

**Four Season's Presentation by
Senior VP, Mark Stemen &
Community Manager, Patrick McNeally**

On June 26th at the invitation of BQA, Four Seasons Senior VP, Mark Stemen & Community Manager, Patrick McNeally presented information regarding the proposed Active Senior Community on Kent Island and it's potential revenue benefits to Queen Anne's County.

Mr. Stemen reported that presently there are two legal actions pending; an appeal to the State Court of Appeals regarding map questions and another to the Circuit Court regarding the wetlands issue. Mark says that the Circuit Court hearing went well with Judge Sause and he is extremely optimistic about both. He expects to hear something during the first ten days of the month.

Mr. Stemen noted that from January of 2008 until June of 2008, only 22 new home permits have been issued in our county. He explained that the County needs the economic benefits from the Four Season's community right now and negative growth is not healthy.

The board received handouts regarding the fiscal impact of the planned adult community on the county that was conducted by Robert Charles Lesser & Company. It said that "every month that the start of construction at Four Seasons at Kent Island is delayed, Queen Anne's County is losing \$189,000 in fiscal benefits..." It goes on to explain that every month that the project is not completed, county businesses are effectively losing \$2,250,000 due to the projected spending of Four Seasons residents.

There is also a study by the Sage Policy Group that outlines details such as employment supported by the development, business sales, and how much the developer has agreed to contribute to the County. (Over \$40 million plus, "when fully developed, the project will generate an annual emergency service fee of \$113,400.)

Copies of the studies are on file. For more information, please contact Chairman, Mareen Waterman.

***It's Time To Renew Your
Membership Investment!!***

The members of BUSINESS Queen Anne's should have received the following email on July 15th...

Dear Business Queen Anne Members,

In this new age of electronic communication, the BQA Board of Directors has decided to do the yearly membership investment renewals via email!

Please find attached (Page 3 of the newsletter!) a Membership Application/Renewal Form. If you do NOT need to update any of your contact information, then there is no need to send back the form, but it will help you figure your level of dues. (*Your 2008-2009 membership is due by August 15, 2008*)

Feel free to forward the form to your business associates and encourage them to join Business Queen Anne's. With the ever shrinking tax base, there is no better time than the present to be a member. This County needs thriving business NOW MORE THAN EVER !

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Mareen D. Waterman

BQA Chairman



Nicholas J. Deoudes

BQA Vice Chairman

P.S. If you have questions regarding your renewal date or amount, please call our Administrator, Sandra Early at 410-643-6288.

Camille Baca O'Donnell Joins BUSINESS Queen Anne's Board



Business Queen Anne's President, Mareen Waterman, is proud to announce that Camille Baca O'Donnell is a new member of the Board of Directors. "I believe that Camille will be a valuable asset to our board", stated Mr. Waterman. "She has worked with many different organizations and has her finger on the pulse of Queen Anne's County especially in the business arena."

Ms. O'Donnell has lived in Queen Anne's County for over 20 years and is presently a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Waterman Realty.

Camille earned a BA in journalism and a minor in sociology from Northeastern Oklahoma State University and also attended New Mexico State University, Chesapeake College, Anne Arundel Community college and the CU Online University of Colorado at Denver.

The community and civic organizations to which Camille has given her time and talent over the years are numerous. She is one of the three founders of the Maryland Waterman's Monument, and served on the County central committee from 1998 – 2002, just to name a few.

In the 1990's, Camille was chosen as one of the twenty delegates to represent Maryland at the US Small Business Conference in Washington DC.

BUSINESS Queen Anne's became aware of Camille's knowledge of business due to her involvement over the last few years with the builder's group, Citizens for Moderate Growth, aka "Save Our Jobs". She has also made her presence known by attending numerous Commissioner and Planning and Zoning meetings and public hearings.

Camille currently publishes a daily blog about the housing market at: www.qachousingmarket.com. and has designed a new blog for Business Queen Anne's...Coming Soon!!!

Presentation by Chesapeake College CAC Member, Jim Luff

Jim Luff visited the board of BQA at their last board meeting and reported that the fourth CAC meeting would be later that same evening where they would be discussing land use. He reported that they have determined the eight vision components. (Listed in the February Newsletter).

He explained that the 2002 County Comprehensive Plan is very specific about the Chesapeake College area. He also reported that the CAC should be finished by the end of the year but wasn't sure if that meant it would be in front of the Planning Commission, or in front of the Commissioners after the Planning Commission by the end of 2008. He encouraged Business Queen Anne's to clarify with the Commissioners.

Mr. Luff suggested that BQA do what ever we can to get correct information out to the public as it regards to Planning and Zoning. He also advised us to get on the email list to be advised about the meeting dates.

The BQA board appreciated Mr. Luff taking the time to update the board!

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS WHEN PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT!

You may select a sponsorship level rather than choose a level of support based upon number of employees. By becoming a sponsor, your additional commitment to the organization will further support our continued success!

Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

To make certain that member contact information is correct and up to date, please complete the following information form:

Business Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____
Type of Business: _____
Contact Person: _____
Your Name (please print) _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Sponsorship Levels of Membership

GOLD - \$2500
SILVER - \$2000
BRONZE - \$1500
(Circle One)

Annual Membership Investment

\$250 1-10 Employees
\$500 11-25 Employees
\$1,000 26 Employees
and above
(Circle One)

Any questions, please contact Membership Chair Cecile Weich at 410-604-1111

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FYI...

Hunter's Oak Expansion: This project is tabled until the county comprehensive plan is updated which means at least two more years. At that time, the number of overnight lodge rooms allowed as accessory uses to rural country clubs can be addressed.



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Business Queen Anne's Website lately?

A new addition to the BQA website is a link to PDF
copies of the newsletter!

Visit www.businessqueenannes.com today!

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