

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

May 21, 2012

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

John Minnick

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Doris Stokes  
Municipal Clerk

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

	Presentation
<b>X</b>	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

**TITLE:**

Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating May 19-25, 2012 as "National Safe Boating Week" in the City of Gaithersburg

**SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:**

Recreational boating is an enjoyable pastime and we are fortunate that we have sufficient resources to accommodate the wide variety of pleasure boating demands.

While being a marvelous source of recreation, boating, to the unprepared, can be a risky sport. Not knowing or obeying the nautical "Rules of the Road", drinking alcohol excessively while operating a boat, or choosing not to wear your life jacket are examples of human error or lack of proper judgment.

Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment. If people are aware of the risk, they are likely to take the precautionary measures to protect themselves, their friends and family.

This is the reason we continue to emphasize boating safety, not only during National Safe Boating Week, but also, throughout the year.

Accepting the Proclamation:

John Minnick, Rockville Sail and Power Squadron

**DESIRED OUTCOME:**

Issue Proclamation