



# Hollybrooke Newsletter

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All HOA members are encouraged to join the email list. This list is used occasionally to provide notifications of Hollybrooke events and neighborhood watch alerts. To sign up and to see the latest community information go to the community website – [www.hollybrooke.org](http://www.hollybrooke.org)

**This is your neighborhood newsletter. Please send any ideas, articles or comments to:**  
[newsletter@hollybrooke.org](mailto:newsletter@hollybrooke.org)

## Look inside for the latest information on the Gude Landfill

### Community Calendar

As dates become available, they will be posted to <http://www.hollybrooke.org>.

#### Save this Date!

- **Annual Picnic**  
Sept. 17 – 4:00 PM – details inside

#### Board Meetings

Board Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of every month at the residence of a Board member. Meetings are open to all homeowners and you are encouraged to attend. All meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. A sign is posted along Monona and Indianola. Call a Board member or check <http://hollybrooke.org> to confirm times, dates, and locations.

#### Upcoming board meetings –

August 1st - no meeting for summer break  
September 12th – Eli's house – 15512 Grinnell Terr  
October 3rd - Nick's house - 15408 Indianola Dr.  
November 7th - budget meeting, Candlewood ES

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Checkout the community Facebook page at Derwood Station South HOA

## **A Note from Nick Radonic - DSS HOA Board President - [president@hollybrooke.org](mailto:president@hollybrooke.org)**

### **Summer:**

Lot's of fun. have a walk down the greenspace path towards Lake Needwood. If you have the interest and stress tolerance, 'Go Ape' at Lake Needwood has been running since last summer, and allows you to go climbing and dangling about the tree tops. Its pricey, but I had to do it once to see what it felt like. Boy oh boy, its a gas.

### **Lake Needwood dredging:**

Last weekend the lake was still drained and there was still dredging equipment on the lake bottom. Its been about 6 months since they started to lower the water level and dredge, but they are not finished yet.

### **Gude Landfill discussions:**

The ongoing discussions between the Montgomery County Department of Solid Waste (DSW), ourselves via the Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (GLCC) interest group, and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) are progressing reasonably well. We have talked with the MDE and discussed the environmental test data (posted on DSW website) and listening to some of the options for remediation of the Gude Landfill site. Wether it will be re-contoured, or capped with a low-permeability membrane are all TBD. From the GLCC perspective there is nothing major to comment on, either with test results or future plans (in discussion by DSW and MDE). We are soliciting input from residents about possible beneficial future uses for the remediated landfill. We feel good about the contacts we have made in MDE and the level of discussions with DSW.

### **Low pressure residential gas pipeline repair:**

I was walking behind Bettendorf Court today and ran into the Washington Gas workers digging up and repairing a leaking low pressure, 20 inch residential gas pipeline between Bettendorf Ct. and Grinnell Ct. The workers indicated it was a small corrosion spot on the pipeline. This was apparently reported by a resident a few weeks ago, brought to the attention of Montgomery County Councilman Andrews, and eventually Washington Gas came in and found a leak with gas sniffers. If you smell other leaks, let Washington Gas know.

### **County trees along Indianola:**

I see that 3 dead cherries were removed on Monona Drive last week. We have received some notice that the County will be replacing these and other missing spots along Indianola Dr. and Monona Dr. We'll pass the message along when we find out for sure.

### **Model airplanes on Gude Landfill:**

I'm a member of CASA model airplane club that meets and flies quiet electric planes on the Gude Landfill hill. My son and I have tried to fly a small electric airplane on the hill, with mixed success. You may see the airplanes occasionally in the air over the hill. Some of them are quite complex and perform amazing aerobatics and soaring, remotely flown by experienced pilots.

### **Election:**

The annual DSS HOA election for replacement Board members took place last week. We received sufficient ballots to meet the 1/4th quorum requirement, and the election was deemed official by MTM, our management company. In addition sufficient Board members were present at the meeting to assign new Board positions. Here's a list of the positions we have for the next year, and our elected term expiry dates:

Nick Radonic '13 - President, Keith Ligon, '13 - Vice-President, George Wolohojian '13 - Treasurer  
Eli Nadel, '12, Secretary - Communications and Newsletter, Sacha Rosen, '12 - AERC liason  
Filly Kotsatos '13 - Social Committee, Alex Schultz '12 - Landscaping Committee

If you wish to get involved, consider starting by attending our monthly HOA Board meetings, and remember there is another election next June.

