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Brookeville Times

Town of Brookeville, MD
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"It is the month of June,
The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes
And pleasant scents the noses."
~ Nathaniel Parker Willis

News and Announcements

Annual Town Meeting: Brookeville held its annual town meeting on May 13th. The budget, tax credits and plans for the 2014 Celebration were among the things discussed. The tax credit information and 2014 plans are summarized below. There was also a ceremonial burning of the mortgage documents followed by a special cake to celebrate Brookeville's accomplishment!

Historic Area Tax Credits: These tax credits are available through both the county and the state.

County credits are available to all owner occupied properties, including accessory buildings within the town limits regardless of the age of the structure. The credit is 10% of a minimum expenditure of \$1000.00 and is applied directly to your property tax bill. If the credit exceeds your annual property tax liability the balance can be carried forward for five years. Only exterior work qualifies and it must be done by a licensed contractor. Eligible work includes but isn't exclusive to: exterior alterations, roof work, siding, windows, doors, storms, gutters, downspouts and snow eaves, painting, rehab of masonry, carpentry, any cyclical maintenance and any work requiring a HAWP. New construction and landscaping are not eligible. How to apply: Download the application from the county's website below.

Mark Your Calendars

Commissioners Meeting
June 10, 2013
8:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting
No Meeting held in June
July 2, 2013
7:30 pm

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



Tax credits continued:

Save all your invoices and receipts and take before and after photographs. Submit your application after the work is complete. For work completed in 2013 the deadline for applications is April 1, 2014. The credit is set to increase to 25% in 2014.

http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/grants/tax_credit_programs.shtml

State credits- Owner occupied historic properties need to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The criteria for what's eligible are available from the Nat. Trust, the National Park Service or the MD Historical Trust. The MD Trust is the group that approves work and payments. The credit is 20% of eligible costs applied directly to your state income tax. Costs must be a minimum \$5000 spent over two years. If the credit exceeds your state tax liability the balance will be refunded. Both interior and exterior work is eligible for the credit. Verify what work is eligible with the MD Historical Trust. How to apply: From the tax credit page for the county application there is a link to the state application. Applications including scope of work must be submitted and approved before the work is done.

2014 Celebration Planning: The Brookeville 2014 Planning Commission is well underway in its work. To date there is a three part plan including a wide variety of events. Part one will be a series of small events including a history symposium, a children's play, and performances of 19th century entertainment. Part two will be two days of re-enactments of daily life and major historical events. The archeological dig at the Miller site will be open with a special pit seeded with artifacts for kids. These activities will culminate in a dinner commemorating Brookeville feeding all those who came for help. Part three is a documentary video to be finished in the fall of 2014.

To volunteer, contact Sandy Heiler at sheiler07@gmail.com

Inn at Brookeville Farms update: The Brookeville Planning Commission and the Brookeville Commissioners have voted against a zoning

change to allow the proposed 79 room expansion of the inn. The project's possible impact on the completion of the Brookeville Bypass and long term risks associated with future uses were cited as reasons for the refusal. The property is currently zoned for four houses.

Brookeville Angel Update: The Brookeville Angel continues to suffer from long exposure to the elements. The base is deteriorating from insect damage and the whole sculpture is rotting according to Pogo Sherwood. Pogo has stepped in again to help save the sculpture which is carved from a white oak. He contacted sculptor, Stefan Saal, and, based on his advice is drying out the angel in one of his greenhouses in Brookeville. Pogo estimates that if the Angel can be safely moved to a suitable indoor location it may last another 10-15 years.

Memorial Day: On Memorial Day, Carmen Harding (26 High Street) joined her father, Bob Van Druff, a Pearl Harbor Survivor, in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D. C. Bob was also accompanied by his wife Helen. They have been married for 70 years now, and rode in a convertible with one other local survivor, Clarence Davis, of Charlotte Hall, MD. The Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Inc. carried their own banner, the Pearl Harbor flag along with the American Flag. Carmen is National Trustee and Editor of their national newsletter, The Offspring. The parade is quite an event and the Survivors are always warmly received with loud applause and shouts of "Thank you!"

Gardening Tips for June Contributed by Suzanne Friis

Indoor Gardening

Continue fertilizing houseplants with a water soluble fertilizer, following package directions. Ferns respond well to fish emulsion. Keep houseplants away from air-conditioning vents as the constant airflow dries out their leaves.

Houseplants can be placed in a shady spot in the garden or porch. Be attentive to watering and watch for insect problems.

Lawn Care

Complete laying sod by the end of June. In our climate, bluegrass/fescue lawns go dormant in the high summer heat. This is normal. Conserve water by not watering the lawn, it will return to its lushness in the fall. Light watering also promotes disease.

