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# Brookeville Times



## Mark Your Calendars

### **War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Meeting**

Tuesday June 17, 7:00 pm  
Brookeville Academy

### **School House Clean Up**

Saturday June 21, 9 – 11 am

### **Heritage Days**

Saturday June 28, 12 – 4 pm  
School House and Brookeville Academy

### **Planning Commission**

Tuesday July 1, 7:30 pm

### **Commissioners Meeting**

Rescheduled for  
Tuesday July 15, 6:30 pm

### **Town Meeting**

Final Meeting for August Events  
Monday August 11, 7:00  
Brookeville Academy

## **Announcements**

- ✚ **School House Clean-up:** Volunteers are needed to help clean up the School House for Heritage Days. On June 21 from 9 to 11 am volunteers will clear the grounds and spread mulch. Some interior cleaning may be needed. There will be a cub-scout troupe to help –and--coffee, donuts/muffins and plenty of water will be provided.
- ✚ **Speed Limit Signs:** New speed limit signs will be installed on Water St. this month.
- ✚ **The Planning Commissioners** are seeking a qualified volunteer to serve on the Planning Commission. For information about duties and responsibilities please contact Chris Scanlon at: [cscanlon@davisconstruction.com](mailto:cscanlon@davisconstruction.com)
- ✚ **Light Hauling:** Debbie Wagner can do light hauling to transfer station. She will take metal items for no charge. [dwagner0602@gmail.com](mailto:dwagner0602@gmail.com)  
Thanks Debbie!
- ✚ **Recycle Plant Pots and Market Packs:** Montgomery County master gardeners will reuse your plastic plant pots and market packs. Please leave them on Fred and Teresa's front porch (9 North Street). The environment thanks you!
- ✚ **D&D Picking:** Pick D&D Picking for all your vegetable and fruit needs! Right now, strawberries and spinach. More fruits soon!  
301 774 2509



Michael Acierno and Buck Bartley

### Swearing in of New Commissioner

Michael Acierno administered the oath of office to Buck Bartley who took his place as new commissioner. The commission then elected Katherine Farquhar to be Commission President. The Commission then moved to appoint Michael Acierno as the Brookeville Town Commission President Emeritus. This appointment allows Michael to maintain his authority and continue his responsibilities on behalf of the town as special assistant to the Bicentennial Commission. Commission, staff and attendees expressed thanks and appreciation to Michael for 10 years of exemplary service to the Commission, six of them as Commission President. Michael was commended for being dedicated, committed, honest, reliable and collegial. There was much appreciation expressed for his follow through, diplomacy and professionalism in all of his dealings as commissioner.

### 5 Myths about Brookeville and the War of 1812

Sandy Heiler

1. Dolley Madison came to Brookeville. She didn't. When Dolley left Washington, she went first to Georgetown and then to Virginia, where she stayed at the homes of friends and a short time at Wiley's Tavern. Paul Jennings, in his autobiography, quotes Dolley's servant Sukey describing the route they took and Dolley, herself, described portions of her flight in a letter to her sister. (Dolley's correspondence can be found through "Digital Dolley" [rotunda.upress.virginia.edu/dmde/dolley-terms.xqy](http://rotunda.upress.virginia.edu/dmde/dolley-terms.xqy).) President Madison wrote to Dolley from Brookeville because she wasn't with him.
2. Henrietta Bentley was a friend of Dolley Madison. This story is not substantiated by any contemporary evidence. It stems from one that strains credulity: Henrietta's granddaughter describing an alleged visit by her grandmother to the White House, noting that the laundry was strung in the Blue Room. That story had been told for years about Abigail Adams, who moved into the White House before it was finished. The myth probably emerged from the true story of local Quaker Deborah Pleasants Stabler, who was acquainted with Dolley Madison. Deborah wrote to Dolley asking for help in getting her son out of jail. (He'd been arrested for refusing to bear arms.) That letter is at Digital Dolley. Dolley replied in a letter that's at the Sandy Spring Museum. (President Madison did help the son.)
3. The U.S. treasury was brought to Brookeville.



Buck Bartley, Katherine Farquhar, Sue Daley

In 1814, there was no money in the U.S. treasury. The war was being financed by debt from private sources (including John Jacob Astor). The Treasury building in Washington (which the British burnt) was an office building. The story probably came from reports that the money from at least two of Washington's banks was sent to Brookeville. The Presidents of the Bank of Washington and the Bank of Columbia sent the specie (the money in coinage—the paper money was virtually worthless) to the Postmaster, Mr. Bentley, as documented in letters from the bank presidents. The money was probably stored in the Post Office, which was a secure Federal facility protected by iron bars on the windows.

4. The Senate papers were stored in the Brookeville Academy. Everything we know about the Senate papers being brought to Brookeville comes from a long letter by Lewis Machen (the clerk who saved them) to William Rives, as Machen applied for the job of Chief Clerk of the Senate. Machen took the papers first to his farm near Adelphi, Maryland, where a fellow clerk, John McDonald, told him that Brookeville was a more secure site. McDonald then brought the papers to Brookeville, where they stayed for weeks until the Senate had a place to meet. Neither Machen nor McDonald said where the papers were stored, but it is far more likely that they were stored in the Post Office, like the specie from the banks, than in the Academy, which was not only not a secure facility but school was in session.

