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#### FEBRUARY PREVIEW

Join us at our meeting on February 8th, when we will have **Neil Greenberg**, **COO of Somerset Construction**, the developer of **Greenleigh** (formerly Greenleigh at Crossroads). Explore the site plan with us as he provides an overview of what's already been accomplished and learn about current plans for new residential construction, plus ongoing efforts to attract a major grocery store on the Rt. 43 corridor.

#### JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

John Peters, Director of Operations and Construction, Retail Division of Cordish Companies, discussed the current state of and future plans for the Carroll Island Shopping Ctr. There are plans in the works to improve the lighting and enhance the cameras. They have also been in contact with an an architect to create some renderings to improve the store frontage of the center. Much of this hinges on whether Walmart is willing to sign a long term (20 yr.) lease. Currently they have signed a 5 year extension to 2027. He spoke about not wanting Walmart to move to Aviation Station and explained how difficult it is to work with them. They have made offers to add 30.000-40.000 sq.ft, on to the existing Walmart, which would involve razing the bank and the abandoned house for additional parking but Walmart doesn't want to pay for the additional sq. ft. of retail space. On a very positive note, Cordish is in discussions with a small independent grocery store to move into what used to be the Goodwill site. John Vontran, Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development, spoke briefly about the Commercial Revitalization District encompassing Eastern Ave from Rt 43 and down Carroll Island Rd to BQ Rd. and what tools it offers to businesses within that area. He introduced David Birkenthal who explained the CRAG Program (Commercial Revitalization and Growth), the type of CRAG Projects, and the funding and tax incentives available to those interested. Maria Mougridis, with the Architect on Call Program explained that up to 10 hrs. of artist renderings and preliminary cost estimates would be provided upon request. The Building Improvement Loan Program provides up to a \$60,000 interest free loan and the Commercial Revitalization Tax Credit is being offered to commercial proper-

ties increasing their value over a certain amount. <u>Ainsley Pressl</u> is the Area Planner for BQ.

David Marks— Spoke about his intent for this area. One goal is to revitalize older areas and move development away from BQ. He is working to have publicly owned properties zoned to become open space and is hoping to downzone properties, where possible, to alleviate the risk of development. He praised the BQVFD for their help during and after the January 9,10 storm flooding. Cathy Szeliga and Ryan Nawrocki provided insurance info. and forms for those impacted by the storm. They announced that Cordish has provided them space to open an office in the former Mariner's Bank in the Carroll Island Shopping Ctr. The delegates spoke about concerns they have regarding proposals in the Housing and Real Property Sub-committee; the deficit in the State budget due to the Blueprint for Progress in Education Bill (which also has an impact on County budgets); and the possibility of losing the Air Nation-



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al Guard at Martin State Airport. There was discussion about the employment impact as well as the financial impact to the airport.

<u>Shannon Stallings</u>, BQVFD and Marine Response Chief, provided stats that totaled 1276 responses in 2023, averaging over 98 responses/month, which put them in the top 5 busiest firehouses in Balto. Co. As they look to the long range plans for their move to a new firehouse they are considering a possible lease of their current location by Bethlehem Church on Carroll Island Rd. (**Thank you to Bethlehem Church for providing meals to those working through the January storm**). Also, Cordish is offering

a temporary 12,000 sq ft space in Carroll Island Shopping Ctr. (the former Rite Aid) to serve as a flex space during transition to a new fire station.

#### **Business Meeting**

- The Minutes and Treasurers Report were read and approved. Sue O'Hare pointed out our greatest income generators and expenses.
- Dave Conrad shared important dates: 2030 Master Plan Virtual Meeting- Jan 16; CZMP- Feb 22, 6-9 PM at Perry Hall HS; Capital Improvement Program/Town Hall- March 6 also at Perry Hall HS. Changes start way ahead with zoning, etc. Results are years in the making. If you want to see the future, come to the meetings, they shape our future.
- Joanne Hock reported on Just BQuz— The next visit to our Vets is on Jan 18. Raven's Roost 139 is also pitching in to help with the Coffee for Vets; Check out the 2 events for February; and Our BQ Hall Celebration/85th Anniversary will be May 4th.
- 50/50- Congrats to Sue O'Hare and thank you!!

