

“This is Ward 3! Annapolis in Miniature”

HOUSING

1 - In Ward 3, in Parole, we have a plethora of mixed and affordable housing—for purchase and rental—namely, single family, rancher, townhomes, duplexes, apartments, and subsidized—all within the confines of West Street, Chinquapin Round Road, Forest Drive, and Old Solomons Island Road, that truly evidences our history.

2 - Yes, we have a nice mix of mixed rental and retail—namely, 1901 West Street, in Parole.

3 - Not only do we have an historic African-American population, but we have a significant Latino population in Parole—both groups of residents being the backbone and the "front-line workers and heroes" that we have most recently come to respect and appreciate.

4 - Along the Forest Drive corridor, we have a significant number of homes for rent and purchase along the Bywater corridor—namely, Federaltowne, and Yevola Peters Way, in Greater Parole.

5 - Along the Forest Drive corridor, we have a significant number of homes for rent and purchase in the community of Greenbriar, in Greater Parole.

6 - Along the Forest Drive corridor, we have a significant number of homes for rent and purchase in the community of Oxford Landing, in Greater Parole.

7 - Along the Forest Drive corridor, we have a significant number of homes for rent and purchase in the community of Forest Villa in Parole.

8 - Along the Forest Drive corridor, we have a significant number of homes for rent and purchase in the community of Fairfax in Parole.

9 - Along the Forest Drive corridor, we have a significant number of homes for rent in the community of Allen Apartments in Parole.

10 - Along the Upper West Street corridor, we have a significant number of homes for purchase and rent in the Parole Heights community—located behind the Honda dealership on West Street.

11 - Along the Upper West Street corridor, we have a significant number of homes in the subsidized housing community of Annapolis Gardens, in Parole.

12 - Along the Upper West Street corridor, we have a significant number of homes in the subsidized housing community of Admiral Oaks, in Parole.

13 - There are approximately 5,000 residents who live in Ward 3. I would suspect that about 2/3rd's of these residents live in the areas that I have outlined here, #s1-12, i.e., approximately 3,300 residents.

14 - Since my tenure on the City Council (December 2013), we have been very strategic in what we appreciate in Ward 3, based upon our long-standing tenure living here in Parole, and the daily activities, events, etc. that occur here, and continuing to be very cognizant of the public safety impact.

15 - For example, in the Dorsey Heights neighborhood of Parole, we have a newly built (2016) "mid-scale-up-scale" community, "Annapolis Townes at Neal Farm". Originally proposed to be over 200 apartments, we insisted on no more than 50 townhomes, mainly because of the well documented public safety impact.

16 - For example, in the Upper West Street area of Parole, currently being built are 42 townhomes, "Towne Courts", for rent; however, the owner has assured us that they will be providing and having available a deluge of homeownership classes for families who wish to use Towne Courts as a "stepping stone" toward homeownership. Again, originally proposed to be over 200 apartments with downstairs retail, we likewise rejected that proposal, again, being cognizant of the well documented public safety impact.

17 - Without question, no one is able to accuse Ward 3 of not promoting affordable housing.

18 - If we need mixed use upscale townhomes, then we can certainly look right across Rt. 2 and Forest Drive to the County's Parole Towne Centre.

19 - If we need highrise and mid-scale-upscale apartments, then we can certainly look right across Rt. 2 and West Street to the County to what's behind the Double T Diner, Maris, in Parole.

EDUCATION

Ward 3/Parole hosts 2 schools:

1 - Walter S. Mills-Parole Elementary School, 1 George and Marion Phelps Lane, Parole, over 600 students

2 - Monarch Academy (an Anne Arundel County Public Schools, contract school), 2000 Capital Drive (Upper West Street), Parole, over 500 students

3 - Kiddie Academy of Annapolis, 1919 West Street, nationally-accredited curriculum that provides children ages 6 weeks-5 years old with the social and academic foundation they need to be prepared for Kindergarten and beyond; and they also provide a before and after care option for families of children aged 5-12 who need support beyond the typical elementary school day, scheduled to open in the Fall 2021

4 - Parole Health Center, Everyday Childcare, Little scholars educate, ages 2-5 years old, pre-kindergarten, ages 2-3, and 4-5 years old

COMMUNITY FACILITIES/ARTS AND CULTURE ECOSYSTEM AND MURAL DISTRICTS

Poplar Trail

A vital portion of the Poplar Trail—the WEE (West East Expressway) is a very integral part of Ward 3 in Parole—from Poplar Avenue at Windell Avenue, without interruption, all the way to Hudson Street. This is a part of the 2011 Bike Master Plan. And the WEE will provide our Ward 3 residents with not only wonderfully enjoyable bike mobility, but also great pedestrian mobility. We are hopeful that the Poplar Trail will extend beyond the Annapolis Mall, to Waterworks Park, past Honeysuckle Lane/Eisenhower Golf Course, and up into the Bacon Ridge/Waterbury community in Crownsville.

