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"If the first week of August be warm, the
winter will be white and long."

Anonymous

News and Announcements

Brookeville Bypass Update

The Brookeville Bypass was on the agenda of the Board of Public Works on July 24, 2013. Senator Karen Montgomery and Commissioner Katherine Farquhar spoke on behalf of Brookeville. Commissioner Sue Daley and residents Fred Teal and Teresa Meeks-Teal also attended. The BPW approved a Smart Growth Exemption for Brookeville making the project eligible for state funding. For detailed information see Terri Hogan's article in the Gazette at:

<http://www.gazette.net/article/20130725/N EWS/130729506/1095/brookeville-bypass-clears-another-hurdle&template=gazette>

Annual Town Picnic

The Annual Town Picnic will be held at the Brookeville Academy on August 25th from 3-6 pm. The town will be serving burgers, hot dogs and live music! Soft drinks and condiments will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. BYOB

Music will be provided by Noah Booz and his band Whew. They will perform a mix of original and popular tunes.

All are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars

Commissioners Meeting

No Meeting will be held in August

Planning Commission

No Meeting will be held in August

All meetings are held in the Brookeville Academy,
5 High Street

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August 25 from 3-6 pm

Board of Public Works Hearing Highlights

Fred Teal

Those attending from Brookeville were: Senator Karen Montgomery, Harry Montgomery, Teresa Meeks Teal, Fred Teal, Katherine Farquhar, and Suzanne Daley. In addition, several interns from Karen's office were there as well as Elaine Flanagan, her legislative aide. The hearing room in the Treasury Building was long and narrow and was packed solid with anxious participants because there were 50 or more issues on the agenda to hear testimony be voted on. It was so crowded that Teresa, Harry and I were never able to enter the room and had to wait in the packed hallway.

The hearing began at 10:00 and it was not until 12:00 that Karen was called up to speak briefly about the bypass. She talked about the long wait and the many rejections and the impact that so much traffic has on the residents.

Gov. O'Malley as chair of the Board of Public Works was at the hearing table and others I could not identify. Katherine spoke briefly accompanied by Suzanne and among other things lamented that Les Unglesbee could not be present to witness this historic moment since he had worked actively for many years. After the hearing, Karen expressed a lot of gratitude to Sandra and Duane Heiler for the excellent article in the Washington Post calling attention to the town and its historic value and the part it will play during the commemoration of the War of 1812 and the attack on Washington.

We were all gathered in the hall after the bypass testimony was finished waiting to hear about the vote. Suddenly we got a text from someone still in the hearing room indicating that the vote was in the affirmative. There was wild high fiving and we all congratulated ourselves and Karen. Craig Zucker, one of our three delegates from District 14, was also there with us which added to the energy.

We returned to Karen's office where we were greeted with a plate of cupcakes to celebrate Harry's 82nd birthday which fell precisely on that day. We opted to sing "happy birthday" then and there and postpone eating the cupcakes until after we had eaten lunch. We all trooped over to the Ram's Head restaurant where we had a glass of champagne and a great meal. Karen very kindly treated us. The feeling of elation was palpable and spirits ran high the entire time. It has been a very long wait.

We all owe Karen Montgomery a significant vote of thanks for all the effort she has expended on behalf of our town.

Sidewalk Meeting

The Town Commissioners invited residents to meet with representatives of the State Highway Administrations at the monthly Commissioner's Meeting on June 24th. The SHA revised an earlier sidewalk plan for Brookeville at the request of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners made the request in response to concerns expressed by numerous town residents that there is no safe pedestrian walkway from Brookeville to the Longwood/Olney area. Residents have complained that the narrow shoulder and traffic speeds are dangerous for bikes and pedestrians between Church St. and Longwood. The existing path on the Brookeville Inn property does not address this issue and does not comply with ADA requirements for wheelchairs.

The Previous sidewalk plans were set aside because property owners along the proposed route objected. The objections then were to the cost and the extent of property taken from the front yards along the affected route. The previous plan included a strip of grass between the sidewalk and the road. The need for a sidewalk was also questioned at the time since the Brookeville Inn has a walking path on its property from near the graveyard to Longwood. It was also suggested that a sidewalk on the east side would be better because the west side has many more utility poles and mailboxes.

Kate Mazzara from SHA and Jason Osler from the engineering firm Whitman Requardt presented the new concept plans and answered questions. The new plans take less property, include a bike lane and provide extensive storm water management.

