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**Lynda Thomas**

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**From:** Margie Houck  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** Lynda Thomas  
**Subject:** FW: Bay Bridge Project Information

Please put in book

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**From:** Todd Mohn  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 8:35 AM  
**To:** DG\_Commissioners and Administrator <qaccommissionersandadministrator@qac.org>  
**Cc:** Steve Cohoon <SCohoon@qac.org>; Alan Quimby <AQuimby@qac.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Bay Bridge Project Information

Commissioners,

Below is a brief update from MDTA Chief Engineer Will Pines concerning ongoing maintenance projects on the Bay Bridge.

Margie, Please add this email to the next CC book as an informational item.

-Todd.

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**From:** William Pines <[wpines@mdta.state.md.us](mailto:wpines@mdta.state.md.us)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 12:23 PM  
**To:** Todd Mohn <[TMohn@qac.org](mailto:TMohn@qac.org)>  
**Cc:** Jim Ports <[jports@mdta.state.md.us](mailto:jports@mdta.state.md.us)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bay Bridge Project Information

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Hey Todd,

I hope you and your team are staying healthy. Jim alerted me of your request for some info on the ongoing joint work, as part of the Westbound Bay Bridge Deck Rehabilitation, and also on the automated lane closure system. Below is a short summary:

WB Joint work:

- Replacing 2 to 3 joints at a time to replace the 22 joints in the contract for Lanes 2 & 3 (note Lane 1 at these 22 joint locations was completed with the closure for the overlay work),
- The scope of work includes removal of the existing joint concrete and header, plating over of the joint after removal is complete, removal of the plating each day to continue the joint repair, installation of a new steel joint header, installation of joint concrete, and installation of the joint seal.
- Work will continue through the Summer and Fall 2020, is anticipated to stop during the Winter 2020/2021 due to anticipated conflicts between the plating and snow plow operations, and will resume after winter with completion anticipated by Fall 2021, and
- In addition to the joint work, the contract also includes replacement of overhead signals, steel rail posts, deck sealing, and miscellaneous repairs.

Automated Lane Closure System (ALCS):

- Work on the Eastern Shore is underway on the ALCS,
- The system is anticipated to go live in Summer 2022 to control the Kent Island side crossover, after all testing and integration is complete,
- Videos with conceptual renderings of the Eastern Shore ALCS are available at: <https://mdta.sharefile.com/d-s7aa23f111e64169b>.
- The procurement of the Western Shore ALCS is anticipated to advertise this Fall 2020, is anticipated to start mid-2021, and is anticipated to complete in 2023, pending a successful procurement. The Western Shore ALCS will control the crossover near the area of the original toll plaza.
- The Western Shore contract will also include the remaining work to finalize the final AET configuration, like removing the toll booth islands, roadway resurfacing, etc.

Finally, consistent with the Bay Bridge LCCA

([https://mdta.maryland.gov/sites/default/files/Files/blogs/Bay\\_Bridge\\_LCCA\\_Report\\_12-2015.pdf](https://mdta.maryland.gov/sites/default/files/Files/blogs/Bay_Bridge_LCCA_Report_12-2015.pdf)), we continue to perform the necessary maintenance on the twin structures. In addition to the above contracts, bridge maintenance and preservation continues in numerous ongoing contracts, such as painting, structural repairs, suspension span rehabilitation, 5K feeder line replacement, etc.

Let me know if you have further questions. Thanks!



**William N. Pines, PE**

Chief Engineer

Maryland Transportation Authority

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**Maryland**  
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**SENT VIA E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

The Honorable James J. Moran, President  
Queen Anne's County Commissioners  
107 North Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

**COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**  
**JUN 9 '20 AM 8:51**

Dear President Moran:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Department has received an air quality Permit to Construct application from a company located in your jurisdiction. The Department has required the applicant to publish the enclosed notice at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in the legal section of a daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation in the geographical area in which the proposed installation will be located. The notice provides the following information about the permit application.

Applicant:	Chesapeake Cremation Center, LLC
Proposal:	Installation of a Matthews Environmental Solutions IEB-32-5S Pet Crematory
Location:	808 Main Street Stevensville, MD 21666

The Department must receive written requests for an informational meeting no later than 10 working days after the date the second notice appears in the newspaper. Requests for an informational meeting should be submitted via email to Ms. Shannon Heafey at [shannon.heafey@maryland.gov](mailto:shannon.heafey@maryland.gov). Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Heafey by email at [shannon.heafey@maryland.gov](mailto:shannon.heafey@maryland.gov) or by phone at (410) 537-4433. The Department expects the applicant to begin to publish the required notices shortly, but you need not wait for the notice to be published to request a meeting should you so desire. Your participation in this proceeding is welcome.

Sincerely,  
*/S/*  
Angelo Bianca, Deputy Director  
Air and Radiation Administration

AB/jm

Enclosure

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
AIR AND RADIATION ADMINISTRATION**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND  
OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration (ARA) received a permit-to-construct application from Chesapeake Cremation Center, LLC on December 31, 2019 for the installation of a Matthews Environmental Solutions IEB-32-5S Pet Crematory. The proposed installation will be located at 808 Main Street, Stevensville, MD 21666.

The application and other supporting documents are available for public inspection on the Department's website. Look for Docket # 01-20 at the following link:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Permits/AirManagementPermits/Pages/index.aspx>

Pursuant to the Environment Article, Section 1-603, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Department will hold an informational meeting to discuss the application and the permit review process if the Department receives a written request for a meeting within 10 working days from the date of the second publication of this notice. All requests for an informational meeting should be emailed to Ms. Shannon Heafey at [shannon.heafey@maryland.gov](mailto:shannon.heafey@maryland.gov).

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Shannon Heafey by email at [shannon.heafey@maryland.gov](mailto:shannon.heafey@maryland.gov) or by phone at (410) 537-4433.

George S. Aburn, Jr., Director  
Air and Radiation Administration



# Maryland

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June 8, 2020

President of the Commission  
Queen Anne's Commission  
107 N. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
JUN 11 '20 PM2:07

RE: Application for Eastern Pre-Release Unit  
State Discharge Permit Application 18DP0764, NPDES Permit MD0023876  
Queen Anne's County

Dear President:

We are aware of your interest in the Eastern Pre-Release Unit and would like you to know that the Department has made a tentative determination on the discharge permit application. A copy of the notice is enclosed for your convenience. A written request must be received in order to acquire future notifications about this permit application.

If you have any questions or require additional information on this permit, please contact me at (410) 537-3363.