Also, along the Poplar Trail, at or about 2012 West Street, was the former site of the Parole Post Office, where Elizabeth H. Sellman was the first African-American Postmistress in Maryland, as indicated in the

Appointments of US Postmasters, 1874-1889 (Vol 43). It is the first time that a Parole post office appears in the records and clearly shows Elizabeth H. Sellman as having started on 23 Aug 1880. She is listed in the 1900 census as the postmaster still.

And prior to his tenure as our first Ward 3 Alderman, Mr. Thomas Norwood Brown, an African-American and a true “Renaissance Man”, during the mid-20th century, actually owned and served as the Postmaster of the Parole Post Office when it was relocated to the southwest corner of West Street and Hicks Avenue.

Annapolis Shakespeare Company (now the Classic Theatre of Maryland)

The very vibrant Classic Theatre of Maryland is located at 1804 West Street (Upper West Street), Parole.

Annapolis Design District

The Annapolis Design District in Parole boasts at least 5 beautiful murals within its borders; the painting of the murals began in 2014. The confines of the Annapolis Design District are Chinquapin Round Road, Fairfax Crossing, George Avenue, Legion Avenue, and West Street. Recently, the Annapolis Design District has extended itself, now (informally) the “Greater” Annapolis Design District—with a membership that extends beyond its original borders.

Annapolis Department of Transportation (ADOT), Ward 3 Alderman Samuel Gilmer Transportation Center, HQ, Parole

Ward 3 has another mural at the ADOT HQ—namely, approximately 60 African-American area taxi cab drivers from our history, many of whom resided in Parole. Alderman Gilmer, as well as his father, were taxi cab drivers and owners in Parole/Annapolis.

Parole Health Center

We are looking at possibly a mural of Charles "Hoppy" Adams on this building, a Parole product who broke the color barrier to rise through the ranks of radio broadcasting regionally, and who was responsible for the many, many internationally known and talented acts that performed at Carrs Beach in Annapolis, e.g., James Brown, and the like.

Rev. John T. Chambers, Sr. Park

The Rev. John T. Chambers, Sr. Park has slowly evolved as Parole’s “arts and culture [historic] hub and ecosystem”.

1 - The Park is named for the father of the only African-American City of Annapolis Mayor, John T. Chambers, Jr.; and Mayor Chambers formerly served as Ward 3 Alderman.

2 - The Park has 2 separate play areas with playground equipment in each area, and park benches.

3 - Without a doubt, the Park hosts the largest summer concert series in all of Annapolis—8 concerts with upwards and over 500-1,000 persons in attendance at each concert—literally, a Parole community reunion.

4 - Our Breonna Taylor mural has gained international attention and acclaim, by drone and satellite, as well as national attention, with residents indicating to me that there are many out of state visitors coming to the Park taking photos. (I have witnessed this myself.) And the Park hosted the family of Ms. Taylor, from Louisville, KY, on August 29, 2020.

5 – Over the past 5 years, the Annapolis Recreation and Parks Department (ARPD) has installed several (3) memorial benches in the Park in honor of several of our African-American residents from Parole.

6 - The Spa Creek Conservancy installed a Stormwater Education Center in our Park in 2015.

7 - There is a Little Free Library that was installed in our Park by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 2017.

8 - Since 2015, we have had on artistic display, a set of 3 connecting African wildlife scene barrels, compliments of our Ward 3 product, artist-in-residence, Mr. Maurice "Moe" Taylor, a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Art.

9 - We are in the process of working with ARPD to install a kiosk in honor of, "Black Parole/Annapolis Soldiers Who Never Came Home", 2021.

10 - We are also in the process of working with the organization Civil War Trails, in Williamsburg, VA, to develop an interactive and interpretive display/kiosk next door to Chambers Park.

Greater Parole Community Association, Inc.

The Parole Improvement Association was organized in 1951 as a result of the community of Parole being annexed into the City of Annapolis that same year. At the turn of the 21st century, the name was changed briefly to the Community Association of Parole. In 2014, the name changed to the Greater Parole Community Association; and in 2018, the organization was incorporated and is a 501c3. GPCA, Inc. boasts a membership of approximately 484. The GPCA, Inc. is led by its Executive Leadership Team of 9, with approximately 6 working Committees—namely, Health and Public Safety; Balanced and Managed Growth and Development; Educational, Career, and Housing Opportunities; Civic Engagement (GOTV); Special Projects; and Historic Promotion. Hence, Ward 3 is a firm believer in “balanced and managed growth and development”. GPCA Inc.’s motto is: "Preserving Our Past - Promoting Our Present - Protecting Our Future".

