Being Good Neighbors: Pets

The Town has received several complaints from Residents about loose dogs and owners not cleaning up after their pets.   Montgomery County has a "Leash Law" that Town Residents must follow: All dogs and cats are to be on a leash when not on personal property.

Here is a Summary of Selected Montgomery County Animal Control Laws
For further information, or to report an animal bite or a violation of animal control laws, call the Animal Services Division at 240-773-5960 or 240-773-5925.
For after-hours emergencies, call 240-773-5900.

At Large
Any dog is at large if it is <u>outside the owner's premises and not leashed</u>, unless it is a service dog, is in a dog exercise area designated by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or is participating in an approved activity.

Any other animal (i.e., cat or livestock animal) is at large if it is outside the owner's premises and not leashed or immediately responsive to verbal or non-verbal direction.

The common area of a homeowner's association, condominium or cooperative is not the owner's premises.
Penalty for Violation: $100 for first offense, $500 for each subsequent violation.

Animal Defecation ("pooper scooper" law) (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(2)
An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash.
Penalty for Violation - $100

Animal Trespass (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(3))
An owner must not allow an animal to enter private property without the property owner's permission.
Penalty for Violation - $100

Animal Noise (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(6)
An owner must not allow an animal to cause noise that is loud enough and persistent enough to disturb another person's quiet enjoyment.
Penalty for Violation - $100

Town Commissioner Election
May 8, 2012

There will be an election on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 for one Town Commissioner, who will serve a two-year term beginning in June 2012. The position is currently held by Michael Acierno.

A notice will be mailed out that outlines procedures to follow for residents who may wish to run for the positions. Under the Town charter, every person who (a) is a citizen of the US, (b) is at least 18 years of age, (c) has resided within the Town for at least 30 days preceding any Town election, and (d) is registered to vote in Montgomery County or with the Town of Brookeville is eligible. Every registered voter of the Town shall be entitled to vote at any and all Town elections.

Should there be any questions with regard to the election and filing procedures, you may contact the Supervisor of Elections, Margaret VanGelder, Town of Brookeville, P.O. Box 67, Brookeville, MD 20833, Phone: 301-570-4465 Fax: 301-570-0355.

Date Change

Due to a scheduling conflict, the February Town Commissioners Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 8:00pm.

All Town Commissioners Meetings are held at the Brookeville Academy and are open to the public.

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice a Pepco street light that is out, please look for a metal strip on the wooden pole that has the pole number and report the location of the street light to the Town Clerk. If the wooden pole does not have a pole number, please report the location of the street light.

The Town also operates several cast iron ornamental street lights and 3 wooden ornamental street lights. These ornamental street lights do not have pole numbers. If you notice an ornamental street light that is out, please report the location to the Town Clerk.

Recycling pickup is on Tuesday and trash is collected on Wednesday, unless otherwise noted. Please have your bins curbside by 7:00am on the respective day.

Need a Recycle Bin?
We have a supply of 21 Gallon Curbside Recycling Bins available for Town Residents. If you need a new Recycle Bin please contact Cate McDonald, Town Clerk at 301.570.4465 or
townofbrookville@comcast.net

Snow Removal

The Town of Brookeville contracts with a snow plowing service for North, South, Water, the eastern portion of Market and the paved section of Church Streets. During a snowstorm, no plowing begins until an accumulation of 4 inches of snow has fallen on the streets. The Maryland State Highway Administration clears Georgia Avenue (Maryland Route 97) - the Town's High Street and western Market Street.

The goal is to make residential streets passable - not to clear them to bare pavement/gravel.

We recommend parking your car in the driveway, if you have one.

Those residents and businesses with abutting sidewalks are responsible for clearing their sidewalks, driveways and entrances within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. All residents are strongly encouraged to be good neighbors by clearing the sidewalks in front of their homes, as well as assisting those who may not be physically able to do so.

Chance to Support Our House Farm
Our House Farm is proud to announce its 2012 CSA share program!

CSA, which stands for Community Supported Agriculture, is a way farmers connect their customers as well as mitigate the risks of farming over the course of the season. CSA members submit a payment for a share (or half-share) in the winter, and they receive a weekly share of vegetables over the course of the season. Our House Farm is located at Our House, a non-profit, residential job training center for at-risk young men in Brookeville, MD. As a separate business, Our House Farm hires the adolescent young men ("trainees") who live at Our House, and we often offer them a first-time job opportunity. Our CSA offers 20 weeks of fresh vegetables available for pick-up on Tuesdays at our farm (19715 Zion Rd., Brookeville, MD) or at the Silver Spring farmer's market on Saturdays. Members may choose from a selection of produce based on a weekly list. We offer full-shares and half-shares, for $600 and $300 respectively. Full members will get priority for high-demand/less-available produce. Members are welcome to visit the farm and pick produce from our you-pick herb and flower garden. We are also always happy to host volunteers!

For more information detailing our CSA and application process: www.ourhousefarmmd.com
Learn more about Our House at www.our-house.org

Finally, I should also add that we are selling free-range eggs at the farm now for $4.50 a dozen or 5 dozen for $20. We also will sell eggs on a subscription basis on a weekly or biweekly basis out of Ricciuti's Restaurant. For $54, subscription members can pick up one dozen eggs per week for 12 weeks from the walk-in fridge behind Riccuiti's restaurant. Alternatively, they can pay $27 to get eggs every other week for 12 weeks.

Thank you so much!
Stephanie Jones
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Community Events

Family Fun Day
February 20 11am – 3pm
Sandy Spring Museum – join us as we explore the concept of reuse! This free family event will include demonstrators, tours, with hands-on activities and crafts!

Preschool Story Time: Friends at the zoo
A story and play time for preschool children and their caregivers.
No registration - Free and open to all.
Wednesday, February 22 at 10:00am
Salem United Methodist Church
12 High St, Brookeville, MD 20833

Mark Your Calendar!

Planning Commission
07Feb 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting
22Feb 8:00pm
Planning Commission
06Mar 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting
12Mar 8:00pm
Town Election
08May

The Brookeville Town Commissioners meet on the 2nd Monday of every month (except as noted) at 8:00 pm. The meetings take place at the Brookeville Academy.

Have an Item for
The Brookeville Times?

Let us know!! We want to hear about happenings in the Town of Brookeville. You can submit articles/photos about places you've been, work you've done, new neighbors, weddings, birth announcements, anything of interest to you and your neighbors.

Deadline for submission: 24th of each month.
Contact the Town Clerk at 301-570-4465 or townofbrookeville@comcast.net
Letters to the Editor Welcome!