

Being Good Neighbors: Street Parking

To Our Neighbors,

As many of you know, our gravel roads are narrow, 16 feet wide, and share vehicular and pedestrian traffic. They are designed to maintain the historic and rural village character of our Town.

In order to facilitate safe access and emergency service requirements, we look for Town Residents to use **courtesy** and **common sense** and observe and comply with all parking laws of Montgomery County. As a safety precaution, the Town will ask the Fire Marshall to survey the Town maintained streets and will comply with their recommendations.

As a reminder, below are a few applicable parking laws for Montgomery County:

- No Parking within 35 feet of an intersection/intersecting roadway
- No Parking within 5 feet of a driveway
- No Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- No Parking opposite to the flow of traffic (left wheels to the curb)

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 was mailed out that outlines procedures to follow for residents who may wish to run for the position. 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.

NOMINATIONS

The Town is now seeking nominations for the position of Town Commissioner. In order to formally run for this position, you must send a letter stating your interest and qualifications for the position to:

Margaret Van Gelder, Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 67

Brookeville, MD 20833

Fax: 301-570- 0355

Nomination letters must be received by Tuesday,
April 10, 2012

OPEN AND RECREATIONAL BURNING AT THE NORTH STREET AMPHITHEATER

In the past few years, the stone amphitheater has been used for recreational fires. While permitted under strict conditions, most open burning without a permit is prohibited in Montgomery County, and **finest of \$500 per day may be imposed for open burning**. The Town Commissioners will consult with the Fire Marshall and a sign will be placed along North Street to alert potential violators.

If you are planning small recreational fires please read and follow these guidelines for recreational burning:

What Can You Burn in a Recreational Fire?

Only dry, aged, natural wood may be burned in a recreational fire. Burning household waste, construction debris, lumber, leaves, and materials that produce dense smoke when burned (including tires and roofing materials) is prohibited.

What Conditions Must Be Met for Recreational Fires?

- Recreational fires should not be located closer than 300 feet from any neighboring habitable dwelling or place where people work or congregate or 300 feet from a busy roadway.
- The pile of material to be burned in a recreational fire must be no greater than 3 feet in diameter and 6 feet in height.
- The ground around the material to be burned should be cleared of all combustible material to prevent the fire from spreading.
- The fire should not be near tall grass or tree lines.
- You may not burn if winds are greater than 12 mph or if there is an air pollution episode (Code Orange or Code Red air quality event).
- Fire-extinguishing equipment, including sufficient water, must be readily available on the site.
- A fire supervisor, 18 years of age or older, must be within direct view of the fire at all times.
- Before lighting the fire, you must notify the Department of Fire and Rescue Services: Division of Fire Code Enforcement online, by email at Fire.CodeEnforcement@montgomerycountymd.gov, or by phone at 311 about your intent to burn.

Location of Permitted Burns

- Open burns for agricultural purposes must take place at least 1,500 feet from an occupied building, public roadway, or facility.
- Bonfires or recreational or ceremonial fires larger than 3 feet in diameter must take place at least 1500 feet away from occupied buildings, property lines, or roadways.

For more information, please see:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/Content/dep/community/openburning.asp#recreational>

REBATE FOR PLANTING NATIVE TREES

The Town of Brookeville has a \$25 rebate programs for Residents who plant tree species native to Maryland. Here are a few native trees to consider:

- **MAPLE, RED (*Acer rubrum*)** Height: 40'-60', Spread: same. Medium to fast grower. Excellent tree as specimen for lawn and park settings. Excellent fall color. Good shade tree. Buds, flowers and leaves provide food for many birds and mammals. Chipmunks and squirrels eat seeds and some songbirds use stalks for nest building.
- **MAPLE, SUGAR (*Acer saccharum*)** Height 60'-70', spread usually 2/3 the height. Leaf color is medium to dark green in summer changing to brilliant yellow, burnt orange and red tones in autumn. It grows best in well-drained moderately moist, fertile soil. It does not grow well in tight, compacted situations such as in very small lawns or other conditions that restrict root growth. It tolerates shade but does not tolerate air pollution and is susceptible to damage from road salt.
- **OAK, CHESTNUT (*Quercus prinus*)** Chestnut oak commonly reaches 60 to 80 feet at maturity and grows better on dry and poor sites than other oaks. Acorn is a favorite food of deer, turkey and squirrels.
- **REDBUD, EASTERN (*Cercis canadensis*)** Height: 20'-30', Spread: 25'-30'. Small tree with rounded crown, pink to purplish flowers in early spring. Heart-shaped leaves are reddish at emergence, become dark green, then yellow in the fall. Likes moist, well drained soils. Full sun to light shade. Can be used as a street, yard, or border tree. Requires little pruning after lower branches have been removed for clearance. Limited wildlife value.



When selecting a tree to plant, consider:

- Is there enough space for the tree to grow?
- How much space is available for the tree when it reaches its mature height, width and depth?
- Look at nearby buildings, trees, plants, sidewalks and roads that may not allow the tree to grow tall and wide as it matures.
- Check for overhead and underground utilities.
- How much sunlight is available for the new tree? Is the tree shade tolerant or shade intolerant? A tree that is shade tolerant doesn't mind competition from other trees and buildings. A tree that is shade intolerant needs full sunlight to grow properly.
- Do you want a fast growing or slowing growing tree? A fast-growing tree will fill a vacant spot more quickly. A slow-growing tree to replace an older tree when it matures and dies or becomes too big for the site.
- Is there enough water available at the site for the new tree? Once established, native trees are considered more adaptable to Maryland's climate conditions.
- What is the purpose of the tree? Beauty, shade, wildlife habitat, increased property value, reducing erosion? Consider the color of the leaves in the spring and fall, flower shapes, and bark texture.

Download a rebate form at: <http://townofbrookevillemd.org/docs/treerebate.form.pdf>

Applicable Conditions:

- Tree must be a native species or indigenous to the area.
- Owner agrees to provide appropriate care and maintenance.
- Owner provides a copy of the sales receipt indicating species, cost, vendor, date.
- Value of tree must exceed \$50.

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

Town of Brookeville

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Mark Your Calendar!

Planning Commission

06Mar 7:30pm

Commissioners Meeting

12Mar 8:00pm

Planning Commission

03Apr 7:30pm

Commissioners Meeting

09Apr 8:00pm

Town Election

08May

Annual Town Meeting

14May 7:30pm

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.

A Note from Debbie Wagner

Hi all, I have more eggs available and pancetta, (Italian bacon that has excellent flavor, don't miss this), dill chips, cornichons, and pizza crust dough ready to bake.

Also, I need a piece of glass or Plexiglas, about a foot square, if anyone has a piece they don't need.

Debbie

301.774.2509

dwagner0602@gmail.com

Community Events

12th Annual Gaithersburg

St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday

Saturday, March 17 at 10am. Bagpipes bands, Celtic Dancers, Clowns, equestrian units and more!

Grand Corner Avenue, Washingtonian Center

(I-370 and Washingtonian Boulevard)

Preschool Story Time: Easter and Spring

A story and play time for preschool children and their caregivers.

No registration - Free and open to all.

Wednesday, March 28 at 10:00am

Salem United Methodist Church

12 High St, Brookeville, MD 20833

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!