Interpretive Panels Depicting the History of Parole

There are approximately 15 of these inspirational and dynamic historic panels, which are located throughout the community of Parole. These very beautiful historic panels were the brainchild of former Ward 3 Alderwoman Dr. Classie Gillis Hoyle.

TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation

Transportation is plentiful in Ward 3 as ADOT provides transportation along all of these corridors as well as into and around their surrounding neighborhoods.

Private Transportation

For example, the ABC Green Taxi Cab Company provides reliable taxi service. They are located on Old Solomons Island Road in Parole.

BUSINESSES

In General

Ward 3 has approximately 725 businesses, which are by far, the largest number of businesses of any Ward in Annapolis—a majority of these businesses being small businesses. And there are many different food choices and cuisine which are offered in Ward 3.

Annapolis Design District

Now, the “Greater Annapolis Design District”, which is ever evolving and growing and dynamic, has extended itself—beyond the general five to six corners/areas of Chinquapin Round Road, Fairfax Crossing, Lincoln Court, George Avenue, Legion Avenue, and West Street—to the Gibraltar/Moreland Parkway corridor, and even out into the County. Whatever you need, as it relates to building and construction, they have it. It’s a one-stop district!

Grocery

Ward 3 has 2 grocery stores—

- 1 - Safeway (Forest Drive, between Bywater Road and Greenbriar), Greater Parole
- 2 - Lidl (replaces Shoppers Market, Old Solomons Island Road), Parole

Department Stores

Ward 3 has 2 department stores—

- 1 - Kohl’s
- 2 - Goodwill

Postal Services

Ward 3 has 2 ways to mail and to ship packages—

- 1 - U.S. Post Office
- 2 - The UPS Store #4439, in the Safeway complex

Financial Institutions

Ward 3 has at least 5 financial institutions—

- 1 - M&T Bank, Somerville Road
- 2 - BB&T Bank, West Street at Old Solomons Island Road
- 3 - Severn Bank, West Street
- 4 - Essex Bank, West Street at Chinquapin Round Road
- 5 - ACE Cash Express, West Street, at The Lighthouse Liquors shopping area

Funeral Home

William Reese & Sons Mortuary, Forest Drive

Cemeteries

- 1 - Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Forest Drive at Fairfax Road
- 2 - Colonial Pet Rest, Forest Drive at Fairfax Road

Mix of Retail and Affordable Housing

Ward 3 is looking forward to "Parole Place" in the coming 1-2 years, to be located at the southeast corner/wrap-around of Forest Drive and Old Solomons Island Road—a mix of retail (bottom floor) and affordable housing (top floor).

Industrial/Flex

Ward 3 has several industrial and flex opportunities for light manufacturing that cater to our small businesses—

- 1 - Greater Annapolis Design District
- 2 – Forest Drive corridor
- 3 - Old Solomons Island Road corridor
- 4 - Upper West Street corridor
- 5 - Hudson Street corridor
- 6 - Gibraltar/Moreland Parkway corridor

Municipal Growth

Ward 3 is looking forward to housing our City’s new, state of the art, Department of Public Works campus at 39 Hudson Street in Upper West Street, Parole.

VOLUNTEERISM

As such, Ward 3 has a variety of opportunities for residents to volunteer.

Environment/Spa Creek

The headwaters of the Spa Creek are in Ward 3.

Church Creek is also a part of Ward 3 (off of Forest Drive).

Spirituality

Ward 3 boasts 9 houses of worship that evidences a very wide variety of faiths—

- 1 - Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church
- 2 - Cecil Memorial United Methodist Church
- 3 - Second Baptist Church
- 4 - Beacon Light Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 5 - Restoration Temple King's Apostles Holiness Church
- 6 - Capital Church of Christ
- 7 - Masjid Al-Ansar Islamic Society of Annapolis
- 8 - New Creations Deliverance Ministries
- 9 - Kingdom Life International Ministries

These 9 houses of worship, combined, have served their spiritual flock for approximately 450 years total.

Community Health Center at Parole, Inc., aka, Parole Health Center

Yes, if necessary, the Parole Health Center can birth babies. Our Anne Arundel County Department of Health leases space from the Parole Health Center for their nursing staff, for gratis, and has been for over 50 years.

A few additional Parole historical tidbits—

1 - When African-American children in Parole needed educational pre-school daycare services, Mrs. Helen Jones, “Principal”, along with her Teacher Assistant, Mrs. Irene Boston Brown, stepped up for many years, mid-20th century, and provided “Mrs. Jones’ Kindergarten” school, which was located on the southwest corner of West Street and Hicks Avenue. Both Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Brown lived at 28 and 18 Hicks Avenue, respectively. They were true “trailblazers”.

2 - Miss Esther Hamilton, an Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) educator, was not only a teacher who eventually became a part of the educational leadership team at the Board of Education, but

she also was the first Branch Manager of the AACPS Credit Union which was located in the basement of her home at 32 Hicks Avenue in Parole. Miss Hamilton likewise was a true “trailblazer”.