Thank you to outgoing board members Paul Smith and Ninette Regan. Welcome new board members George Wolohojian and Filly Kotsatos. Also welcome Marianne Mann & Bob Craig as the newest members of the AERC.

**Finances:**

There's not much to report. The two unexpected expenditures we've made were for tree work and snow clearing in 2010. The finances of the HOA still look good with few anomalies. And the state of the neighborhood seems to be in good shape. Future risks now seem to be that we have a lot of mature trees in the common areas.

Please send comments to: [president@hollybrooke.org](mailto:president@hollybrooke.org)

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**Derwood Station South Annual Picnic**

**When:** Saturday, September 17 from 4:00-? (Rain date Sunday, September 18)

**Where:** Green space on Monona Drive next to Plant Physiology property

**Who:** All ages welcome!

More details will be coming soon.

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**Goodbye and Thank you!**

The Board and the AERC want to wish a fond farewell to Bob and Carol Day who have moved to Lynchburg, VA. Bob and Carol were original owners. They were involved in our community from the very beginning. They served on the board and the AERC. Bob served on the GLCC and Carol was a founding member of the garden club. We can also thank both of them for the holly sprigs that have appeared on the lamp posts every Christmas. We thank you for your years of dedication to our community. You have helped make Hollybrooke the neighborhood it is today. We wish you only good times, good luck and good health in the future.

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**Your Community Bulletin Board**

At a recent board meeting a neighbor asked if people could send recommendations for service providers to the newsletter. I told him that the board had decided that service provider information could not be printed in the newsletter.

Would you like to tell neighbors about a service you provide? Do you want to know about service providers that neighbors have used? Go to [Hollybrooke.wordpress.com](http://Hollybrooke.wordpress.com) to post comments on issues, post recommendations on service providers or services, post lost and found notices, and post items for sale

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**From the WSSC – our local water company:**

John White, the public affairs manager for the WSSC spoke at a recent board meeting. Among the things he said were:

- 98% of WSSC funds come from rate payers
- Fiber optic cable being placed in all 48" or greater mains to detect leaks. This will be completed in 2012.
- The bi-county water tunnel is currently being constructed. This 5.3 mile long tunnel will be completed in 2013 and will increase water resources in Montgomery and Prince Georges county.
- Solar power is being added to water plants in order to cut energy costs.
- 40% of sewer blockages and back-ups are caused by kitchen grease and oils being poured down the drain.
  - Please pour cooled grease in a can or jar and throw it in the trash.
  - Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash.

## A Note From Ike Leggett

April 2011

Dear Civic Association Leader:

Less than a year after I was first elected County Executive, I directed that a Code Enforcement Work Group be formed to provide me with a comprehensive review of a number of housing and zoning code issues that, in combination or alone, were causing adverse impacts and public safety issues in residential neighborhoods, and particularly in the small-lot zones. I felt that so many of these issues dramatically impacted the quality of life in the County and the residential character of our neighborhoods.

As a direct result of the work group's report, released in November 2008, legislation was passed and became effective in July 2009 that prohibits the parking of recreational and large commercial vehicles on public roads. In October 2010, Zoning Text Amendment 09-03 was passed which addresses three housing code issues: home-based businesses, off-street parking and the paving of front yards. Most of the provisions of this law go into effect on April 24, 2011. The issue of paving front lawns goes into effect on October 24, 2011.

Over the past couple of months, members of my administration have launched an intense effort to educate the community about these changes to the law. A number of community meetings were held around the County to talk about the changes and answer questions. Brochures, posters and Ride On bus cards have been printed and disseminated in both English and Spanish. A website has been set up with details about the new legislation. Go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/goodneighbors](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/goodneighbors) to find the brochure, frequently asked questions, resources and copies of the new laws. This website is a valuable resource, and I hope you will share this information with your association members.

