

Street Light Project

Neighbors,

To complete AOTB's work with Anne Arundel County in improving the nighttime visibility along our county-controlled and maintained North/South streets, we will be suggesting the addition of seven more Light-emitting Diode (LED) street lamps at the locations listed below.*

Following the County's mass installation of the new LED street lamps in our community during 2016, and after several AOTB lights were either repositioned or newly installed over the past several months, Dick Peyton and I accompanied Dan Verette of the Department of Public Works to identify the few remaining locations as being darker than most people would feel safe in transiting on foot, on a moonless night. Our next step will be for Dick and me, as well as our other security mavens-Mike Adams and Ed Conaway-to convince our police department, which has final say in their approval, then installation could begin where physically possible.

Neither the County, Dick, nor I wish to shove safety down anyone's throat, and we are aware of some folks' concerns over "light pollution;" however, we need everyone to please understand these new LED arrays are engineered to be directional downward, do not and have not generally blasted light into anybody's bedrooms, use about 70% less energy than incandescents, last about 500% longer than comparable wattage bulbs, generally discourage crime, can safeguard folks from injury by tripping over unseen obstacles, and perhaps most importantly, make many of our AOTB neighbors feel safer, on foot, at night.

After this phase is complete, and should any of our neighbors on our East/West streets feel they need additional lighting, we will coordinate with the our community and arrange for the installation of whatever new lights are required; however, these must be at AOTB's expense.

We sincerely believe this measured and systematic approach to what in other communities could be a contentious issue, will result in a safer AOTB for all of us-seniors, future seniors, kids, pets, and wildlife. Your officers and Board members were elected to serve everyone's interests, so let us know about yours.

*Please note these are not exact locations, or necessarily specific sides of the street, but where existing utility poles might be used or where new "colonial" style poles could be placed to address low light levels nearby:

- Rockway Avenue near 3461
- Rockway Avenue near 3521
- Newport Avenue near 3523
- Newport Avenue near 3458
- Newport Avenue near 3445
- Newport Avenue near 3414
- Narragansett Avenue near 3504

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