



FREDERICK

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

NAC 3 Meeting
Minutes
3 April 2023

Lead: David Giles, NAC 3 President
Recorder: Jenifer Rodriguez, NAC 3 Coordinator
Location: Monocacy Elementary School
Start Time: 7:02 pm **End Time:** 8:05pm
Attendance: 13 residents in-person, 4 residents virtual, 2 NAC coordinators, Lauren Paulet (City of Frederick, Community Engagement Specialist), Cpl. Geiser of FPD, Paul Varga (Frederick County Division of Solid Waste & Recycling, Communications Manager), and Alderman Shackelford virtual

POLICE REPORT:

Cpl. Geiser, Patrol Supervisor (Data 2/1/23-4/2/23)

Crime Trends / Major Incidents	
1. Commercial Burglaries	1. (2/3 and 2/15) Two commercial burglaries occurred at the same location in two different suites, at 161 Thomas Johnson Drive. Both suites were dentist offices, and entry was forced. Blank checks and cash were stolen from both offices. Possibly the same suspect, and possibly employee or client.
2. Theft from Motor Vehicles	2. (2/13) 143 Fieldstone Court, Laptop stolen (3/4) 95 Burnside Court, Work items stolen (4/1) 1014 Saxton Drive, Firearm Stolen (No signs of forced entry, unlocked)
3. Motor Vehicle Theft	3. (3/22) 1750 Northside Drive, attempted vehicle theft of Kia Soul. Window was broken out and ignition/steering column was damaged. Vehicle batteries were dead, so thief was unsuccessful.
4. Catalytic Converter Theft	4. (4/2) 1831 Meadowgrove Lane, Catalytic Converter stolen during overnight hours, parked on street.
5. Additional Notes **	5. Two incidents of reported firearm discharges were reported, but no evidence located of an illegal firearms discharge.
6. Christophers Crossing Traffic Concerns Update	6. Speed Camera installation was approved, and is in the works
Statistics	
Calls for service	883
Traffic stops	80
Arrests	8
Patrol checks	183
Traffic collisions	11
Municipal infractions	0

At the last meeting there were questions about Christopher's Crossing traffic, especially at the crosswalks. Since then, FPD has done more proactive trafficking. It is difficult to run radar on this street since there is nowhere to hide, and they cannot spend all day there. FPD spoke to Dave Golden regarding the issue. It turns out the City did not do everything they were supposed to, to make the crosswalks stand out. Additionally, it has been approved for a speed camera in the crosswalk area. Until the camera is installed City Traffic Engineering will not be considering additional improvements. The police will continue to monitor the area even after the camera is placed.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- One resident was concerned that the speed camera that will be placed on Christopher's Crossing may not work in the evening areas, where speeding tends to be worse. The response was that speed cameras work in the evening as well as daytime.
- A resident was concerned that a speed camera would only deter speeding near the camera and that they would speed up after passing it. The response is that it can happen but they will continue to monitor the area. From speed signs that have been placed in the past, the average speed was 29 in the 25 area. It is a tricky area since it is right off the freeway and cars make it into the neighborhoods realizing the area is residential.
- A couple resident requested that proactive enforcement occur during school hours, especially at Christopher's Crossing & Wheeler area since there are lots of children crossing the road to make it to the bus stop. **Resident will provide more information to Lauren Paulet to look into the issue.**
- A resident asked where the catalytic converters go after being stolen. The answer is that in the past they would be taken to recycling centers for cash. But a few years precautions and restrictions were set in place at recycling centers, including providing an ID and they saw theft go down. It is unsure if they are ending up there again or not. However, whenever a suspect is developed, police can search pawn items in the region and metal recycling facilities are tied into it and they can see if the person sold the converters there. Cpl. Geiser noted that when a catalytic converter is cut out, it is very loud. Also, when the car is turned on the driver would notice immediately if it is missing. Residents are encouraged to park their vehicles as close to their homes as possible and in highly-visible areas.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Minutes from February 6, 2023 were approved with no changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frederick County Division of Solid Waste & Recycling – Paul Varga, Communications Manager

The basics: There are 86,000 blue recycle bins for at-home recycling in Frederick County, spread among 10 zones which have their own collection days alternating weeks. Recycling collection is a big operation--the contracted collectors take in 400 carts per zone per day. The County has had tech advances in creating an app to help with recycling and website, Facebook page, Instagram and other social media accounts to inform residents through lightheartedness.