One of the principal reasons people move to our County is our quality of life. By working together, we can preserve that quality of life so that future generations will still find Montgomery County a great place to live, work and raise a family. Thank you for helping to preserve the integrity of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

For more information call 311 or go to:

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/goodneighbors](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/goodneighbors)



# **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!**

(gentle reminders)

**Some people still don't pick up their dog waste when they are walking in the neighborhood. Please pick up your dog waste. It is the law and you are subject to a \$100.00 fine for not picking up after your dog. If you are responsible enough to own a dog, please be responsible enough to pick up after it.**

**Please don't speed in the neighborhood, especially along Indianola. Now that summer is here there will be more bicyclists and walkers throughout the neighborhood and there will be more children playing outside. Please slow down.**

**Please bundle and tie the sticks and branches that fall from your trees. If they are bundled, tied and placed on the curb the county will pick them up.**

**Please pick up your newspapers. Don't leave the Gazette outside for weeks at a time. Just pick it up and recycle it if you don't want it.**

**The AERC Guidelines say that no trash/recycle containers should be visible from the street. In addition, no trash/recycle containers should be placed at the curb until the night before pickup or on the pickup day itself. These guidelines also apply to your landscaping bags. Please keep containers and landscaping bags in your garage or backyard until it is time to place them at the curb.**

**Even though it's a long time until winter this reminder is still necessary -** Homeowners are responsible for removing the snow from sidewalks in front of their property. The HOA pays to have the snow removed from sidewalks in front of the common areas. This includes Wapello Way at the pipeline easement, on Indianola Dr. beside the townhomes, and on Monona Dr. This does not include the townhome parking lots or sidewalks. This also does not include the sidewalks along Indianola. I know for a fact that some homeowners do not clear the public sidewalks in front of their homes. This is dangerous for all walkers, especially the kids walking to and from the school bus stops.

**The community thanks you for your consideration.**

# Neighborhood Helpers



We would like to inform our neighbors that, in the State of Maryland, children must be 13 years old to baby-sit a child under the age of 8 when the parents are absent, per Family Law Article, § 5-801.

We do not endorse any child whose name appears on this list, nor do we screen the list for qualifications and abilities.

Name	Age	Street	Phone	Jobs
Ramiro Andalla	17	Wappelo Dr.	(301)908-5175	Lawn Mowing Babysitting House Sitting
Natalie Fein	13	Grinnell Terr.	(301) 309-1481	Babysitting Pet Sitting Dog Walking
Jackie Gross	15	Titonka Way	(301) 670-0060	Babysitter Mother's Helper Dog Walking Pet Sitting
Leo Kremer	14	Moravia Court	(240) 477-7537	Lawn Mowing
Judie Kuo	16	Bettendorf Ct.	(240) 593-6227	Babysitting Dog Walking Pet Sitting
Nansen Kuo	13	Bettendorf Ct.	(240) 593-5479	Dog Walking Pet Sitting Lawn Mowing
Andrew Moore	17	Grinnell Ct.	(301) 309-0983	Babysitting Dog Walking Pet Sitting Lawn Mowing Snow shoveling
Elizabeth Pamboukian	13	Wapello Dr.	Home -301-838-5544 Cell - 301-768-6882	Babysitting Pet Sitting Dog Walking House Sitting
Zoe Phillips	13	Indianola & Grinnell	(301) 330-0799 or (240) 506-5040	Babysitting (Shady Grove Trained) Dog Walking Pet Sitting
Sarah Radonic	16	Indianola Dr.	(301) 294-9124	House Sitting Pet Sitting
Rosemary Smith	16	Wapello Drive	(240) 449-5715	Babysitting Pet Sitting Dog Walking
Nicole Spouge	13	Grinnell Dr.	(301) 217-9527	Babysitting
Elissa Wollins	15	Wapello Drive	(301) 762-8821	Babysitting (Shady Grove Trained) Pet Sitting Dog Walking

**Please note:** If you want to change or delete an entry, please contact the newsletter editor at (240) 314-0528 or by email at [newsletter@hollybrooke.org](mailto:newsletter@hollybrooke.org) or email [communications@hollybrooke.org](mailto:communications@hollybrooke.org). Updates will be included in the next newsletter.