Sincerely,

*Yen-Der Cheng/cw*

Yen-Der Cheng, Chief  
Municipal Permits Division  
Wastewater Permits Program  
Water and Science Administration

Enclosure

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED AND TENTATIVE DETERMINATION**

**Queen Anne's County**

**Application for State Discharge Permit 18DP0764, NPDES Permit MD0023876:**

Maryland Environmental Service, 259 Najoles Road, Millersville, Maryland, 21108, has applied for a permit renewal for Eastern Pre-Release Unit Wastewater Treatment Plant to discharge treated wastewater from 0.02 million gallons per day (mgd) and increase to 0.04 mgd due to an upgrade from a lagoon to an Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) system, located at 700 Flat Iron Square Road, Queen Anne's County, Church Hill, Maryland 21623, to Unnamed Tributary of Southeast Creek, which is designated Use I waters protected for water contact recreation and non-tidal warm water aquatic life.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is proposing to reissue the discharge permit with the following effluent limitations for the current flow of 0.02 mgd: BOD<sub>5</sub>, 30 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean and 45 mg/l maximum weekly arithmetic mean; Total Suspended Solids, 30 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean and 45 mg/l maximum weekly arithmetic mean; Total Ammonia as N, 2.6 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean and 16.2 mg/l maximum daily arithmetic mean (for May 1 to October 31) and 4.9 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean and 23.9 mg/l maximum daily arithmetic mean (for November 1 to April 30); E. coli, 126 MPN/100ml maximum monthly geometric mean; Dissolved Oxygen, 5.0 mg/l minimum any time; Total Residual Chlorine (TRC), less than 0.01 mg/l (when chlorine containing compounds are used for wastewater treatment); and pH maintained between 6.5 and 8.5.

Once the ENR upgrade is completed the following effluent limitations for the expanded flow of 0.04 mgd shall apply: BOD<sub>5</sub>, 15 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean and 23 mg/l maximum weekly arithmetic mean; Total Suspended Solids, 15 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean, 23 mg/l maximum weekly arithmetic mean and 1,825 lb/year maximum annual loading rate; Total Ammonia as N, 2.2 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean and 16.2 mg/l maximum daily arithmetic mean (for May 1 to October 31) and 4.9 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean and 20.3 mg/l maximum daily arithmetic mean (for November 1 to April 30); Total Nitrogen as N (TN), 1,045 lb/year maximum annual loading rate; Total Phosphorous as P (TP), 174 lb/year maximum annual loading rate; E. coli, 63 MPN/100ml maximum monthly geometric mean; Dissolved Oxygen, 5.0 mg/l minimum any time; TRC, less than 0.01 mg/l (when chlorine containing compounds are used for wastewater treatment); and pH maintained between 6.5 and 8.5.

The TN, TP and TSS loading rate limits in the permit are in conformance with the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment established on December 29, 2010. The E. coli limit in the permit is in conformance with the Fecal Coliform TMDL for the Southeast Creek approved by EPA on June 11, 2009. The effluent limits are set to maintain compliance with State water quality standards.

Monitoring and reporting requirements for the participation of effluent performance trading are incorporated in the draft permit.

If a written request is received by **July 2, 2020**, an informational meeting on the application and/or a public hearing on the tentative determination can be scheduled. The request should be sent to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn.: Mr. Yen-Der Cheng, Chief, Municipal Permits Division** and must include the name, address and telephone number (home and work) of the person making the request, the name of any other party whom the person making the request may represent, and the name of the facility and permit number. Failure to request a meeting or hearing by **July 2, 2020** will constitute a waiver of the right to an informational meeting or public hearing on the tentative determination of this permit.

Written comments concerning this tentative determination will be considered in the preparation of a final determination if submitted to the Department, to the attention of Mr. Cheng at the above address, on or before **July 13, 2020**. Any hearing-impaired person who requests an informational meeting or public hearing may request an interpreter by contacting Mr. Cheng at (410) 537-3363 or 1-800-633-6101, or by written request to the above address at least ten working days prior to the scheduled meeting or hearing date.

Information supporting the tentative determination, including the application, fact sheet, and draft permit, may be reviewed by contacting Mr. Cheng by telephone to make an appointment or by written request to the above address. Copies of documents may be obtained at a cost of \$0.36 per page.

To Be Published on: **June 12 and 19, 2020**

Newspaper: **The Record Observer**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Application Received for State Permit

and Opportunity for Hearing

Issue Date: June 12, 2020 in The Record Observer

The Water and Science Administration (Administration) is reviewing the applications for the State Permits listed below. The application and related information are on file at the Administration; arrangements may be made for inspection and copying. Opportunity is afforded individuals to provide written comments, to request a public informational hearing or to be placed on an interested persons list for the listed application. Any further notices about actions on an application will be provided only by mail to those individuals on a mailing list of interested persons. Comments or requests for an informational hearing must be received in writing by the Administration on or before June 26, 2020. All inquiries and requests should include the permit application number; your name, address and telephone number; and should be addressed to John Grace, Chief, Source Protection and Appropriation Division, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230. Telephone: (410) 537-3590.

**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY**

QA2019G006/01- Chesterville Bridge Farm, LLC, c/o Marshall Cahall, 10639 Chesterville Road, Millington, MD 21651 has applied for a permit to appropriate and use an annual average of 99,300 gallons of groundwater per day (gpd) and an average of 604,300 gpd in the month of maximum use for crop irrigation. Water will be withdrawn from three wells in the Aquia aquifer. The project is located at 120 Hiortdahl Farm Lane, approximately 4 miles north of Church Hill, Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

The irrigation wells will be constructed to an estimated depth of 300 feet in the Aquia aquifer. Impacts on the resource and nearby users were evaluated using data from geological reports and investigations available to the Administration. The results indicate that pumping during periods of maximum water use (604,300 gpd) may lower the water about 10.5 feet at a distance of about 1000 feet away from the pumping well. The model is based on a single well pumping at the maximum withdrawal rate of 604,300 gpd for 60 days with no recharge to the aquifer. The irrigation system requires about 600 gpm flow to operate properly. This will require two or three wells spaced appropriately to minimize well interference. This will create less drawdown nearby and the limitation on the pump depth will ensure protection of the aquifer as the well pumps cannot be installed below the top of the aquifer (about 80 feet below land surface). With about 25 feet of available drawdown in the aquifer in this area, no unreasonable impacts to other users of the resource are expected from this proposed use.

