

My name is Aaron Rosenzweig. I live on 1 Thorburn Road.

Gaithersburg is a wonderful place to live because of your efforts. The service is top notch as you can see where the city lines end when the snow days come. Also we hold the annual agricultural fair that brings so much fun and education to many people. We can see our city, county and state tries very hard to preserve farming culture. The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program is one of the most successful programs of its kind in the nation. Maryland has preserved in perpetuity more agricultural land than any other state in the country.

When we are building houses, buildings, roads, we strive to keep a balance with mother nature. Still, we push animals out of our daily life. We complain about animals that bring inconvenience; however, animals have no way to voice complaints about humanity's destruction on their natural life. If we keep pushing animals out of our daily life, sooner or later, human beings will be all alone on earth. Imagine if every city, county and state bans the rooster. If we destroyed all roosters, within a very short time the chicken family would become extinct and the familiar American breakfast of bacon and eggs would be no more.

That said, a chicken is not a farm animal. It is a bird, not unlike an African grey parrot. There is nothing preventing the chicken from being a perfect companion animal in the city.

In 2010, we enacted a pre-emptive law to ban roosters. The ban would prevent noise complaints while protecting hens in our city for years to come. Unfortunately ideas that sound good on paper don't always turn out well in practice. Animal Control is caught in the middle. The new law forces them to confiscate any animal that remotely looks like a rooster. As the laws are written, they must do this even if there has not been a single issue with crowing. This law does not protect hens in our city, it makes them a target.

Please grant my family a special permit to have roosters. Consider it a trial to test whether or not my claims are true. Please trust that I will not pollute our city with noise. If I obtain a rooster and if it makes unreasonable noise, we will deal swiftly with the issue.

The last thing I want to do is cause trouble for my neighbors. I have presented 12 signatures from neighbors stating that they miss our birds. I have presented 4 signatures from my direct next door neighbors stating that they never heard any noise. We have always been responsible. If granted a permit, if all goes well, when it expires we can either extend the permit or consider opening up to public hearing at a more appropriate time.



December 24, 2014

Mr. Jerry M. Stringham
162 Chevy Chase Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Dear Mr. Stringham:

Your term on the Transportation Committee will be expiring soon. On behalf of the entire community I would like to express appreciation for your commitment to serving our City in this capacity. Our Boards, Commissions, and Committees perform vital functions in a variety of areas, and we recognize and value your contribution very much.

Our appointment policy requires that all volunteer positions be advertised to provide the public with an opportunity to apply. In the near future, we will be evaluating the requests to fill the vacancies on the Transportation Committee, and appointments will be made by the Mayor and City Council soon thereafter.

If you would like to be considered for reappointment or if you no longer wish to serve on the Transportation Committee, please indicate by signing below and returning this letter by January 9, 2015.

Again thank you for your commitment to the City of Gaithersburg. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-258-6370 x106, or omumpower@gaitthersburgmd.gov.

Sincerely,

Ollie Mumpower, Engineering Services Division Chief
Committee Liaison
Transportation Committee

Please check box:

I would / I would not like to be reappointed to the Transportation Committee.

Jerry M. Stringham
Name

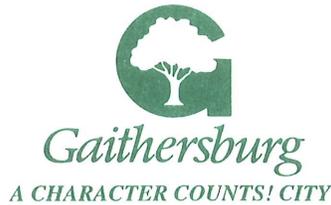
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Thank You for Serving

February 3, 2015

Mr. William Snyder
114 Fox Trail Terrace
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Dear Mr. Snyder:

It has come to my attention that you recently resigned from the Transportation Committee. On behalf of the City, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your service and dedication since your appointment to this committee in January, 2011.

If you are interested in serving on another committee, please do not hesitate to send a letter of interest to the appropriate Committee Liaison. For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of the current Committee brochure. Additional details can be found on the "Committees" page of the City's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your dedication to the City of Gaithersburg. We are a better community because of your involvement.

Sincerely,

Jud Ashman
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: City Council
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