

## Yard Waste



The Town will offer bagged yard waste collection during the month of November. Please place leaves, grass, brush, and other yard trimmings in large paper yard trim bags to be placed curbside by 7:00am on Monday's. The total weight of the bag must be **45 pounds** or less.

The Town of Brookeville encourages you to use alternative methods for getting rid of leaves to save collection and disposal costs and to help the environment. Some alternatives are to mulch your leaves or to compost them.

## Election Year 2010

### Avoid Lines on Election Day--Vote Early

For the first time ever, the State of Maryland is implementing Early Voting for the Gubernatorial General Election. Montgomery County will open five Early Voting Centers October 22-28 (excluding Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Early Voting Centers are Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, Germantown Recreation Center, Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center, Montgomery County Executive Office Building and Silver Spring Civic Building.

**General Election Day - November 2, 2010  
7 A.M. to 8 P.M.**

For more information,  
[www.elections.state.md.us/voting/index.html](http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/index.html) or  
telephone 240-777-8500

## Town to purchase REC for Street Lights and One Room Schoolhouse

The Town will be receiving a total of \$600 from Clean Currents's Green Neighborhood Challenge to "green" the Town. The Green Neighborhood Challenge was spearheaded by Fred Teal, Jr. The Town will use part of the money to buy REC's to offset the carbon footprint for the street lights and the one room schoolhouse. Fred Teal, Jr. estimates the REC's will be \$36 a year total for both accounts. The remainder of the money will be used to purchase more trees.

What does REC mean?

A REC stands for a Renewable Energy Credit. RECs were created by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as tools to track the clean energy being placed on the grid. One REC is equal to 1000 kWh of renewable energy produced. When a clean energy generator such as a wind farm produces electricity, it places that electricity onto the electric grid. The electric grid collects electricity from all power generators (coal, oil, natural gas power plants, wind farms, nuclear reactors, hydro dams, solar panel fields, etc). This aggregated electricity is then transmitted through wires to homes and businesses.

## Green Tip of the Month - *Waste Reduction*

Last year, over 1.1 million tons of waste was generated in Montgomery County. The preferred method of managing solid waste begins with waste reduction. By reducing the amount of waste generated, there is no need to determine whether that material can be recycled, and if not, how it should be disposed.

Residents and businesses alike can take simple steps towards reducing their impact on the environment by reducing the amount of waste generated. Waste reduction can lead to reduced purchasing costs and lower disposal costs. Additional benefits include reducing the amount of energy and pollution generated to create products, and conserves natural resources for generations to come.

### *What can you do?*

- When shopping, use reusable shopping bags. Try to refrain from taking a bag when purchasing one or just a few items.
- Purchase items in bulk.
- Save paper by sending information electronically whenever possible.
- If you must print, print on both sides of the paper. Use the backside of single-sided copies for scratch paper.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Make “waste-free” lunches. Use reusable and washable containers, flatware, and cloth napkins.
- Use reusable cups or mugs whenever possible, instead of using disposable cups.
- Request your address be removed from unwanted mailing lists. Visit [DMAchoice.org](http://DMAchoice.org) or [catalogchoice.org](http://catalogchoice.org) to remove your address from unwanted mailing lists.
- Consider purchasing and using refillable printing cartridges.
- Donate unwanted but good quality clothing, furniture, appliances and food to charitable organizations.
- Grasscycle your grass clippings by leaving the grass clippings on the lawn after mowing. If you use a lawn service company, let them know you want to grasscycle and request that they leave the grass clippings directly on the lawn. Grasscycling adds nutrients back into the soil, resulting in a healthy lawn. Grasscycling reduces the need to use commercial fertilizers, and reduces runoff from rain and melting snow.

**Reduce / Reuse / Recycle**

## Maryland's Cellular Telephone Ban Begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>

Governor O'Malley signed a new law that prohibits all drivers in Maryland from using hand-held cell phones while operating a motor vehicle on a street or highway, effective October 1, 2010. Here are some key points to the new law:

- Drivers under 18 already are prohibited from using cell phones at all while driving.
- The exception to the law are for calls placed to 9-1-1, ambulance, hospital, fire, or law enforcement agencies are allowed, as are calls made by emergency and law enforcement personnel.
- The new law is a secondary offense, meaning a driver must first be detained for another offense, such as speeding or negligent driving, before he or she can be ticketed for a cell phone offense. However, "negligent driving" is a primary offense in Maryland and can be used as a precursor to citing violators of the new cell phone law.
- The fine for a first offense is \$40 and subsequent offenses are \$100. Points are not assessed to the first-time violator's driving record, except, three points are assessed if the violation contributes to a crash. If a violator has a second or subsequent offense, he or she receives a point plus the fine.
- Another law took effect in 2009 in Maryland that bans texting while driving. The primary texting law prohibits an individual from writing or sending text messages while operating a motor vehicle that is in motion or in the travel portion of the roadway. Violators may be assessed a fine not exceeding \$500. This law does not apply to texting 9-1-1 or using a global positioning system.

### Preschool Story Time

10:00am

4th Wednesday of every month at  
Salem United Methodist Church

Free and open to all. A story and play time  
for preschool children and their caregivers.

Snack included.

Oct 27: Pumpkins

### Halloween Party for Preschoolers, Toddlers and their Families

Salem United Methodist Church Hall

Sunday, October 31, 3-4 pm

Activities will include pumpkin decorating,  
Halloween games, face-painting, and indoor  
trick or treating.

Free - please bring one canned food item for  
the United Methodist food pantry in  
Wheaton.

Questions? Call Rev. Janet at 301-774-7772

## Neighborhood News

Congratulations to our Market Street neighbor, Karen Montgomery. Karen won the Democratic primary for the District 14 State Senator seat over the incumbent by 116 votes!

## Town of Brookeville

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### **Planning Commission**

05Oct 7:30pm

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11Oct 8:00pm

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02Nov 7:30pm

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08Nov 8:00pm

### **Holiday Party**

04Dec 6:00pm

*All Meetings and events are held at the  
Brookeville Academy and  
are open to the public.*

## Community Events

Community Night and Taste of Olney at Longwood Community Center

Wednesday, Oct.6, 2010 5:00pm-8:30pm

Community Night features displays, giveaways, a silent auction, raffles, special children's activities and fun for all ages; restaurants and food purveyors participating in the Taste of Olney offer samples of their cuisine.

Admission is free. For more information, contact the Greater Olney Chamber at 301-774-7117

Yard Sale at Salem United Methodist Church

12 High St., Brookeville

Saturday, October 16, 8:00am-1:00pm

Sundays, May 9-Nov 7, 9:00am-1:00pm

OLNEY FARMERS & ARTISTS MARKET

Montgomery General Thrift Shop Grounds