Dear Property Owner or Local Official:

Blackdog Farms at Kingsdale LLC has applied for a Permit to Appropriate and Use Waters of the State, which has been assigned permit application number **QA2020G001/01**. The applicant seeks to appropriate and use an annual average of 205,600 gallons of groundwater per day (gpd) and an average of 1,222,300 gpd in the month of maximum use for crop irrigation and poultry operations. Water will be withdrawn from 5 wells in the Aquia aquifer. **A previous application for the same property indicated water would be withdrawn from 6 wells in the Calvert Formation for crop irrigation with no poultry operation included.** The project is located at 210 Kingsdale Farm Lane, approximately 2 miles west of Queen Anne, Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

Since you are a contiguous property owner or an appropriate local official, you are being notified of this application, as required by the Maryland Annotated Code Environment Article §5-506. The Water and Science Administration (Administration) has placed your name on the "List of Interested Persons" for the above referenced project. At a later date, you will be notified when the proposed project is being published, any projected impacts, and be offered an opportunity to comment and **request a public informational hearing** on the matter before a decision is rendered by the State to issue or deny the permit.

The Administration has created a file for this proposed project. If you wish to review the Administration's application file or make comments on the application at this time, you may contact the Administration by mail at Water Supply Program, Source Protection and Appropriation Division, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230 or by phone at 410-537-3590. If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact me by phone at 410-490-3112 (applicant's phone number) or by mail at the address listed below.

Sincerely,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
JUN 15 '20 PM2:09

Blackdog Farms at Kingsdale LLC  
2041 4H Park Road  
Centreville MD 21617



*Queen  
Anne's  
County*

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**INFORMATION**

Date: June 23, 2020

To: County Commissioners

From: E. Michael Wisnosky, AICP, Director, Planning and Zoning  
Steve Cohoon, Facilities Planner

**Re: FY 2021 Impact Fee Schedule**

The purpose of impact fees is to require new development to pay its fair and proportionate share towards the cost of capital improvements required to support new growth. Impact fees are also charged to ensure that public facilities are available in a timely and well planned manner as development occurs.

Queen Anne's County collects impact fees when new homes or new non-residential buildings are constructed based on the square footage of the new building. When new residential construction occurs, impact fees are collected for Public Schools, Public Parks, and the Volunteer Fire Departments. Non-residential development impact fees are collected for the Volunteer Fire Departments.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the amount of the residential development impact fee is automatically adjusted to account for inflationary increases in construction costs. Section 18:3-6.B(1) establishes the utilization of the most recent twenty-city annual national average data from the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index for this inflationary adjustment. This year the increase is 1.5%. Attached is the FY 21 Impact Fee Schedule.

This increase is automatic each year however Section 18:3-6.C of the County Code allows the County Commissioners to waive the inflation adjustment for any given fiscal year retaining the existing fee schedule.

**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY  
FY 2021 IMPACT FEE REVISION**

**FY 2021 - July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

June 2014 - Index	9800
June 2015 - Index	10039
June 2016 - Index	10337
June 2017 - Index	10702
June 2018 - Index	11068
June 2019 - Index	11268
June 2020 - Index	11436
INCREASE FACTOR	1.015

	Public Schools (per sq ft)	Fire (per sq ft)	Parks & Rec (per sq ft)	Total (per sq ft)
<b>Residential</b>	<b>\$4.63</b>	<b>\$0.53</b>	<b>\$0.51</b>	<b>\$5.67</b>

<b>NON RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>Total Impact Fee</b>	<b>Reduction Inside Growth Area = 50%</b>	<b>Reduction Outside Growth Area = 25%</b>
Comm/Shop Ctr 50,000 sf or less	1.82	0.91	1.36
Comm/Shop Ctr 50,001-100,000 sf	1.55	0.78	1.16
Comm/Shop Ctr 100,001-200,000 sf	1.39	0.70	1.04
Comm/Shop Ctr over 200,000 sf	1.25	0.62	0.94
Office 25,000 sf or less	2.52	1.26	1.89
Office 25,001-50,000 sf	2.39	1.19	1.79
Office 50,001-100,000 sf	2.24	1.12	1.68
Office over 100,000 sf	2.12	1.06	1.59
Business Park	1.95	0.97	1.46
Light Industrial	1.45	0.73	1.09
Warehousing	0.81	0.41	0.61
Institutional	0.50	0.25	0.37

## Queen Anne's County Impact Fees Collected

	<u>FY 19</u>	<u>FY 18</u>	<u>FY 17</u>	<u>FY 16</u>	<u>FY 15</u>
<b>Schools</b>	\$1,318,609	\$1,203,103	\$1,349,401	\$1,230,994	\$1,249,332
<b>Fire Depts.</b>	\$ 255,242	\$ 215,044	\$ 231,861	\$ 238,995	\$ 234,123
<b>Parks Dept.</b>	<u>\$ 196,071</u>	<u>\$ 174,273</u>	<u>\$ 180,042</u>	<u>\$ 149,158</u>	<u>\$ 155,179</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,769,922</b>	<b>\$1,592,420</b>	<b>\$1,761,304</b>	<b>\$1,619,147</b>	<b>\$1,638,634</b>

# CONSTRUCTION ECONOMICS

ENR's 20-city average cost indexes, wages and material prices. Historical data and details for ENR's 20 cities can be found at [ENR.com/economics](http://ENR.com/economics)

## Construction Cost Index

**+1.5%**  
JUNE 2020

1913=100	INDEX VALUE	MONTH	YEAR
CONSTRUCTION COST	11436.23	+0.2%	+1.5%
COMMON LABOR	23965.12	+0.2%	+0.9%
WAGE \$/HR.	46.04	+0.2%	+0.9%

The Construction Cost Index's annual escalation is 1.5%, while the monthly component rose 0.2%.

## Building Cost Index

**+2.1%**  
JUNE 2020

1913=100	INDEX VALUE	MONTH	YEAR
BUILDING COST	6246.69	+0.1%	+2.1%
SKILLED LABOR	10636.87	+0.1%	+1.5%
WAGE \$/HR.	58.80	+0.1%	+1.5%

The Building Cost Index is up 2.1% on an annual basis, while the monthly component increased 0.1%.

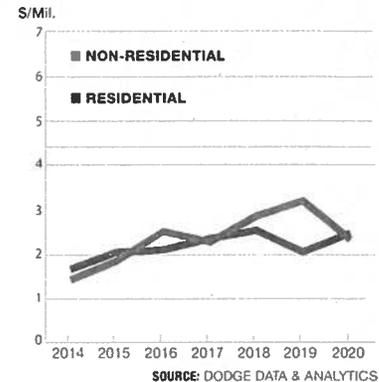
## Materials Cost Index

**+0.1%**  
JUNE 2020

1913=100	INDEX VALUE	MONTH	YEAR
MATERIALS COST	3540.29	+0.1%	+2.8%
CEMENT \$/TON	147.09	+0.5%	+8.4%
STEEL \$/CWT	55.76	-0.4%	+2.2%
LUMBER \$/MBF	614.26	+0.9%	+4.3%

The MCI rose 0.1% on a monthly basis, while the annual escalation rate increased 2.8%.