3 - In the Forest Villa community, a street is named “Robert Small Road”. According to Wikipedia: Robert Smalls (April 5, 1839-February 23, 1915) was an American politician, publisher, businessman, and naval pilot. Born into slavery in Beaufort, South Carolina, he freed himself, his crew, and their families during the American Civil War by commandeering a Confederate transport ship, CSS *Planter*, in Charleston harbor, on May 13, 1862, and sailing it from Confederate-controlled waters of the harbor to the U.S. blockade that surrounded it. He then piloted the ship to the Union-controlled enclave in Beaufort-Port Royal-Hilton Head area, where it became a Union warship. His example and persuasion helped convince President Abraham Lincoln to accept African-American soldiers into the Union Army. After the American Civil War he returned to Beaufort and became a politician, winning election as a Republican to the South Carolina Legislature and the United States House of Representatives during the Reconstruction era. Smalls authored state legislation providing for South Carolina to have the first free and compulsory public school system in the United States. He founded the Republican Party of South Carolina. Smalls was the last Republican to represent South Carolina's 5th congressional district until 2011.

WARD 3 – REGIONS AND STREETS (Rev. 11/15/21)

Region 1 – Traditional Parole (Allen Dr.; Bausum Dr.; Bunche St.; Carver St.; Center St.; Dominoe Rd.; Drew St.; Forest Dr. (1914-2102); Gilmer St.; Hicks Ave.; Holeclaw St.; Dorsey Ave.; Kirby La.; Link St.; Neal St.; Oaklawn Ave.; Old Solomons Island Rd.; Parole St.; George and Marion Phelps La. (formerly Middle St.); Reidsville St.; Rosewood St.; Vincent St.; West St., 1914 to 1997 West Street); ~~MORELAND PARKWAY~~;
NEW: Hopy Adams Way; Noah Taylor Way; Norwood Brown Lane

History

Dr. Aris T. Allen (prominent local physician; served in the Maryland State legislature)

Ralph Bunche (nationally renowned)

George Washington Carver (nationally renowned)

Dr. Charles Drew (nationally renowned)

Gilmer Family (Parole)

Hicks Family (Parole)

Hausclaw Family (Parole)

Dorsey Family (Parole)

Kirby Family (Parole)

Neal Family (Parole)

George and Marion Phelps (Parole)

Reid Family (Parole)

Vincent Price Family (Parole)

Charles “Hoppy” Adams (Parole; and regionally renowned entertainment guru including as the Host at Carrs Beach)

Noah Taylor Family (Parole)

Norwood Brown (Parole; and our first Parole Alderman)

Region 2 – Parole Heights (Admiral Dr., even side; **Bowie Ave.**; **Gross Ave.**; **Parker Ave.**; **Pindell Ave.**; N. Poplar Ave.; **Wells Ave.**; **Windell Ave.**)

History

Bowie Family (Parole)

Gross Family (Parole)

Parker Family (Parole)

Pindell Family (Parole)

Wells Family (Parole)

Windell (Parole; and a name that combines the Wells and Pindell families’ names)

Region 3 – Annapolis Gardens (Admiral Dr., odd side; **Bowman Ct.**; **Bowman Dr.**; **Croll Dr.**)

History

Rev. Leroy Bowman (Former Pastor of First Baptist Church, Annapolis, for over 50 years; member of the HACA Board; he lived in Parole)

Father Croll (Long-time Rector of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Annapolis)

Region 4 – Admiral Oaks (Captains Cir.)

Region 5 – Forest Villa (Lincoln Dr.; **Louis Dr.**; **Robert Small Rd.**)

History

Joe Louis (world renowned professional boxer)

Robert Smalls (April 5, 1839-February 23, 1915, he was an African-American politician, publisher, businessman, and naval pilot, who was born into slavery)

Region 6 – Bywater Corridor including Federaltowne (Belle Ct.; Belle Dr.; Bywater Rd.; Royal St.; Schooner Ct.; **Yevola S. Peters Way**)

History

Yevola S. Peters (well-known local community advocate who was the first Executive Director of the County’s Community Action Agency)

Region 7 – Oxford Landing (Skipjack Ct.; Tripp Creek Ct.; Tuckahoe Creek Ct.; Yawl Rd.)

Region 8 – Greenbriar (Greenbriar La.)

Region 9 – Heritage (Catlyn Pl.; S. Cherry Grove Ave.; Corey La.; Hawkins La.; Homewood La.; Lloyd Ct.; Meares Ct.; Merryman Rd.)

