

**NOTICE Board Meeting
Artemel Associates Office
300 Montgomery Street
May 13, 2019**

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Present: Agnes Artemel, Mary Harris, Mike Kenney, Penny Laporte,
Eleanor Quigley, Anne White-Olson

Mary Harris opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sgt. Mike Rossiter presented his statistics on the Old Town North Crime during January to April.

There was an assault and N. Fairfax and N. Royal Street.

Additionally, there is a big problem with thieves wanting auto parts, especially from Hondas. Thieves are breaking windows and stealing airbags or tires. Please lock your doors.

There is a reported increase in scooter problems., The police can't really do anything about them, at this time.

Montgomery Park events this summer are beginning on May 16th, followed by June 20th and August 22nd. Agnes requested that Sgt. Rossiter have 4-7 officers walk the park during the time of the events.

Sgt. Rossiter responded to a question about Ring doorbells and assured the group that they are "great".

Erik Olson, an environmental advocate, who is on the Citizen's Steering Committee for River Renew presented recommendations of the group to the City.

Major Recommendations are:

Drilling tunnel under the Potomac River, one of which will be in front of Oronoco Park. As of May 1, the recommendations including using Oronoco Park for staging grounds for up to 2 years as a diversion facility, do all the staging at the Robinson terminal instead of the Park. There are on-going private negotiations for use of that property. Cover up the terminal area so residents would not have to see the staging.

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Start date of the work there begins on December 2020 or January 2021.

Eleanor Quigley reported that the National Park Service (NPS) is conducting an Environmental Assessment this month or early next month. Citizens have 1 month to comment. Comments are due July 2019.

- River Renew Engineers are writing the report.
- June 25 to the Planning Commission
- July 9 to City Council

There will be a rate increase on the water bill of \$55 a year for the first two years. The City or River Renew will apply for funding under federal Clean Water Legislation.

River Renew Open House in June, after Environmental Assessment Draft Comes out. There are many laws that they have to adhere to, among which are:

Migratory Bird Treaty Act
(NEPA) National Environmental Policy Act

In addition, there are some complications with ownership:

- NPS controls the Potomac Riverbed
- DC owns high water mark and NPS owns all the way to Power plant and control part of the riverbed.
- Parcel 1A under easement under NPS.

EAP submitted to Council and will be in May.

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No information on development in addition to what Agnes reports.

Other items and events:

- Member meeting, Direct members to 23rd floor, 6:45 doors, Eleanor
- OTN Crowne Plaza, May 21, 5 pm.
- Penny and Anne will meet and greet.

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- Mike will be at desk for check-in
- Sodas, cookies, some finger food, cookies
- Information of Mike Kenney's walking tours will be available.

Summer Events in Montgomery Park”

- Farmers Market Summer Hours 4-8
- Free yoga, fresh air June 20
- Concerts on the Green
- Community Picnic July
- Taste of Old T North, Sept 19
- October 24, Octoberfest

Eleanor Quigley reported that she is concerned about public wetlands over near the Potomac Yard Metro Construction. While it is concern of the entire group, there was little time to comment publically on the state of the wetlands in PY.

Mary Harris closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.