Construction starts in the Detroit metro area are expected to fall 8.6% in 2020, to \$4.7 billion, according to Dodge Data & Analytics. Dodge predicts a 27.7% decrease in non-residential construction, while residential work is expected to rise 21.4%. Office and education work will see the largest drop, while warehouse and education construction are expected to increase.

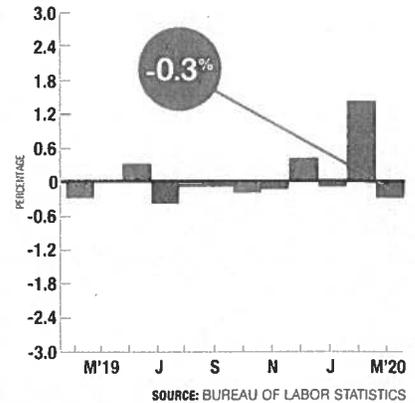


## ENR's Cost Indexes by City

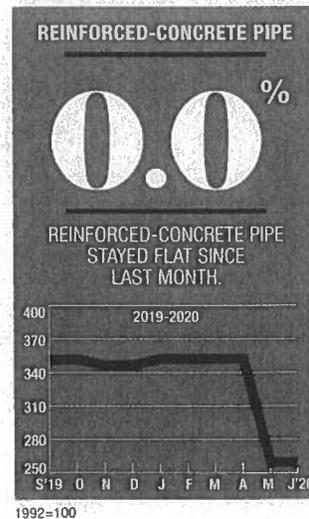
1913=100 1967=100 R=REVISED	CONSTRUCTION COST		BUILDING COST		COMMON LABOR		SKILLED LABOR		MATERIALS	
	JUN '20: 1913	% CHG. YEAR	JUN '20: 1913	% CHG. YEAR	JUN '20: 1967	% CHG. YEAR	JUN '20: 1967	% CHG. YEAR	JUN '20: 1967	% CHG. YEAR
ATLANTA	6745.79	+1.1	4605.83	+1.7	825.83	0.0	710.67	0.0	837.31	+3.4
BALTIMORE	9069.04	+0.8	5321.33	+1.4	1214.52	0.0	865.76	+0.1	791.89	+3.2
BIRMINGHAM	7489.90	+0.7	4699.51	+1.6	978.68	0.0	818.40	+0.8	749.03	+2.5
BOSTON	14771.00	+0.2	7915.45	+4.1	1597.58	0.0	1465.61	+5.2	746.35	+1.4
CHICAGO	16909.16	+3.5	7977.03	+4.4	1690.57	+3.7	1420.34	+5.2	656.81	+2.3
CINCINNATI	10120.67	+0.4	5319.84	+2.4	1028.46	0.0	899.49	+2.8	716.27	+1.9
CLEVELAND	12438.81	+0.3	5898.78	+0.8	1094.27	0.0	923.51	+0.1	705.21	+2.0
DALLAS	5961.20	+0.8	4570.55	+1.1	742.23	0.0	738.08	0.0	732.11	+2.2
DENVER	7573.02	+0.4	5175.47	+1.1	818.18	0.0	854.73	+0.9	732.87	+1.4
DETROIT	12083.59	+0.0	6327.29	+0.9	1068.28	0.0	1005.65	+1.4	660.19	0.0
KANSAS CITY	11600.50	+1.2	6370.21	+3.1	1297.51	0.0	1238.10	+1.4	712.94	+6.5
LOS ANGELES	12055.68	-0.5	6353.05	-1.5	1111.66	0.0	1053.90	-0.9	722.84	-2.6
MINNEAPOLIS	13054.66	+0.9	6548.53	+2.5	1339.26	0.0	1238.40	+0.9	707.60	+5.6
NEW ORLEANS	6326.97	+1.3	4282.23	-2.9	749.82	0.0	646.00	-9.3	774.76	+4.4
NEW YORK CITY	20373.04	+4.5	9497.79	+1.7	1626.07	+4.8	1423.70	+1.6	767.93	+1.9
PHILADELPHIA	13713.59	+2.7	7508.07	+4.6	1538.40	+2.9	1345.23	+5.8	787.91	+1.9
PITTSBURGH	10849.48	+0.2	6081.99	+1.4	1120.44	0.0	982.82	+1.7	653.23	+0.9
ST. LOUIS	12424.04	+0.7	6300.51	+1.9	1096.32	0.0	1007.27	+0.9	808.44	+3.8
SAN FRANCISCO	13022.70	+5.4	7728.87	+6.4	1046.50	+2.0	1091.49	0.0	961.16	+19.7
SEATTLE	12141.83	+0.9	6415.06	+0.7	1141.84	+0.7	1129.54	+3.5	852.80	+2.0

**Prices for PVC pipe products fell 0.3% in April** after rising 1.4% in March, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' producer price index for plastic construction products, which consists mostly of PVC pipe. The annual escalation fell to 0.7% after sitting at 0.9% in March. ENR's 20-city average price for all types of corrugated-steel pipe experienced yearly increases in June. Monthly prices for 8-in. ductile-iron pipe declined 0.1%, while prices decreased 5.4% since June 2019. All four types of reinforced-concrete pipe had yearly increases, and both types of copper tubing experienced monthly declines.

**PRODUCER PRICE INDEX  
PVC PIPE**  
Monthly percent change



## ENR's Materials Prices For June 2020



### 20-CITY AVERAGE

ITEM	UNIT	\$PRICE	%MONTH	%YEAR
<b>REINFORCED-CONCRETE PIPE (RCP)</b>				
12"	FT	18.62	-0.1	+6.3
24"	FT	35.80	0.0	+2.8
36"	FT	74.40	0.0	+5.7
48"	FT	118.59	0.0	+4.9
<b>CORRUGATED-STEEL PIPE (CSP)</b>				
12"	FT	11.27	-0.1	+0.5
36"	FT	34.92	+0.1	+1.0
60"	FT	76.06	0.0	+1.4
<b>POLYETHYLENE PIPE (PE): UNDERDRAIN</b>				
4"	FT	0.77	-2.5	-6.4
<b>POLYVINYL-CHLORIDE PIPE (PVC)</b>				
Sewer, 4"	FT	1.61	-0.5	+16.0
8"	FT	5.20	+0.2	+7.5
Water, 6"	FT	5.94	+0.1	+1.5
8"	FT	9.79	+0.1	+3.3
12"	FT	18.05	0.0	-1.4
<b>DUCTILE-IRON PIPE (DIP)</b>				
6"	FT	18.88	-0.1	-5.1
8"	FT	28.78	-0.1	-5.4
12"	FT	44.80	-0.1	-2.0
<b>COPPER WATER TUBING: TYPE L</b>				
1/2"	FT	1.73	-2.3	-6.2
1 1/2"	FT	7.00	-1.7	+1.0

SOURCE: ENR

# CONSTRUCTION ECONOMICS

## Sewer, Water and Drain Pipe For June 2020

City prices reflect quotes from single sources and can be volatile. They are not meant to be the prevailing price for a city. Data are a mix of list and transaction prices and may include ENR estimates. Do not compare prices between locations. Use city information to analyze national trends.

