, shop and visit, and become an economic engine of the City.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to attend the retreat and for your consideration of my comments.

Best regards,

  
Rich Koch  
Managing Member

Angel Jones  
Tony Tomasello  
Greg Ossont  
Sonya Burke, The Town Courier  
Patricia Murret, The Gazette

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1131 Main Street  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

February 2, 2009

Mayor and City Council  
City of Gaithersburg  
31 South Summit Avenue  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Attn: Honorable Mayor Sidney A. Katz

Re: City of Gaithersburg Environmental Committee Vacancy

Dear Mayor:

I am writing to inform you of my interest in filling the vacancy on the City of Gaithersburg Environmental Affairs Committee. As a resident of the City of Gaithersburg and an environmentally conscious professional, I have a personal interest in how the City approaches environmental concerns and applies such policies. I am a registered landscape architect in Maryland and urban planner with Rodgers Consulting, Incorporated. While at Rodgers I have served as the lead planner and landscape architect for the Watkins Mill Town Center and the Spectrum at Watkins Mill projects; as well as a support role for Crown Farm. Accordingly, my knowledge of Gaithersburg is quite extensive.

I believe that the combination of professional practice, academic experience, and personal interest will make me a valuable member and asset to the Environmental Affairs Committee. I have enclosed my resume for your review. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully yours,

  
Luis F. González

**Luis Fernando González, RLA, ASLA**  
**lgonzalez@rodgers.com ■ 240.912.2176**  
**1131 Main Street ■ Gaithersburg ■ Maryland 20878**

**Objective:** to become a valuable member of the City of Gaithersburg Environmental Committee and help advise the Mayor and City Council on environmental matters and recommend sustainable solutions for community concerns.

**Education:**

December 2001 BLA, University of Maryland, College Park  
Summer 2001 **Study Abroad**, Sustainable Futures Program, Instituto de Monteverde, Costa Rica. Created scenario plans for two towns; developed a community center master plan for a coop farm; translated and deciphered Costa Rican land and water regulations; presented design ideas at community forums; and interacted and worked with architecture students and local community members.  
Spring 2000 **Assistantship**, University of Maryland, College Park  
*Assisted Prof. Margarita Hill, ASLA with sabbatical proposal translation and case study organization.*

**Work Experience:**

November 04-Present **Senior Planner/Associate**, Rodgers Consulting, Inc., Germantown, MD  
*Lead urban planner/landscape architect responsible for developing, reviewing, and submitting conceptual, preliminary, and detailed site and landscape plans; creating design guidelines; producing exhibits for hearings and marketing; coordinating designs between consultants; and interacting with clients and local agencies. Specializing in new urbanism, transit oriented, and mixed-use design.*

January 03 – Nov. 04 **Site Planner**, Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., Greenbelt, MD  
*Responsible for developing and submitting conceptual, preliminary, detailed site plans, type I & II tree conservation plans, tree protection plans, and street tree & lighting plans; producing color renderings; landscape plans for residential, commercial, and public sector work; bioretention & SWM landscape plans; grading plans; residential and commercial site planning; designing playground and recreational areas; developing details; conducting landscape and grading inspections; and interacting with clients, contractors, and local government officials.*

April 02 – January 03 **Land Designer / Project Coordinator**, STV Incorporated, Baltimore, MD  
*Responsible for developing feasibility studies, tracking projects from design concept to construction documents; coordinating work between engineer, landscape architect, and architect; developing site plans and landscape plans; creating and rendering illustrative plans; comprising plans commencement packages; writing correspondence letters; conducting landscape inspections; and interacting with clients and local government officials*

2000 & 2001 **Teacher's Assistant**, University of Maryland, College Park  
*Assisted LARC489A – Digital Fundamentals professor with the teaching of Adobe Illustrator, Adobe PhotoShop, and Adobe PageMaker.*

2000-2001 **Paid Internship**, W.R. Love, Inc., Golf Course Architecture, College Park, MD  
*Translated documents; drew base maps; drafted and rendered plans; compiled reports; and created project sheets.*

**Special Skills:**

**Maryland Registered Landscape Architect**  
**Fluent in Spanish**  
**Proficient in:** PhotoShop & AutoCAD 2008; **Practiced in:** SketchUp & InDesign

**Professional Associations:** American Society of Landscape Architects; Urban Land Institute

**Publications:** "A Recipe for a Great Street." ASLA Urban Planning and Design Professional Practice Network News - May 2008.

