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A Letter from the President...

Happy New Year to BQA Members!

2010 was a busy year for Business Queen Anne's and we feel that BQA actively represented business interests in our County. Our year long ad campaign helped to convince many that Growth is not a bad word, and that Growth doesn't have to be uncontrolled. We feel our campaign was a major help in electing some reasonable thinking Commissioners. Now that the new Commissioners have been sworn in, we are cautiously optimistic about 2011. We will be reaching out to the Commissioners on a regular basis and hope that they will not hesitate to connect with us as well.

So here's what we need from YOU, our members...please let us know what topics interest you or cause concern for you looking forward. Already we've heard from a member regarding South Kent Island Water and Sewer. This is a difficult subject, but one that the County can no longer ignore. There is significant pollution of the Bay, and a very real Public Health threat. We will stay informed and try to inform the public. There are vocal opponents of sewer and water and they will continue to exaggerate the development which may occur, while denying there's a problem. "My septic works fine - that green water in the ditch won't hurt anyone." How many times have you heard that, or

Your BQA Board!

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something similar?

How about the Wye Mills project? The latest information that has been floating around is that the land is still zoned agricultural and is up for sale. Our hope has been that this project would be re-examined by the incoming Commissioners.

The new Commissioners have a lot of studying to do to get up to speed, but we know they intend to hit the ground running. They've already been examining the budget; asking departments to supply info and looking for areas to tweak. We need to offer support in what will be a difficult time for all those who govern.

Finally, as mentioned in the December Newsletter, we have slots to fill on our board. In the next week or two, present board members will be reaching out to members to find out who might consider serving. Are you interested in the state of business here in Queen Anne's County? Will you commit to giving a few hours every month to a board meeting and follow up work? Maybe an extra hour every month to attend a County meeting? Do you have any time or area of expertise that you feel would benefit BQA and in turn, the businesses of this County? If so, please contact me at mareenwaterman@mrisc.com

Thank you for your continued involvement and support!

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BQA President

County Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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WINTER WEATHER UPDATE AND ADVISORY

CENTREVILLE-Three or more inches is the new normal for

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Queen Anne's County snow removal.

Now that winter is here, the Queen Anne's County Department of Public Works reminds county residents of the limited snow removal efforts now in effect. These policies were put into place because of reduced state Highway User Revenues to the county and will continue through June 30, 2011.

Snow removal will be greatly reduced, shifting from an "all out" approach to a more limited approach. Priority will be given to main arterial roads, with a secondary effort on community roads. Snow removal will be limited to storms resulting in three or more inches of accumulated snowfall and the use of de-icing products will be minimized.

If possible, residents are advised to rearrange travel plans when winter weather is forecast. Heavy snow accumulations will take longer for county crews to clear from local roadways.

Residents are reminded that mailboxes and private property damages within the county right-of-way will not be repaired and county transfer stations may be operating on the same closure schedule as county schools during and after snow events.

For more information about transfer station operating hours during winter storms or to find out more details about the county's snow removal policy, call the Department of Public Works, 410-758-0920.