5. Richard Thomas refused the President's request for shelter because he [Thomas] was a Federalist and would not shelter the President who was waging a war he despised. There are numerous versions of this story: Richard Thomas refused because he was a Quaker and a pacifist so he wouldn't take in a "war president;" Deborah Thomas refused, saying, "not with those muddy boots, you're not coming in my house!" The truth is less colorful: the house was already full and Thomas didn't know that the president was among the party. A correspondent who was present reported in the Federal Republican on August 31, 1814: the guide with the President's party approached Richard Thomas, asking, "if Gen Mason and suite, could have lodgings for the night," taking care to avoid mentioning that the President was in company. He was told that he could not. "Can you put them on the floor?" said the guide. "No my house is filled with families who have fled from Washington and Georgetown," was the answer." The president then went across the street to the Bentley house.

## Brookeville Bypass Partnering Meeting

Michael Acierno

Michael Acierno and Buck Bartley attended the sixth Brookeville Bypass Partnering meeting on June 10 at the SHA's Baltimore location.

Highlights of the meeting: The final alignment of the roadway has been set. Wetlands Delineation will be started next week with the final report ready by July 15<sup>th</sup>. The Maintenance of Traffic flow during construction is in the preliminary planning stage. There is a delay in the schedule due to a Shared Use Path disagreement between Montgomery County, M-NCPPC, and SHA. The original SHA planning documents did not include a shared use path. SHA is awaiting communication from Montgomery County and M-NCPPC. SHA is hopeful this will be resolved soon as they are ready to move to the next phase of the project.

## Gardening Tips

### Spring and Summer Bulbs

Suzanne Friis

**Spring Bulbs:** After flowering, the leaves from spring-flowering bulbs, especially daffodils, seem to remain forever. Resist removing these green leaves until they start to wither as the leaves manufacture the energy to produce next year's flowers. If you plan to move your bulbs, mark their location and move them in September. When digging out established clumps, be care not to damage the emerging roots. Separate thick clumps and replant in well-drained soil, watering thoroughly after planting. New plantings of spring-flowering bulbs should also be planted in the fall. Daffodils are best planted in September as they need a long time for the roots develop. Crocus, tulips, hyacinths and other favorites are better planted October - December when the soil temperature has cooled off.

**Summer Bulbs:** There are a number of summer-blooming bulbs that grow in our area. Some are hardy, meaning they will re-bloom yearly in the garden, while others cannot survive our winter temperatures.

Although best planted in May, it is not too late to try canna, gladiolus, dahlias, crocosmia, elephants ear, calla lilies, asiatic lilies, caladiums, and tuberous begonias. For more information about growing bulbs in our area go to:

[extension.umd.edu/hgic/flowers/bulbs](http://extension.umd.edu/hgic/flowers/bulbs)

## Heritage Days

Visitors will be walking through town to see the School House and the Academy on Sat. June 28 from noon until 4:00 pm.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Olney Farmers and Artists Market**

The 2014 season of has begun!  
Sundays from May 11th to November 2nd from  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Medstar Montgomery Medical Center Thrift Shop  
at the corner of Prince Phillip and Rt. 108.

### **Salem UMC Community Events**

*Free and Open to All*

#### **Salem Book Club**

First Thursdays at 7:30 pm  
Community Hall

### **Jungle Safari Vacation Bible Camp**



Where kids explore the nature of God through projects,  
games, stories and music.

**July 7-11, 2014**

**6:30-8:30 pm**

**ages pre-school – middle school**

\$15.00/child

\$30.00/family

Family Dinner included at 6:00 pm in the Salem  
Community Hall

Adult class 6:30-8:30 pm (no fee)

On-line PayPal Registration opens April 1 via  
[www.salemunitedmethodist.org](http://www.salemunitedmethodist.org)

or

[http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/salem\\_umc](http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/salem_umc)

Or mail-in registration form from above site to:  
Salem United Methodist Church  
12 High St.

Brookeville, MD 20833

Attn: Vacation Bible Camp

For questions or more information call 301-774-7772

Please note that the Olney Central Mom's Group meets at Salem as does Cub  
Scout Den 2 from pack 434 and the Wolf Den. Interested people can contact the  
church if they would like to reach these groups. Salem: 301-774-7772

### **Salem UMC's Manna Garden**

For the last few summers, Salem has been growing  
vegetables which are given to Manna Food Bank. We  
are looking for people who can take the produce to  
Manna. If you work near there or find yourself in the  
area and could deliver some fresh veggies to the food  
bank contact Anne Ennes at ALHEnMD@aol.com.  
Manna is located at 9311 Gaither Rd., Gaithersburg,  
MD.

### **Bicentennial Worship on the Lawn**

On Sunday, August 31 Salem will be offering worship  
on our lawn at 9:15 am. Rev. Sue will be preaching on  
"Offering Hospitality."

### **Bicentennial Community Choir**

For the Bicentennial Worship we are creating a  
Community Choir. Choral pieces from the early 19th  
century by composers such as Lowell Mason and  
William Billings will be performed. Rehearsals will be  
on Monday evenings, August 11, 18, 24 at 7 pm in  
Salem Community Hall. Contact Salem UMC's Music  
Director, Rose Eide-Altman at [roseonkeys@gmail.com](mailto:roseonkeys@gmail.com)

### **Retirement Seminar: July 9<sup>th</sup>**



**BELL & FRECH**

Join Bell & Frech, Wednesday, July 9th to learn more  
about the changing retirement landscape, the eight risks to  
achieving your ideal vision of retirement and the  
Sustainable Income Solutions™ process. Discover how  
you can plan for these risks and help ensure a retirement  
free from financial worries.

Date: July 9<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Sandy Spring Museum  
Address: 17901 Bentley Rd,  
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

This event is free and open to everyone!

Please RSVP to Susan Johnson at (301) 260-8600 ext: 18,  
or [susanjohnson@bellandfrech.com](mailto:susanjohnson@bellandfrech.com).

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