

SAD NEWS (AND SOME GOOD)

Sugarloaf Country has lost one of the best friends of the Agricultural Reserve.

George O. Kephart, Sr. was on the Planning Board in 1980 and was a key vote to pass the Master Plan that created the Agricultural Reserve which took effect in 1981. He and his late wife, Mary Ann, were tireless, creative leaders in our community, spending many hours volunteering in local non-profits, among them Historic Medley. They also put in countless hours attending hearings down county on all the many zoning issues that affect our area. During the last primary election day, voters saw George put in a day of support for Royce Hanson, the architect of the Agricultural Reserve. He will be sorely missed but will remain an inspiration to us all.

On May 15 Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, the Dickerson Community Association and the Dickerson Community hosted a reception for the Postmaster of Dickerson, Joey Caywood, who is retiring after 28 years of service. Our newsletter would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Joey on a long, productive career and wish her all the best as she moves to sunny Florida.

On May 4, the Board of Appeals officially dismissed the Special Exception application S-2778 for the recreational air strip in Montgomery County. The case was moot since the County Council passed the ZTA prohibiting recreational airstrips in the AgReserve and requiring a 1,000 foot buffer for any farm air strips. SCA is grateful to Marc Elrich and Craig Rice for creating this ZTA and for working hard for its passage. We are also grateful to all our members and fellow residents who wrote many letters against this air strip.

Current SCA concerns are enforcement of zoning laws in the AgReserve and the possible re-write of the zoning laws affecting the AgReserve. We are also monitoring the Global Mission Church application which will go back to the Frederick County Planning Board sometime this year. **Please stay tuned and involved and check Sugarloaf's website sugarloafcitizens.org**

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