Thank you to our BQVFD for keeping us safe and informed during the January 9th storm.

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Thursday, February 8, 2024, 5:30pm to 6:45pm
(BQIA General Meeting to Follow @7pm)
Bowleys Quarters Improvement Association
1124 Bowleys Quarters Road, 21220
RSVP to register by 2/5/24, \$5.00, donation per person.
Bring a family member, friend, neighbor!
Email Joanne jnhock@comcast.net or Mimi piles@comcast.net



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#### Watch the Game on Two BIG Screens!

Enjoy Homemade Soup, Chili & Hotdogs, Nachos & Cheese, Popcorn & More!

Bring a Dessert to Share and Your Own Table Snacks

BYOB, Water & Ice Available Reserve Your Tables by 2/5/24

> Games & Raffles! Bring a Friend!

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APG Artillery Concerns For noise complaints, call 410-278-4415.

Marshy Point Nature Center: Programs and more for families and nature buffs. www.marshypoint.org. Report Roadside Litter: Call the Bureau of Highways, 410-887-3560.

Broken glass cleanup or recycle/trash concerns: Call Baltimore Co. Solid Waste 410-887-2000.

Floating Debris Lookout!! :Secure it or mark the location and call 410-887-5683 or DNR at 1-800-628-9944

Essex Middle River Civic Council: 7PM the first Wednesday of every month, Victory Villa Community Hall Baltimore County 5th District Council Office Contact Information: Councilman David Marks' office phone # is 410-887-3384 his email is <a href="mailto:Council5@baltimorecountymd.gov">Council5@baltimorecountymd.gov</a> (preferred for correspondence)

Baltimore County General Info. and Referral Number: 410-887-0000 Find the Office you need!

Baltimore County Zoning: http://myneighborhood.baltimorecountymd.gov/

Martin State Airport Noise Complaints: 410-859-7021 or brineer@bwiairport.com, ANG 410-918-6301

Recreational Water Quality: Health Water Sampling - Baltimore County (baltimorecountymd.gov)

Thank you Sheila and Chris Johnson for opening your building to those in need on January 9th. We are fortunate to have you in BQ!!!





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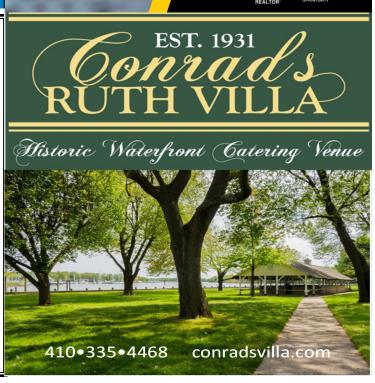
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# BQIA Calendar

Board Of Directors Meetings: 7:00 the First Tuesday of the Month from Sept-June

General Meetings: 7:00PM the Second Thursday of the Month from Sept–June

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\* Denotes date or time change

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
14	12	9	14	11	8	14	11	9	13

Events: May 18- BQIA Community Clean-up and Dumpster Day



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**SPEAKERS:** Direct all speaker suggestions to

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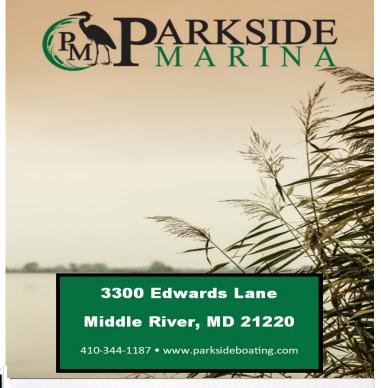
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