ITEM	UNIT	ATLANTA	BALTIMORE	BIRMINGHAM	BOSTON	CHICAGO	CINCINNATI	CLEVELAND	DALLAS	DENVER	DETROIT
<b>REINFORCED-CONCRETE PIPE (RCP)</b>											
12"	FT	17.92	17.50	17.56	18.64	-17.90	17.25	17.25	18.59	18.08	17.25
24"	FT	34.55	35.00	34.05	44.37	-40.29	42.90	42.90	37.33	33.25	42.90
36"	FT	70.81	70.00	73.24	89.71	-81.63	96.85	96.85	75.80	72.90	96.85
48"	FT	119.94	115.00	117.12	140.93	-135.51	30.50	130.50	122.10	111.16	130.50
<b>CORRUGATED-STEEL PIPE (CSP)</b>											
12"	FT	11.83	11.00	11.23	+11.52	11.58	10.99	10.67	13.80	-12.00	9.99
36"	FT	34.09	34.00	32.80	+37.15	34.40	31.00	35.60	33.69	+33.65	37.99
60"	FT	76.32	74.00	73.54	+79.76	79.25	62.00	66.98	81.24	-75.15	85.55
<b>POLYETHYLENE PIPE (PE): UNDERDRAIN</b>											
4"	FT	0.88	-0.73	0.78	0.90	0.76	-0.38	-0.41	-0.89	0.9	-0.56
<b>POLYVINYL-CHLORIDE PIPE (PVC)</b>											
<b>SEWER, 4"</b>											
	FT	-1.83	+1.35	1.39	1.87	1.38	-1.38	-1.06	+1.70	1.42	-1.04
8"	FT	-6.04	4.50	4.53	5.60	5.3	4.14	3.10	+6.08	5.36	4.29
<b>WATER, 6"</b>											
	FT	-6.95	5.56	5.88	6.15	5.87	5.56	4.44	+5.99	6.21	5.38
8"	FT	-10.76	9.20	9.11	9.53	9.40	10.00	6.21	+9.87	9.58	11.00
12"	FT	+19.95	18.00	18.00	18.92	17.80	17.00	9.35	20.45	18.05	22.66
<b>DUCTILE-IRON PIPE (DIP)</b>											
6"	FT	19.25	21.00	-17.27	24.16	23.20	24.00	16.20	20.78	19.00	16.72
8"	FT	32.19	29.00	-26.60	39.54	36.65	35.00	24.22	32.97	29.52	22.84
12"	FT	57.88	50.00	-44.10	55.75	56.33	50.00	37.35	49.05	45.11	36.98
<b>COPPER WATER TUBING: TYPE L</b>											
½"	FT	1.97	-1.18	-1.89	2.00	1.91	1.14	1.16	2.02	1.89	1.12
1½"	FT	6.34	-5.30	+6.30	5.89	6.42	-7.88	-8.15	5.95	5.70	-8.20

ITEM	UNIT	KANSAS CITY	LOS ANGELES	MINNEAPOLIS	NEW ORLEANS	NEW YORK	PHILADELPHIA	PITTSBURGH	ST. LOUIS	SAN FRANCISCO	SEATTLE
<b>REINFORCED-CONCRETE PIPE (RCP)</b>											
12"	FT	16.26	38.00	17.30	17.88	18.65	-22.91	14.00	16.95	14.40	18.11
24"	FT	29.60	35.50	30.80	35.02	35.00	-39.88	26.00	23.28	37.30	36.03
36"	FT	58.98	52.50	50.60	70.47	69.86	+71.00	55.00	45.24	112.50	77.75
48"	FT	100.00	84.50	93.00	+115.05	130.78	+117.23	90.00	82.80	176.25	129.00
<b>CORRUGATED-STEEL PIPE (CSP)</b>											
12"	FT	11.99	10.65	10.36	11.11	12.64	11.41	10.15	8.89	11.00	11.26
36"	FT	39.99	37.84	35.10	32.42	34.08	36.93	32.00	35.99	30.60	34.72
60"	FT	72.72	86.33	92.18	75.53	79.70	76.85	71.00	58.08	76.95	-78.09
<b>POLYETHYLENE PIPE (PE): UNDERDRAIN</b>											
4"	FT	-0.37	1.42	-0.41	0.87	1.00	0.84	-0.56	-0.42	1.20	-0.98
<b>POLYVINYL-CHLORIDE PIPE (PVC)</b>											
<b>SEWER, 4"</b>											
	FT	1.44	2.92	-1.02	1.49	+1.64	1.97	-1.18	-1.22	1.58	1.51
8"	FT	3.92	5.71	4.28	5.00	+5.77	6.88	4.21	4.00	6.86	5.53
<b>WATER, 6"</b>											
	FT	6.17	5.06	6.85	5.80	+6.01	7.46	5.60	4.76	6.66	6.34
8"	FT	10.72	7.99	12.32	9.59	+9.78	11.29	8.75	8.60	11.77	9.36
12"	FT	12.10	14.40	19.25	19.76	+19.05	22.60	17.50	14.05	28.10	21.86
<b>DUCTILE-IRON PIPE (DIP)</b>											
6"	FT	14.22	14.42	13.52	-18.59	20.18	20.44	18.50	16.50	20.51	19.10
8"	FT	17.24	19.07	22.88	-29.10	35.65	33.26	30.00	22.76	27.12	30.05
12"	FT	31.85	29.32	38.81	-44.92	57.59	45.70	41.00	37.89	45.63	44.73
<b>COPPER WATER TUBING: TYPE L</b>											
	FT	-1.13	1.21	-1.22	-1.96	2.03	1.93	-2.12	-2.08	2.40	2.15
1½"	FT	7.58	5.60	8.60	+7.02	6.00	6.21	10.10	-8.32	6.59	6.58