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## Important County Phone Numbers

Emergencies (Fire/Rescue, Police)	911
Fire Non-Emergency	240-777-2400
Police Non-Emergency	301-279-8000
American Red Cross	301-588-2515
Center for Disease Control – Emergency Preparedness	888-246-2675
Comcast Customer Service	800-COMCAST
County 24-hour Crisis Center	240-777-4000
County Abandoned Vehicle Section	301-840-2454
County Bioterrorism Hotline	240-777-4200
County Community Services Division	240-840-2690
County Solid Waste	240-777-6410
County Department of Public Works and Transportation Call about:	240-777-ROAD (7623)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Potholes</li> <li>▪ Maintenance of Trees in the County Right-of-Way</li> <li>▪ Storm Drainage Operation &amp; Maintenance</li> <li>▪ Snow Removal/Ice Treatment</li> </ul>	
County Executive Offices	240-777-2500
County Hazmat Hotline (24-hour number)	240-777-2341
County Housing and Community Affairs	240-777-3680
County Information and Referral Office	240-777-1000
County Office of Emergency Management (8:30 - 4:30 PM)	240-777-2300
Maryland State Police	301-424-2101
METRO Customer information [www.wmata.com]	202-637-7000
National Capital Poison Center	202-625-3333
National Poison Center	800-222-1222
PEPCO to Report Downed Wires	202-872-3432
PEPCO to Report Outages	877-737-2662
Street Light Repairs or Malfunction	240-217-2190
Verizon (Telephone repair)	800-275-2355
Washington Gas	1-800-752-7520
WSSC (Maintenance)	1-800-828-6439 (x4002)

## Additional Useful County Phone Numbers

Animal Services	240-773-5925	Untagged Cars	240-777-3600
Abandoned Cars	301-840-2455	Noise Control	240-777-7770
Air Pollution Incidents	240-777-7770	Recycling	240-777-6410
Building Permits	240-777-6370	Pot Holes	240-777-ROAD
Building Code Inspections	240-777-6210	Solid Waste	240-777-6410
Consumer Protection	240-777-3636	Street Lights	240-777-2190
County Information	240-777-1000	Occupancy Permits	240-777-6210
Electrical License/Permits	240-777-6240	Vendor Information	240-777-6240
Environmental Protection	240-777-7770	Water Pollution	240-777-7770
Fire Code Violations	240-777-2457	Wed Control	240-777-3600
Housing Code Enforcement	240-777-3600	Zoning Information	240-777-6240
Illegal Dumping	240-777-7770	Zoning Complaints	240-777-6259

### **From the AERC Committee**

The Architectural and Environmental Review Committee (AERC) tracks the compliance issues with the Homeowner's Covenants we all signed when we bought into the neighborhood. Owners apply for permission to make material changes in construction such as fences and house finishes. Again, they have helped give the community a more unified look.

The AERC held two organizational meetings recently under the new leadership of chairperson **Marianne Mann**. Part of the committee's mission is to work with homeowners to get their applications for exterior home changes approved in a timely manner. Committee members help to maintain the beauty of Hollybrooke. The AERC guidelines along with applications are available on the Hollybrooke website, <http://www.hollybrooke.org>. Since the Summer Clean Up walk-through (see next page) will be happening soon, it is highly recommended that you review the AERC guidelines.

**Also, the committee would like to remind all homeowners that plans for any exterior changes to your home should be submitted prior to the commencement of any work, via an application (located on the website) to the AERC.**

### **AERC Philosophy**

It is the Committee's job to get your application APPROVED, within the construct of our Guidelines and Covenants. We want to talk with you to make sure we understand what you want to do. We will work with you so that the application process is quick and comfortable.

If you have any questions about any of the guidelines, or the application process, contact any member of the AERC listed below.

#### **AERC Members**

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## **Gude Landfill Montgomery County Community Outreach Newsletter from the DEP**

The Montgomery County (the County) Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) owns and maintains the Gude Landfill (Landfill). From 2008-2011, the County DEP was directed by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to formalize several existing landfill monitoring programs and conduct a Nature and Extent Study (NES) at the Landfill. The purpose of the NES was to assess environmental and public health impacts associated with low level groundwater contamination in the vicinity of, and potentially resulting from, the Landfill. The County DEP has performed the following actions during the last three-years to adhere to regulatory directives and community-based interests and concerns:

- Formalized all required landfill monitoring programs with MDE approval.
- Organized regularly scheduled meetings with Community representatives.
- Conducted and submitted the NES Report to MDE for review and approval.
- Prepared a NES Fact Sheet for the Derwood Station Residential Community.
- Prepared a Remediation Feasibility Memorandum to summarize potential remedial alternatives.
- Received MDE comments on the NES Report; County DEP's additional investigations and analyses are in process.
- Remediation investigations and land reuses at the Landfill will be discussion topics for future meetings and newsletters.

