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## February Program: Potholes and Repaving

**Paula Bienenfeld and Jean Cavanaugh**

This month we address an issue that is near and dear to our members: road repair and resurfacing. What is the process? Is there a schedule and a list of repair projects? How long does it take for a pothole or road crack to be fixed? How long do repairs last and what are best practices for repairs? Are there new improvements in road repair? And, last but certainly not least, where does the funding come from and how can we get our road the much-needed repairs?

To address this and "all things road repair," we have invited two experts, **Josh Faust** from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), and **Lon Anderson** of the American Automobile Association (AAA).

Mr. Faust has been serving as the Public Outreach Manager for MCDOT's Division of Highway Services since August of 2014. In his capacity as Public Outreach Manager, he is responsible for maintaining good relations with community organizations, elected officials, news agencies, and the general public. He also manages the various social media outlets for the Division of Highway Services, which generate hundreds of thousands of page views. His position is tasked with spreading the Division of Highway Services image and profile by explaining, in non-technical terms, what they do on a daily basis.

Mr. Faust is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Prior to taking the position with MCDOT, he managed Councilmember Roger Berliner's transportation and environmental policy agenda for two years, as Congressional Policy Analyst for the oil company BP, and spent time on Capitol Hill in several offices.

Lon Anderson is the Managing Director of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic. Lon is the premier highway funding and highway safety advocate and a longtime champion for the rights of motorists and all highway users, including children who walk and bike to school and elderly pedestrians and motorists. Lon is a lifelong resident of Montgomery County.

See you on February 9th for this informative program. Bring your questions!

### Federation Meeting

#### Session 863

Monday, February 9, 2015

7:45 1st Floor Auditorium  
County Council Office Building.  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD

#### Agenda:

- 7:45 Call to Order & Introductions
- 7:50 Approval of Agenda
- 7:51 Announcements
- 7:55 Approval of Minutes of Jan. 12 meeting
- 7:56 Treasurer's Report
- 8:00 Community Hero: Jasmine Andoh-Thompson
- 8:10 Program: Potholes & Repaving
- 9:15 Committee Reports
- 9:30 New and Old Business
- 9:45 Adjournment

**February's Community Hero, Jasmine Andoh-Thompson, by Paula Bienenfeld, President**

This month we are honored to recognize Jasmine Andoh-Thompson for her fearlessness and courage in speaking out about wrongdoing in our community. Ms. Andoh-Thompson is the John T. Baker Middle School student who spoke out when she was touched inappropriately by a Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) contractor, an employee with NetCom Technologies. She is an Honor Roll student who is one of less than one-quarter of all the students at Baker who received all As this past semester in the first grading period.

Her bravery in speaking out led to the arrest of the perpetrator, who had been charged for similar offenses as far back as 2001, yet was hired and had worked at 58 different MCPS schools. Until Jasmine spoke out, the school had not notified parents and guardians of the incident. Many did not realize anything had happened until they saw an interview with her on November 2nd, on WJLA TV. Instead MCPS stated this was an 'isolated incident.' The school did not notify parents and guardians until the day after the interview with Jasmine.

Very few people are willing to speak out on these issues, as we see daily in the newspapers and online. They believe there is too much at risk. But not Jasmine. She knew what happened and spoke out publicly immediately.

Jasmine exemplifies exactly the qualities of a community hero. We are lucky to have her and her parents in our community. She went public, she ignored the government and social

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pressures to keep quiet, and she had the authority and self-knowledge to know that the right thing to do is to step up. Many adults can learn from her example.

Congratulations Jasmine, and thank you for everything you do and are continuing to do in our community.

## President's Message – Help Stop the “ITA”

### Paula Bienenfeld

This has been a busy week for civic activists! Just what we like to see! Last week with short notice our members found out that a bill was moving forward in Annapolis that would overhaul the government structure, create an independent transit authority (ITA), and create an end-run around our Charter and the Charter's taxing limits. The bill is the now-infamous MC24-15 Montgomery County – Transit Authority, requested by County Executive Leggett.

