

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Jasmine Forbes
Subject: RE: add to the DeVol record

From: Jud Ashman
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:17:17 AM
To: Doris Stokes
Cc: Mayor and Council; Dennis Enslinger; Lynn Board
Subject: add to the DeVol record

Hi Doris,

Someone tweeted this link to (at) me. Can you have the content from the page added to the record on DeVol?
<http://nocrematorium.com/>

Thanks!
- Jud

Jud Ashman
Mayor, Gaithersburg, MD
Founder & Chair, Gaithersburg Book Festival
www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org

NO CREMATORIUM IN GAITHERSBURG MD DeVol has a Toxic Plan for our Gaithersburg Community



DeVol Cemetery is not playing fair with its neighbors. They are pushing hard and fast to build a crematorium on E Deer Park Road near our homes, parks, and schools. This toxic plan will affect our community by spreading dangerous toxins and lowering property values. We need to stand strong together to stop this toxic plan.



**Opposition emails must be submitted by
September 15, 2020 to the Mayor & City
Council**

Please reference any of the following points in your emails:

1. ZONING

- Crematoriums are an Industrial Use in Montgomery County and have no legal place in a residential neighborhood
- DeVol is located in Gaithersburg's Commercial-Development (CD) Zone. A CD Zone is intended to enhance resident's lives. Does a Toxic DeVol Crematorium in your residential area enhance your life?
- Tell the Mayor & Council that we do not want a crematorium – blowing the ashes of dead bodies – near our homes, DuVall Park, and schools.

2. DEVOL IS NOT PLAYING FAIR

- DeVol is misrepresenting that cremation is part of a funeral home's operations. This is not true. It is a separately licensed service in Maryland.
- DeVol has testified that there would be a "chimney" for the crematorium. The Stack is not shown on the site plan they submitted. It could be 25 feet high according to other funeral directors!
- "But there's one in Bethesda" they said at the application hearing. Pumphrey Funeral Home's crematorium in Downtown Bethesda is grandfathered from 25+ years ago and would never be approved today.
- Prior to their application, DeVol held no public meetings. They want a bigger parking lot but say there will be no more traffic. They submitted misleading graphics. What else are they hiding?!

3. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Tell the City Council and the Planner "NO" to the toxic DeVol Crematorium application SP-8415-2020.
- Email them NOW before September 15th ! Public Opinion Matters.

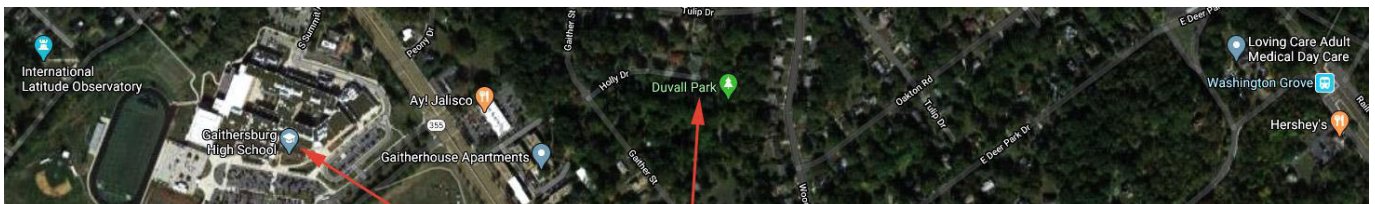




Pumphrey Funeral Home, Bethesda



Proposed Site of DeVol's Crematorium, a former single family home near Duvall park



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Gaithersburg Mayor & Council Meeting: August ...



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CITY COUNCIL

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 5:01 PM
To: 'Robert Durst'
Subject: RE: Support for crematorium

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan application SP-8415-2020. Your correspondence will be included in the Council's record for their consideration. Please note that the Council's record on this application will close on September 16th. For information about the application, please visit the project page: <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city/10-and-14-east-deer-park-drive>.

Regards,
Jasmine Forbes



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From: Robert Durst <robertjdurst@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Support for crematorium

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Mr. Mayor and Others,

I have lived in Gaithersburg over forty years and have been very please with the direction our elected officials and city employees have taken our community. We have a good selection of medical, dental, retail, and other businesses in our community and I would like to see this continue.

Before De Vol built on their current Frederick Avenue location, the site was nothing but a weed and trash cover lot. It now contains a well maintained brick structure and paved parking lot. The business generates little traffic and noise other than what is routinely found on any city street.

My wife and I fully support the addition proposed by De Vol. I see no factual information in fears expressed by those opposed to the crematorium and urge or city officials to approve the project. I have seen other worthy projects abandoned or cancelled because of unfounded fears of uninformed individuals.

Thanks you.

Robert & Loretta Durst
21 Desellum Avenue
Gaithersburg, Md

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 5:04 PM
To: 'Ricardo Garcia'
Subject: RE: "NO" to the proposed DeVol application SP-8415-2020.

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Regards,
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From: Ricardo Garcia <ricardogarcia8994@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Laurie-Anne Sayles <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Neil Harris <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Ryan Spiegel <ryan.spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: "NO" to the proposed DeVol application SP-8415-2020.

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I live in the Deer Park area which is a residential zone. I am concerned that the DeVol crematorium will bring an industrial zone into my neighborhood and will negatively affect the people I care about. I don't want a tall "chimney" emitting smoke and chemicals into the air where thousands of residents live, work, and go to school. This parcel is not zoned for industrial use. I don't want the quality of life here changed by more traffic and smoke. Please reject this proposal.

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 5:08 PM
To: 'richley@onion-switch.com'
Subject: RE: DeVol Crematorium

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ed Richley <richley@onion-switch.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:36 AM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: DeVol Crematorium

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Regarding Application SP-8415-2020 for the expansion of the DeVol Funeral Home and installation of a Crematorium, I wish to express my objection.

This proposed use is inappropriate for that location as it directly adjoins a residential neighborhood. A crematorium is not at all aligned with the intent of the zoning designation of CD for that site.

Furthermore, allowing such a use would be perceived as a threat to all residential neighborhoods along 355. It is difficult to see how this plan has gotten this far along, and the fact that it has is likely what infuriates so many. The optics aren't good. Coupled with the City's stated policy for the East Side that "something is better than nothing", the future looks frightening.

The City of late has taken many actions over the objections of residents of the East Side, and approval of this proposal would just further the appearance of a blatant disregard for our concerns.

Thank you.

Ed Richley
14 Walker Ave.

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 5:10 PM
To: 'Thanh KT Ta'
Subject: RE: NO CREMATORIUM AT E DEER PARK DR

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Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Laurie-Anne Sayles <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Ryan Spiegel <ryan.spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>
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Dear Mayor, City Council and City Planner,

I am writing this letter to strongly against the crematorium will be built in the middle of a residential area.

This will release **POISONOUS CHEMICALS** into the air, including mercury, ash and causing cancer. This will also cause an unhealthy air for the residential area, park and schools nearby. This is an extreme risk to **THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**.

Please take this matter seriously.

Thank you very much for your concern on this serious matter.

Regards,

Thanh TA
204 E. Deer Park Dr.
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