Region 10 – Greater Germantown-Southwoods (S. Cherry Grove Ave. (1-223); S. Homeland Ave.; Isaacs St.; Kentwood St.; Legion Ave.; Margaret Ave.; McGuckian St.; McKendree Ave., 200 bl.; Ritchie Ct.; Ritchie La.; Ritchie St.; S. Southwood Ave.; Virginia St.; S. Virginia St.)

Region 11 – Bell at Annapolis on West (1901 West St.) (McGuckian Ave.; Westbridge Dr.; West St., 1201-1911)

Region 12 – Fairfax Road (Fairfax Rd.)

Region 13 – Allen Apartments (Allen Dr.; Center St.)

Region 14 – Annapolis Townes at Neal Farm (Agnes Dorsey Pl.; Francis Harris Pl.; James Walker Pl.; Joseph Johnson Pl.; Neal Farm Dr.)

History

Ms. Agnes Dorsey, Mr. Francis Harris, Mr. James Walker, Mr. Joseph Johnson, and the Neal family are/were prominent members of the Parole community

Region 15 – Annapolis Design District (Chinquapin Round Rd.; Fairfax Rd.; Fairfax Crossing; George Ave.; Legion Ave.; Lincoln Ct.; Lincoln Dr.; Margaret Ave.; McGuckian St.; Virginia St.; West St.)

Region 16 – Upper Forest Drive Corridor Business District (Forest Dr.)

Region 17 – Old Solomons Island Road Corridor Business District (Old Solomons Island Rd.; Somerville Rd.)

Region 18 – Upper West Street Corridor Business District (Lee St.; Md. Rt. 450 (at West St.); West St. (2000 bl. to Rt. 2/Rt. 450—splits Walgreens)

History

Lee Family (Parole)

Region 19 – Hudson Street Corridor Business District (Hudson St.; National Guard Armory Driveway)

Region 20 – Gibraltar Street/Moreland Parkway Corridor Business District (Capital Dr.; Gibraltar Ave.; Mini Court Rd.; Moreland Pkwy.)

New: Francis Noel Way (Towne Courts)

History

Mr. Francis Noel (Parole) was the prominent principal of Adams Park Elementary School, which is now the J. Albert Adams/Mary Moss Academy.

36 streets

Fwd: Ward Boundary Redistricting Task Force Public Hearing - Ward Boundaries Update

4 messages

Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov> Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 8:01 PM

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Jared:

Good evening.

First, an excellent presentation as well as an "unanticipated work session".

Really, no more than what you've already heard overall.

Again, it seems to be the consensus that Ward 3 remain unchanged for a variety of reasons.

The Greater Parole Community Association, Inc.'s Executive Leadership Team (GPCA ELT) was represented last evening, with Lisa Randall Wilson likewise representing Ward 3 on the Task Force. Ms. Beryle Downs is our Acting President, and Mr. Todd Powell is a member of the GPCA's ELT as well. Also, the GPCA works closely with the Heritage Pool and Community Association (HPCA), and Mike Dye, who attended the hearing last evening as well, has been a mainstay/leader within the HPCA for decades. While GPCA has a membership of approximately 470, the various community associations within Ward 3 (much smaller associations) continue to function in their individual capacities; however, they are also well aware that GPCA will work with them if there is a need to work in a collective capacity, and that continues to occur.

Again, as I indicated last evening, it is now very well known that we are now working diligently toward Ward 3/Parole becoming an official tourist destination--certainly a revenue generator for our City. We began this effort, in general, in 2016 when the City approached us about publishing the "Walk Parole: A Scavenger Hunt for History" brochure in time for Maryland Day in March 2016. See the link:

<https://www.annapolis.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4527>, We have had almost 2,000 copies of this brochure published in print. And we continued talks with Visit Annapolis in 2017.

Also, in November 2020, when I took an exhaustive look at Ward 3 as we engaged in a dialogue concerning the City's Comprehensive Plan, I realized that we are indeed extremely diverse--in race, culture, age, economic status, thought, etc.--probably more than any other Ward in the City, and we are truly "Annapolis in Miniature".

In support of that "Annapolis in Miniature" designation/moniker of Ward 3, please see the attached document that I prepared for our City's Planning and Zoning Department in November 2020.

In a nutshell, Ward 3 has--

- 1 - 1 health center (that can birth babies);
- 2 - at least 10 neighborhoods of affordable housing;
- 3 - 2 schools;
- 4 - 2 childcare facilities;
- 5 - 1 walking trail;
- 6 - 1 professional theater;
- 7 - at least 6 murals;
- 8 - 1 public park with a variety of amenities;
- 9 - at least 8 community associations;
- 10 - 2 different forms of transportation--public and private;
- 11 - approximately 725 businesses (more than any other Ward);
- 12 - 6 business districts;
- 13 - 2 creeks (Spa and Church);
- 14 - 2 grocery stores;
- 15 - 2 department stores;
- 16 - 2 postal services;
- 17 - 5 financial institutions;
- 18 - 1 government facility (forthcoming, DPW campus);
- 19 - 9 houses of worship (with a very wide variety of faiths--from Methodist to Muslim);
- 20 - 1 funeral home (where we can prepare to bury you); and
- 21 - 2 cemeteries (and where we can actually bury you; including a pet cemetery)

Bottom line: I would match up Ward 3 to any other Ward in the City when it comes to this litany of attributes and diversity.

