

June 2009

Dear Resident:

As you begin to think about the coming year in the Town, the Town Council encourages you to consider volunteering to serve on a Town Committee. In July, I will appoint, with the advice of the Town Council, nine residents to serve on each of the Town's five standing committees for a period of one year. The terms will begin in September 2009.

Following is a list of the five standing committees, including a short description of each, and the Councilmember who will be serving as the liaison:

- Community Relations: Encourages a strong sense of neighborliness through community activities and communications; Kathy Strom, Council Liaison
- Environment: Promotes the Town as a good steward of its natural resources through innovative environmental initiatives; David Lublin, Council Liaison
- Land Use: Guides building and redevelopment through the use of available planning tools; Linna Barnes, Council Liaison
- Long-Range Planning: Identifies emerging issues that require longer-term planning and analysis; Pat Burda, Council Liaison
- Public Services: Advocates high-quality Town programs and services for our residents; Al Lang, Council Liaison

In addition, we invite residents to serve on the Climate Protection Committee: working to reduce the Town's CO2 emissions; David Lublin, Council Liaison.

If you are interested in volunteering please submit a letter of interest to the Town Office by June 30, 2009. Your correspondence may be submitted by mail or e-mail and should include your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and a few sentences about why you would like to serve on a specific committee.

In addition to the committees, residents are appointed to serve on various boards which include: the Town's Water Board, Election Board, Tree Ordinance Board and Parks and Playgrounds Commission; the Bethesda and Chevy Chase Fire Boards; and the Montgomery County Police Advisory Board, District 1. The length of these appointments varies from one to three years. As these appointments become available, we will include a notice in the FORECAST and on the Town website.

The Town's goal is to involve as many residents as possible in Town affairs, so we hope you will consider applying to serve on a Committee to help lead the Town through another year of challenge and change. We look forward to hearing from you

In closing, the Council would like to extend a special thanks to all of you who served on a committee during the past year. Your time and talents are an invaluable resource for the Town.

Sincerely,

*Kathy Strom*

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Mayor