Several residents attended the meeting. Carmen and Wayne Harding and Roland and Shirley Bowker who all own property along the proposed route came with a letter outlining their objections to sidewalks across their property. Their objections included loss of rural character; risk of exacerbating the existing storm water run-off problem for their residences and the requirement that residents clear the sidewalks in front of their houses when it snows. There is concern for those who would be unable to perform the task such as the elderly and those who leave in the winter. In addition they questioned the need for a sidewalk now that the bypass seems imminent and will alleviate the traffic issue. Extending the sidewalk from the Brookeville Inn north to the graveyard and creating crosswalks to accommodate funerals and access to Longwood was suggested. It was also suggested that the owners of the Brookeville Inn should be encouraged to maintain the existing path as required. Buck Bartley, Rev. Sue Shorb and Barbara Ray also attended.

According to SHA, if they build the sidewalks they will assume responsibility for storm water management, install swales and bio-retention areas as well as replace any disturbed trees, shrubs or other plantings. SHA will have responsibility for maintaining storm-water management systems before the bypass is built and will retain that responsibility after it is completed. The town will assume responsibility for sidewalk maintenance after the bypass is built when the road becomes town property.

The meeting produced a lot of discussion. The commissioners and the SHA representatives heard

the concerns of the affected home owners and were able to show that some of these concerns had been addressed in the new plan. By the end of the meeting, there was some willingness by hesitant property owners to look at the revised proposals more closely. The Commissioners expressed concern that if the project doesn't go through this time Brookeville will not have another opportunity to get sidewalks on the south end of town.

Les Unglesbee: June 24, 1927 – July 21, 2013

Family friends and neighbors gathered at Salem UMC for the funeral of Les Unglesbee on July 24th. The following is excerpted from the service led by the Reverend Sue Shorb:

Les was born on June 24, 1927 and moved to Brookeville while still a child. When he was in the Navy Les met Josephine Speight on a blind date. They were married on June 26, 1948 and their marriage lasted for 63 years when Jo passed away in September of 2011. Together they had three daughters: Cindy, Debbie, and Patty. Les said that the only thing better than three girls would have been four. Les and Jo had six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Les worked at Western Electric for thirty-five years when he retired. Then he restored furniture, was a house painter, and an auctioneer. In his retirement Les served as a Town of Brookeville Commissioner from 1998-2004. He also served as interim president of the Commissioners for six months in 2000.

Les was committed to his wife, three daughters and grandchildren. Les was committed to his home town of Brookeville. Some believe that Les was working on getting a by-pass for Brookeville as early as the 1950's. Both he and his brother Clyde worked tirelessly to get the by-pass. Both knew they would never see it happen in their lifetimes and they were right.

Les and Jo were committed to their church. For many years they were active members at Salem UMC here in Brookeville. For a while Les and Jo became members of North Bethesda UMC. There Les and Jo were very involved in their ministries. They were

one of the leaders who vocalized their support in North Bethesda becoming a Reconciling Congregation welcoming people of all sexual orientations. After Jo died, Les came back to Salem.

Les helped Jo with her doll ministry for over thirty years. Jo would collect dolls and make dresses for them so they could be given to children. Their dolls brought joy to children in Brazil, Ghana, Sierra Leone, and in this country to pediatric intensive care units, various schools in Mississippi, North and South Carolinas, and different family agencies here in the county. Church Women United awarded both Jo and Les the Human Rights Award. Les received his last September in 2012.

Les will be missed here in Brookeville but his legacy will live on and benefit future generations. He would be happy to know that the Board of Public Works approved funding the bypass the day before his funeral.

Open Letter From Karen Montgomery

Dear fellow residents in Brookeville,

This year has been a banner year for many of our flower gardens, humming birds, other local and migratory birds, butterflies and bees. Yes, there are some Japanese beetles and mosquitoes. Fortunately, if given a chance, spiders trap many of them.

This is not a good climate in which to grow roses. Never has been, as the British Ambassador's gardening staff will be quick to tell you. Roses and grapes will and do attract Japanese beetles. Why grow them, when there are so many other beautiful and edible choices?

Some in town have chosen to use insecticides and fungicides and herbicides, or had a company apply them. While the company will tell you that they use a minimum, that minimum will kill more than the targeted insects. Some yards around here no longer have large numbers or even any fireflies, a delight of summer nights. We are losing bees, which make our fruit and many edibles possible, as they gather pollen to feed the hive and make honey.

Please think about the larger picture when you decide to start spraying. Karen M

Gardening Tips for August

Contributed by Suzanne Friis

From the Garden Calendar for the Greater Washington Area produced by Brookside Gardens

Indoor Gardening

Continue to fertilize houseplants according to package directions. If placed outdoors, inspect houseplants for insect infestation.

