

County Connection

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Recycle more materials

Not sure what to do with the plastic sand box your children have outgrown? What about that old, broken garbage can?

In the next few months, you will be able to recycle those and other rigid plastic items. (An exact date will be announced this summer.) It's part of an expansion of Carroll County's recycling program.

Residents will be able to drop off their rigid plastics at either the Northern Landfill off Route 140 near Westminster or Hoods Mill Landfill in Woodbine. Rigid plastics will not be picked up curbside. They are only accepted at the landfill drop-off centers.

Last summer, Carroll's recycling program switched to single-stream recycling, which means you no longer need to sort your cans from your plastic and glass.

Future plans include allowing more items in the curbside recycling program. Waste Management - Recycle America is providing \$125,000 over the next five years to expand the program, and the Cycler Robot will be available to educate school children.

County Commissioners made a commitment to expand recycling efforts. In addition, a recycling coordinator should be on board later this summer. To learn more about recycling in Carroll County, call 410-386-2633.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



Photos by the Office of Public Information



County Commissioners (from right) Michael D. Zimmer, Dean L. Minnich and Julia W. Gouge prepare to toss the first shovels full of dirt for the new South Carroll Senior and Community Center in Eldersburg. They are joined by Del. Susan Krebs and Rick Steinberg, chief of the Bureau of Aging. The facility will include a gymnasium.

Program wins national award

When the federal government required counties to track their homeless populations, Carroll County Government took it a step further. Employees discovered they could use the same system to help dozens of human services agencies to work more effectively.

A customized database links 44 agencies so they can share relevant, up-to-date information on the residents they serve and services that are available.

Community ServicePoint, as it is called, has worked so well that the State of Maryland plans to implement a similar program statewide, based on the success in Carroll County.

This month, the county's Department of Citizen Services will be given a National Association of Counties 2008 Achievement Award for the program.

Community ServicePoint provides an accurate count of clients served locally. In addition, agencies can analyze patterns of people getting assistance for bill payments, shelter, and food, among other things.

With Community ServicePoint, Carroll County took a federal mandate and took it far beyond mere compliance. The system has been maximized to help a broader community, centralizing case management, referrals and performance measures.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury among American teenagers, resulting in more than 3,000 deaths per year.
- Distracted driving is multi-tasking when driving. This can include talking on a cell phone, checking e-mail, reading the newspaper, drinking coffee, putting on makeup, adjusting the radio, interacting with other passengers and more.
- Learn ways to avoid distracted driving by visiting www.DriveSafeBaltimore.com

Distracted driving target of educational campaign

You may have heard the radio commercial. A father makes his son unload all his electronics before getting the car keys. At the end, County Commissioner Dean L. Minnich tells listeners not to drive distracted.

It is part of a public education campaign sponsored by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, to which Carroll County belongs. Elected officials from throughout the region decided awareness needed to be raised about the dangers of driving while sending text messages, talking on cell phones, and other distractions.

The campaign focuses on teen drivers and their parents because young drivers are the most at risk when driving with distractions.

In the Baltimore region, distracted driving accounted for more than 500 fatalities and 95,000 injuries during the 10-year period between 1997 and 2006.



Photo by Michael Schwartzberg, Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company

Firefighters demonstrate how they reach a driver as camera crews capture the action during the June 11 kick-off to a campaign to stop distracted driving.

Votes made, actions taken by the Board of County Commissioners in June

JUNE 5

◆ **Airport grant.** Agreed 3-0 to accept grant funds of \$438,750 from the Federal Aviation Administration for the second phase of the Environmental Assessment for the Carroll County Regional Airport.

◆ **Weatherization assistance.** In a 3-0 vote, approved the Weatherization Assistance Grant agreement for fiscal year 2009. Carroll received \$132,761 to assist 37 households that need to make repairs to improve energy efficiency. Funding comes from multiple sources: \$72,690 from U.S. Department of Energy; \$26,656 from consumer fees; \$10,000 from BG&E; \$15,330 from the Maryland Energy Assistance Program; and an additional \$8,085 from the State for administrative expenses.

◆ **Rural Legacy easement.** Approved 3-0 the transfer of \$130,000 into the Agricultural Land Preservation Program from the Patapsco Road Watershed Project to buy a Rural Legacy easement on the Bateman property, which consists of 60.33 acres of land at 2600 Patapsco Road in Finksburg. The purchase price is \$308,760; the remaining \$178,760 will be covered by a grant from the state Rural Legacy Program.

