

Southampton bridge to get a makeover

Construction on Bynum Run span to begin in May

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The Southampton Bridge over Bynum Run in Bel Air will be getting a makeover.

During their meeting Thursday morning in Bel Air, members of Harford County's Board of Estimates awarded a \$2,333,333 contract to American Infrastructure-MD, Inc. of Fallston to replace the bridge.

According to Julio Espinoza, civil engineer for the Harford County Department of Public Works, the existing bridge is deteriorated. The 1989 Bridge Inspection program determined the bridge was structurally inadequate.

"We've been working on this project for 20 years and feel pretty good about getting to construct it now," Espinoza said.

Espinoza said the existing bridge will be replaced entirely and a new bridge will be built 600 feet downstream from the existing bridge.

"We will keep the old bridge to provide access to two properties," Espinoza said in a brief phone interview after the meeting.

Construction is expected to begin in May and the project is scheduled to be completed in mid-August 2010, according to Espinoza. He also said the existing bridge will be closed during that time.

"The southern portion of Southampton Road will be relocated," Espinoza said.

"It will be tied into Moores Mill Road approximately 500 feet to the west of the intersection of Broadway and Moores Mill Road. There will be a roundabout constructed at that location at the new intersection of Moores Mill Road."

According to Espinoza, the intersection of Broadway and Moores Mill Road will be closed for about eight weeks during the summer.

"Either this summer or next summer, but we don't know," Espinoza said. "Either way, it will be in the summer."

A total of 11 bids were received for this project.

Road paving projects

A contract for \$846,330 was also awarded to American Infrastructure-MD, Inc. for the road repair and resurfacing project for the following roads: Campbell Road, Selkirk Road, Derby Drive, Greene Lane, Hunt Road, Kelso Court, Preakness Road, Suffolk Road, Club Road, Fox Road, Hunt Place, Hunt Road, Tully Ho Drive, Tully Ho Place, Glen Keld Court, Gloucester Drive and Kings Arms Drive.

Also during Thursday's meeting, a contract for \$35,420.32 was awarded to Chesapeake Uniform Rental, Inc. Lord Baltimore of Baltimore for uniform rental and laundry services.

Harford County Council President Billy Boniface was absent from Thursday meeting, but sent Councilman Jim McMahan as a council representative.



Chaz Netzler, 7, and Sion Netzler run around at Abingdon Elementary playing soccer in the cool temperatures late Wednesday afternoon.

Charity ball benefits The Arc

The Fifth Annual After dArc Celebrity Chef and Auction to benefit The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region will bring Disney to Maryland Golf & Country Clubs near Bel Air on March 28.

The event will feature two raffles, among them the "Dreams Really Do Come True" community raffle which includes the choice of a trip to Disney World or Las Vegas. The second raffle, exclusive to After dArc event ticket holders, is a Simon G. 18-karat tri-gold butterfly pendant donated by event sponsor, Smyth Jewelers, valued at \$3,000. The piece will be worn by a mix of Sleeping Beauties the night of the event with gowns from Amanda Ritchey Bridal and Beauty in Fallston. The Arc's version of Sleeping Beauty is realized when one lucky beauty

awakens with the kiss of spring from a "mystery guest" Prince Charming.

Proceeds from this year's event, which runs from 7 p.m. to midnight, will help children with developmental disabilities and their families.

Radio sportscaster Scott Garceau, TV newscasters and anchors Jamie Costello, Denise Dory and Donna Hamilton, Comcast SportsNet's voice Brent Harris and radio talk show host Shari Elliker will join a lineup of local celebrities serving American and international cuisine at the event. Visit www.arcncr.org for sponsors and event information or call Paul Levine, 410-879-6785, ext. 356, or e-mail plevine@arcncr.org; Elaine Orbino, 410-879-6785, ext. 350, or e-mail eorbino@arcncr.org.

Charges in church burglaries

The Havre de Grace man charged in recent church break-ins has been indicted.

Herbert Franklin Baldwin Jr., 28, of the 800 block of Giles Street in Havre de Grace, was indicted March 3 in two cases.

In one, he was charged with second-degree burglary, destruction of property more than \$500, destruction of property less than \$500 and theft less than \$500 at the Havre de Grace United Methodist Church on South Union Avenue.

In the other, Baldwin was charged

with second-degree burglary, fourth-degree burglary, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, unauthorized removal of property, and theft more than and less than \$500 at the First Baptist Church on South Stokes Street.

The Havre de Grace Police Department and Harford County Sheriff's Office have been working together on Baldwin's case.

Baldwin is being held at the Harford County Detention Center. His bond is set at \$40,000.

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