+ OR - DENOTES PRICE HAS RISEN OR FALLEN SINCE PREVIOUS REPORT. QUOTES ARE DELIVERED PRICES. SOME PRICES MAY INCLUDE TAXES OR DISCOUNTS. PRODUCT SPECIFICATION MAY VARY, DEPENDING ON WHAT IS MOST COMMONLY USED OR MOST ACCESSIBLE IN A CITY. QUANTITIES ARE GENERALLY TRUCKLOADS. RCP PIPE IS ASTM C76, 12 IN. AND 24 IN. ARE RUBBER-GASKET JOINTED. OTHERS ARE NON CORRUGATED. CORRUGATED STEEL PIPE IS PLAIN GALVANIZED. 12 IN. IS 16 GAUGE. 36 IN. IS 14 GAUGE. 60 IN. IS 12 GAUGE. PE PIPE IS M252, PERFORATED AND CORRUGATED. PVC SEWER PIPE IS ASTM D-3034, SDR 35. PVC WATER PIPE IS C900, CL 150. DIP PIPE IS CL 150 WITH A PUSH-ON JOINT. COPPER WATER TUBING PIPE IS HARD AND INTERIOR DIAMETER, TYPE L.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** County Commissioners  
Todd Mohn, County Administrator

**Information Item**

**CC:** Planning Commission  
Economic Development Commission

**FROM:** E. Michael Wisnosky, AICP, Director

**DATE:** June 24, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Department Report – May 2020

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The following information is compiled by the staff of the Department of Planning and Zoning. The information provided is current as of May 31, 2020

**Planning:**

- **Long-Range Planning/Community Planning/Text Amendments/ Environmental/Critical Area Planning:**
  - Text Amendments
    - TA/CO #20-03 proposes to alter the timing of development impact fee collection and assign an administrative fee for the processing of promissory notes. The Planning Commission favorably reviewed this amendment at its May meeting and conveyed it to the Commissioners for processing. The public hearing has been set for 23 June.
    - The following citizen sponsored text amendments have been submitted to the Commissioners and conveyed to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation at its 14 May meeting:
      - #20-04 – William F. Reed: § 14:1-39(2). Development standards in resource conservation (reserved). Addition of Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions in the Resource Conservation Area. This proposal was reviewed by the Planning Commission at its 14 May meeting and staff has been asked to revise the draft and bring the amendment back to the members for review. The PC will review this amendment at its June meeting.
      - #20-05 – COHBROS Properties, LLC c/o William Thomas Davis, Jr.: § 18:1-32.D(2)(b)[5][b] and § 18:1-33.D(2)(b)[5][b]. Grasonville Neighborhood Commercial (GNC) and Grasonville Village Commercial (GVC) Residential development standards. Dimensional and bulk requirements. Minimum lot width. Multifamily. The Planning Commission favorably reviewed this amendment at its May meeting and conveyed it to the Commissioners for processing. The public hearing has been set for 23 June.



- **Planning Commission meeting, May 12, 2020**

- **Extension Requests:**

- Mears Point Associates, 05-16-08-0008, extension request

- **Projects:**

- Fisherman's Village, SP-19-07-0028 - granted with conditions

- The Gardens of Queen's Anne's Phase, SP-19-05-0024- granted with conditions

- **Citizen Sponsored Text Amendments**

- TACO #20-04 – William F. Reed: § 14:1-39(2) – tabled to June PC Meeting

- TACO #20-05 – COHBROS Properties, LLC c/o William Thomas Davis, Jr.: § 18:1-32.D(2)(b)[5][b] and § 18:1-33.D(2)(b)[5][b]. – favorable recommendation

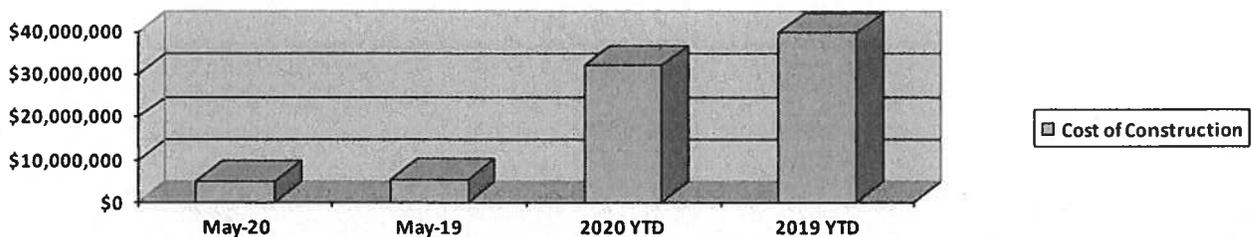
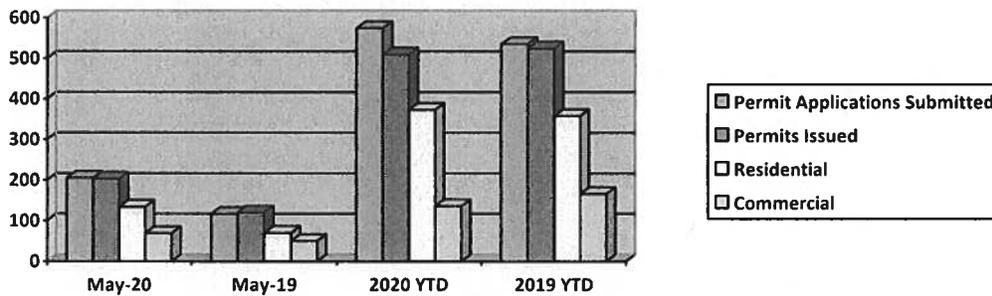
- **County sponsored Text Amendments**

- TACO #20-03 – § 18:3-7. Imposition and enforcement of development impact fees - favorable recommendation

- TACO #20-08 – § 18App-1 (Definitions) and § 18:1, Article V (Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, District Standards and Permitted uses in open space) – tabled to allow time to collect additional information.

