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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! It was BQIA's 85th year in existence and what a year it has been! 2023 was filled with lots of development issues; the warehouse facility proposed for the former Bengies Welding site; more Greenleigh at Crossroads residential development (and more has been proposed in 2024); the roller coaster of proposals, approvals and reverses for Lafarge on Earls Rd.; the water and sewer extension to all properties on Earls Rd.; the effort for a park instead of development on the former Crane Power Plant property; the proposal by Sisterhood Agenda for property on Eastern Blvd. and the continuing saga of the development of Aviation Station. All of these called for informed BQIA input and we were grateful for the representatives of

these companies and organizations who spoke at our meetings. Let us not forget how grateful we are to Councilman David Marks for coming to just about every meeting and keeping us informed.

We also had speakers from the Coastal Rural Legacy Area who addressed the growth pressures in our area and efforts to conserve and preserve, as well as representatives from Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, the Maryland Waterways, and Aberdeen Proving Ground who spoke about their efforts to preserve and improve our watershed. Representatives from the Maryland Aviation Administration addressed the noise and air traffic concerns of BQ residents. We heard about the need for community support to address funding for the housing of the Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum and the new BQVFD Fire Station. Thank you to all who can make it to meetings. It makes the visit worthwhile to the speakers. For those who can't, we hope the Dock Line provides you with some of the key points.

Members of the Board provided input at several development meetings both with county representatives and the developers themselves. They brought up key issues to the County related to increased development and pedestrian and traffic safety on Eastern Blvd. and formed committees to address air traffic and noise concerns with Martin Airport and to meet with Cordish representatives to address the state of the Carroll Island Shopping Center. They "manned and womaned" the dumpsters and recycling trucks for our annual BQ Cleanup. They also wrote and submitted a grant to the County that was approved to fund our BQ Hall restoration and renovation.

Just BQuz was busy with healthy offerings of Restorative Yoga and Dinner with a Doctor; its two big events, The Big Game Day Party and the St. Patricks Day Party; The Rosie the Riveter Show and Middle River Concert Band Patriotic Salute added a touch of the Arts; and there were multiple visits to the Perry Point PTSD Veterans with coffee supplies, games, and prizes, as well as adopting families in need from local schools for Christmas. There were Sip and Swaps, House Tours and Tastings from Wines around the World. Just BQUZ is fun!

The BQIA Membership changed this year to incorporate online reminders to be sent to members when it is time to renew. If you joined in Sept, you will get a timely reminder for September renewal. If you joined in January you would get a timely reminder the next year for that month. You can also join and renew on our website <http://www.bqia.org>.

The Dock Line is delivered electronically, it is no longer mailed, although hard copies are available at the back of the building by the puzzle boxes.

Thank you for being a BQIA member. Stay tuned, there's more to come!

JANUARY PREVIEW

An initiative has begun to revitalize the commercial district along Eastern Ave. from Martin State Airport to the intersection of Carroll Island and Bowleys Quarters Rds. Please join us for our first meeting in the New Year, next Thursday, January 11th, 7 PM, to hear about the recently established **Middle River Commercial Revitalization District (CRD)**, and an update on the **Carroll Island Shopping Center**. Joining us will be **John Vontran** from the **Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development**, and **John Peters** of the **Cordish Companies**. We will be very interested to learn about how our neighborhood shopping center can benefit from the CRD, as well as other businesses and property owners along Eastern Avenue.

DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There was a brief business meeting before the festivities began.

- The Treasurer’s Report and Minutes were read and approved.
- Officer Seckens provided the crime report in which most concerns dealt with central Essex. There were questions about an incident in BQ. The body found off of South Seneca Rd. was most likely a homicide that occurred outside of BQ. The police have the suspect.
- Jim spoke about the Greenleigh proposal for more residential development. The current developmental overlay allows for over 9000 residential units. We are hoping to reduce this to close to 3000 and possibly 1500, keeping the development concentrated on the Rt 43 corridor.
- A grant for the new BQ welcome sign will be submitted to Baltimore County in April.
- Five families with a total of 15 children from Chase and Seneca ES had a Christmas blessed by BQ and the Just BQuz group. A big thanks to all who organized, and donated money, shopping and wrapping time.
- Just BQuz also received a letter of appreciation from the VA for their Coffee for Vets initiative.
- The Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) is beginning again. There will be a meeting for the 5th District on December 2. (Information to follow at our January 11th General Meeting)
- Councilman Marks was in attendance with an early Christmas

surprise. He presented **Jim and Joann Hock** with the **5th District Citizen of the Year Award!** A well deserved acknowledgment of our dynamic BQ leadership duo! Congratulations!



- The holiday celebration ensued with food, music, gift wrapping, centerpiece and merry making and an abundance of the Christmas spirit.! Hoping your holiday was merry and bright!
- Speaking of bright, about those purple street lights! No, they’re not in honor of the Ravens, they are defective, contact BGE to have them replaced.

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Essex Middle River Civic Council :7PM the first Wednesday of every month, Victory Villa Community Hall

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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

* 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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