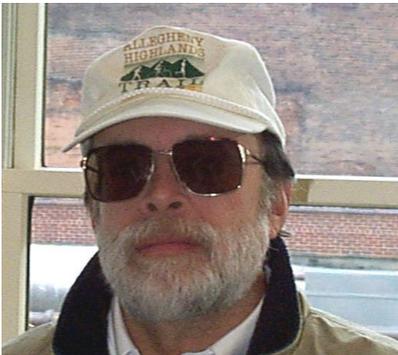


Thursday dinner program

Al Feldstein



A multi-award-winning amateur public historian, Albert Louis Feldstein has since 1980 successfully published over thirty books, prints, and videotapes depicting the history of all three western Maryland Counties - Allegany, Garrett and Washington, as well as nearby West Virginia. His works have focused upon such varied subjects as historic postcards, newspapers, floods, gravesites, coal mining, railroads, community histories, and tour guides to historic sites. Over the past 25 years he has given hundreds of presentations throughout Maryland and adjoining states promoting an awareness and appreciation of our past. The majority of his historical works have gone into second and third printings.

A 2003 effort, a political history poster entitled, "Buttons of the Cause, 1960- 2003: The Events - The People - The Organizations - The Issues", has sold over 3,000 copies and in 2005 was accepted for exhibit and sale at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History in Washington.

Feldstein has developed numerous historical websites, all initiated in collaboration with the Western Maryland Regional Library. The first, entitled Historic Women of Allegany County, continues to gain national attention and has been linked to several historical and women's history websites including those at the Maryland State Archives and Maryland Women's Heritage Center. The second, entitled Allegany County African-American History, has also been linked to various educational and historical institutions including the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Maryland State Archives, the Teaching American History website, and Allegany County Board of Education. It has been honored with the 2008 Maryland African-American Heritage Preservation Award, the 2009 Maryland Historical Trust Preservation Award for Educational Excellence, and the 2010 National Council on Public History Project Award/Honorable Mention.

His website on Presidential Campaign Buttons buttonsofthecause.com has been featured in USA Today, ABC World News Webcast and television, the Associated Press and public radio. His most recent effort is the Maryland Gubernatorial, Senatorial & 6th District Campaign Buttons website.

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Friday program

Opening remarks

Michael Phipps

W. Michael "Mike" Phipps is President of the Maryland Planning Commissioners Association. He currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Calvert County Planning Commission and operates the family beef and tobacco farm in Owings, MD. Mike serves as a Director of the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative and is past President of the Maryland Farm Bureau.

What's New at MDP

Richard Eberhart Hall

Secretary Rich Hall has over 20 years of professional planning practice. His career spans experience in private consultancy and planning at the municipal, county and State levels. He has been with the Maryland Department of Planning since 1992. As MDP's Director of Land Use Planning and Analysis, Secretary Hall led a group of ten professional planners in the areas of review & comment of local comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, annexations, and other planning policies, growth modeling and analysis and technical assistance, data management and crafting products relevant to smart growth issues and programs. State and local government and the communities they serve benefited most by Secretary Hall's leadership in implementing the Priority Funding Area program from the 1997 Smart Growth Act.

He has served as the lead on several task forces and workgroups, including 2004's Development Capacity Task Force and 2005's Annexation Workgroup. His role in these groups included development and presentation of smart growth analyses, outlining policy options, making recommendations, and working with group dynamics among the related stakeholders to strive toward smart growth consensus. His work included significant consultation with the Secretary, elected officials, and other key players.

Secretary Hall is a past President of the Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, a former Board member of 1000 Friends of Maryland and is Affiliate Faculty for the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education at the University of Maryland, College Park.

The Secretary received his undergraduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning with a concentration in Environmental Resources and Public Administration from the East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. He received a Master's Degree of City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The New Landscape of Signage

Raymond Denault

Ray Denault has been the owner and operator of Twin State Signs, Inc. in Essex Junction, VT, since 1985. He holds a degree in electrical engineering from Indiana Tech and an electrical sign license in Vermont. He has 15 years of experience in lecturing on the start-up of new businesses and consulting on business survival. For the past 10 years he has presented as an expert witness before zoning and review boards.

Kenneth Peskin

Ken Peskin is the Manager of State and Local Government Affairs for the International Sign Association (ISA) based in Alexandria, VA. He regularly meets with city officials, appears at public hearings, files written comments on draft ordinances, and speaks on sign-related issues around the country. He grew up in the sign industry. His family has manufactured custom electric signs in Youngstown, OH since 1918. Ken formerly worked for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce handling federal regulatory and environmental issues.

Legislative Update Outlook for 2011

Amanda Conn

Over the past twenty years, Amanda Stakem Conn has held a number of positions in the legislative and executive branches of state government and in local government. On the legislative side, she was a legislative assistant in Governor Schaefer's Legislative Office, committee counsel to the House Environmental Matters Committee, and Deputy Legislative Liaison for Baltimore County. On the legal side, she was an Assistant County Attorney in the Baltimore County Office of Law where she was responsible for providing legal opinions and advice to all agencies of county government, including the Planning Department, the Planning Board, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the County Ethics Commission and the County Council. She was also Of Counsel at Funk & Bolton where she represented local governments across the state.