**From:** [Michele Potter](#)  
**To:** [Doris Stokes](#); [Marjie Eyer](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Robertson Park Staff  
**Date:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 5:12:17 PM

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**From:** Lila Paig  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 5:08 PM  
**To:** Michele Potter; Tim Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Robertson Park Staff

Michele and Smitty- Just wanted to forward on a letter for the "Kudos" board! It is from one of the parents of a GYC member. VERY nice letter!

I also got another letter in the mail today for the "kudos" board. It was from Manna Food Center thanking the GYC at Robertson Park for the \$100 they raised during their bake sale which we sent to Manna in December to help feed the homeless. I'll put it on the board :)

**Lila Paig**  
Community Facility Director  
City of Gaithersburg, Youth Services  
301-258-6350  
[www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov)

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**From:** Aseye Aboagye [mailto:[ronosister@yahoo.com](mailto:ronosister@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2009 3:55 PM  
**To:** Lila Paig  
**Subject:** Robertson Park Staff

Dear Lila,  
My name is Aseye Aboagye and my son, Kwasi Aboagye, regularly goes to the Robertson Park after school. He attends Ridgeview Middle School.

I have been very impressed with the staff of the Robertson Park. They are very organized and consistent. They treat the children with respect and provide many forms of entertainment for them. I am very, very impressed with the help they receive with their homework. Kwasi gets his homework done before I pick him up at 5pm each day. There are times I have to request for him to leave a particular homework so I can assist him. It is true that he makes the effort first to do this, but your staff at Robertson Park have greatly influenced him.

I have seen your staff at work and they are very friendly and respectful to the kids. I have, on occasion, asked some members of the staff to give me updates on my

child. There were times too that I specified that he should participate in some programs like the GYC Council. I receive updates as to whether he attends these programs. These may not seem important to some, but the attitudes and responsibilities of the staff are greatly admired. I have talked with some parents whose children go to the Robertson Park (we are all one big family as our kids play together and attend school together). They have also expressed the same sentiments.

Your staff are doing such a great job helping our kids with their education and their growth as a whole. Please share this with your staff and let them know that I appreciate their work and efforts and our kids are very lucky to have them as their counselors.

Thank you

Aseye Aboagye



THE HISTORY  
OF  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
MARYLAND,

FROM ITS

Earliest Settlement in 1650 to 1879:

THE EARLY LAND GRANTS.—BY WHOM PATENTED.—THEIR ORDER OF  
SETTLEMENT AND PRESENT OWNERS.—LOCAL AND GENERAL  
EVENTS.—LEADING INCIDENTS.—PRINCIPAL TOWNS,  
VILLAGES, &c.—ITS SOIL, PRODUCTS, AND  
INDUSTRIES. ALSO,

SKETCHES OF THE PROMINENT MEN OF THE COUNTY.

DIRECTORY

OF POST OFFICES, MERCHANTS, MANUFACTURERS, PROFESSORS,  
FARMERS, TOBACCO PLANTERS, MECHANICS, MILLS,  
COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, AND CHURCHES.

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROMINENT BUSINESS HOUSES  
OF WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN.

COMPILED AND ARRANGED FROM AUTHENTIC SOURCES,

BY

T. H. S. BOYD.

CLARKSBURG, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.

1879:

**FOUR CORNERS,**

Two miles from Silver Springs. Land productive and worth from twenty to fifty dollars per acre. Wheat, Corn, and Hay are the staple productions. Methodist Episcopal Church (South), and Public School. Population, 125.

*Postmaster.*

Grimes, Robert

*Blacksmith.*

Taylor, B.

*Carpenters.*

Berry, John  
Chrismond, Robert  
Reynolds, Gussaway

*Merchandise.*

Manatee, Wm. E.

