

AUGUST 2026 COMMITTEE REPORTS

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (Shields)

- Conducted successful Bike Rodeo on 7/11. Approximately 200 attendees — about 60% children. Gave out numerous pieces of safety literature, bike helmets, bike lights (very popular — we ran out) and reflective vests/ backpacks. No luck on getting fire truck as they reported an engine was down. Remaining engine was on standby. Mariner's Bethel ABC supported the event and were very helpful with safety inspections and minor repairs.
- Finally closing the gap on Grab a Flag Project. Permitting process is underway. Fenwick Island jumped the gun and installed their flag project without DELDOT coordination. They were advised to remove the flags.
- Focusing on renewing street stencils, troublesome stop signs (roll throughs) and getting digital speed displays installed.
- No meeting in July due to Bike Rodeo. Next one is scheduled for 13 August.

BUDGET & FINANCE (Keefe)

There is nothing to report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS (Van Horn)

The CRC has held several events since their last meeting, 6/3/26, including the Community Yard Sale, Book and Puzzle Swap, 250th Anniversary, and new exercise equipment for children which were reported on at the last TC meeting. We might consider the yard sale again but will not be holding another Book/Puzzle swap as it was not well attended. The new exercise equipment is a great success.

The MERR Institute Presentation on July 10th was informative and very well attended. We are hoping to bring them back July 2027 and have a presentation which will be geared for children also.

Going forward:

- August 21, Coffee with the Mayor, flyer will be sent out with details.
- September 18, birding tour with John Janowski, flyer will be sent out with details.
- October 16, CPR class and blood drive, flyer will be sent out with details.
- October 23, Fall Bonfire on the beach, 7 – 8:30 pm, flyer will be sent out with details.
- November 6, Coffee with Chris Keefe, Council Member, flyer will be sent out with details.
- December 4, Holiday Tree Lighting, flyer will be sent out with details.

Our most exciting news is a Summer Kick Off Party around Memorial Day weekend, including a food truck, Lollipop the Clown, Steel Drum music, Cookies, and maybe even a Dunk Tank and the old fire truck. We are still working on the dates and details. The next CRC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 23. We will continue finalizing details for upcoming events then.

PLANNING COMMISSION (Gallagher)

The Planning Commission has not met since the last Town Council Meeting. It is planning to meet on September 14, 2026, to review the comprehensive plan survey results and related public input.

RESILIENCY (Dondero)

The Committee last met on June 17 and will meet again next week to discuss the logistics of an open house with property owners that they have planned for August 31st. The idea is to educate the community about the committee's scope, the work it has completed thus far, pending projects, and future planning.

The ongoing projects by AECOM and Verdantas continue and we are awaiting the completion of data collection and analysis.