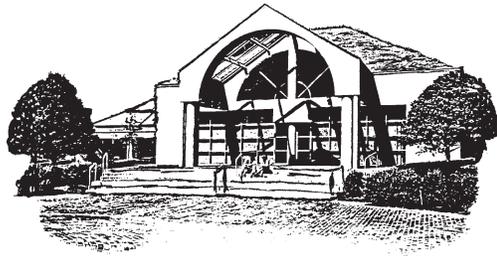


The Council Report

MAY 2002

News from the Friendship Heights Village Council—the elected governing body of the Special Tax District of the Village of Friendship Heights



Citizens on Patrol in Friendship Heights

In cooperation with the Montgomery County Department of Police, and under the leadership of Ed Youth (The Carleton) and Len Grant (4620), a new crime prevention initiative is about to start in the Village.

Citizens on Patrol is a police department program in which local residents are able to take an active role in keeping their communities safe. On foot or by car, in groups of at least two, citizen volunteers survey the community on set shifts and report any suspicious activity they see to the police, without actual intervention.

The goals of the program are to serve as a visible deterrent to crime, and to report any suspected criminal activity, hopefully before anyone becomes a victim.

Our Village, fortunately, remains a low crime area. Two incidents in the last few months, however, have raised citizen awareness that crime can strike anywhere—even here. As a result, Village residents may be more reluctant to venture from their apartments, especially at night, than they may have been before. While the Village security patrol is on the lookout for problems, one person cannot be everywhere. Additional eyes are always helpful.

There is no specific age (except over 18) or background necessary for participation in this new program. Older folks can drive, “youngsters” (of any age) may

prefer to walk, and hours of patrol are flexible. The Village Council will help out with equipment, etc. as required. Officer Denise Gill will be our liaison with the Department of Police. The committee will be based in the Village Police Field Office.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved with our own safety. A “kickoff” meeting will be held at the Center on **Thursday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m.** Come to hear more about the program. You just might decide to volunteer!

LGIT Awards Grant to Village for Rescue Squad Facility



Jon Burell, Executive Director of the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), presents a Safety Grant award of \$4,100 to Mayor Melanie White at the May 13 Village Council meeting. LGIT recognized the Village for its public safety partnership with the B-CC Rescue Squad at 4602 North Park Avenue. The Village Council then voted to donate the funds directly to the Rescue Squad.

Last Call for Rothstein Educational Scholarship

The Village Council is now considering applications for grants under the Robert & Sylvia Rothstein Educational Scholarship. The scholarship was established by the Council in 1998, and is funded by the Village of Friendship Heights and friends and family of Robert & Sylvia Rothstein.

This is a merit scholarship of up to \$5,000. It is not based on financial need. Residency in the Village of Friendship Heights is required. There are no age restrictions.

Application forms and copies of the Criteria and General Conditions are available at the Village Center. For more information, call the Center at 301-656-2797. All donations to the Rothstein Scholarship fund are tax-deductible.

—Melanie Rose White
Mayor

The Council took the following actions at the May 13, 2002, meeting:

- Received grant award from Local Government Insurance Trust; approved donation of grant to B-CC Rescue Squad (see front page);
- Appointed the following individuals to serve on the Community Advisory Committee: **Laurie Tranter**, The Elizabeth; **Robert M. Schwarzbart**, The Irene; **Jean McNelis**, The Willoughby; **Leonard Grant**, 4620 North Park; **Amy Schapiro**, The Willoughby.
- Held an executive session pursuant to Section 10-508(a)(8) of the Maryland State Code.



**Monday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friendship Boulevard and North Park Ave.**



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