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Streetscape Update

I would like to take a moment to update everyone on the progress of Phase I of the streetscape plan for Washington Street. This phase includes the improvements on Washington Street from Madison Street to the eastern edge of Town. Centex was required to complete the streetscape in front of their development and as a condition of the re-zoning approval of Haymarket Station, the previous owners of the land proffered to complete the sidewalk, including benches and lamp posts from the edge of their development to Saint Paul Drive. While Centex has made significant progress toward its completion, they are not done and any issues with the construction of this section of streetscape will be addressed prior to their bond release.

While there is no current visible progress on the rest of Phase I, we have been working behind the scenes to get



this Phase moving forward. For what ever reason, in 2002/2003 the project was put on hold prior to the acquisition of easements and right-of-way for the utility relocation. In late 2004 when the Town met with VDOT to get the project moving forward we learned that since the project was put on hold prior to the relocation of the utilities we would have to perform a supplemental UFI (utility field inspection). As a result of the development that had occurred or was underway in Town we needed to have the utilities re-designated and incorporated in the streetscape plans in order to schedule the supplemental UFI.

We have reached the point of beginning the UFI process and are working with Burgess & Niple (our design engineer for the streetscape plan) to set up and complete the UFI. We expect that process to take 3-4 months. Once we have completed the UFI, we will begin the process of "easement and right-of-way acquisitions", which I estimate to be between 3 and 4 months. Upon completion of the right-of-way acquisition, The Town can then begin the relocation of the utilities. I estimate that process to take between 6 and 9 months. Once we get to this point, we will be able to begin accepting bids for the construction phase of this project.

Please, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me @ 703-753-9100 x103 or by email @ bryan@heritagerealtysell.com

TownofHaymarket.Info Website

Although many Residents have received a mailing from a group hosting a "Community Forum" at townofhaymarket.info, that website is neither affiliated, sponsored nor authorized by the Town of Haymarket and does not represent the actions or opinions of the Town Council, Boards or employees.

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Clerk's Corner

HAYMARKET TAX DUE DATES

Business Gross Receipts - April 30, 2006

Declaration of Business Tangible Personal Property - April 30, 2006

Town Tags - April 15, 2006

2006 Town Tags are now available at the Town Hall. The Town Tag fee is \$15.00. To avoid citations from the Haymarket Police Department, tags must be on all vehicles housed in the Town of Haymarket by April 15th. Personal Property Tax bills were mailed on 1/30/06 and must be paid before a Town Tag can be issued. If you did not receive a bill, and believe you should have, please contact the Town Hall and we can check for you.

Website

The Town's website is updated weekly. If you have any information, comments or contributions you would like to see on the website, please don't hesitate to send your remarks to Sherrie at Swilson@townofhaymarket.org. We also like to hear encouraging words about the website as well!! Let us know what you think!

Jennifer Preli - Town Clerk

Sherrie Wilson - Deputy Clerk

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IMPORTANT DATES

April:

03 - Town Council

10 - Planning Commission

18 - Architectural Review Board

May:

01 - Town Council

08 - Planning Commission

16 - Architectural Review Board

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:00

Haymarket Police Dept -

703-753-2700

Prince William Police Dept -

703-792-6500

HAYMARKET MUSEUM

703-753-3712

Hours are Saturdays

10:00 - 3:00

Haymarket Welcomes New Officer: The Police Department has recently hired Ben Ishmael to fill one its vacancies. Officer Ishmael brings several years of experience as a police officer in Stafford County.

HAYMARKET RESIDENTS HAVE THEIR SAY

The Haymarket Planning Commission is thrilled with the number of responses it has received from the 2006 Citizen Survey mailed out in January. A 35% response is a significant return rate for such a lengthy survey. The information contained in the survey will form the foundation of the project now underway to update the town's comprehensive plan. A lot has changed in Haymarket since the last comprehensive plan was written in 1995. Dozens of development projects in and around Haymarket have been completed, are underway, or are on the drawing board. We will be using the input from this survey to refine our plans for the next ten years. We also have been drawing heavily on what we learned in the Haymarket Charrette held May 6-8, 2004.

Here's a sampling of what Haymarket residents are saying:

- Over 80% of Haymarket residents have lived here five years or less
- The number one reason for moving here was to live in a small town
- Over 90% of Haymarket residents are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of life here

While people moved here to enjoy the small town atmosphere of Haymarket, they believe the primary issue facing us right now is the "over-development" in and

around our town. Several different questions asked about growth, and here's what you told us:

- No more houses
- Put in sidewalks from Sheetz to Tyler, Piedmont to Somerset so we can get out of our cars and enjoy a walking town
- Open nice, sit-down restaurants
- Give us a park with a playground for our kids

But nowhere was the over-development concern expressed more clearly than in the dissatisfaction over the local roads. When asked what the most important road improvement for our area would be, improvements to Route 55 topped the list. Some said to widen it, others said to add turn lanes and turn arrows, some asked for more lights, and others suggested re-timing the lights at all local intersections to improve traffic flow. A few people even suggested building a bypass or traffic circles to get traffic out of town completely.