The bill, if approved, would allow the creation of an ITA appointed by one person and the creation of a special taxing district to raise taxes above those allowed by our Charter. It would create a private authority appointed by one person - the County Executive. The bill creates an authority with no oversight, one that, according to the information we have seen, would create its own procurement process. It would have the authority to enter into contracts with other governments and private parties. It would be neither answerable to accountable to us – the taxpayers and residents.

It would take on all Ride On bus system functions; all of our hardworking public transit employees would become employees of this ITA; all bus systems, including finance, maintenance, planning, and operations; the parking lot districts; any transit funded by the people would be run under the proposed ITA which would be completely independent from the county government, and hence, from the people who rely on a representative, democracy to make sure the people's business is open and transparent to the public.

Here is the synopsis of the bill, according to the Delegation website, bolding my own:

For the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to create, by local law, a Transit Authority to perform county transit functions as an instrumentality of the county and body corporate and politic and governed by a certain board; authorizing the governing body, by local law, **to create a special taxing district** to finance the cost of county transit functions, impose a certain special tax, specify the organization of the Transit Authority, specify certain powers of the Transit Authority, establish a certain budget process for the Transit Authority, and specify certain other matters related to the Transit Authority; providing that **provisions of the Montgomery County Charter do not apply to the Transit Authority** except under certain circumstances; providing that **a certain tax limitation does not apply** to certain revenue raised for certain purposes; authorizing the Transit Authority to provide **for the issuance of certain revenue bonds** for certain purposes, subject to certain

conditions and exempt from certain provisions of law; providing for the tax exempt status of certain bonds; providing for **reversion of certain title to property** under certain circumstances; declaring the Transit Authority to be a “constituted authority” for certain purposes; authorizing the governing body to **transfer certain county transit functions to the Transit Authority**; requiring the governing body to provide by local law certain provisions relating to certain employees under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to grant to the Transit Authority certain rights; requiring that the Transit Authority be entitled to receive certain funds under certain circumstances; requiring the Transit Authority to be subject to the Montgomery County Public Ethics Law; defining certain terms; altering the definition of “local government” as it relates to the Local Government Tort Claims Act; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the creation of a Transit Authority for Montgomery County.

As it was the Civic Federation that pushed forward our Charter in the 1940s, we are very protective of our rights under the Charter.

We moved quickly, working with other members of the community, to stop this bill from going forward. We are not there yet. Please pay attention to fast-moving wheels turning in Annapolis as Mr. Leggett pushes for this bill to move forward, either in this version or a different one.

While the Civic Fed tweeted out notices, Mr. Jim Turner of Bethesda quickly put up a ‘Stop the ITA’ petition on change.org. Within a few days there were over 1,000 signatures opposing the ITA, and the comments posted were a fascinating cross-section of our community. Another community member put up a Facebook page and began a blog, posting related documents. Other members obtained a report, dated January 2014 when it first appeared, but then corrected to January 2015, to address a typo. The report, Montgomery County Transit Authority, Draft Proposal and Background Analysis, was prepared by VHB Consultants, a transportation consulting firm, and county contractors PFM Group, the County’s financial advisor, and McKennon, Shelton & Henn LLP, the County’s bond counsel.

The Annapolis Delegation agreed to hold a hearing, on Friday, January 31st, at 6pm, here in Rockville, which was very good news. On short notice - less than a week - our member civics and individuals began work on our public testimonies. After work and dinner, in between taking care of our children and shopping, we worked to read suddenly-appearing documents; emailed one another; and prepared our testimony. And we showed up. Boy, did we show up! The room was packed, SRO.

Our members contacted our elected officials, both here in the county and in Annapolis. We thank the delegates who voted ‘No’ to moving this bill out, Delegates Charles Barkley (District 39), David Fraser-Hidalgo (District 15), Ben Kramer (District 19), and Eric Luedtke (District 14). We hope they continue to oppose this bill, and that other delegates join them in stopping it, and its intent.

