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BQA Announces New Board Members!

BUSINESS Queen Anne's President, Mareen Waterman, is proud to announce the addition of three new board members who were voted in at the January 27th board meeting.



Barry Griffith with Lane Engineering has over 25 years experience in community and land planning and has a comprehensive understanding of the development issues and regulations impacting his clients on the Eastern Shore. Prior to joining Lane Engineering in 2000 Barry worked for the Queen Anne's County Department of Planning and Zoning, last serving as the Deputy Director of Planning. He has also served as the Assistant Planning Officer for the Talbot County Department of Planning and Zoning and as a planner for the Cayman Islands government. In addition he has previous private sector experience working as a planning consultant for clients throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Barry has a Master of Science in Planning from the University of Tennessee and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Barry manages Lane Engineering's Centreville office and has been the Principal-in-Charge of most of the Company's Queen Anne's County projects. Lane Engineering also has offices in Easton and Cambridge. It's easy to see why Barry will be such a great asset to our organization!



Steve Donovan founded Title One & Associates, Inc., in Annapolis in 1997. Title One provides land title abstracts (Full, 2-owner, current owner searches & rundowns, etc.), courthouse research, copies, recording & filing services

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(foreclosure, deeds, mortgages, releases, etc) for **10** Maryland Counties (Anne Arundel, Charles, Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester (All Maryland Eastern Shore). Steve also serves on the Queen Anne's County Economic Development Commission. His desire to be actively involved in his community is something we look for in a new board member!

Colby Garrett is the owner of CM Garrett, Inc., a dump truck and mechanical service in Stevensville, MD and is a fairly new BQA member. He specializes in Rip Rap which is used for bridge abutments, pilings and other shoreline armor, streambeds structures against scour, water or ice erosion. Understanding our County's shoreline is knowledge that will surely be utilized as a BQA board member!

The mission of BUSINESS Queen Anne's is to actively advocate sound economic growth; review proposed state and local legislation and regulations as they pertain to business; provide an objective assessment of proposed development in Queen Anne's County and its incorporated towns; endorse and support countywide growth that is well managed and consistent with adopted state and local planning and regulatory guidelines, comprehensive plans, and state and local initiatives; create positive and constructive relationships on behalf of the business community with our elected and appointed officials; and support business activity that promotes and encourages a vibrant economy, development of an adequate labor pool, a fiscally responsible and accountable county government, and a continued unique quality of life in Queen Anne's County.

The board members assisting President Maren Waterman (Coldwell Banker Waterman Realty) with BUSINESS Queen Anne's mission are Vice President, Nick Deoudes (Deoudes-Magafan Realty, Inc.), Karen Oertel (Harris Crab House) Tim Champion (Champion Improvements Inc.), Al Helfenbein (Helfenbein Insurance Agency), Bob Wilson (Mears Point Marina), Cheryl Russell (Delmarva Power), Camille O'Donnell (O'Donnell Properties) plus the three new board members, and Administrator Sandra Early.

For more information on BUSINESS Queen Anne's, please visit www.businessqueenannes.com or call 410-643-6288.

Four Seasons Back in the News

According to Judge John W. Sause Jr., the decision by the Maryland Board of Public Works to deny a wetlands license for the Four Season's project was not based on statutes. He has sent the petition for the permit from K. Hovnanian back to the board so they can further evaluate the evidence. According to the Bay Times (Jan 19, 2011), it was the fact that the "Board of Public Works itself has not yet properly evaluated the evidence" is what prevented Judge Sause from granting a reversal without remand.

Judge Sause also reminded the board in his memorandum

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that "personal opinion is not a relevant consideration in the context of issuance of license under the wetlands statute."

This seems to be something that many opponents of this project either don't know or seem to forget. If the laws that allow such a development are not to your liking, then work to change the law. That's the American Way! This company is complying with the laws as they are. Judge Sause said it best when he stated "I believe we're faced with applying the law as it stands now."

BUSINESS Queen Anne's will have more on this project in the months to come...stay tuned!

County Calendar

Planning Commission Meeting

Rezoning Requests Public Hearing will be held on:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M.
AT 160 COURSEVALL DRIVE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
CENTREVILLE MD 21617

Visit the County website for more details on all rezoning requests at:

[http://www.qac.org/default.aspx?
pageid=1228&template=3&PageLevel=2&toplevel=36&cid=44](http://www.qac.org/default.aspx?pageid=1228&template=3&PageLevel=2&toplevel=36&cid=44)

The Comprehensive Water & Sewer Plan

draft will have a public hearing on February 22nd
6:30 PM at the Commissioner's Meeting Room

Task Force on Government Sustainability

This group is tasked with making recommendations to the Commissioners on restructuring operations to ensure long term sustainability while maintaining critical services. Monday meeting schedule is as follows...

**Feb. 7, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 7, March 14 and
March 21 at 7 p.m. at the
Chesapeake Exploration Center in Chester.**

The final recommendation will be presented at the **March 22 meeting** of the Queen Anne's County Commissioners.
The meetings are open to the public.

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