Over the next few months the Planning Commission will be drafting a new comprehensive plan to guide the growth of Haymarket. Our goal is to have a draft ready for public review and comment by July. We will publish additional findings from the survey, as well as answer questions contained in the responses, in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

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HAYMARKET NOTES

ARB Notes

Insider News! How to Get on the Planning Commission or the ARB...

Greetings, fellow Haymarketers! I had the pleasure of compiling some of the Town surveys that we recently received back from you all and the responses were very interesting. All of the results are almost tallied and the Planning Commission and the Mayor will share those results as soon as they are available. However, I wanted to address the responses to a couple of questions on the survey dealing with serving on the Town Council, the Planning Commission (PC), or the Architectural Review Board (ARB). Only a few of the persons returning the survey indicated that they knew how to become part of any of these governing bodies in town. Others thought that all the positions were appointed or voted, or that it was just a "good ole boy" network. Actually, getting on one of these boards is by two of these three methods, either by town vote or Council appointment.

To be on the Town Council, you must be selected by the town's voting residents during

the general elections. If a vacancy opens between elections, the Council can appoint someone to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term (this happened in my case). However, once the term is up, that individual must run for re-election (which I plan to do). Obviously, becoming a member of the Council involves the most rigorous process since the responsibilities are great, and since the Council members answer directly to us, the town's citizens. Remember, this is an election year for the Council and the Mayor. Please come out to vote on May 2nd! The other two boards, the Planning Commission and the ARB, are by appointment by the Council.

To be considered, you should first check your schedule to see if you can devote the time to serve on either board. Besides the meetings, there is outside work in accomplishing the duties of each board. These are working boards. If you have the time, make a quick call to Town Hall, 703-753-2600, to verify if a vacancy exists on either board. If so, I would encourage you to call the chairperson of the board you are interested in and get any

questions answered. Then submit a short "resume" to the Clerk's office detailing your desire to be a member of the PC or ARB, what experience you could bring, and any contact information.

What happens next? Each board chairperson and the Town Council will receive a copy of your request. The PC or ARB chairperson will then make a recommendation to the Council, which will then vote on your request. If selected, you'll be sworn in to serve at the earliest opportunity.

Why serve? It's a great way to contribute to the development of your town and the best way to keep up on the happenings within Haymarket. Consider it; it may be just what you're looking to do! Don't hesitate to contact me through the official Haymarket government website at www.townofhaymarket.org if you have any questions. Thanks for your time!

John Cole, Councilman and ARB Chairman

Planning Commission Notes

Route 55/15 Intersection

As a result of negotiations between the engineers for the Market Center project, Quarles and the Town of Haymarket, significant improvements at the intersection of Routes 55 and 15 will be accomplished prior to the opening of the proposed retail establishments on the Quarles property.

Although improvements were required as a proffer condition of rezoning application granted by Prince William County, those improvements did not address several traffic and safety concerns of the Town Council.

As a portion of the intersection lies within the

Haymarket limits, Market Center was obligated to present their plans to the Town for review and approval. The Town Council took advantage of the review process to address those concerns and obtain several improvements to both the intersection and that portion of Route 55 west of the Foster's buildings.

The proposed improvements include dedicated through lanes both east and westbound from the intersection; dedicated left turn and stacking lanes for safe access to the existing and proposed retail establishments along Route 55; and redesigned ramps both from northbound 15 to eastbound 55 and from westbound 55 to Northbound 15 and the I-66 entrance ramp.

The approved master plan also includes bicycle lanes to and across Route 15; a continuation of the streetscape on the north side of the Route 55 to the intersection and pedestrian access across Route 15, connecting with bicycle and pedestrian trails on the other side.

The construction of these improvements and the resignalization of the stoplights are to be financed by the developers of the Quarles and Market Center projects at no cost to the town.

Bob Weir, Councilman and Planning Commission Liaison

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From The Mayor's Desk

With the passing of Nancy Bailey, the Town of Haymarket bids farewell to one of its most dedicated public servants.

A long time resident of Haymarket, Nancy had served several terms as a member of both the Town Council and the Planning Commission, beginning in 1992 and serving as the Chair of the Planning Commission as late as last year.

Nancy, always in attendance and prompt at her meetings, was very intelligent and knew the code book better than anyone in the town. She had attended special conferences on understanding the code sections and residents, Council members and the Planning Commission were still calling her for advice after she stepped aside following her illness.

As giving to charity as with her time to the town, Nancy was a unique individual whose service will be dearly missed.

Pam Stutz, Mayor

Historical Commission

I received a phone call from one of Haymarket's prominent families the "Jordan's". Mrs Jordan asked if the Museum would be interested in an Oak desk from the Old Bank in town as well as several portraits of Mr. Jordan's grandfather who served the town in many ways.

When Mark Joyner and I went to her home in Manassas to pick up the items, Mrs. Jordan also gave us several articles written by Mr. Gilliss about the town and several other historic documents, including a real treasure, an oil painting of St. Paul's church.

As Mrs Jordan is selling her two story home and moving into a one story home., she wanted to ensure everything she had relating to Haymarket came back to the town for all to see and enjoy.

I will be sending her a formal Thank You letter as well as copy of Sarah's book. She knew Sarah and her family very well and will enjoy reading the book.

Michelle Neal-Heard

