

# Mtn. Lake Park officials receive Chautauqua Park project report

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**MTN. LAKE PARK** — The Mountain Lake Park mayor and town council received an update report last Thursday evening on a housing project slated for their community.

Jessica Briggs, director of housing and real estate development for Garrett County Community Action, told town officials she would be submitting a tax credit application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for development of Chautauqua Park West.

The housing department will then send Mountain Lake Park officials a notice seeking their approval or disapproval of the project.

"I'm looking forward to my next project in the pipeline," Briggs said about Chautauqua.

She reported the project includes the "substantial rehabilitation" of Parkwood Village in Mountain Lake Park, as well as rehabilitation of Pleasant View Apartments in Loch Lynn and construction of a new development in Oakland called River Hill.

The tax credit application will be submitted to the state next month, according to Briggs.

"If there are any concerns when we proceed with the application, I'll certainly bring that to your attention," she told Mountain Lake Park of-



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**Jessica Briggs, front row, director of housing and real estate for the Garrett County Community Action Committee, reviews her plans to apply for a tax credit application for development of the Chautauqua Park West project.**

officials. "I welcome any input you have because it will impact your neighborhood."

She indicated temporary housing arrangements will be made for current Parkwood Village residents when the renovation work and construction of additional units begins.

"I'm hopeful that this time next year, we'll be breaking ground," Briggs said.

She expressed her appreciation to town officials and residents for the support they gave Community Action during the development of the Meadows

at Mountain Lake Park project.

Construction of the 90-unit housing development was completed last September. The one- and two-bedroom apartments are geared for seniors and disabled persons.

She said Meadows was originally budgeted at \$15.3 million, but it came in \$500,000 under that estimate.

Briggs noted that Chautauqua will provide family housing for a wide range of incomes.

"We won't have one facility targeting certain demographics," Briggs said. "Our goal is to have quality affordable housing for folks at all ends of the financial spectrum."

In other business, the mayor and town council:

- Approved the financial re-



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**Council members Patrick Damon and Pam Nelson and Mayor Don Sincell go over a financial report during last week's Mountain Lake Park council meeting at the town hall.**

port dated March 31.

"We're not over budget anywhere," Mayor Don Sincell noted. "We still have money left in everyone of the various funds."

- Added \$1,000 to the advertising budget and increased the security budget by more than \$14,000. The transfers came out of the general contingency fund, which was \$29,007.

- Transferred about \$10,000 earmarked for contractual services to the highway contingency fund to help cover the cost of a Bobcat excavator.

- Discussed making improvements to Decatur Street, which is located near Yough Glades Elementary School and paving Allegheny Drive.

The next Mountain Lake Park council meeting is sched-



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**Mountain Lake Park Councilwoman Pam Nelson listens to Jessica Briggs, Community Action's director of housing and real estate development, talk about a Parkwood Village renovation project.**

uled for 6 p.m. May 3 at Town Hall.