## Zoning:

- **Building Permit Information (Source: Energov & Sungard):**



	May 2020	May 2019	2020 Year to Date	2019 Year to Date
Permit Applications Submitted	205	116	574	535
Permits Issued	203	120	509	524
Residential	134	70	373	358
Commercial	69	50	136	166
Construction Value	\$5,025,753	\$5,392,088	\$32,028,440	\$39,731,118

- **Highlights of Commercial Permits Issued in May:**

- **Use Permits:**

- 115 Blue Jay Ct, Stevensville, Cracker Barrel Restaurant - 12,129 Sq. Ft., 207 seats, 35 employees
- 605 Main St, Stevensville International Green Structures LLC, 5,300 Sq. Ft.- 7 employees, 5 consultants

- **New Commercial:**

- 1905 McGinnes Rd, Chestertown, 60'x80' 2 bay repair building

- **Commercial Renovations:**

- 1521 Postal Rd, Chester, construct interior partition walls
- 1423 Main St, Stevensville, renovations to Queenstown Bank & bump out exterior wall

- **Inspection and Enforcement Activity for May:**

- Citations Issued: 6 (YTD Issued: 25)
- Total fines issued: \$3,000 (YTD Issued: \$12,250.00; YTD Paid: \$6,250.00)
- Nuisance Complaints/Code Violation Inspections Conducted: 46 (13 of which in Critical Area)(YTD: 131/40)
- Zoning Inspections Conducted: 254 (117 of which within Critical Area) (YTD: 1,268/548)
- Liquor Law Compliance Inspections: 0 (YTD: 39)

**Zoning Boards:**

- **Board of Appeals – NO HEARINGS IN MAY, 2020**
- **License Commission (Liquor Board): - Zoom Meeting held May 5, 2020.**
- **No permits or applications reviewed.**

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June 11, 2020

Dear County Leader:

As our communities begin to reopen, we must reflect on what we have learned during of pandemic. We have seen the economic destruction of COVID-19; our small businesses have borne a heavy burden. We have seen the incredible loss of life in high risk populations; our nursing homes and long-term care facilities have become the front lines. We have learned to work from home, to study from home, to hold and attend virtual meetings. We have agreed to wear masks in public, to stand six feet away from others, including, in some cases, our loved ones. And while there has been some debate over the pace of reopening, our communities have gone through this together, united as a front. We agreed that drastic measures were required, and we agreed that China had been irresponsible in its handling and reporting of COVID-19 early on. Rarely do we find ourselves so united and our communities so engaged with local officials. Now we must be ready to act to ensure the safety of our communities.

Outlined below are four proposals whose implementation would improve American national security while ensuring economic fairness for our citizens and their businesses. The first proposal suggests a statewide change in Maryland, while the others can be performed by all local jurisdictions.

Our hope is that every county in Maryland will take action to approve the proposals and send the attached letter to the Maryland State Retirement and Pension Board Members.

Sincerely,

Jacob C. Shade, President  
Allegany County Board of Commissioners

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
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## **Proposals on the COVID-19 Economic and Cultural Response**

### **1. Maryland State Retirement and Pension System**

American pension systems invest significantly in Chinese companies. In May, the United States Senate unanimously passed a bill sponsored by Senators John Kennedy and Chris Van Hollen which holds all publicly listed companies to the same standards. The bill requires certification that each company is not under control of a foreign government and increases disclosures regarding accounting practices. Roughly 95% of the companies whose financials are not up to current standards are Chinese. America has no oversight of Beijing business. To trust in Chinese companies is to trust in the Chinese government, which, most recently, this health crisis has shown us we cannot do.

In April, Luckin Coffee (NASDAQ: LK), was found to have fabricated over \$300 million in sales over the last year. This company (touted as the “Starbucks of China”) has, as of this writing, lost nearly 90% of its value since January. It is impossible to determine which companies are cheating the system or lying to investors.

The risk of investing in these companies does not take into account the fact that as we invest, we are sending our money abroad and aiding the Chinese government in its goal to become a technological leader.

Two of the top ten equity holdings of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System are Chinese companies. These two companies are also the two largest international holdings in the entire pension system. These ownership stakes should be reduced over the coming months. We can reinvest for our citizens’ retirements in companies that are transparent and that have our best interests at heart. There are ample investment opportunities to achieve growth and diversification without jeopardizing our long-term national security.

### **2. Technology audits**

As the world advances quicker than ever in the technology and information science sector, we must be cognizant of threats to privacy and personal data. Several Chinese technology firms, including Huawei, the world’s largest telecom supplier and second largest phone manufacturer, have been scrutinized for their lack of transparency and potential theft of proprietary information. In 2019, the company was classified as a threat to national security, with fears that the Chinese Government could use Huawei’s equipment to spy on countries using their product. Companies have been banned from using Huawei’s networking equipment since 2012, but other products remain on the market. The United States has banned their products from being used to create 5G communication networks, and this month Canadian telecoms did the same. On June 3, 2020 *Reuters* reported on documents that reveal Huawei’s attempt to cover up the ownership of an Iranian affiliate company in order to sell prohibited United State technology.

In response, local governments and the State of Maryland should conduct a technology audit regarding the use of Huawei components. Products currently in use should be phased out and bids which include Huawei components should be rejected or amended in favor of using

alternatives from other companies in good standing which are not in jeopardy of being used for nefarious purposes by the Chinese government.

### **3. Bid Preferences**

As we have seen during the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chains from China have been significantly disrupted causing delays and losses to all industry sectors. While cost will always remain the primary factor, we need to ensure reliability and certainty for times of national or regional disaster.

For all public bids for local governments, bidders should be required to list alternatives and the price difference for domestic or non-Chinese materials if part of their bid package includes components that has a significant amount of Chinese exposure. This would limit delays, strengthen our supply chain, and give other foreign and domestic firms the opportunity to prosper.

### **4. Hong Kong Support**

The residents of Hong Kong are faced with ever increasing restrictions on basic freedoms and human rights. The Chinese Government continues to erode democratic values in Hong Kong, jail dissidents, and stifle the opposition.

Local governments should make clear that not only do we stand with Hong Kong against these oppressive tactics, but we would welcome and will aid and assist the US State Department in the resettling of any Hong Kongers to our communities. Not only would they be an economic boost for many areas, especially with English as a common language among half the population, but – most importantly – they share our view of liberty, freedom from oppression, and we would be fortunate to welcome individuals with these shared principles to our American communities.



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We have already seen the effects on American shareholders who have invested in Chinese companies. In April, Luckin Coffee (NASDAQ: LK), was found to have fabricated over \$300 million in sales over the last year. This company (touted as the "Starbucks of China") has, as of this writing, lost nearly 90% of its value since January. It is impossible to determine which companies are cheating the system or lying to investors.

The risk of investing in these companies does not take into account the fact that as we invest, we are sending our money abroad and aiding the Chinese government in its goal to become a technological leader. Meanwhile, there are innumerable trusted companies that are publicly traded with a proven history of high returns and innovation both internationally and in America.

