



2021

**CODE ENFORCEMENT
NOVEMBER SUMMARY**

New Businesses 1

Business License Renewal 4

Notice of Inspections 10

Vehicle Impounded 3

Building/Sign Permits 7

Citizens' Complaints 9

Citations 52

Court Appearance 0 postponed 0

Stop Work Orders 6

Tow Stickers 3

Inoperative 3

Roll Off Permit 3

CITY PROJECTS / ADDITIONAL NOTES:

MLK DEMOLITION PROJECT:

Spoke with Charles P. Johnson to update the finalization of revision requested by DPIE once the application was changed over to me becoming the point of contact. I also gave Charles P. Johnson access which they had before the revision request to the application so that they would be able to submit any additional updates needed to complete the revision. There was a fee involved to revise the original application which has been paid in order to start the revisions process. Upon payment and revision there is a two week turn around to review and approve the permit, this is the second week.

UPDATE: DPIE has approved the permit (108-2020-00) to demo the MLK Recreation Center 7921 Piedmont Ave. I have updated Gryphon and CPJ.

Gryphon will bring in the equipment as soon as they receive payment so that he can fund the movement of equipment and personnel. I have informed the City Manager and Finance of the progress so we can expedite the funding of the demolition project. P.O. has been submitted for amount of \$15,000.00.

TREE TRIMMING AND ABANDONED VEHICLES:

Addressing the 8600 block of McLain Ave for several complaints of over growth and debris gathering, I went to the area of complaint to view the issue and agree with the complaint. I researched the property and found that it is property that belongs to the City of Glenarden. I then spoke with Public Works who stated that additional equipment will be needed which they currently do not have. To address the additional equipment Public Works are in the process of obtaining three bids to get an estimate of the work to be performed.

UPDATE: I went to the 8600 block of McLain Ave to address a complaint of abandoned vehicles with four flat tires. I spoke to one of the vehicle owner of the

pickup with the mattresses on it he will take care of that this weekend as well as update the stickers on the registration that he has already received a citation for.

To be clear, there are no vehicles on the City of Glenarden roadways with four flat tires. Officer Thompson and I can confirm that for the McLain Ave complaint. The City is patrolled in its entirety every day by the Police and Code Enforcement and a vehicle fitting that description would never be allowed to linger from day to day, let alone four years. There may be a case where someone is waiting for the insurance company to come give an estimate for damages due to an accident or vandalism but not for four years. In the future this type of complaint can be sent straight to Code Enforcement with a phone call and or in person on a daily basis with a prompt investigation into the matter.

HAYES ST. PARK /CITY PROPERTY

The Hayes St. Park and City property complaint at the corner of Hayes St and Johnson Avenue is still in the works. Due to thick brush, Public Works manpower as well as the removal of the debris from the City to the dump is all time consuming. Equipment is part of the issue; blades for the saws need constant sharpening or replacement. Though this complaint is a priority, the City still has to be maintained so as to not receive complaints from the residents. To date what is considered to be City property complaint has been addressed. All that is left is to finalize the permanent removal of the bamboo and its possible regrowth.

STORM WATER DRAINAGE PROJECT: FROST HOA, HOBBLEBUSH CT.

Since the beginning of this project County approval I have monitored the work being performed and its impact on the residence and local utilities. To date the issue has been equipment staging and parking. The Special One Day Permit from County is a one day, day to day and is ongoing until completion of the project which is meant to tie into the County drainage system while replacing older pipes

with larger PVC pipes for the purpose of moving a higher volume of storm water from point to point, which residential to County spill.

PUBLIC NUISANCE:

Property belonging to an elderly resident that has extreme over growth in his back yard will be addressed once the contractor that will perform the work gets back from vacation.

EQUIPMENT / TECHNOLOGY:

The Police Department and Code Enforcement really need to obtain equipment that will allow us to process a citation faster through software driven application on a cell phone which is connected to a handheld Bluetooth printer. The same software will be loaded to a desktop PC for tracking, voids, photos and time retention. The technology exists.

COLLECTION AGENCY / CONTRACT:

I recommend that we enter into a contract with a Collection Agency to assist with the collection of collateral that people are refusing to pay for citations issued. To date we have a four to five inch high stack of unpaid citations that has not and will not be paid. Without the ability to collect or penalize people who refuse to pay is a waste of time, paper and man power, notwithstanding lost revenue. We stand to lose nothing from this process should a citation go into collection. We only lose when they pay with in the time allotted, as it stands their not because as it stands we're not.