



Town of Friendsville

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MARYLAND

April 28, 2025

Dear Property Owner & Friendsville Residents,

I am writing on behalf of the Town Council and myself in response to the concerns and complaints recently shared by several residents regarding the storm damage of the buildings and the power outage for several of our residents. We understand the frustration and inconvenience this matter has caused, and we want to assure you that the Town of Friendsville has taken your concerns seriously.

After carefully reviewing the situation and consulting with numerous individuals over the past week—including Thomas Butcher of Potomac Edison, elected officials at the county, state, and federal levels, — I engaged with more than twenty people in total. This included, but is not limited to, Justin Orendorf (Emergency Management), Connor Norman, and Steve Kelly (Garrett County Economic Development), Garrett County Commission Chairman Paul Edwards, Andrew Suter, and Trip Martin from SHA, and Dylan Goldberg from the Governor's Office.

Mayor

Spencer R. Schlosnagle

Despite these extensive efforts, our authority and resources in this matter are limited. We want to express our sincere empathy to those affected. After thorough evaluation, it has been determined that the issue falls outside the Town's jurisdiction and responsibility under current laws and municipal codes.

Council

Michael E. Artice
Chad E. Bittinger
James M. Hook
Pamela S. Humberson
Edward B. Kelley
Robert H. Sines

We sincerely appreciate the community coming together to help address the issue, especially Chad Fike with Everything Drywall & his sons for their efforts in removing the roof. To help avoid confusion and ensure transparency, a copy of this letter will also be made available on the Town's official website. We hope this will clarify the Town's position for all residents and provide a consistent response to ongoing questions.

Please know that the Town remains committed to serving our community and addressing matters that fall within our responsibility. Should you have any further questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to the Town Hall Office directly at 301.746.5919 or via email at info@friendsville.org.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



MEMBER MARYLAND
MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
(MML)

Sincerely,

Spencer R. Schlosnagle, Mayor

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