



Dear Home Owner or Civic Association Leader:

As we invite you to renew or initiate your homeowners or civic association membership in the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA), I'd like to highlight some of our major accomplishments during 2023.

But first, I hope you appreciate that GOCA provides a unique, representative voice for Greater Olney in all civic matters concerning our special community that we all call home.

GOCA is a non-profit, umbrella organization whose mission is to study, plan, coordinate and promote the overall civic, economic, ecological and cultural welfare of the community within the Olney Master Plan area.

I'm pleased to share the this overview of what we accomplished in 2023, working with member representatives such as you.

Sincerely,

Helene I. Rosenheim
President

2023 Accomplishments

Coordinated with the **Maryland Department of Transportation** to shared updates with the community on the status of **MDOT's Route 108 resurfacing project** to help minimize the impact on the community during improvements to this major road in Olney.



Continued to support efforts to **address the issues of dangerous speeding and excessively loud traffic on the MD 200 Intercounty Connector (ICC)**, including supporting the latest bill being considered during the 2024 State Legislative session calling for speed cameras on the ICC, and **testifying before the Montgomery County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly in support of the proposed legislation.**

Began to review and learn more about other proposed **legislation being introduced in the Maryland General Assembly that impacts residents in the greater Olney community.**

Supported the Montgomery County Council's Safe Streets Act intended to improve pedestrian safety and move the County closer to its Vision Zero goals.



GOCA Transportation Committee member Mindy Badin with Safe Streets Act sponsor Montgomery County Council President Evan Glass.

Assisted the Cashell Elementary PTA working with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to **address a safety issue for Cashell students related to a sidewalk construction on Hines Road.**

Supported the approval of a new Montgomery County Pedestrian Master Plan which is the first comprehensive vision to create safer, more comfortable experiences walking or rolling around the County, and to make getting around more convenient and accessible for every pedestrian.

Worked with a group of Brinklow residents to begin to evaluate a development proposal for a preschool and summer camp on New Hampshire Avenue in Brinklow with respect to concerns about issues such as the impacts on traffic, the environment and noise. Based on our meetings and information shared, GOCA may take a position in support of or in opposition to the proposal, and will continue with our review in 2024.

Coordinated with Captain David Smith, the Montgomery County Police Department District 4 Commander, with respect to traffic-related issues, increases in reports of shoplifting and the initiation of efforts to reduce unsafe panhandling at our Route 97/108 intersection.

Passed along donations from our member associations in support of Olney Days and the Montgomery County District 4 Police Olney Substation now dedicated to Officer Noah Leotta.

Co-sponsored the **first annual *It's Olney Time* event to highlight the work of local non-profit organizations** helping to address needs and issues in the greater Olney area as well as encourage civic involvement.



(L-R) GOCA Vice President Matt Quinn, MD District 14 Delegate Bernice Mireku-North and Hope Klein, Office of Montgomery County Council President Evan Glass "frame it up" at the *It's Olney Time* event.

GOCA looks forward to working with you and all representatives of our member associations on behalf of the greater Olney community to help ensure that Olney continues to be the special place it is to live in, work in, learn in and play in.