And to our members: unlike the lobbyists who are regulars at the Council and in Annapolis, with plenty of paid time for meetings during work hours, and paid mileage and hotel rooms, we are all volunteers working around our day jobs. While the field is not level, it is what it is.

As I write this we are hearing that while Mr. Leggett has asked the bill to be removed from discussion at the Council, it is still alive in Annapolis, assigned for discussion and vote to the Land Use, Transportation, and Public Safety Committee on January 30th. Given the high interest in this bill and the overwhelming opposition from constituents as to its intent, we hope this bill dies.

We thank all the civics for moving so quickly on this bill and the great show of public involvement and oversight on our government.

## **Development Transportation Tests To Change.. But to WHAT?**

**By Eileen Finnegan, Hillandale Citizens Association**

Montgomery County has long held the premise that development and the infrastructure to support that development must be linked to deliver a high quality of life for residents and business. The guiding policy to achieve this goal is the Subdivision Staging Policy (SSP), formerly called the "growth policy." The SSP covers the administration of the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO), which basically defines the adequacy of schools and transportation. For many years, the old growth policy was tweaked annually, but with the 2012-2016 SSP, a quadrennial review schedule was established. The review by the Planning Department for the 2016-2020 edition of the SSP is now underway, and it aims to be a more thorough review with many new proposals pressed forward. The final approval of a new SSP is by the Planning Board and ultimately Council adoption later this year.

There are two transportation elements to the SSP, the larger-scope criteria or the Transportation Policy Area Review (TPAR) and the more-focused Local Area Transportation Review (LATR). The Planning Department has separate tracks established to evaluate each. The TPAR study will consider how to better evaluate transit within the Policy Area analysis, and the LATR study is tasked to revisit and evaluate new concepts for the local intersection traffic tests guiding development approval.

The working group that is advising Planning Staff on the LATR study is formally known as Traffic Impact Study Technical Working Group (TISTWG). It is comprised of development interests, a traffic consultant, County Council staff, the Department of Economic Development (DED) staff, transportation staff from SHA, MCDOT, M-NCPPC. and myself representing the MCCF. Former Planning Department Transportation Chief Dan Hardy, now with Renaissance Planning, is the lead consultant for the effort and is providing a mountain of research and new ideas for consideration by the group.

To date, the overarching message from the development community and DED is that LATR is too complicated, too expensive and they'd like a simpler, less cumbersome process. Planning staff acknowledges this perspective. Citizens would like a system that fundamentally achieves a balance of development and infrastructure delivery.

Some of the LATR changes proposed and discussed include:

- Eliminating traffic tests for more of the smaller developments. (current “de minimis” is 30 trips, and increase to 50 or 75 is contemplated)
- Establishing “protected intersections” in areas where roadway improvements by the private sector would be a no-go
- Considering a pro-rata or “Pay-and-Go” standard for all development in an area and thereby forgoing traffic tests
- New procedures to move from “vehicle trips” to “person trips” in analysis
- Improved reviews of bicycle and pedestrian needs and counts

The group will be working on recommendations and conclusions over the coming months. The consultant’s final report is due to the staff later this spring.

TISTWG meetings are open to all, and there are a number of lawyers, citizens and advocates that do attend. Meetings are held monthly, with the next scheduled for February 4 at 1:30 at Park and Planning’s auditorium. There’s a repository of all the information on TISTWG at this web page:

[http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/latr\\_guidelines/workinggroup.shtm](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/latr_guidelines/workinggroup.shtm)

For a tutorial and report of the TISTWG, watch the Planning Board’s Update from staff, which is on the February 5th agenda.

## **Third Annual *Budgetpalooza!* is Coming**

**by Paula Bienenfeld, President**

This year again we have teamed with the Montgomery County Taxpayers League and the Parent’s Coalition of Montgomery County to present the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) *Budgetpalooza!* We will go through the MCPS FY16 Operating Budget chapter by chapter.

This year the MCPS Superintendent is requesting \$2.4Billion for the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget. That is usually half of our entire county budget, the remaining money going towards roads, transit, health and human services, libraries, first responders, police, fire, parks, everything else.

