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The Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, will conduct a public hearing on Concept Site Plan SP-8415-2020 on

**MONDAY  
AUGUST 3, 2020  
AT 7:30 P.M.**

or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard virtually by teleconference online and phone.

The applicant requests approval of Concept Site Plan, SP-8415-2020, located at 10 and 14 East Deer Park Drive. The application proposes to convert an existing residential building into a crematorium-viewing parlor and minor site improvements for the Devol Funeral Home at 10 East Deer Park Drive.

Further information may be obtained from the Planning and Code Administration Department at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by visiting the City's website at:

**<https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city>**.

Jasmine Forbes, Planner  
**[planning@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:planning@gaithersburgmd.gov)**  
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**Jasmine Forbes**

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**From:** Jud Ashman  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2020 2:00 PM  
**To:** Jim McNulty; CityHall External Mail; Doris Stokes; Jasmine Forbes  
**Cc:** Thomas Lonergan  
**Subject:** Re: Opposition to crematorium

Thanks, Jim. We'll add it to our record.  
- Jud

Jud Ashman  
Mayor, Gaithersburg, MD  
Founder & Chair, Gaithersburg Book Festival  
[www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org](http://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org)

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**From:** Jim McNulty <flyersindc@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2020 1:27:12 PM  
**To:** CityHall External Mail  
**Cc:** Jud Ashman; Thomas Lonergan  
**Subject:** Opposition to crematorium

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Honorable Council members:

Please accept this email in opposition to the proposed crematorium. Approval would significantly detract from the quality of life enjoyed by the surrounding neighborhoods and would impact both property values and the property tax income received by the city.

As the Chair of the Olde Towne Advisory Committee, I urge the City to reject the request.

Sincerely,  
Jim McNulty  
Chair, Olde Towne Advisory Committee

Sent from my iPhone

**Jasmine Forbes**

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** 'K Musau'  
**Subject:** RE: Plan to permit a crematorium on Deer Park?!

Good Morning,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan application SP-8415-2020. Your correspondence will be included in the public record. The applicant is requesting approval to expand the services for the existing DeVol Funeral Home at 10 East Deer Park Drive. The application proposes converting an existing single-family house at 14 East Deer Park Drive to a funeral home, which includes viewing parlors and an associated crematorium. Information about the application can be found on the City's project page: <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city/10-and-14-east-deer-park-drive>.

If you wish to participate in the public hearing, please visit the City's virtual meeting page at <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/virtual-meeting-information>

Regards,  
Jasmine Forbes



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**From:** K Musau <c.musau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2020 10:07 PM  
**To:** Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>  
**Subject:** Plan to permit a crematorium on Deer Park?!

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Hi Jasmine,

Word has been going round that there are plans to authorize the installation/addition of a crematorium on E Deer Park. I believe this is an addition to the funeral home on the corner of S 355 and E Deer Park.

Should this be true I am absolutely against this plan and I would like this email to serve as my formal dispute against the plan.

Please verify and please indicate who is submitting the proposal and who is even entertaining to have bodies burned in a residential area. This shouldn't even be considered! Where is the exhaust of burning bodies expected to go?...what are you all thinking??

It should be noted that everyone in my sub division is absolutely against the plan - let me know what steps we need to take to make sure the community's voice is heard. This must be shut down.

Regards,

Kyalo M  
Board member - Summit Hall Reserve

**Jasmine Forbes**

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 10:06 AM  
**To:** 'Michelle Bautista'  
**Subject:** RE: Strongly oppose to crematory parlor permit request (DeVol Home) on E. Deer Park and 355

Good Morning,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan application SP-8415-2020. Your correspondence will be included in the public record for this application. To participate during the public hearing, make sure that you have registered on the City's virtual meeting page at <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/virtual-meeting-information>

Regards,  
Jasmine Forbes



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**From:** Michelle Bautista <marymichelle.bautista@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2020 5:59 PM  
**To:** Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>  
**Subject:** Strongly oppose to crematory parlor permit request (DeVol Home) on E. Deer Park and 355

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Ms. Forbes,

I live in a residential neighborhood, a few steps away from DeVol Funeral Home. In unity with my neighbors, I'd like to offer a written statement opposing the funeral home on E. Deer Park and Frederick Ave being given a permit to convert a residential home to a "crematory parlor". This is a densely residential neighborhood and having a crematory where bodies are incinerated and exhaust disbursed is troubling and a health hazard to residents and nearby schools. Burning bodies should be zoned in an industrial zone. I strongly oppose the permit request for a crematory parlor, and urge Gaithersburg City Council should vote this permit down and start incentivizing positive growth on 355.

Please count this email as a vocal opposition for SP-8415-2020. I plan to attend the hearing online on Monday the 3rd.

Thank you,  
Mary Eveleigh

## Jasmine Forbes

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** 'wilfried schwoll'  
**Subject:** RE: Devol Funeral Home

Good Morning,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan application SP-8415-2020. Your correspondence will be included in the public record for this application. If you wish to participate in the public hearing, please visit the City's virtual meeting page at <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/virtual-meeting-information>

Regards,  
Jasmine Forbes



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**From:** wilfried schwoll <wschwoll@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 1, 2020 5:55 PM  
**To:** MCC Services <mccservices@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>  
**Subject:** Devol Funeral Home

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Dear Gaithersburg City Government,

I was shocked when I learned today that our neighbor, DeVol Funeral Home is proposing to build an incinerator next to their current funeral home site. My wife and I are totally opposed to the idea.

First, we have great concerns about the poised chemicals that will be generated through the process of corpse cremation. Besides Mercury, it could also form dioxins and furans that could cause skin problems and even cancer for people living in this neighborhood. Furthermore, the smoke and odor from burning will be very unpleasant for the area.

Second, having a crematorium in a highly residential area will definitely bring a negative impact on the housing market. Any buyer will have concerns. I believe you will too! We need to keep and bring decent residents to improve or hold the high school standard.

Being residents of a city that character counts, we would love to feel proud when we tell people where we live, not the sorrowful reaction.

Please do not grant the permit for a crematorium in the Deer Park area!

Sincerely,  
W. Schwoll and the family