To this end, recently, we have been meeting weekly with City staff/leadership (and our Mayor has been briefed) as well as engaging other governmental and private partners toward our efforts of Ward 3/Parole becoming an official City tourist destination--again, a revenue generator for our City. Of course, with this type of monumental endeavor, funding is a huge issue. As I indicated at the Task Force meeting last evening, any change in Ward 3 could severely compromise and upset the delicate balance of these unprecedented efforts--on several different levels.

We are very proud of the history that our downtown provides to our residents and tourists. However, downtown is only a part of our nation's story. And so our aim here is to provide a more complete and balanced picture of the African-American experience, especially here in our City, that is certainly representative of the larger history of our country--a very long and storied Annapolis history--since the Civil War--over 150 years ago.

Out of over a century and a half of history, it is out of humbleness, respect, deference, and gratitude that we pay homage to these unsung as well as some unknown ancestors. After all, and after all of these years, that's the least that we can do.

I am cc our GPCA's ELT here, as well as Task Force Ward 3 Representative Ms. Randall Wilson.

Additionally, I would strongly request that copies of this entire e-mail thread and these 3 attachments be provided to the entire Task Force; and that this entire packet be made an official part of the record of the Task Force, as submitted on behalf of Ward 3. Therefore, I am also cc here your City Staff member assigned to this Task Force Ms. Raftovich, and her supervisor, Chief of Staff Ms. Smith.

Please advise.

Thank you so very much.

Humbly submitted,

Rhonda

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Alderwoman/Councilwoman, Ward 3, Annapolis, MD City Council

AND

Chair, Public Safety Standing Committee, Annapolis City Council--Police, Fire (including EMS/Paramedics), and the Office of Emergency Management

By law, the Public Safety Committee shall consider matters affecting public safety in the City. The Public Safety Committee shall review all proposed amendments to Title 11 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare) and Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the City Code. First and foremost: The public's safety is paramount. Moreover, as this legal obligation relates to the community's residents, businesses, and visitors, the public's safety, including the public's peace, morals, and welfare, is best assured when its residents are: 1 - healthy; 2 - informed (i.e., educated); 3 - meaningfully engaged in the enhancement of our professional and volunteer workforce; 4 - good money managers of their finances; 5 - residing in safe and affordable housing communities; 6 - mobile (i.e., easily able to access adequate and affordable transportation when needed); 7 - pursuing social, community, entertainment, the arts, historical, and recreational activities; 8 - as well as possibly choosing to enlighten themselves spiritually. Therefore, the Public Safety Committee is committed to working as "One Annapolis"—an Annapolis that values everyOne; and where "HEALTHY LIVING STARTS HERE."

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From: **Jared Littmann** <jared@kbtruevalue.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 10:53 PM

Subject: Ward Boundaries

To: Rhonda Pindell Charles <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov>

Hi Rhonda,

Any feedback after the meeting tonight?

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From: **Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles** <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov>

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Subject: Fwd: Ward Boundary Redistricting Task Force Public Hearing

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Cc: Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles

<aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov> Jared:

Thank you for this additional information. Certainly, food for thought.

Based upon your information here, i.e., "moving people from Ward 2 to Ward 7 through a domino effect through Wards 36", I would suspect that you may get some pushback. For example, in the primary, I garnered just about 70% of the vote, and in the general, 93% of the vote, so one might conclude that Ward 3 residents are very satisfied with my representation. In fact, in Ward 3, we have had a wonderful continuum and succession of leadership since we were annexed into the City in 1951; I have had 4 predecessors. ...

Also, when it comes to state-defined "blocks", one thing should be kept in mind:

For example, Parole is an older and historical neighborhood, so when it was established directly after the Civil War, "blocks" weren't even an issue. Most of these residential Ward 3/Parole blocks/addresses are the unit block (1/2 to 99) or the 100 block (100-199), except for Forest Drive and possibly a few other streets. (Yes, someone actually has the address of "[1/2 Hicks Avenue](#)". I can tell you the story later.) This is due to the fact that these communities, again, were built "pre-zoning/pre-state-defined blocks". Again, our community has been around since the Civil War. Which could put these types of historical communities at a disadvantage if the "state-defined blocks" are used as some sort of measurement. Also, there are 36 streets in Parole/Ward 3 which are named for either: prominent local African-American families from Parole; or nationally renowned African-American persons. See the list attached, and see these streets in [red](#). I would not only like for these streets to remain in Ward 3, but also all of the other streets as well. In a nutshell: Ward 3 has a very nice balance (probably more than any other Ward) of African-American, Caucasian, and Latino residents; and a few Asian residents as well in Parole. And we probably have a very good balance economically as well. The Ward 3 streets and neighborhoods pretty much bear this out.