### **Background**

The Gude Landfill is the oldest formal landfill in Montgomery County (the County). The Landfill was used for the disposal of municipal solid waste and incinerator residues from 1964 to 1982. The site encompasses approximately one hundred sixty-two (162) acres, of which approximately one hundred (100) acres were used for waste disposal. The Landfill was not originally constructed with the following environmental control infrastructure: a bottom liner (clay or synthetic), a capping system (clay or synthetic), a leachate collection system, a landfill gas collection system, and a stormwater management system. However, environmental control infrastructure for landfill gas and stormwater, monitoring wells for landfill gas and groundwater, and numerous other site improvements have been implemented by the County DEP since the Landfill was closed (1982) and soil capped (1984).

The Landfill is located on the northern side of East Gude Drive and extends to the northern side of Southlawn Lane with the primary entrance point at 600 East Gude Drive in Rockville, Maryland. The surrounding area and property border of the Landfill is primarily mixed use: industrial operations (east by southeast); Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) property (south); a Transcontinental/Columbia Gas natural gas pipeline and the Residential Development of Derwood Station South (west); and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) land (north by northeast). The Landfill is also bordered by surface water bodies: Crabbs Branch Stream (north by northeast) and Southlawn Branch Stream (south by southeast).

### **Site Operations**

The County DEP implements best management practices for pre-regulatory era landfills in compliance with MDE directives and Code of Maryland (COMAR) requirements at the Landfill, which include:

- Post-Closure Monitoring and Maintenance – includes, but not limited to the inspection of the vegetated soil cover system.

- Water Quality Protection – includes, but is not limited to the routine inspection and monitoring of water quality (groundwater and surface water) at and beneath the Landfill site. The Landfill site currently maintains thirty six (36) groundwater monitoring wells and five (5) surface water (stream) monitoring locations.
- Explosive Gas Control – includes, but is not limited to the collection and monitoring of explosive gases (i.e., landfill gas – methane) at the Landfill site. The Landfill site currently maintains seventeen (17) landfill gas monitoring wells, over one hundred (100) landfill gas extraction wells with conveyance piping, two (2) landfill gas enclosed ground stack flares and one (1) landfill gas-to-energy engine/generator set.

### Landfill Gas Extraction Well & Piping

The Landfill site also has six (6) dewatering sumps for pumping of perched liquids and/or gas collection.

- Stormwater Management – includes, but is not limited to the collection of on-site stormwater and management of off-site stormwater discharges at the Landfill site. The Landfill site currently maintains four (4) stormwater retention ponds (some with limited use) and over seventy (70) stormwater collection and conveyance structures.

### Regulatory Consultation

Since the Landfill was closed in 1982 until present, the County has had numerous communications with MDE concerning existing conditions at the Landfill and other site issues that may potentially impact public health and safety. Correspondence has been in the form of site inspections, meetings, letters, emails, phone communication and reports. From 2008-2011, the County DEP has complied with the following MDE directives regarding the Gude Landfill:

- Formalize a Landfill Gas Monitoring Plan (completed 4/22/09).
- Formalize a Groundwater and Surface Monitoring Plan (completed 5/11/09).
- Formalize a Remedial Action Plan (completed 5/27/09).
- Prepare a Nature and Extent Study (submitted 11/19/10).
- Respond to MDE Comments (on-going since 5/11/11; completed by 11/21/11).

Based on existing site conditions and historical environmental data (primarily regarding groundwater, surface water and landfill gas) from the Landfill, MDE established the following remediation objectives for the Gude Landfill:

- No exceedances of maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) in the groundwater at the Landfill property boundary or between the Landfill and adjacent streams.
- No non-stormwater discharges to the waters of the State.
- No lower explosive limit (LEL) exceedances for methane at the Landfill property boundary.