*Millers.*

Bond, James H.  
Bond, James L.

*Shoemakers.*

Grimes, Robert  
Lancaster, John W.

*Farmers.*

Adams, C.  
Barnes, Henry A.  
Barnes, William  
Bayley, Stephen  
Beall, George N.  
Boorman, Robert  
Bowie, Henry  
Cadle, William  
Chrismond, Robert

Clark, Bailey

Clark, E.

Clark, Henry

Clark, James

Clark, Levin

Clark, Oliver

Clark, O. H. P.

Clark, William

Fee, William

Fee, William, Jr.

Gittings, William, Sr.

Grimes, William M.

Hardesty, Thomas G.

Hopkins, Joseph

Jackson, Jasper M.

Joy, Columbus

Lindsay, Opie H.

Mackmahon, Michael

Moran, Andrew

Ogdon, Leonard

Ogdon, Wm. J.

Olin, Hon. A. B.

Owings, James

Parker, James

Patten, L. P.

Reed, William

Shaw, Charles H.

Vermillion, John H.

**GAITHERSBURG,**

Twenty-one miles from Washington, on the Metropolitan Branch, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. This place was incorporated by the last Legislature and is rapidly improving. The land principally is in a fine state of cultivation, and is valued in price from fifteen to one hundred dollars per acre, and produces 40 to 50 bushels of Wheat, 60 of Corn, two tons of Hay, and 1500 pounds of Tobacco to the acre. Two Churches—Methodist Episcopal, South, and Roman Catholic. Town Hall and Public School. Population, 200.

*Postmaster.*

Ward, H. C.

*Agent Railroad.*

Poole, S.

*Blacksmiths.*

Duvall, C. F.  
Easton, Giles  
Gloyd, Samuel

*Carpenters.*

Beckwith, Greenbury  
Beckwith, Waters

*Merchants.*

Belt, John H.  
Owen, T. J.  
Ward & Fulks.

*Millers.*

Lemon, George  
Trail, Burton  
Watkins, Levi

*Physician.*

Etohison, E. E.

*Shoemaker.*

Cooms, William

*Farmers.*

Briggs, Gideon  
Briggs, James M. N.  
Briggs, John  
Briggs, Robert  
Briggs, Samuel  
Briggs, Thomas  
Calvin, Timothy  
Chandle, J. W.  
Clagette, James H.  
Clagette, John H.  
Clements, Lemuel  
Clopper, D.  
Codwise, B. R.

Cook, Nathan  
Cook, Wm. H.  
Cooke, Mrs. E.  
Cooke, Wm. J.  
Crown, H. J.  
Day, Jacob  
Day, Washington  
Dessellum, John T.  
Diamond, J. B.  
Diamond, Mrs. S. J.  
Dorsey, R. G.  
Fulks, Wm. R.  
Gaither, James B.  
Gaither, W. R.  
Hutton, W. R.  
Jones, L. C.  
Meesne, C. G.  
Meesne, O. C.  
Mills, Richard  
Reed, William  
Ricketts, Isaac  
Selby, Allen  
Selby, John T.  
Small, John  
Suter, Thomas R.  
Thompson, F. H.  
Thompson, John  
Thompson, Joseph  
Tscheffely, F. H.  
Wade, John W.  
Wade, William  
Walker, G. E.  
Walker, J. W.  
Walker, N. J.  
Whalen, Martin  
Woodward, R.

**GERMANTOWN,**

Twenty-seven miles from Washington, on the Metropolitan Branch, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Good land and excellent water; valued at from ten to fifty dollars per acre. The soil is kind, yielding productively of Wheat, Corn, Oats, Potatoes, Tobacco, and Hay.

The village is located about one mile from the Station; contains two Churches—Methodist Episcopal and Baptist, and Public School. Quite an extensive business is carried on at the Station in Fertilizers and Agricultural Implements; also, in the Manufacture of Carriages, Buggies, &c. Population, 100.

*Postmaster.*

Thomas N. Henderson.

*Agent.*

Gassaway, John H.