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# Brookeville Times

Town of Brookeville, MD  
Established 1794      Incorporated 1808

"Hot July brings cooling showers,  
Apricots and gillyflowers."  
Sara Coleridge

## News and Announcements

**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY!**

### **New Sidewalks in Brookeville**

Commissioners Michael Acierno and Katherine Farquhar met with representatives from the State Highway Administration to view and discuss the agency's concept plans for new sidewalks with adjacent bike lanes on the south side of Brookeville. The proposed sidewalks will begin at Church St. on the west side of High St. and extend to the Longwood Recreation Center driveway. SHA Representatives Kate Mazzara and Jason Cosler will be present at the next Commissioner's Meeting to answer questions related to the project. The project is still in the concept phase and home owners south of Church St. in the affected area are especially encouraged to come to the meeting, view the plans, ask questions and share their views.

### **The MD State Archives Brookeville Website**

The site is up and available! It is the result of Sandy Heiler's project last year that was funded by the National Society of the DAR with matching funds from the town. She has funding from the State of MD to continue her research project for another year. Check it out at: [www.MSA.Maryland.gov/Brookeville](http://www.MSA.Maryland.gov/Brookeville).

## Mark Your Calendars

### **Commissioners Meeting**

July 8, 2013

7:00 pm

View Sidewalk Plans

Meet SHA Representatives

No Planning Commission Meeting  
held in July

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

### **Website for Brookeville Bypass**

Information on the status and progress of the Brookeville Bypass design is now available at the link below: The site provides contact information for the Project Manager as well as monthly updates on the design's progress.

<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=MO7462115>

### **Tree Removal at 309 Market St.**

The large dead tree at #309 Market St. leaning towards the road is being removed by the State Highway Administration. The crew that removed the large limbs will be back to finish the job. Although we have not been given a time and date for the completion we have assurances from SHA and the contractor that the trunk is stable and removal will be completed soon.

**July - Things to Do in the Garden from the Garden Calendar for the Greater Washington Area published by Brookside Gardens**

Contributed by Suzanne Friis

**Indoor Gardening:**

Do not place houseplants under air-conditioning vents as the blowing air will dry and damage the leaves.

Continue fertilizing houseplants according to package directions.

**Lawn Care:**

To control perennial bunch grasses, dig out the clumps and replace them with sod.

Mowing lawns when temperatures exceed 90 degrees F. can damage the lawn.

**Vegetables and Small Fruits:**

Plant green beans, beets, carrots, looseleaf lettuce, peas, kale, endive and turnips for fall harvest.

Chinese cabbage is a good substitute for lettuce.

Blossom-end rot of tomatoes and peppers is common on the first few vegetables of the season. It is a physiological disorder corrected by adding dolomitic limestone to the soil, by watering every 5-7 rainless days and by not over-fertilizing with a high nitrogen fertilizer.

Cut back new black raspberry and blackberry canes to 2½ feet.

Lightly prune grapes to increase air circulation thus reducing mildew later in the summer.

Protect almost-ripe grapes from predators by enclosing the grapes in a paper bag and tying the bag shut with a string.

Place a piece of wood or an old shingle under melons to reduce decay and prevent wireworm damage. Harvest melons when the stem slips easily from the fruit.

Remove flowers on annual herbs, such as basil, to prolong flowering.

Harvest cucumbers before they turn yellow for best quality and to keep vines blooming. Cut the cucumbers to avoid injuring the vine.

Cut chives, lovage, parsley and other “clump-forming” herbs off at the ground from the outside of the clump.

Harvest squash when the skin is still tender enough that it can be punctured with a fingernail.

If “new” potatoes are desired, dig them as soon as the potato plant tops die down. For larger potatoes, leave them longer.

Pick corn while the husk is still dark green and the silk has just turned black. To retain sweetness, refrigerate immediately.

Harvest peppers when they are full size and color. Bell peppers may be picked green or left on the plant until they turn red.

Protect blueberries from birds using deer netting. Pick when they are dark blue and taste sweet. They do not continue to ripen after harvesting.

Pick red raspberries when they are deep red and come off the plant easily. They are extremely perishable. Harvest frequently and eat, freeze or process quickly.

**Herbaceous Plants:**

Continue removing faded flowers from annuals and perennials. This “deadheading” prevents seed set thus encourages blooming in annuals and channels energy into root production in perennials. Removing the old flower stalks from snapdragons stimulates a second bloom.

Potted flowering plants need regular fertilizing throughout the season. Follow package instructions.

Give chrysanthemums a final pinching by mid-month. Pruning later in July will delay flowering in the fall.

Summer annuals and perennials that can be preserved by drying include cockscomb, coral bells, feverfew, larkspur, strawflower, blue salvia, baby’s breath, statice, artemesia, lamb’s ear and

goldenrod. Cut them just before peak blooming. Strip off the leaves and hang the flowers upside down in a well-ventilated area.

Iris should be divided every 3-4 years. Dig up carefully, divide and discard old, rotted rhizomes. Cut the leaves to about 8 inches tall and replant the rhizomes in full sun and very well-drained soil with the tops barely showing above the ground. Do not mulch.

Scout for and treat insect problems. For assistance, contact the Montgomery County Extension Service.

### **Trees and Shrubs:**

Cut back irregular growth on English, American and Oriental hollies. Do not prune the top leader.

Unless saving for drying, prune blue and pink hydrangeas immediately after flowering, cutting only the flowering stems down to the base.

For maximum flowering next spring, cut off leafy wisteria shoots now, just past the third bud. Don't prune wisteria in the winter.

Prune rambler and small-flowering roses immediately after flowering. Continue fertilizing roses monthly with ½ cup of 5-10-5 worked into the soil. Water roses weekly with approximately 2 gallons/plant if rainfall doesn't measure one inch.

Keep newly planted trees and shrubs watered throughout the summer.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Turn over the compost pile at least once this summer to aerate it and speed decomposition.

Use grass clippings in the compost pile but never as a mulch. Grass clippings mat and do not allow water to penetrate. Do not compost grass clippings treated with an herbicide.

## SUMC Community Events

### **July 8-12**

#### **Christian Day Camp "Everywhere Fun Fair"**

**9-11:30 am.**

Ages 3-12. \$15.00/child or \$30.00/family. Salem Community Hall

To register see website:

[www.salemunitymethodist.org](http://www.salemunitymethodist.org)

All programs are held in the Salem Community Hall

Enter from the back of the building.

For more information contact

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## Announcements

### **Free Composting Bins and Extra Recycle Bins**

The town has free bins if anyone needs them.

Recycle bins are behind the Academy and can be picked up there. Send an email to Andrea Scanlon for composting bins.

### **Pick D&D Picking for all your fresh produce needs!**

We get scratched/sweaty/stung/poison ivy so you don't have to!

Strawberries are over for this year, but black raspberries and blueberries are starting. There is also chard and beets. Peas and snap peas are virtually over, but we may be able to find a few for you this week only. Coming soon, snap beans and squash. This year, the sweet cherry and pie cherry crops are light so let us know ahead of time and we'll do our best. Summer raspberries (red, yellow, purple) and blackberries will be starting in July. (Those of you who tried last year's blackberries can vouch for how good the wild ones were, large, sweet, totally unsprayed. Domestic also available.) For jelly makers, ask for juicing.

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