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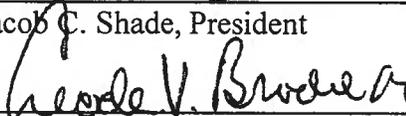
Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

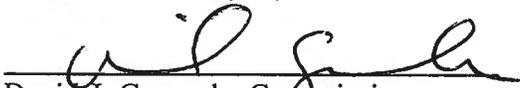
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cc: The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp, Maryland State Treasurer  
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***Kent Island Estates Community Association***  
***P.O. Box 216***  
***Stevensville, MD 21666***

June 9, 2020

To: The QAC Board of Commissioners  
Subject: Romancoke Pier Management

The Pier has been a positive community amenity for Kent Island Estates and Romancoke on the Bay residents for many years. Unfortunately, it has become an attractive destination for a large and growing # of non-residents who overwhelm the facility in the summer.

KIECA members have worked with QAC staff for the last several years to help monitor and alert staff of large weekend crowds on the pier and grounds in order to minimize intrusion and disturbance impacting our residents.

The volume of crowds, noise, vehicles and late-night partying has become a public nuisance for our communities. We need change.

We have communicated with Piers & Landings management this year and they have responded to concerns but the situation is not under control. James Wood met with a small group of residents and KIECA Board recently to address concerns. He took some action with signage as well as periodic ranger visits but those actions have had minimal effect. Last weekend was chaotic.

Attachment 1 is a summary of pier activity June 5,6,7.

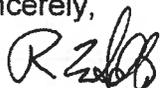
Attachment 2 is a summary of recurring problems observed by residents

On behalf of the residents of Kent Island Estates and Romancoke on the Bay, we request the following:

1. Change the pier schedule to 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to minimize community disturbance and secure the pier compound.
2. Review the rules and operations of Romancoke Pier and establish better operational controls.
3. Enforce the rules. Provide on-site ranger coverage on weekends and as needed to control crowds and activities.
4. Consider limiting the # of people on the pier during the Covid period to allow social distancing as long as CDC & MD recommend it.

We are available to provide further information or meet to discuss plans.

Sincerely,



Dick Sells  
KIECA President

Attachment 1

Report on Romancoke Pier Activity 6/5-7

The pier was fairly quiet during the week but things heated up Friday and Saturday. James put signs on the gates indicating that if the lot is full, don't come in. So last night there were a total of 58 cars on the lot with only 41 parking spaces. They were parked everywhere and there were 22 cars on the street, for a total of 80 cars.

They were camping and had a fire going on the north picnic area and were still cooking in the picnic area next to us at 10:00 Saturday night. James and the police were back last night to clear them out.

There have been people swimming off the kayak ramp area and there were crowds in front of Bob and Janice's house (where there are NO SWIMMING signs posted) both days and using large inflatable rafts that hold lots of people. There were easily 200 people on the pier last night.

Penny Hope 6/7/2020

Attachment 2

Date: 5/28/20

Re: Concerns/Complaints at the Romancoke pier, Rt. 8, KI Estates, Stevensville MD.

- 1) Vehicles – Noise and speeding North bound on Rt. 8 originating at the pier parking lot or just outside the fence.
  - a. Possible injury or death to residents, particularly children or pets
- 2) No oversight evident at pier, or parking lot, particularly after dark
- 3) Picnic area is supposed to be closed at dark, but visitors continue to use this area and are frequently noisy. Seemingly no enforcement.
- 4) Loud music/tailgating, drinking, partying, loud voices, and cursing after dark and throughout the night.
  - a. Kids running up and down pier, squealing and yelling, throughout the night, with no efforts by parents to curtail this behavior.
- 5) Frequent car alarms being set off on cars in parking lot and those parked on main road outside the gated area. Sometimes takes minutes for the owner to turn them off. This occurs 24 hours per day.
- 6) NO NOISE ORDINENCE in QA county. According to police, they are limited in their ability to control noise issues.
- 7) No limit to vehicles allowed, nor number of people in pier compound at any point in time.
- 8) Currently, during Covid 19 restrictions: Little social distancing observed. None enforced.
- 9) General ignoring of posted rules by county park officials.
- 10) Frequent parking of vehicles on main road when pier lot is full, or possibly to avoid paying pier fees. On weekends there are 25+ cars parked on the shoulder of the road outside the gate.
- 11) Trash is left at facility, thrown over fences, and scattered in ditches outside the pier compound.
- 12) Pets are brought into pier compound frequently and allowed to bark with no oversight.
- 13) After dark congregating and vandalizing the property. (bath houses and porta pots)
- 14) Unlicensed vehicles (4 wheelers dirt bikes, etc.) are used on main road and side streets of KIE, often at high speeds.
- 15) Overnight camping on pier and surrounding grounds.
- 16) People fishing from bulkhead, and protected (off limits) bay grass area, that frequently cast lines, lures, weights onto adjacent property (boat and private pier)
  - a. Fence rail was removed by visitors on Memorial Day weekend to ease their access into this restricted area.

- 17) People encroaching on adjacent property without permission to retrieve fishing gear, including tunneling under fence.
- 18) Visitors actually walking onto neighbor's property and using it for their personal use.
- 19) People swimming in a no swimming area and going around barriers onto adjacent properties.
- 20) Romancoke is the only fishing pier in a residential area in MD that is allowed to be open 24/7
- 21) Google reviews suggest visitors are unhappy with their experience, in addition to many community complaints & concerns.

Examples of Google reviews:

- a) Kids running around unsupervised
- b) Overcrowding
- c) Loud Music
- d) Trash left for others to dispose of
- e) No supervision
- f) Drinking
- g) Dope smoking
- h) Too noisy to fish
- i) No license, and more than the limit of 2 fishing poles.

Examples of other parks/pier's open hours

- 1) Carrs wharf - 7am-dusk, closed Tuesday
- 2) Bill Burton fishing pier - 7am-8pm
- 3) Cox Pt park/pier - 6am-8pm
- 4) Matapeake pier/ramp - 24/7
- 5) Pt. Lookout Park - 7am-8pm
- 6) Jonas/Anne Green Pk. - 7am-Sundown
- 7) North Beach Pier - 6am-8pm
- 8) Ocean City, beach pier - 7am-midnite
- 9) Romancoke pier/park - 24/7
- 10) Chesterwood - 6am-8pm
- 11) Merritt Park - 6am-8pm
- 12) Stansbury - 5am-9pm
- 13) North Point park - 8am-4:30 pm
- 14) Ft. Howard park - 9am-5pm
- 15) Ocean City inlet pier - 24 hrs (May-Sept., closed otherwise)
- 16) Ocean City 9<sup>th</sup> St. Bayside - 7am-midnite