



QA@H NEWSLETTER - October 2019

QA@H EVENTS UPDATE

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[Thu 10/17/2019 - SNAP Chapter: DEFENSIVE DRIVING plus 911 INSIGHTS into PROCEDURES](#)

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BOARD and COMMITTEE NEWS

Can you believe we're sneaking up on our first anniversary since we formally kicked off Queen Anne's at Home? The time has flown by! We're planning some events in October to help us celebrate, so stay tuned on that.

Membership renewal letters will be going out to those of you who are celebrating your 1-year anniversary with QA@H. (Watch your e-mail box!) With the substantially lower annual membership dues (\$50 for single household; \$75 for dual+ household), we hope you'll find it easier than ever to reach out to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join, too. With your help, we'll continue to grow this dynamic and fun community.

SNAP COMMITTEE UPDATE

SNAP for October - Leave the Driving to Us and Be Defensive!

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This month's SNAP is a multi-part adventure. First, Training Coordinator Maria Parker will talk with us about how to be defensive in our driving habits.

Next, EMS Chief Scott Wheatley and Emergency Management Associate Joe Cichocki will talk about what processes are set in motion when a 911 call is made. What EMT's can and cannot do upon entering your home. What happens if there is a death at home? They will answer questions about where they may be mandated to transport a patient - Anne Arundel, Easton, or the Queenstown Emergency Center.

After the discussion, we will have a tour of an ambulance right there in the parking lot. Are you allowed to ride in the back when a patient is being transported? When do you get a helicopter ride? Come find out.

Helpful Information

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY SENIOR TOWN HALL

Sponsored by QAC Commission on Aging, this Town Hall was held in Grasonville on 9/26/2019. On the panel: Sen. Hershey, Dels. Arentz and Jacobs, Comms. Corchiarino and Moran, representatives of Aging and Housing commissions. Here are some highlights from this event's wide-ranging discussion.

- ✓ All those low-flying planes that seemed to be crop-dusting the entire county? They're actually spreading winter cover crops (clover, etc.). We were also told that aerial spreading of neonic pesticides (the ones known to harm bees and other pollinators) is prohibited.
- ✓ The new extension of the Cross-County trail is set to open on October 1.
- ✓ Atlantic Broadband has the franchise for cable in QAC. Other entities, such as Choptank Electric Co-op, are looking into providing broadband services to County areas that lack good connectivity. This is good news for people who want to "cut the cord" and stream content rather than pay for cable. (File a "tech support service request" on the QA@H website for some basic info on streaming- we certainly don't know everything about it, but we're happy to share what we do know.)
- ✓ Traffic woes got a *lot* of attention. The left turn from Rte. 50-W onto Rte. 18 (across from the Outlets) was closed on summer Sundays to help ease congestion and reduce traffic hazards. Other "ramps" from Rte. 50 to Rte. 18 can't be closed (they're State roads and therefore open to all), but QAC Deputies were posted there as "traffic information points" to educate travelers who think bailing onto Rte. 18 is faster than staying on Rte. 50.
- ✓ Funding for programs (such as transportation for seniors, rural health initiatives and a lot more) are keyed to the census, so make sure you get counted when the time comes! (2020 Census begins next April.)
- ✓ Maryland does have a commission looking at prescription price controls. Help isn't imminent, but legislation may be introduced in the next legislative session.

Members Helping Members - Do you need a minor home repair? A little computer tech help? Just make a Service Request on our Website or call the office number and leave a message.

If you have an idea for our newsletter, please contact the office and let us know.
We will help you share your thoughts.