**DATE: Thursday, February 26**

**TIME: 7-9pm**

**PLACE: Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. Convenient to metro and parking garage.**

Please join us and volunteer to take a chapter. Sign up at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094cadac28a3fb6-mcps> The entire budget is here at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/fy2016/superintendent/index.aspx>



See you then.

## **BRT Corridor Advisory Committee Kickoff Meeting Announced for February 21**

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation announced this week that the kickoff meeting for the BRT Corridor Advisory Committees will be Saturday, February 21 at 9:00 in the Executive Office Building Cafeteria, 101 Monroes Street in Rockville. The Committees for Route 355, Veirs Mill Road and Route 29 have been selected and notifications were sent to the committee members. County Executive Leggett also announced that the study for the BRT on Upper Georgia Avenue between Wheaton and Olney has now been canceled. For more information on the studies and committees, please visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rts](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rts)

## **Open Letter on the Proposed BRT & ITA**

**from Arnie Gordon, Past President of the Civic Federation**

You asked for my thoughts on this subject matter. This is what I railed against when I opposed the BRT concept which would have allowed for special taxing districts to finance construction and operation of the BRT. What the advocates of such creations need to do is bypass the county tax limitations and to do so they in effect create a new government. A new government which at it's most responsive will be beholden only to the politicians who create it and keep it operational over the years. The nation and our state's history is loaded with examples about how new "authorities" are responsive only to the politicians and not to users/taxpayers, e.g. Chris Christie and the N.Y. Port Authority, or the absolute indifference of the Maryland Transit Authority to what users/ratepayers have to offer as suggestions as to the ICC for one.

This kind of government leaves to the bureaucracy and only the bureaucracy what kind of services will be provided and when. Worse it will let them have indirect and even direct planning and taxing powers over property holders, and even worse an absolute power of eminent domain. Remember that in Maryland no law was ever passed to prevent eminent domain from being exercised to advance a private development scheme deemed necessary for renewal or any other public purpose a local government (and now presumably such an authority) deems desirable. Remember also that such governments may or may not be able to override master plans and zoning laws etc that do not permit development of facilities they deem advisable.

This entire scheme is focused on giving the developers a cover for all kinds of new development without having to face the costs and the prerequisite planning and zoning approvals to do traffic mitigation, and consider transit facilities available as presently prerequisite to approvals of ever more costly and burdensome projects, and to shift the financing thereof to the property tax payer.

But a deeper issue and one more fraught with danger is the fact that it flies in the face of self-rule. Are we still a democracy or not? Do we rule ourselves or not? Responsibility for

governmental actions becomes more difficult to identify and true accountability (at the ballot box for example) disappears, or becomes so diluted that it will require a real voter revolt to reverse.

If the voters would not approve the financing necessary to have these facilities then they should not be built. Elections have consequences...but not if authorities and their bureaucracies do not change or are not readily alterable as a result. The public ought to be the judge of its expenditures and its taxation not "gimmick" entities created to bypass the popular will.

## **CIVIC FEDERATION LEADERSHIP, 2015-2016**

### **2015 Awards Committee**

The Civic Federation's Annual Awards Banquet in May may seem a long way off, but truly, there is much to be done within the coming months. The work of this committee – soliciting and accepting nominations for award recipients, evaluating those nominations and making final recommendations on the awardees -- should be carried out during the winter, and much of the work may be done by phone.

First, we need an Awards Committee. This group will be confirmed at the February Executive Committee meeting. Volunteers, please step forward! Contact our President, Paula Bienenfeld at paula\_bienenfeld@yahoo.com to let her know that you're willing to serve.

All of our delegates and members should also start thinking about individuals and/or groups you would like to nominate. Here are the descriptions of the awards and the rationale for each award:

**The Wayne Goldstein Award:** awarded to an individual or group for outstanding service to the people of Montgomery County.

**The Sentinel Award** - sponsored by the Montgomery Sentinel newspaper and awarded to an individual or group for a significant contribution to good government at the local level.

**The Star Cup** - sponsored by the Federation and to be awarded to a Delegate or Committee of the Federation for outstanding public service on behalf of Montgomery County.