One other point of reference regarding the street in Parole named "Dominoe Road" (the street that I live on) and why the word "domino" has a unique meaning in Parole:

Back in 1995, when we celebrated Parole Week for 9 days, we published a 200 page historical booklet. In the booklet, we decided to investigate and publish how each street in Parole got its name. I asked then Ward 3 Alderman Gilmer about "Dominoe Road". Please see attached what he said.

I just wanted to provide you with some facts, as well as a historical as well as a current portrait and a contextual foundation of Ward 3/Parole.

I hope that this information is helpful.

As always, thank you again for your leadership.

Rhonda

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From: **Jared Littmann** <jared@kbtruevalue.com>

Date: Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 8:50 PM

Subject: Re: Ward Boundary Redistricting Task Force
Public Hearing To: Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles
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Hi Rhonda, thanks for the questions.

For purposes of drawing the ward boundaries, we are required to the population existing at the time of the census. We aren't allowed to factor in expected population growth from projects in the pipeline.

Additionally, although the number below identify the minimum to be done, I think many people would prefer a distribution of population much closer to equal than the minimum required. Getting to a perfect distribution of population would require moving an additional 255 people out of Ward 2 and into Ward 7. I suspect that the "best" solution will be somewhere between the minimum numbers highlighted below and an additional 255 people and that it'll be the basis of reasonable people disagreeing.

As an aside, the constraint of needing to work within the state-defined "blocks" is a major constraint. For example, moving Annapolis Overlook from Ward 5 to Wards 6 or 7 would make a lot of sense in some ways, but Annapolis Overlook is in the same "block" as Hunt Meadow, so those two communities of over 400 people have to stay together. Hunt Meadow and Annapolis Overlook could both be moved to Ward 7, which would solve the Ward 7 issue, but then Ward 5 would need to gain population from Wards 3-6.

Your next question might be if we can change the defined blocks. The state-defined blocks can only be changed by the state. Shawn made a number of recommendations 10 years ago after the last census, but she does not think they took any of her recommendations. It is a frustrating constraint because it appears artificial and some blocks are huge - over 500 people - so moving them is either impossible or shifts a big population.

As I see the problem to be solved, a likely solution will involve moving people from Ward 2 to Ward 7 through a domino effect through Wards 3-6.

I'm grateful for the interaction. By the time we reach a recommendation, I hope that it won't be a surprise to the Council.

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On Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 5:38 PM Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles

[<aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov>](mailto:aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov) wrote: Jared:

Good afternoon.

First, thank you for your yeoman work on this endeavor.

Second, a question: Once Parkside Preserve is completed, I would think that Ward 7 would have at least 171 people. So is this not sufficient?

Third, as to the 66 people in Ward 2, I don't necessarily have any thoughts except move them equally to Wards 1 & 3? (In Ward 3, I used to have some now Ward 2 people, including the Library.)

Please advise.

Thank you again.

Rhonda

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From: **Jared Littmann** <jared@kbtruevalue.com>

Date: Thu, Dec 9, 2021 at 2:41 PM

Subject: Ward Boundary Redistricting Task Force Public Hearing

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Mayor and City Council,

Congratulations on your elections and inauguration! I wish you only success.

I'm writing in my role as Chair of the Ward Boundary Redistricting Task Force. Next Tuesday, 12/14/21, the City will issue the press release attached and copied below. I'm writing to ask that you each share the information with your constituencies so that we may receive input from as many people as possible. Please include this information in emails, newsletters, or announcements that you share. At this early public hearing, we are hoping to hear what issues people want us to consider when we go about the process of redrawing the map. The timing is not ideal with the holidays, but we only have six months to return with our proposal and we wanted to have early input. Plus, we will also have another public hearing toward the end of the process.

Aside from asking for your help in sharing information about this public hearing, I'm also writing to share my initial thoughts about the process. I can't emphasize enough that these are only my initial thoughts. As you'll read below, at a minimum, we need to move people out of Ward 2 and into Ward 7, while keeping wards contiguous. I experimented with various approaches to achieve that goal and found that making only minor changes is not a likely outcome. It is more likely that many ward boundaries are likely to change, significantly in some cases. Whole neighborhoods may need to move from one ward to another.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have your input individually or to the entire Task Force with the hope that early engagement on an issue can avoid issues or problems late in the process when you are presented with legislation to vote on. Please consider this an invitation to attend the public hearing on 12/21 at 7 PM at the PMRC, to be a guest at one of our Task Force meetings, or to reach me by phone (443-926-2399) or email (jared@kbtruevalue.com).