◆ **Zoning.** Voted 3-0 to authorize a change to the County zoning maps to reflect the annexation of properties by the Town of Sykesville due to the relocated intersection of Md. 32 and Warfield Avenue.

◆ **Bid approvals.** On separate 3-0 votes, awarded the following contracts: 1) tree removal services on an as-needed basis to Excel Tree Expert Co. Inc. and Merciers Inc.; 2) \$65,778 to Thomas, Bennett & Hunter to replace or repair existing inlets; and 3) \$128,818.40 to Stambaugh's Inc. for resurfacing and improvement of Farquhar Street in Union Bridge.

JUNE 12

◆ **Animal Control.** Voted 3-0 to sign a memorandum of understanding between the Frederick County and Carroll County Animal Control offices to assist each other in the event of a local disaster or emergency where more animal care and control might be necessary.

◆ **Parking.** Agreed 3-0 to proceed to public hearing with proposed changes to parking space requirements outlined in Chapter 103.

◆ **Farm Museum.** Approved 3-0 the transfer of \$13,373.87 of unallocated general funds to the Farm Museum HVAC project to cover

the electrical work required to support the new equipment.

◆ **Road projects.** Authorized 3-0 the transfer of \$55,000 in unused funds from 2007 road overlays to a fund for cleaning and painting structural steel on bridges.

Bid approvals. On separate 3-0 votes, awarded these contracts:

◆ \$274,000 to K & K Painting and Construction for the cleaning and painting of bridges on Harney, Crouse Mill, Klees Mill, London Bridge, and Niner roads;

◆ \$421,736 to Johnston Construction Co. for upgrades to Pine Hill Wastewater Pump Station;

◆ \$42,890 to Doubletree Structures for the construction of a maintenance/storage building at the Farm Museum;

◆ Skytech Inc. to provide full service Fixed Base Operator functions at the airport;

◆ Carroll Area Transit to provide transportation services including fixed route and demand response services; and

◆ \$47,380 to Southern Corrosion Inc. for repainting and repair of the Bark Hill Water Tank.

◆ **Emergency Shelter Grant.** Approved 3-0 an application from the

Department of Citizen Services for \$50,000 in funds from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to be used for the operation of the Intact Family Shelter. The grant will require matching county funds of \$103,836, county office space of \$5,000, and \$9,000 in matching funds from the City of Westminster; for a total of \$167,836.

◆ **Noxious weeds.** Accepted 3-0 grant funds of \$3,250 from the Maryland Department of Agriculture to provide for control and eradication of noxious weeds.

JUNE 17

◆ **Bid protest.** Voted 3-0 to uphold the decision by the Bureau of Purchasing to deny an appeal from Carroll County Contracting, an unsuccessful bidder for the fencing and gates project at the Northern Landfill.

◆ **Farm Museum.** Awarded 3-0 Oak Grove Restoration Co. a \$28,600 contract to restore the main stairwell in the Almshouse at the Farm Museum.

◆ **Health Department fees.** Commissioner Michael D. Zimmer's motion to approve changes to the Health Department's fee structure died for lack of a second. No vote was taken.

Drivers face off in annual Road-eo competition

Carroll County's own Tim Petry took top honors at last month's Paul A. Croasmun Memorial Truck Road-eo regional competition. The June 19 contest pitted employees

from Frederick City and Frederick, Howard and Carroll counties against each other as they drove snow plows through a timed obstacle course. The annual challenge is sponsored by Carroll County Government's Risk Management office to promote vehicle safety and driving skills.

595. Tim Petry of Fleet Management came in second with 515, and John Hawk Jr. of Roads placed third with 490 points.

In the regional contest, Petry scored 530 for the title. Pete Miller of Howard scored 500, with a time of 4:51. Gary Duvall of Frederick City placed third with 500 points and a time of 5:52.

In the local competition, Herbie Lowe Jr., of the Bureau of Utilities, won with 530 points out of a possible

Michael Winpigler of Frederick City won the back hoe competition. Doug Mossburg of Frederick County placed second.



Photos by Office of Public Information
Carroll County Government competitors in the regional truck road-eo include (clockwise, from right) Herbie Lowe Jr., Tim Petry, and John Hawk Jr. Scores are determined by both precision and speed.



Nominate someone for Commissioners Volunteer Award

If you know someone who devotes countless hours helping other people, nominate him or her for the Board of County Commissioners Volunteer Award.

Formerly the Maryland's Most Beautiful People Award, this program recognizes those individuals who give of themselves

to make Carroll County a great place to live, work and play.

Nominations will be accepted through August 15.

