

LEGAL NOTICE

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**Notice of Appointment  
Notice to Creditors  
Notice to Unknown Heirs**

To all Persons Interested in Estate No. 19837, the  
**Estate of Eugene Michael Koproski**

Notice is given that Louis I. Kaplan of 2002 Clipper Park Road, Suite 108; Baltimore, Maryland 21211 was, on April 21, 2015, appointed personal representative of the estate of Eugene Michael Koproski who died on April 2, 2015 with a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

- 1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- 2) Two months after the personal representative mails, or otherwise delivers, to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice.

A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

By: Louis I. Kaplan  
Personal Representative

True Test Copy  
**Michael W. Dawson**  
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CG: 04/30/2015, 05/07/2015, 05/14/2015

North East Ends Long-Time Water Plant Contract

It was April, 1991 when North East's town board voted to enter into a contract with Severn Trent Environmental Services (STES) to operate the town's drinking water plants.

Last week, the town board voted to end their long affiliation with STES.

Every three years, the town has the option to evaluate the contract and then renew or drop.

The vote to drop the contract means the town will be on their own to operate the water plants as of July 1.

Town officials said that the level of service for the actual operation of the water plants has been maintained.

The issue is that there has been a decline in technical help under the contract, according to Mayor Robert McKnight.

For decades, North East and other towns had hired their own employees to operate water and sewer plants. While the workers went through training programs and continuing education to operate the plants, town officials had to hire engineers and consultants to identify and troubleshoot operational issues that were beyond the knowledge needed to operate the plants. It was that promise of technical help that had encouraged North East and other county towns to sign contracts with outside plant operation companies

in the 1990s. The towns agreed with the operating companies' sales pitches that expert technical assistance could be provided more quickly and cost-effectively by the companies.

Mayor McKnight said that STES has provided a good staff to operate the plant but that the company's business model has de-emphasized the promise of technical help as a part of the contract.

North East has been paying STES \$1.1 million each year to oversee the water plants, distribution lines, chemicals and general maintenance. This includes a superintendent, three operators

and an administrative assistant.

McKnight said the services of four or five engineers used to also be part of the contract.

Additionally, the town has been charged fees for incidents involving the need for repairs to the distribution system. This fee totals another \$300,000 a year, according to town officials.

After analyzing the contract, town officials believe they can hire their own operators and technical help at an estimated savings of \$140,000 a year.

As part of phasing-out the contract with STES, the town will also terminate a lease agreement for a vehicle utilized by the contractor.

Scouts Lead The Effort To Clean Rising Sun Parks

Scout groups continue to work at the Rising Sun town parks to make sure they are clean and accessible. They have been working on trails, walkways and soon an observation deck at one park. They have also been cleaning out debris.

It took other volunteers and town workers ten trailer-loads to gather three piles of debris pulled out of the park woods by Scouts.

This includes 1,400 pounds of discarded tires, 100 milk crates and tons of scrap metal.

"There's still more to do down there," Town Commissioner David

Warnick said. "It was amazing the things we dug out of those woods."

Mayor Travis Marion reported finding an old Polaroid camera.

Eventually, there will be a full walking loop in the park.

Scouts have done work at the Dog Park.

A group of young basketball players, The Tiger Town Ambush basketball team, also joined volunteers in the parks.

Mayor Marion thanked all the volunteers for their efforts to beautify and improve the town's parks.

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