### **Nominations Committee**

We need volunteers including a chairman to serve on the MCCF Nominating Committee. There is no better way to help highlight shared County concerns and provide a bigger voice for residents and their civic associations. The Committee will be responsible for filling the elective positions for the year 2015-2016: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President,



Secretary and Treasurer. No travel! No meetings! Most work will be done by email and telephone. Please contact President Paula Bienenfeld at 240-899-2335 or paula\_bienenfeld@yahoo.com to volunteer to help with this important task.

## Minutes of the January 12th, 2015 Meeting

### By Danila Sheveiko, Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:** First Vice-President Jim Zepp called the meeting to order at 7:47pm. Introductions followed.

**AGENDA:** It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Peggy Dennis announced that the hearing on PEPCO-Exelon merger is tomorrow at 6pm. Budgetpalooza is set for Feb. 26th, 7-9pm at [B-CC Regional Services Center](#).

**MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December meeting as they appeared in the Newsletter. The minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jerry Garson reported net income of \$971.21 for the period.

**PROGRAM:** Development Review Process. Presentations by Diane Schwartz Jones, Director, Department of Permitting Services, Gwen Wright, Director, Planning Department, and Sue Richards and Craig Howard from Office of Legislative Oversight followed by a panel discussion moderated by Planning and Land Use Chair, Virginia Sheard. Director Wright talked about improvements to the development process with shorter time limits for review and many more automated processes. Developers can now submit all plans electronically. Two tools, [Zoning Finder](#) and [Development Finder](#) are online tools provided by MNCPPC to help residents monitor development activity. Director Jones talked about streamlining the development review process and said that since the [e-plans software](#) has been implemented they have eliminated all backlogs for Record Plats." Mr. Howard and Ms. Richards presented the OLO report on [Development Review & Approval Times](#) and indicated that the County Council will take action based on the report's recommendations. The report was done prior to the e-plans software being implemented. Council will have semi-annual review on progress.

### Committee Reports

**Environment:** Co-Chair Jean Cavanaugh reported that Conservation Montgomery is offering Home Tree Care 101 classes – details and application can be downloaded at <http://conservationmontgomery.org>.

**Transportation:** Harriet Quinn reported that details and latest updates on the County's snow removal and salting efforts can be found at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-highway/snow/snowplow.html>

**OLD BUSINESS:** The recent MNCPPC Parks & Recreation [survey](#) drew some criticism. Carole Ann Barth, Immediate Past MCCF President, will draft a response letter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Montgomery County delegation to Annapolis is concerned about the new Governor's positions on mass transit and school construction. Resolutions opposing Council Expedited Bill 58-14 to create a new Development Ombudsman Position and Proposed Subdivision Regulation Amendment SRA No. 13-03 passed unanimously. Resolution to support Bill 52-14 restricting the use of non-essential cosmetic pesticides passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:54pm.

## **Minutes of the January 21st Executive Committee Meeting**

### **By Recording Secretary, Danila Sheveiko**

The Executive Committee (ExComm) convened via conference call due to inclement weather.

**Call to Order:** Paula Bienenfeld, President, called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM. Present: Paula Bienenfeld, Jerry Garson, Peggy Dennis, Jim Zepp, Carole Ann Barth, Danila Sheveiko, Virginia Sheard, Ira Unger, Jean Cavanaugh, and Harriet Quinn.

**Adoption of Meeting Agenda:** Paula called for and received unanimous approval of the proposed agenda as amended to include discussion of locations for future MCCF meetings.

**Approval of Minutes for Dec. 18th ExComm Meeting:** Paula called for and received unanimous approval of the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Garson, Treasurer, MCCF incurred expenses of \$880 with adjusted net income for period \$876.

**Programs:** Paula introduced discussion of future programs.

- February: Road Repair.
- March: County Operating Budget.
- April: Transit/transportation alternatives.