### Community Consultation

During calendar year 2008, representatives from the Derwood Station Residential Development formed a community-based advisory group, the Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (GLCC), to represent Community interests for two (2) potential land redevelopment projects at the Landfill by the County. Since then, the GLCC has assisted the County DEP with information sharing and planning activities for remediation investigations, analyses and future land reuse options at the Landfill.

The three (3) Derwood Station Homeowner Associations (HOAs) are also represented within GLCC: David Peterson, President (Derwood Station 1); Laszlo Harsanyi, President (Derwood Station 2); and Nick Radonic, President (Derwood Station South). GLCC shares information regarding the Gude Landfill with the HOAs via newsletters.

From June 2009 to present, representatives of County DEP, GLCC and the County's contracted consultant for technical support (EA Engineering) have held monthly meetings (17 meetings to date) regarding remediation and land reuse at the Landfill. County DEP, GLCC and EA Engineering also participated in a larger forum public meeting (1 meeting to date) with members of the Derwood Station Community on September 24, 2009. The monthly meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of each month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Shady Grove Transfer Station located at 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood, Maryland.

### **Remediation – Nature and Extent Study Update**

In conjunction with EA Engineering, the County DEP conducted a NES and submitted the associated Report to MDE for review and approval on 11/19/10. The results of the NES indicated that while there is persistent low level groundwater contamination and occasional surface water detections of contaminants from the Landfill, there are no significant exposure pathways to neighboring residents and consequently, no risks to public health. Note that the groundwater in the vicinity of the Landfill is not used as a potable water supply. The Derwood Station Residential Development's potable water is serviced by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), a public water supply system. The complete NES Report is available on the Landfill Remediation webpage. DEP previously prepared a NES Fact Sheet for the Derwood Station Residential Community on 12/23/10.

On February 23, 2011, representatives of the County DEP, EA Engineering and MDE met to discuss MDE's comments and questions on the NES Report. Based on this meeting, the County DEP prepared a consolidated list of MDE Comments and County Responses regarding the NES Report, which were officially approved by MDE for implementation on 5/11/11. To comply with MDE's comments, the County DEP will install several new groundwater monitoring wells and temporary monitoring locations; collect and provide additional information regarding the investigation, characterization and delineation of the nature and extent of potential impacts to groundwater from the Landfill; and evaluate surface water hydrology on and around the Landfill property.

### **Remediation – Next Steps**

In conjunction with or after the completion and final approval of the NES Report by MDE, the County DEP will initiate the following Landfill remediation and reuse activities:

- Land Swap Disposition with M-NCPPC – the County DEP has initiated a land swap of approximately seventeen (17) acres between the County DEP and M-NCPPC for land beyond the Landfill property boundary that contains waste for land that does not contain waste in order to assure DEP control of all areas with buried waste for the remediation of the site. The County DEP is planning to hold a public meeting regarding this topic in late July 2011.
- NES Final MDE Approval – the County DEP will hold a public meeting regarding this topic at a date to be determined.
- Assessment of Corrective Measures (ACM) – the County DEP to perform an assessment to determine the remedial alternatives and actions for the Landfill that will best achieve the MDE remediation goals while also remaining consistent with suitable future reuse options. The County DEP will hold a public meeting regarding this topic at a date to be determined.

- Land Reuse Alternatives Selection – the County DEP will continue to work with the GLCC, the Community, other County Agencies and other stakeholders regarding potential land reuse options at the Landfill during the monthly meetings.

### **Remediation – Schedule and Community Milestones**

The Landfill remediation schedule will vary based on the final results of the NES, the future ACM and other MDE, County Agency and stakeholder agreements. The Landfill reuse schedule will vary based on the final results of the future ACM and other MDE, County Agency and stakeholder agreements. On-going Draft iterations of the Remediation and Reuse Schedules are provided within the GLCC/DEP Meeting Minutes (April 2011) that are posted on the Remediation Webpage. The County DEP has previously prepared an on-going list of Community Milestones that involve upcoming external written communications and associated meetings from DEP to the Community, which are also included in the GLCC/DEP Meeting Minutes (April 2011).