She currently serves as an Assistant Attorney General in the Maryland Department of Planning after being the Department's Director of Policy. She is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at both the University of Maryland and University of Baltimore Schools of Law where she teaches a course on legislation. She is the co-author of "The Court of Appeals at the Cocktail Party: The Use and Misuse of Legislation" published in the Maryland Law Review. She is the author of "Battling the Voices of Unreason: HUD Plays Foul in its Fight To Uphold the Fair Housing Act."

Ms. Conn is a graduate of the University of Maryland (B.S. 1989) and the University of Baltimore School Of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1995). She is admitted to the Maryland Bar and the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Lunch program – Smart Non Growth: Planning Challenges in Allegany County

Dr. Henry W. Bullamore

Dr. Henry Bullamore has been a teacher of urban geography and planning at the university level for more than thirty years. He joined the faculty of Frostburg State University in 1986, and currently is Professor of Geography and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has a particular interest in enhancing the quality of life in smaller communities and towns. His interest in producing more livable neighborhoods and comparative approaches to urban development has taken him to communities around the world.

Bullamore received his Masters' degree from the University of Illinois, and his Ph. D. from the University of Iowa. He has also served on the faculty of Northwestern University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. In 2000, he served as Fulbright Professor of Urban Geography at the University of Turku in Finland. In 2008 he served as Fulbright Professor in the Faculty of Economics at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan. He has presented numerous papers at professional meetings, authored several articles, and is coauthor of a book on the geography of Louisiana. He frequently speaks to community and professional groups.

Open Spaces Open for Big Ideas

Bradford Dyjak

A consummate admirer of bucolic small towns, Brad Dyjak serves as Town Planner and Zoning Administrator for both the Town of Myersville and Town of Burkittsville in western Frederick County. These historic communities boast well-preserved, tree-lined Main Streets and are nestled along the ridges and foothills of South Mountain with proximity to the renowned Appalachian Trail.

In Mr. Dyjak's current capacity as Town Planner and Zoning Administrator for both municipalities, he oversees current as well as long-range planning, reviews municipal projects, development and subdivision plans, assists with grant preparation, prepares ordinance revisions, administers permitting activities and provides code enforcement services. Mr. Dyjak also serves as the technical staff liaison for the Planning Commissions and Boards of Zoning Appeals of Myersville and Burkittsville in addition to Myersville's Parks & Recreation Committee and Open Space & Trails Committee.

It was Mr. Dyjak's experience at York College of Pennsylvania where he acquired an interest in government service, obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with concentrations in International Relations and Geography. He recently worked with the Town of Sykesville in Carroll County, assisting the Town Manager on a variety of policy issues and continues to serve the Town as a long-range planning consultant.

Janet Ady

Janet Ady is with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The Division designs, develops and presents environmental education training and programs, leads the Service's "Let's Go Outside!" initiative to connect people with nature, and coordinates participation in the Secretary's Youth in Natural Resources initiative.

Ms. Ady began her Fish and Wildlife Service career at the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge as an Environmental Education Specialist. She served on the Refuges Comprehensive Conservation Planning teams in Alaska and as the Alaska Regional Environmental Education Specialist. She began working for the National Conservation Training Center in its planning stages, on national policy and education programming. Ms. Ady led the Education and Outreach training team during the initial curriculum development and opening of the National Conservation Training Center in 1997 in Shepherdstown.

Janet received a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Planning and Interpretation, with an emphasis in Environmental Education, and a high school biology teaching credential from Humboldt State University. She obtained a Masters degree in Natural Science and Environmental Education from San Jose State University, California.

William Atkinson

Bill Atkinson graduated from Frostburg State University, July 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Management Concentration. He has been a Regional Planner for the Maryland Department of Planning since 1989, where he supervises the regional office, provides technical assistance, coordination and liaison activities with elected officials and local jurisdictions within Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties).

Mr. Atkinson provided assistance to the Appalachian Regional Commission program in implementing goals and objectives of the federal program and provides grant assistances to local jurisdictions.

In June 2009, he became the Coordinator of the Trail Town Program for Allegany County Maryland. The Trail Town Program is an economic development program along the Great Allegheny Passage working to revitalize trailside communities and reap the economic benefits of trail-based tourism and recreation as part of a larger, coordinated approach to regional economic development.

ESD to the MEP: Incorporating Stormwater into the Planning Process

Donna Squires

Donna Squires serves as planning commissioner in Myersville, MD, and on the MPCA Board of Directors representing Frederick County. She currently works for Compu Dynamics, one of the mid-Atlantic's leading providers of mission-critical infrastructure solutions and services.

Mark Etheridge

Mark Etheridge has worked in the Civil Engineering field since 1984, working for private engineering and architectural firms before becoming a Stormwater Management and Sediment Control plan reviewer for Montgomery County, MD in 1995. In 1998 he organized the Policy and Design Committee at the County, bringing together plan reviewers, field inspectors, and stormwater maintenance personnel to discuss policy interpretations and to maintain design guidelines. That group has met regularly since 1998. He is a Certified Professional in Sediment and Erosion Control (CPESC) and a Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality (CPSWQ). He served on the Myersville Planning Commission from 1998 until 2008, and was chairman of the Commission for the majority of that time. He currently serves on the Myersville Town Council.

Bradford Dyjak

See above

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--Steve Allan, AICP, Director, MPCA