From curb to landfill or recycling center: Trash is collected by City of Frederick, and Frederick County contracts for Recycling. Initially both trash and recycling go to the same place, the transfer station. Chute 1 is for trash, and Chute 2 is for recyclables. Trash is sent to a landfill near Chambersburg, PA. It is shipped out of Frederick because here there is only one landfill that is uncapped and would fill up in three weeks, which would then result in a land management issue. Also, the process to get a landfill permit is very difficult and requires a lot of infrastructure, including lining and pumps. There is no current plan to create an additional landfill in Frederick County.

Recyclables go toward Elkridge to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Air blows the paper into one area. Magnets suck up the metals in a different direction, and glass goes another way. It is almost completely automated, with a small human element to take out bags and other things that should not be sorted. All recycled items become commodities to resell, remade and to be recycled again. All items that are recyclable are via contract only. Only things that have buyers are recycled, giving the middlemen exactly what they want because it is a more sustainable program.

Taken does not mean accepted. Sometimes a bin is taken by the collectors at the curb, but the items are not accepted by the MRF. Frederick County is charged for things that get in the recycle bin that shouldn't be there. Some things that are not accepted include shredded paper, plastic shopping bags, greasy pizza boxes, yard waste, and food wrappers. Some items, such as meal kit plastics, are marked as recyclable but should not be recycled since it will be misread at the MFR.

Residents are not expected to recycle perfectly, but to do their best.

Website: <https://frederickcountymd.gov/5634/Solid-Waste-and-Recycling>

App: <https://recyclecoach.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FrederickRecycles>

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- A resident asked about bin tagging. The answer is that if a blue bin gets tagged, it is a friendly reminder to make better choices. It may be tagged if it was placed out after 6am, had noticeable pizza boxes, or other reasons. The reason to tag is to lower the contamination rate, which is currently at 10 percent.
- A resident asked a latch system would be considered for the especially windy days. The answer is that the County would like to implement this in the future, but it is still down the road. The best thing to do is to check the app, which includes protocols. For now, taping is the best option. Create a lip and put it on the top of the bin.
- A resident asked why the bins are collected manually rather than with the electric arm. The answer is that it is not the best option now is not contract specified. The last time it was used was in 2016 and may return one day.
- A resident asked why shredded paper is not accepted. The answer is that at the MRF, it gets caught in the gears and ineffectively recovered. It was suggested to call a bank to see if there is a shred day. Composting was another way to get rid of it. The City of Frederick has two free City recycle days, one in the spring and one in the summer where people can shred their documents and likely can bring already shredded documents.
- A resident asked if there was a way to tell which bin belongs to whom as they sometimes get mixed up due to the wind. The answer is that a resident can call in, and they can look up the number to see which address the bin is leased to. The numbers are printed on each bin and either start with 35, 65, or 90 depending on how many gallons it is. It is suggested that residents mark their bin with mailbox stickers or similar label. Bins are leased to a specific property, not a particular person, and should not be transferred if moving to a new residence.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- They are rezoning the farmland by Winpenny off of Yellow Springs Road. This will be addressed at the next City-wide Planning meeting.
- The budget for the City of Frederick for 2024 is available online to review.
- The budget for Frederick County will be having a budget meeting on April 25th at 6pm at Winchester Hall for public comment.

- We are looking for additional NAC 3 Coordinators. If you are interested, please reach out to a NAC 3 coordinator or Lauren Paulet, Community Engagement Specialist.

SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS / MISC:

- If you have a suggestion of a guest presenter from the City, County or local community or an issue that should be addressed, fill out the [online form](#), send an email, or let a NAC coordinator know.
- It was suggested to have someone from the family shelter on Hayward Rd, and someone from Impact Club attend a future meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 5, 2023 | 7pm | Next NAC 3 Meeting @ American Legion (1450 Taney Ave, Frederick)

April 11, 2023 | 4:30-5:30pm | Ad Hoc Neighborhood Engagement & NAC Committee Meeting @ At City Hall (101 N Court St) & [Virtual](#)

April 17, 2023 | 6-8pm | City-wide Planning Division Community Outreach Meeting @ City Hall (101 N Court St, Frederick) & Virtual. [Subscribe](#) to planning agenda to know which projects will be discussed at each meeting. For more information about the projects, review the [Development Database](#).

April 29, 2023 | 10am-3pm | Children’s Festival @ Baker Park

May 19, 2023 | 6-8:30 AM | Frederick Bike to Work Day – Starts at the corner of S East St and All Saints St (where the MARC station is). More info [here](#).

May 19, 2023 | 6-8:30PM | Take Back the Night - Heartly House is hosting this rally at the JFK Theater of FCC to serve as a supportive and empowering space for all survivors of power-based violence, and their allies. You can register [here](#).

NAC CONTACT INFORMATION:

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