Lawn Care

Control crabgrass before it goes to seed with a post-emergence crabgrass killer. However, do not use weed killer on lawns that are to be seeded in August or September.

The best time to seed/overseed bluegrass and fescue lawns is between late August and mid-September. Use certified seed with a germination rate of 80%. Tall fescues are preferred for sunny lawns as they are heat and drought tolerant and most resistant to insect and disease. Bluegrass and perennial ryegrass varieties are less tolerant of our hot summers and require more water and fertilization. "Rebel" is a favorite fescue for our area although a complete list of recommended varieties is available from the Extension Service. For shady lawns choose creeping fescues, chewing fescues or hard fescues. In dense shade, consider groundcovers.

Vegetables and Small Fruits

Insects abound on fruits and vegetables this time of year. Watch for infestation and when damage becomes severe treat using organic methods or contact the Extension Service for recommendations.

Make a final planting of bush green beans by the first week of August.

Plant "cool-season" crops such as leafy greens, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower about the third week of August for fall harvest.

Picking peppers and eggplant while they are young encourages the newer ones to develop.

Cut watermelons when they are full size and when you hear a dull sound upon thumping the melon with your finger. When ready, the tendril near the stems begins to shrivel and dry.

Cantaloupe will "slip" off the vine when ripe. Or pick them earlier to keep the deer and groundhogs from having a feast.

Pick blackberries when they are dark and dull colored for full sweetness. They should easily drop off when touched. Pick red raspberries when fully colored.

Taste grapes before picking. They do not continue to ripen once harvested. The longer on the vine, the sweeter the grape.

Herbaceous Plants

Plant fall-blooming bulbs such as fall crocus or "naked ladies" now. The leaves will appear in the spring, die to the ground in the summer and the flowers will appear (without leaves) in the fall.

Plant and divide daylilies now. Space 3 feet apart and set the crowns at soil level. Daylilies should be divided every 4-6 years.

Check potted plants and hanging baskets daily for watering as they dry quickly in the summer heat.

Water annuals and perennials in the morning. Leaves and stems that remain wet overnight are more prone to rot and mildew.

Divide poppies, Virginia bluebells and common bleeding heart now while they are dormant.

Prune lavender plants after flowering.

Trees and Shrubs

Late summer is an excellent time to plant and transplant evergreens except for hemlock, Austrian pine, and Leyland cypress which should be planted in the spring. Mulch well and keep watered throughout the fall.

Light pruning can still be done on trees and shrubs.

Wet springs followed by dry summers often cause premature leaf drop from maples, sycamores, ashes and birches. Do not be alarmed unless the entire tree becomes defoliated.

Generous watering of trees and shrubs this month helps prevent winter damage.

Make the final fertilization of roses by mid-month using ½ cup of granular 5-10-5 worked into the top of the soil. Continue to water roses generously.

Do not fertilize trees and shrubs now. Growth promoted will not be mature enough before winter frosts.

SUMC Community Events

Mystery Dinner Theatre

Lethal Luau,

Saturday, August 24 at 6 pm

Tickets are \$30 per person

Proceeds will go towards remodeling the kitchen.

We are looking for 4 females and 4 males
to fill the parts in the play.

If you are interested please attend a meeting
on August 4 after the 10 o'clock service or
contact Barbara Achstetter at 240 388 8490 or
xachstetter@yahoo.com.

All programs are held in the Salem Community Hall
Enter from the back of the building.
For more information contact
Rev. Janet Craswell at
301-774-7774 or
youth@salemunitedmethodist.org

Miscellaneous**Lilies Needed:**

If you have excess orange lily plants, the town needs them for planting on the hillside at the east end of Market Street. If you can wait until September to dig them up, the landscaper will use them to replace the weeds growing there currently. The weeds cannot be removed yet because of the threat of erosion if they're not replaced by something and September is the best time for planting. Let the clerk know if you have lily plants to donate.

Olney Farmers and Artists Market
Sunday, August 4, 2013

***** GUEST CHEF *******Sarah Acconcia****13.5% Wine Bar, Baltimore******* MUSICAL GUESTS *******Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio******* COMMUNITY TENTS *******Manna******* TREASURE HUNT ON SUNDAY****Win 50.00!!! *******Babysitting/Pet Sitting**

Need a babysitter or someone to watch
your pets while you are away? The
following residents are available

Ella Booz 301-774-8043
Age 14

Isabelle Johnson 301-325-7510
Age 14

If your child would like to be listed for
future issues, please send name, age and
parent's phone to
clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org

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and suggestions for the newsletter to
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