

BOD President's 2021 Annual Meeting Report

June 28, 2021

Each Annual Meeting, I've been reporting on developments and County projects in our vicinity. Some County projects have been delayed or canceled. One has prevailed and is nearing reality.

- Gude Landfill Remediation History since 2009
- When we bought our home in 1985, one of the advertised benefits was a future recreation area nearby
 - We didn't realize it was planned on top of a landfill closed in 1982, just 3 years earlier
 - That didn't actually influence our purchase decision because we were more interested in the location and home plans for the development
- Now, 36 years later, the outlook is bright for completion of a park in the next five years.
- There was a public community meeting on April 8, 2021 sponsored by the County DEP
 - Held virtually using the Microsoft Teams application
 - Emails were sent to all our residents on my distribution, but not many of our homeowners attended.
 - Presentation charts are available on our website and are self-explanatory.
 - The planned amenities:
 - High-Point Lookout for ...
 - Rockville Skyline View,
 - Kite Flying,
 - Bird Watching
 - Children's play area
 - Dog park
 - Disc golf
 - Open Field with bird habitat/ Nesting boxes
 - Educational signage
- Details of the history and engineering studies are also available on our web and on the County's web site

- HOA BOD
 - I want to commend and recognize all of our current Directors and Committees for their dedication to our Community. When I joined the BOD 20 years ago, our main focus was to react to events rather than to control them.
 - We did maintain our few amenities (playground, soccer goals, and baseball backstop) but did not do much more than remove fallen trees and establish necessary contracts.
 - Later (and not because of me) the Board became more proactive
 - **Treasurer Gary Palmer** and **Secretary Barry Wolcott** serve not only as officers of the Board but also as chair and members of the Environs Committee, spending countless hours walking our Common Areas to identify repairs that are needed and enhancements to be considered by the Board
 - **John Redmon** provides his expertise in park and playground development and advises the Board on legal and technical considerations
 - **Art Rawson** uses his interest in gardening to recommend ways to beautify areas in our common areas, such as planting flowerbeds in strategic locations throughout our Community and his accounting experience to help us develop our annual budget
 - **Jack Krakower** uses his experience to provide thoughtful advice and analysis of our planned projects.
 - **Elizabeth Rodezno** and **Vice President Tom Jordan** comprise our Architectural Review Committee chairperson and members and examine every submitted homeowner notice of intent to make architectural modification.
 - **Stephon Collins** is our fountain of knowledge for HOA operations and is our interface to the TMGA team that manages our contracts and finances.