






City of Rockville

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Guerdon Stuckey, Director of Neighborhood and Community Services 

FROM: Dwayne B. Jenkins, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator 

VIA: Christopher Bartlett, Senior Neighborhood Resources Coordinator 

SUBJECT: Follow-up to the Flint Ledge Estates Walking Town Meeting

The following is a list of items brought up during the Flint Ledge Estates Walking Town Meeting that required follow-up along with the responses received from appropriate departments.

### Glenora Park

**Maintenance of the trees in Glenora Park was a concern for residents. Will the City inspect the condition of these trees and provide pruning and/or removal as warranted?**

The City Forester has completed an inspection of the area and removed one tree located behind 7 McCormick Court.

**Can the City remove the fallen branches from a stand of White Pines located adjacent to the bike path?**

The fallen tree limbs have been removed.

**The concern was raised that sports teams and other users of the park often utilize private HOA parking spaces when visiting Glenora Park. What assistance can the City provide to discourage ball field users from parking in these spaces?**

Two signs were installed, one at the main entrance (left side of the street at the first intersection) and another on the side road next to the ball field. The new signs read as follows: "No Parking in Resident or Guest Spaces". In addition, for several years, the Sports Division has been sending a note to the sports teams that use the ball field directing them not to park in the privately owned spaces. This practice will continue.

**Residents are concerned about the high volume of rodent activity in and around their community. Will the City consider contacting a pest management contractor to inspect the stream valley for rodent activity and bait/trap the area if necessary?**

The Department of Recreation and Parks contacted its pest management contractor to inspect the stream valley for the presence of rats. No visible sign of rat infestation was found in the stream valley; however, the contractor placed bait boxes in several locations as a precautionary measure.

### **Storm Water Management**

**Residents are concerned about storm water drainage and erosion problems in and around their community. Can the City evaluate the drainage system in the community to come up with a resolution?**

The Department of Public Works has prepared a drainage study of the area. Based on the results of the study, the design of the drainage structures, which were installed twenty-one (21) years ago, are adequate to convey stormwater runoff. These inlets meet current criteria for capacity. It is the City's opinion that the ponding issues are not caused by the storm drain system design but rather the design and layout of the parking lot which causes water to "sheet flow" across the entire lot thereby contributing to ice formation.

As conveyed at the Walking Town Meeting, the chicken wire attached to storm drain inlets in front of 2447 McCormick Court, was removed to allow for better drainage.

With respect to the community's concern about the erosion problem in the common area adjacent to the tot lot, the City inspected this area and noted that there is no erosion around the drainage structure or in the City's easement. However, there is erosion occurring in the swale area above the structure, which is on HOA property. The vegetation above the storm drain is hindering the flow of water from properly entering the structure. Therefore, the vegetation was removed by the Department of Public Works. Also, the HOA should consider removing the tree located next to the storm drain so that its roots do not cause damage to the structure in the future. Currently, the structure is in good condition.

### **Traffic and Transportation Issues**

**Residents are concerned about vehicular speeding and pedestrian safety along Wootton Parkway, especially near Wootton High School. Are there any traffic calming measures that could be implemented i.e., synchronizing traffic lights, checking speed signage consistency and visibility, etc.?**

The City of Rockville adopted a Traffic Safety Plan, which was adopted by the Wootton Safety Committee. As part of the plan, the following traffic calming measures were put in place near the Wootton High School:

- Speed limit (“flashing beacons”) and indicator signs were installed in both directions in front of the school
- Fines are doubled when the speed limit sign is flashing (during specific times of the day)
- The speed limit was reduced to be 25 MPH at all-time (instead of specific times of the day)
- A new pedestrian traffic signal was installed at Rockshire as well as at the entrance of the school
- A paddle sign was installed at the crosswalk near Paulsboro Drive

Another component of the plan is police enforcement, which will continue to be executed to the best of the Police Department’s ability, given their resources. The last component is the continuous emphasis of outreach to students through the school system and the PTA.

Also under consideration is a plan to change the traffic signage along Wootton Parkway. Pending HOA approval, the Traffic and Transportation Division proposes to replace the sign, “Reduce Speed Ahead”, before Lindley Terrace with an advisory plate, “25 MPH”, to warn motorists of the curve in the roadway. Thus, making the signage for both the Westbound and Eastbound side of Wootton Parkway consistent and less confusing.

**A few low hanging tree limbs along Wootton Parkway have created a sight distance problem for motorists. Will the City trim these tree limbs?**

The Forestry Division will certainly inspect the trees and will trim and prune as necessary.

**Will the City consider installing a bench or bus shelter at the bus stop located at the entrance of Flint Ledge Estates?**

This request was forwarded to Ride-On for action. Unfortunately, Ride-On declined the request citing an insufficient ridership rate to warrant a bench or shelter. The threshold used by Ride-On to determine whether the installation of a bus stop bench is warranted, is a minimum of 10 riders per day. This particular stop averages five (5) riders per day.

### **Curb Cuts and Sidewalks**

**Will the City repair the tripping hazards along the sidewalk on McCormick Road?**

Staff from the Department of Public Works inspected the sidewalks along McCormick Road and as of July 16, 2004 all trip hazards were repaired.

**When will the City install curb cuts in the sidewalk near the entrance of the parking lot off the cul-de-sac on the townhouse side of the development?**

City staff from the Contract Management Division of Public Works met with representatives from the homeowners association to determine the exact locations for the curb cuts. It is anticipated that the new curb cuts will be completed this fall.

### **Refuse and Recycling**

**The townhouse side of the community raised the concern that their yard waste is not being picked up on a regular basis. Concerns were also raised that their recyclables are not being consistently pick-up. When this happens, whom should the residents call?**

The refuse crews have been instructed to take all yard waste that has been properly prepared for pick-up. Residents should use the following guidelines to prepare their yard waste for pick-up:

- Grass cuttings should be placed in biodegradable paper lawn bags or in easily-emptied 32-gallon rigid refuse containers
- Branches/trimmings (less than 6 inches in diameter) should be placed in easily-emptied 32-gallon rigid refuse containers or cut into lengths of not more than 5 feet and organized in bundles not more than 2 feet in diameter and no more than 10 bundles
- All yard waste should be placed at the public right-of-way (curb) and not placed in plastic or paper bags or boxes

All recycling operators have been asked to be sure to follow all rules and regulations, to be extra careful and to examine the area for any articles that should be collected.

In the event that a pick-up is missed or if there are any further concerns regarding refuse and recycling, residents can contact the City's Refuse and Recycling Division at 240-314-8568.