### **Issues Discussed**

- Email addresses for the committee members deferred until new Web host is determined.
- 90th Anniversary celebration ideas for events.
- Pesticide Bill testimony on Feb 12th.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Planning & Land Use:**

- State legislation changing term limits on Planning Board MC/PG 105-15 on hold.
- Councilmember Riemer's bill removing DPS from plat signature authority is opposed by all agencies and MCCF will send comments to PHED Committee.
- Expedited Bill for new Developer Ombudsman position. ExComm opposes.

- Subdivision Regulations Rewrite: info only-Community meeting to discuss the draft of the new Subdivision Regulations Jan. 21st 7pm Planning Dept. - first comprehensive rewrite in 50 years, regs clarify and streamline review and approvals process for subdividing property and requirements for adequate public facilities and improvements to lots based on the impact of the subdivision.
- Proposal to change Zoning Text Amendment introduction procedures. Currently ZTA Advisory Committee recommendation required to be included in Council Staff Memos. Proposed change would remove that requirement. Council will take action on Jan. 27th. ExComm voted to further investigate the AirB&B matter.

**Transportation:**

- County Executive Transit Authority proposal hearing Jan. 30th 6pm.
- County's review of Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) Test and the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO).

**Environment:**

- Parks Department "survey". ExComm voted to send a letter explaining concerns.

**Old Business**

- Website update – Virginia Sheard, Member at Large, is gathering input and ideas.
- Membership survey – in progress.
- [Committee for Montgomery](#) update – Paula shared notes from the meeting.
- Costco gas update: Board of Appeals could not reach quorum because two members recused themselves from hearing the case pending legal opinion by County Attorney and the [Ethics Commission](#) on Feb. 10th, 7:15pm, Room 114, County Council Building, 100 Maryland Ave, Rockville.
- IgCC update: Draft legislation release for public comment on the [International Green Construction Code](#) is Feb. 1st.
- Awards Dinner and Nominations Committee logistics. Need volunteers to participate.
- [us Rapid Transit Citizen Advisory Committee](#) update - Georgia Avenue BRT study taken off the table per County Executive's decision.

**New Business**

- General Assembly: MCCF legislative priorities.
- County Executive's Operating Budget: MCCF priorities.
- *Budgetpalooza!* Update: Feb 26th and volunteers needed.
- [Sunshine Week](#), March 15-21 Events
- [Earth Day](#), April 22, 45th Anniversary Events

- Newsletter deadline and articles – Deadline: Saturday, Jan. 31st 12am to Peggy Dennis [mccfnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mccfnewsletter@gmail.com)
- Date and location of next two ExComm meetings:
  - February 18th, 7:00pm, Mid-County Regional Services Center.
  - March 19th, 7:45pm, B-CC Regional Services Center.
  - April 16th locations TBD.

**Adjournment:** Paula called for and received unanimous approval for adjournment at 10:02 PM.

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Mail to MCCF Treasurer: Jerry Garson  
8308 Raymond Lane, Potomac MD 20854  
301-765-9470; email: garson AT comcast.net

Form updated August 2014

Name of Organization/Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Households (Approx) \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Dues (see below) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to **Montgomery County Civic Federation**)

Membership Type	Number of Households	PLEASE CHECK	DUES	Max Number of Delegates	Voting Privileges
<b>Local Association</b> (civic, community, homeowner or municipality. Can not be a single local issue group.)	10 to 50		\$20	1	Yes
	51 to 300		\$35	2	
	301 to 600		\$50	3	
	601+		\$65	4	
<b>Umbrella Association</b> (Two or more local associations. Cannot be single local issue group.)	60 to 500		\$35	2	Yes
	501 to 1000		\$50	3	
	1001+		\$65	4	
<b>Regional or County-Wide Organization</b> (environmental, transportation, or other civic/community).	50+ memberships, not households		\$35	2	Yes
<b>Individual Associate</b>	(not applicable)		\$15	1	No
<b>Associate Group</b> (Gov't agency, business, or other organization)	(not applicable)		\$75	2	No

The newsletter is no longer mailed. Email is the only way to receive it. Organizations can also select less than the allowed number of delegates and pay according to that number.

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