Congratulations again on your election success.

Best regards,

Jared

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City of Annapolis to Hold First in a Series of Public Hearings for Proposed Ward Boundary Redistricting

ANNAPOLIS, MD (December 14, 2021) – The City of Annapolis will hold a series of public meetings to review ward boundaries to balance districts to account for population shifts, ensuring equal representation among the eight wards of the City. The first meeting is set for December 21 beginning at 7 p.m. The Task Force must complete its work by the end of April 2022.

Background: Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a count of the population. Earlier this year, the Census Bureau released the data to the City of Annapolis. With this data, the City is required to reexamine ward boundaries to ensure balance and make changes, if warranted. In order to help the City conduct this work, the Annapolis City Council established the Ward Boundaries Task Force. The Task Force is made up of appointed volunteers from across the City who have six months to review Census data, hold public meetings, and report back to the City Council with recommendations. The members of the 2021 Redistricting Task Force include:

Emma Smith – Ward 1
Brandon P. Wright – Ward 2

Harold Lloyd Sr. - At Large
Lisa Randall Wilson – Ward 3
Solon Webb – Ward 4
Jared Li mann – Ward 5, Chair
Greg Brennan – Ward 6
Mary Anne Arne – Ward 7, Vice Chair
Michael Ma hews – Ward 8

The Task Force has received the preliminary data needed to conduct the work. In the 2020 U.S. Census, the updated popula on of Annapolis is 40,951. At the conclusion of the work, each ward should have roughly the same number of residents.

In Annapolis in 2021, eight wards of equal popula on would include 5,119 people. While equal distribu on is not necessary, each ward must have no more than 5,375 and no less than 4,863 people, a 5 percent devia on. Using the exis ng ward boundaries, Ward 2 currently has 5,441 people or 66 more than the allowable devia on, and Ward 7 has 4,692 people, or 171 less than the allowable devia on.

At a minimum, the Task Force must offer a proposed map with redrawn ward boundaries such that Ward 2 has fewer people and Ward 7 has more people. There are many restric ons that guide or limit how these changes may be made. For example, wards must be con guous, so it is likely that many, if not all, of the ward boundaries could change.

Public input into this process is important. The Task Force has scheduled two public mee ngs. In addi on, tes mony can be offered by email to boards@annapolis.gov or on the [comments form](#) for the Task Force, or by regular mail to City Hall, A en on Hilary Ra ovich, [160 Duke of Gloucester, Annapolis, MD 21401](#). Currently, two public mee ngs are scheduled:

- Friday, December 21, 2021, at 7 p.m. at Pip Moyer Recrea on Center
- Tuesday, February 15, 2022 (me and loca on TBD)

All public mee ngs will be live-streamed to the City YouTube page. The deadline to submit tes mony is March 10, 2022. You can find more informa on from the Task Force’s [webpage](#) on the Annapolis.gov website.

The Task Force is required to submit its recommenda ons to the City Council within six months. The City Council will then introduce legisla on that will go through the regular procedures with amendments and further public hearings.

The last me the City completed redistrict ng, the new Ward map was adopted by the City Council on July 23, 2012.

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message ----- From:

Rona Chuck

Date: Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 11:13 PM

Subject: Dominoe Road

To: aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov>

Sent from my iPhone

3 attachments

Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov> Sun, Jan 23, 2022 at 1:19 PM

To: "jared@kbtruevalue.com" <jared@kbtruevalue.com>, Hilary Raftovich <hrraftovich@annapolis.gov>, Susy Smith <sssmith@annapolis.gov>, Lisa Randall <Imr2102@yahoo.com>, Greater Parole Community Association <greaterparolecommunityassoc@gmail.com>

Cc: "Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles" <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov>

Team: Chairman Littmann, Boards and Commissions Officer Raftovich, Chief of Staff Smith, Ward 3 Representative Randall Wilson, and the Greater Parole Community Association, Inc.

Good afternoon.

And Happy New Year to all!

Please see below and attached.

Please advise at your earliest convenience regarding my request.

Thank you so very much.

Jared Littmann <jared@kbtruevalue.com>

Sun, Jan 23, 2022 at 2:28 PM

To: "Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles" <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov>

Thanks Rhonda. Please clarify for me what the request is.

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Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov>

Mon, Jan 24, 2022 at 12:46 AM

To: "jared@kbtruevalue.com" <jared@kbtruevalue.com>

Cc: Lisa Randall <Imr2102@yahoo.com>, Greater Parole Community Association

<greaterparolecommunityassoc@gmail.com>, "Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles"
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Jared:

Good morning.

I am requesting that copies of this entire e-mail thread and these 3 attachments be provided to the entire Task Force; and that this entire packet be made an official part of the record of the Task Force, as submitted on behalf of Ward 3.

Thank you.

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