### **Remediation – County Information Sharing Webpage**

The Montgomery County DEP has established a webpage to share remediation and reuse project information with the Community. The webpage also has an online forum for residents to post questions regarding the Gude Landfill. The webpage and forum address is provided below:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/solidwaste/facilities/gude/index.asp>

### **Remediation – County Contact Information**

The Montgomery County DEP contacts for the remediation and reuse project at the Gude Landfill are provided below. Please contact Steve Lezinski, Engineer III for Landfill monthly meeting dates, times and the location.

Stephen T. Lezinski, Engineer III •

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**Gude Landfill Property**



**Vegetated Soil Cover System**



**Landfill Gas Extraction Well & Piping**



**Landfill Gas Flare Station**



**Landfill Gas-to-Energy Facility**



**Concrete Stormwater Collection**

**June 30, 2011**

**Dear Residents of Derwood Station South:**

As you may be aware, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Solid Waste Services, in consultation with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), is conducting environmental studies to investigate the nature and extent of any groundwater contamination and other potential environmental effects that may be associated with the old Gude Landfill. The Gude Landfill is located at 600 E. Gude Drive in Rockville, Maryland. The Landfill operated from the early 1960s until 1982 and predated modern landfill regulations and design standards. Consequently, the Landfill does not have a bottom liner or collection system to prevent the release of contaminants that have the potential to leach from the trash and enter the groundwater. Please rest assured that your drinking water supply is safe as your community is served by the public water system.

The County DEP completed and submitted a Nature and Extent Study Report to MDE on November 19, 2010. County DEP received MDE's comments in February 2011 and received MDE's approval of a work plan in May 2011 to obtain additional information through field investigations and analyses to finalize the Report. To make the Community aware of nearby field investigation work and related equipment, the County DEP has previously provided two (2) similar letter notices on February 26, 2010 and June 25, 2010 regarding groundwater well drilling activities in the Derwood Station South Residential Development. This letter brings forth the same message, as County DEP is required to install three (3) groundwater monitoring wells in your Community on Bettendorf Court (MW-14A and MW-14B) and Indianola Drive (MW-15). Please refer to the attached Figure A for the well locations.

The work associated with the Nature and Extent Study has been closely coordinated on a regular basis with representatives from your community who make up the Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (GLCC) advisory group. The members of GLCC have been meeting regularly with County representatives since June 2009 to discuss activities at the Gude Landfill. Also, County DEP is preparing a Quarterly Newsletter for the Derwood Station Community regarding the Gude Landfill and the associated remediation and future land reuse efforts. Investigations, analyses and associated reports for the Nature and Extent Study can be found on the Gude Landfill Remediation webpage, which can be accessed at the address provided below: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/solidwaste/facilities/gude/index.asp>

As work related to the environmental assessment of the Landfill site moves forward, you may see a drilling rig and support vehicle come into the community to install groundwater monitoring wells within the next two weeks. The drilling rig will be track mounted and is approximately 18 feet long and 8 feet wide. The support vehicle carrying associated equipment is a flatbed truck. We will be installing three (3) groundwater monitoring wells within the Community in the next couple months, which will take approximately one to two days each to install. The wells will be located in the paved cul-de-sac area of Bettendorf Court and along the

paved northeastern portion of Indianola Drive below Bettendorf Court and above Grinnell Drive.

During the well installation, there will be noise and displaced soil, mud and dust in localized areas. Construction will be limited to daytime hours. The work area will be cleaned, and any disturbed soils will be re-graded and seeded after well installation is complete. The wells will be flush mounted and capped at the ground surface and should be no more obtrusive than a typical utility valve cover. The drilling contractor has been instructed to minimize traffic disturbance as much as feasible; however, it would be greatly appreciate if residents who normally park vehicles in the Bettendorf Court cul-de-sac or along Indianola Drive could park in their driveways during the drilling activities.

The main purpose of these new groundwater monitoring wells will be to gather additional data on groundwater elevations and water quality. This data will be reviewed and correlated with information previously collected from other monitoring wells adjacent to the Landfill to map groundwater flow directions and assess water quality. This study will provide the basis for discussions with MDE concerning the design and implementation of additional improvements at the Landfill site to minimize possible adverse environmental effects. Initially, the groundwater wells will be monitored on a short-term basis (e.g. 6-months); however, monitoring frequency may be extended to more long-term intervals at the discretion of MDE and DEP. The Community, MDE and our consultants will be included in discussions concerning appropriate options for remediation of this site.