Vegetables and Small Fruits

To prolong harvest, plant green and beets every two weeks through August. Make a second planting of squash, carrots and lima beans, mid-month.

Work a sprinkling of 10-10-10 granular fertilizer into the soil around long-season crops such as tomatoes, peppers and eggplant. Water well after fertilizing.

Harvest all vegetables when they are young and tender.

Harvest herbs intended for drying or preserving just before they bloom.

When harvesting rhubarb, grab a stalk and pull it away at the base. Do not cut with a knife which leaves an open surface susceptible to infection. Do not harvest the first year of planting and do not eat the leaves because they are poisonous to humans.

Harvest broccoli before the flowers open (we are actually eating the flower buds).

Dig potatoes when the tops die down.

Continue cutting asparagus through the end of the month.

Pick black raspberries when they are deep purple and come off the plant easily.

Pick strawberries when they are fully ripe (completely red). Keep the plants mulched with straw and fertilize after harvest with a liquid 5-10-5 fertilizer. Water strawberries during dry periods.

Protect blueberry bushes from birds by covering them with netting just as the berries begin to ripen.

Herbaceous Plants

It is not too late to plant annuals. As geraniums bloom, remove the faded blossoms ("deadhead") to encourage continuous blooming. Most "modern" annual varieties do not require deadheading.

Container-grown perennials may continue to be planted but be sure they are watered throughout the summer months. Most containers and hanging baskets will require daily watering once the days become consistently hot. Annuals and perennials may require additional water as well.

Continue staking, weeding and "deadheading" perennials as needed.

Fertilize chrysanthemums monthly through August using a small handful of a granular 5-10-5 fertilizer worked into the soil around the plants. Water well after fertilizing. Continue pinching back chrysanthemums through mid-July to produce full, bushy, multi-flowered plants in the fall.

Trees and Shrubs

Container-grown trees and shrubs can be planted all month. However, keep all newly planted trees and shrubs well watered throughout the summer. Deep watering every 7-10 days are more valuable than frequent light watering.

Remove old dead wood and winter-damaged branches from trees and shrubs that have not leafed out. Cut back to green wood or live shoots/branches. Deciduous shrubs can still be heavily pruned and broadleaved evergreens can be moderately pruned.

Prune azaleas after blooming until mid-July.

Clip hedges this month.

If needed, prune arborvitae, juniper, yew, cypress, hemlock and false cypress now. To keep pines and spruces more compact pinch back the new growth (called "candles"). However, never remove the candles and never cut back into wood that is bare of needles. These plants will not branch out from bare wood as deciduous plants will.

Roses require one inch of water per week, the equivalent of 2 gallons per plant. Fertilize roses with ½ cup granular 5-10-5/plant, working it into the soil. Water well after fertilizing. When cutting roses, cut the stems just above a 5-leaflet leaf. This

encourages new bud production. Carry a bucket of water to the garden and immediately submerge the cut stems in the water. Roses keep best if cut in the morning or the evening. Re-cut the stems under water before arranging.

Keep mulch on azaleas, rhododendrons, Andromeda and other broad-leaved evergreens year-round.

Continue to watch for insect and disease problems and contact the Montgomery County Extension Service office for information and controls.

University Of Maryland Extension Service

Montgomery County Office

18410 Muncaster Road

Derwood, MD 20855

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 - 5:00

Phone: (301) 590-9638

<http://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county>

Certified Professional Horticulturists are available for consultation

Monday – Friday, 8am – 1pm

SUMC Community Events

Salem UMC Book Discussion

2013 Schedule

Meetings 7:30 pm

Upstairs Classroom in Salem Community Hall

All Are Invited!

Thursday, June 6 *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai*

Undercity by Katherine Boo - Non-fiction

Katherine Boo spent three years among the residents of the Annawadi slum, a sprawling, cockeyed settlement of more than 300 tin-roof huts and shacks in the shadow of Mumbai's International Airport. From within this "sumpy plug of slum" Boo unearths stories both tragic and poignant--about residents' efforts to raise families, earn a living, or simply survive.

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

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@salemunitymethodist.org

Announcements

Teresa Meeks is collecting plastic plant pots for the Master Gardeners of Montgomery County. Please bring them to 9 North Street. If no one is home, leave them on the front porch.

Summer Activities for Kids:

2013 Montgomery County Public Libraries **Summer Reading Kickoff** on June 15, 2 PM at Kensington Park Library.

Kaydee Puppets will present *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Princess and the Pea*. For more information about the **Summer Reading program**, go to

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library. Summer Reading is sponsored by Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc.

Pick D&D Picking for your produce needs! We are currently picking strawberries and spinach. These are not organic, but are grown with cover crops, natural soil amendments, mulch, and IPM. Fresh and flavorful! We pick about twice a week or to order. Contact Debbie Wagner for more information at dwagner0602@gmail.com

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