This year's theme is "Volunteers are Priceless," celebrating the tremendous impact volunteers have on our communities. All nominees will be recognized

at an awards ceremony on October 10.

Carroll County has exceptional volunteers who make a difference in the lives of those around them. It may be a neighbor, coworker, or member of your church or club who touches the lives of others without any expectation of recognition.

Nomination forms are available at any Carroll County Public Library branch, any of the five senior and community centers, the County Office Building, the Department of Citizen Services (10 Distillery Drive, Westminster) and online at <http://csgovernment.carr.org/CCCs-volunteers>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless noted otherwise, meetings will be held in the County Office Building at 225 North Center Street, Westminster. All times are subject to change. Check the County's Web site closer to the date of the meeting, or call 410-386-2400.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

10 a.m. Roundtable discussion with Cabinet and allied agencies – Room 003
11 a.m. Board of County Commissioners – Room 311
6:30 p.m. Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board – Room 007

FRIDAY, JULY 4

County offices closed in observance of Independence Day.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

4 p.m. Behavioral Health and Addictions Council – Room 153, Carroll County Health Department, 290 S Center St., Westminster
6:30 p.m. Environmental Advisory Council – Room 003

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

9 a.m. Board of License Commissioners – Room 003
10:30 a.m. Commission on Aging – Bureau of Aging Administrative Conference Room, 125 Stoner Ave., Westminster
3 p.m. Circle of Caring Committee – Human Services Programs Conference Room, 10 Distillery Drive, Westminster
6:30 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission – Room 003

THURSDAY, JULY 10

8 a.m. Plumbing Advisory Board, Baugher's

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Country Restaurant, 289 W. Main St., Westminster
9 a.m. Design and Architectural Review Committee – Room 205
9:30 a.m. Open community discussion with Commissioners – Room 311
10 a.m. Board of County Commissioners – Room 311
2 p.m. Board of County Commissioners' quarterly meeting with Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association – Room 311

MONDAY, JULY 14

6:30 p.m. Carroll County Farm Museum Board of Governors – George Grier Meeting Room, Carroll County Farm Museum, 500 S. Center St., Westminster

TUESDAY, JULY 15

8 a.m. Department of Social Services Board, DSS Conference Room, 10 Distillery Drive, Westminster
9 a.m. Planning and Zoning Commission – Room 003

THURSDAY, JULY 17

10 a.m. Roundtable discussion with Cabinet and allied agencies – Room 003
11 a.m. Board of County Commissioners – Room 311

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

7:30 a.m. Industrial Development Authority – Room 105
7:30 p.m. Recreation & Parks Advisory Board – Room 003

THURSDAY, JULY 24

7:30 a.m. Economic Development Commission – Room 105
9:30 a.m. Open community discussion with Commissioners – Room 311
10 a.m. Board of County Commissioners – Room 311
10 a.m. Public hearing: Parking space requirements – Room 311

MONDAY, JULY 28

9 a.m. Technical Review Committee – Room 003
6 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission – Room 003

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

4 p.m. Water Resource Coordination Council – Room 105

THURSDAY, JULY 31

10 a.m. Roundtable discussion with Cabinet and allied agencies – Room 003
1:30 p.m. Board of County Commissioners – Room 311

Carroll celebrates national Recreation & Parks month

Since 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association has designated July as Recreation and Parks Month.

To help celebrate and recognize the importance of recreation and parks, the Board of County Commissioners signed an official proclamation declaring July as Recreation and Parks Month in Carroll County.

On Tuesday, July 29, they will hold a grand opening for the new Double Pipe Creek Park on Middleburg Road in Detour. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

July is often used to celebrate the kick-off of summer programming, as well as to pull communities together to volunteer, get involved in outdoor activities and advocate for parks and recreation.

The Department of Recreation and Parks recognizes the vital contributions of employees and volunteers throughout the county who assist public parks and recreation facilities. These dedicated supporters keep parks clean and safe, provide educational programming, advocate and raise funds for improvements.

For more information or to view a calendar of events, visit <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/recreation>.

Vision

Carroll County offers a safe environment in which all its residents may live, work, and play. The rural character of our county is preserved through measures that protect our natural and cultural resources, minimize future residential sprawl, and save farmland. Carroll County is enriched by sustainable agriculture and agribusiness as well as responsible, productive business and industry that offer family-wage jobs and employ the county's skilled workforce.

Mission statement

The mission of Carroll County Government is to provide excellent, efficient service to our residents in a courteous, friendly manner. We conduct business openly. We encourage each resident to play a role in keeping Carroll County a great place to live, to work, and to play.



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