Monthly meetings are generally held the second Thursday of each month from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. with the GLCC advisory group and any other interested residents at the Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station located at 16101 Frederick Rd., Derwood, MD 20855 in the County administrative offices.

Please contact Stephen Lezinski at 240-777-6590 or [steve.lezinski@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:steve.lezinski@montgomerycountymd.gov) or myself at [peter.karasik@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:peter.karasik@montgomerycountymd.gov), or 240-777-6569, to confirm meeting times, the location or to obtain a copy of the agenda for the next scheduled meeting. The County DEP greatly appreciates your patience as we work to better understand the environmental conditions near the Gude Landfill.

Sincerely,  
Peter R. Karasik, P.E.  
Section Chief, Central Operations  
Montgomery County DEP  
Division of Solid Waste Services  
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

Robert Hoyt  
Director

July 8, 2011

Property Owner located within a ¼ mile  
radius of the Gude Landfill and other  
Interested Individuals and Organizations

Dear Property Owner located within a ¼ mile radius of the  
Gude Landfill and other Interested Individuals and Organizations:

**RE: Requested Exchange of Land between Montgomery County and Maryland-National  
Capital Park and Planning Commission in association with the former Gude Landfill**

In accordance with Article 25A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Montgomery County, Maryland announces that it proposes to enter into an exchange of land of approximately seventeen (17) acres between Montgomery County and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in association with the former Gude Landfill (Refer to Attachment 1) located at 600 East Gude Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850. A public meeting is being held to provide notification to property owners located within a ¼ mile radius of the Gude Landfill and other interested individuals and organizations and to satisfy County land disposition and M-NCPPC public process requirements regarding the requested exchange of land. Information regarding the public meeting is provided below:

*Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2011  
Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Place: Executive Office Building  
1st Floor Auditorium  
101 Monroe Street  
Rockville, MD 20850*

*Sign language, interpreter services or other accommodations will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. Alternative formats of meeting materials will also be made available only upon request with the same advance notice requirements listed above. If you need other services or aids to participate in this activity, please contact Stephen Lezinski, Engineer III at 240-777-6590 or e-mail at [steve.lezinski@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:steve.lezinski@montgomerycountymd.gov). Taking these steps will help us have sufficient time to best meet your needs.*

*Interested parties may comment on the proposed exchange of land. Written comments must be received no later than close of business on Friday, August 23, 2011, at:*

*Stephen Lezinski, Engineer III  
Montgomery County Processing Facility and Transfer Station  
16101 Frederick Road  
Derwood, MD 20855*

Division of Solid Waste Services

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Property Owner located within a ¼ mile  
radius of the Gude Landfill and other  
Interested Individuals and Organizations  
July 8, 2011  
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The primary reason for the requested exchange of land is that during the operation of the former Gude Landfill (1964-1982), waste was placed beyond the Landfill property boundary (County owned land) onto adjacent Park Land (M-NCPPC owned land). The impacted land parcel of M-NCPPC equates to approximately 16.5 acres (Refer to Attachment 2). The land parcels of County DEP that are free of waste on Landfill property and available for the exchange of land together equate to approximately 17.0 acres (Refer to Attachment 2). Per a directive by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the County shall obtain long-term unrestricted access to or control of the entire waste disposal footprint of the Landfill. The County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) maintains post-closure care maintenance and operation responsibilities for the Landfill.

Please contact Stephen Lezinski if you need any additional information or have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Peter R. Karasik, P.E.  
Section Chief, Central Operations  
Montgomery County DEP  
Division of Solid Waste Services

PRK:sl  
Enclosures

cc: Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (w/encl. via email)  
John Kumm, EA Engineering (w/encl. via email)  
Stephen Lezinski, Engineer III, DSWS (w/encl.)



**ATTACHMENT 1**

## Gude Landfill Requested Exchange of Land



**Montgomery County land – 2 highlighted parcels - 9.6 acres & 7.4 acres**

**M-NCPPC land – 1 highlighted parcel - 16.5 acres**

**ATTACHMENT 2**