

From: **kevinbean61** <[kevinbean61@gmail.com](mailto:kevinbean61@gmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 7:10 PM  
Subject: Crematorium  
To: <[Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov)>

I live on East Deer Park Drive do not want crematorium or that odor in my neighborhood

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Michelle Betancourt <[Michelle.Betancourt@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:Michelle.Betancourt@gaithersburgmd.gov)>  
Date: 9/1/20 11:04 AM (GMT-05:00)  
To: Jasmine Forbes <[Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov)>, Gregory Mann <[Greg.Mann@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:Greg.Mann@gaithersburgmd.gov)>  
Cc: Doris Stokes <[Doris.Stokes@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:Doris.Stokes@gaithersburgmd.gov)>  
Subject: Voicemails - DeVol Funeral Home

The attached voicemails were left on the CMO main line. I have provided a summary of all 6 below. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Mai Goggin, 440 Gaither Street, 301-963-9079, [goggingg@aol.com](mailto:goggingg@aol.com)  
All voicemails left were about the proposed crematorium at the DeVol Funeral Home.

Voicemail, August 31, 2020, 10:13 am  
Expressed opposition; voicemail cutoff.

Voicemail, August 31, 2020, 10:14 am  
Called back to express opposition and leave contact information.

Voicemail, August 31, 2020, 10:26 am  
Voicemail left for Council Member Harris – expressed opposition. Stated that information provided by the applicant did not answer her concerns regarding toxins. Mentioned the possible health effects in future years. Stated that non-English speaking residents may not be aware of this project.

Voicemail, August 31, 2020, 10:37 am  
Voicemail left for Council Member Wu – repeated the information above.

Voicemail, August 31, 2020, 10:44 am  
Voicemail left for Council Vice President Sayles – repeated the information above.

Voicemail, August 31, 2020, 10:49 am  
Voicemail left for Council Member Spiegel – repeated the information above.

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**From:** Mark Adams <[meadams109@gmail.com](mailto:meadams109@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:29 AM  
**To:** Jud Ashman  
**Subject:** NO CREMATORIUM

Mayor Ashman

THIS IS ABSURD!!!

I will sell my home and move out of Gaithersburg if this happens.

- Crematoriums are an Industrial Use in Montgomery County and have no legal place in a residential neighborhood
- We do not want a crematorium – blowing the ashes of dead bodies – near our homes, parks, and schools.
- DeVol has testified that there would be a “chimney” for the crematorium. It’s not shown on the site plan they submitted. It could be 20 feet high according to other funeral directors!
- There is only one other crematorium in Montgomery County, Pumphrey Funeral Home and in Downtown Bethesda. Its zoning is grandfathered from 30 years ago and would never be approved today.
- DeVol is misrepresenting that cremation is part of a funeral home’s operations. This is not true. It is a separately licensed service.
- DeVol has 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?!

Mark Adams  
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**From:** Randy Prebula <[rjggeek@gmail.com](mailto:rjggeek@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:28 PM  
**To:** Jud Ashman  
**Subject:** Concern and Questions regarding DeVol Funeral Home Crematorium Application

Dear Mayor Ashman,

I am certain that you have received many e-mails stridently insisting that you and the City Council deny the pending DeVol Funeral Home Crematorium Application. Without resorting to scare tactics or copying words provided by others, I want to express instead my request that the City Council and the applicant provide more information to describe publicly the controls they are required to implement to protect my neighborhood. Absent such clarity, safety concerns can be augmented and used to foment anger.

If the applicant cannot provide such information, I urge you and the Council to delay any action on their application. A continuance is warranted when insufficient information has been provided to the Council and impacted residents. We trust our local government to act transparently and without favoritism. Please do not act so quickly as to ignore your constituents.

Regards,

Randy Prebula  
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Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
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From: **WANDA WELLS** <[wrwells5@comcast.net](mailto:wrwells5@comcast.net)>

Date: Wed, Sep 2, 2020 at 7:25 AM

Subject: Vote No to Devol Funeral Home Crematory

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Gaithersburg Councilmembers,

PLEASE do not approve the crematory at Devol Funeral Home. As residents of the East Deer Park community for over 40 years, there appears to be declining interest in a thriving Old Town development - we feel this!

Mostly though, we are very concerned as to whether a crematory is a fair and just use of the property for the community, given the intentions of the zoning laws.

Also, please consider the health and well-being of the Gaithersburg residents.

Please vote no.

Thank you for your consideration,

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