

1. Ginger Woolridge presented on the importance of preserving and growing the tree canopy.
 - a. Trees provide a habit for the insects and pollinators; insects especially are important to support healthy hatchlings.
 - b. Ginger is one of the founders of saveourtrees.org, an organization dedicated to promoting trees. Her email address is gingerwoolridge@comcast.net and she is happy to make suggestions about tree care and planting.
 - c. It's critically important to remove the English Ivy from trees to promote tree health and extend trees' lifespan. This is easily accomplished by cutting the ivy at the base of the tree. In time, the ivy will die and be easily removable from the tree.
 - d. When mulching around trees, the mulch should never touch the tree trunk. Leave a small gap between the mulch and the tree trunk.
 - e. The City is in the process of revising its tree canopy goals.
 - f. The County has hired an invasive species specialist to deal with threats to trees and other natural habitats caused by past planting practices.
 - g. Many thanks to Ginger for volunteering her time to protect trees in West Annapolis and across the City.
2. Alderman Karma O'Neill presented Ward 2 updates.
 - a. Farragut Market is returning to the Navy Stadium (corner of Farragut and Cedar Park) on Sundays. June 18 through August 20. Volunteers are needed; two shifts available. Contact is farragutmarketannapolis@gmail.com.
 - b. Yard to Table project provides raised planter beds for produce in the Clay Street neighborhood. They're looking for volunteers and sponsors. It costs about \$500 to build and plant a raised bed. Contact is Lori Miller.
 - c. Capital Gateway Park is coming soon. Look for details about a summer cleanup/grand opening event.
 - d. City Council budgeting process is kicking off. Hearings will be televised and residents are encouraged to learn about the process and how the City allocates resources.
 - e. Hillman Garage is on track to re-open in early June. Annapolis Go service will end at that time, but the City is piloting a similar app-based micro transit program beginning this summer.
 - f. Marcus Moore, the City's Director of Transportation, is happy to speak with residents about transit concerns. Visit accessannapolis.com for the latest transit information.
 - g. Remember, the Magenta Shuttle runs every ten minutes from Park Place Garage to DTA.
 - h. To report issues with Bird bikes and scooters, go to help.bird.com and click on "submit a request"
3. Representatives from the City and SP+ (John Kemp & Jason Kinney) presented on parking zone options for WA.
 - a. The current parking zones have been in place many years, with very little enforcement, i.e. spot enforcement when someone calls in a complaint.

- b. Recent enforcement efforts have resulted in many complaints from residents and businesses. WAES teachers have been ticketed for parking in the residential zone during school hours.
 - c. New businesses opening in the neighborhood this Spring/Summer may lead to increased demand for parking.
 - d. The City intends to enforce the parking zones going forward unless the City Council passes an ordinance removing or replacing the zones.
 - e. The City is looking for feedback from residents about whether to change the zones or get rid of the zones.
 - f. Residents are concerned about parking include Monterey during school drop off and pickup; both sides parking makes it one-way and the car line would block emergency responders if they were needed.
 - g. Residents are also concerned that the Harbormaster is selling \$25 parking passes for the Tucker Street Boat ramp to anyone who wants one, allowing them to take up long stretches of street parking for hours at a time. This is half the cost of a residential parking permit; why should residents be charged twice as much as non-residents?
 - h. SP+ has created a document showing proposed zone revisions.
 - i. The City has created a website where residents can give feedback about parking zones. They plan to post a survey on the website to gather resident feedback.
4. Deirdre Ralph presented the Treasurer's Report and updates on Beautification.
- a. 203 households have joined WACA in 2023. Encourage your neighbors to join!
 - b. Account balance is \$7592
 - c. For more information, see the detailed Treasurer's Report.
 - d. The Beautification Committee is supporting public park spaces at Tolson Street, Shiley Park, Annapolis Street, Lower Tucker, and the Tucker Street Boat Ramp area.
 - e. Thanks to Deirdre for her continuing efforts to make our neighborhood even more beautiful!
5. Jon Goebel presented on general business and upcoming social events.
- a. Easter Egg Hunt was a success.
 - b. Cinco de Mayo food truck scheduled for Saturday, May 6 at Wardour Circle.
 - c. Upcoming events include July 4 Bike Parade, Navy Tailgates, Oktoberfest, Holiday Market.