

Brookeville Times



Announcements

Mark Your Calendars

Planning Commission Meeting
November 3, 7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting
November 10, 6:30 pm

Town Meeting
November 10, 7:30-9:00 PM

Leaf Pick-Up
November 23-24

Holiday Party
December 6, 6:00 pm
Pot Luck! Bring the family!

- ✚ **Town Meeting:** There will be a Town Meeting on November 10 to continue and expand the conversations about the future of Brookeville, beyond the Bypass. We hope to have an update on the Bypass, as well.
- ✚ **Leaf Pick-Up:** The town will be providing leaf pick up on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Please have your leaves raked to the street. More details about pick-up times to come.
- ✚ **Holiday Party:** The town will be hosting its annual holiday party on Dec. 6th at 6 pm. Please bring a dish to share. Roast turkey, soft drinks, beer, wine, baby sitters and pizza for kids and more will be provided.
- ✚ **T-Shirts Are In!** : If you ordered a bicentennial t-shirt at the town picnic please contact Susan Johnson at 301-325-7510 to arrange pick-up.
- ✚ **Bicentennial Coins:** The town will be offering bicentennial coins at face value. Please contact the clerk if you are interested.



- ✚ **Town Directory:** If you missed the town picnic and didn't get a new town directory please contact the clerk to obtain one.

- ✚ **Welcome Daphne Eleni Haris!**
Congratulations to Micole and Chris Haris on the birth of their daughter Daphne Eleni born on October 14th. Mother and daughter are doing well.
- ✚ **Light Hauling:** Debbie Wagner can do light hauling to transfer station. She will take metal items for no charge. dwagner0602@gmail.com

Envisioning Brookeville Beyond the Bypass Katherine Farquhar

On a day late in 2017 or early 2018, you will walk home from a ribbon cutting ceremony that opens the long-awaited Brookeville Bypass.” That day, we celebrate – and our Town is changed forever. No more 20,000 vehicles per day flowing through and dividing Brookeville. The Town will control High and Market Streets (no longer SHA property). We can extend our sidewalks and do other changes to our infrastructure. The Academy, Schoolhouse, and other Town resources could be viewed differently, if we choose.

What kind of Town do we want to come home to on that day?

As we envision and prioritize our future, our Brookeville Planning Commission will be working with the Commissioners to update the Master Plan (last updated in 2010). Before that step, our Town seeks your involvement, research and ideas. We’re a bit changed since the Bicentennial: more of a historical resource, more visible to the public, and smarter about our origins and background. We got to “test-drive” a quieter way of being – and many of us kind of liked that.

As the Town envisions what we’d like Brookeville to be once the Bypass opens, we are holding several gatherings to just explore and educate each other about possibilities. Keeping our minds open to “impertinent suggestions” as well as adjustments to what we currently have, we can all be involved in visioning the future.

Our Town Meeting on November 10 is the second of the conversations about Brookeville after the Bypass. The first was September 21, when about 25 Residents gathered at the Academy to talk about the impact and experience of the Bicentennial. We hope you will join us for this upcoming conversation – and that you will want to join in the process of learning more about

what similar communities have done in our circumstances.

We have a different status now: more historical credibility, more public awareness of “Brookeville” – and we are more aware of our status as a town on the “National Register of Historic Places” and a stop on the “Star Spangled Banner Trail.” On November 10, we will get an update on progress with the ByPass, and we will talk about ideas to launch an exploratory process that will lead up to a sequence to prioritize and plan for our future.

Please try to participate in this meeting. It is our last chance in 2014 to get together while the Bicentennial is still fresh (and the political climate is right for us to seek funds to support our dreams).

Town Picnic

The town held its annual town picnic on Sunday September 21. This year the picnic was an occasion to recognize the many members of our community who made significant contributions to the bicentennial events held on Labor Day weekend.



An estimated 75 people including many children (our Town is growing!) celebrated the high points of the Bicentennial Weekend with recognitions and lots of stories and sharing of photos. In a simple ceremony, Dave Yinger and Sandy Heiler lowered the 15-Star Flag that flew over the Bicentennial event and gave it to the Town for permanent display. A new 15-star flag was then raised and will continue to fly. State Senator Karen Montgomery, Bicentennial Chair Sandy Heiler and Commission President Katherine Farquhar presented awards and recognitions to

Residents for myriad contributions. The weather was excellent, the friendships delightful, and Grill Master Don Moore was accompanied by many town chefs who contributed excellent pot luck dishes. A lovely time was had by all!

Wind Energy Update

Debbie Wagner
Fred Teal

Dear Brookeville neighbors,

In the four or so years since Fred and Debbie went around town helping folks sign up for clean electricity from renewable sources, we've gotten several new neighbors . . . and, our previous provider, Clean Currents, unfortunately went out of business. Seems like time for us to circulate and see if anyone needs assistance.

Some of us figured out the signup process and are now with wind energy from WGES. Also, all the Town's municipal functions run on 100% wind energy. This is important for the sakes of our children and grandchildren: the average Maryland home uses 12 megawatts of electricity per year, so 100% wind energy for one year avoids the emission of 8 tons (16,000 lbs) of carbon dioxide along with the problems of dirty coal ash, heavy metal contamination, and spills into waterways.

This past February, Brookeville submitted its Clean Energy electricity data to the Environmental Protection Agency, reporting on the amount of wind and solar generated electricity used by the town and the residents (we've all noticed the signs at the town gateways, right?). We're no longer #1, but we can be again! We need at least six more households to sign up for wind energy.

WGES expects their costs to rise, so our cost per kwh is a little more than it had been, but we're doing this for future generations. The more we demand clean renewable energy, the more turbines will be erected and the more clean energy will be available for other people.

There are some other options for getting clean renewable energy, which we can go over with you and guide you to websites.

We need to do all we can to ensure a livable planet for generations to come. What could be a greater gift to your children and grandchildren?

For those wishing to make a larger commitment, check into home solar energy! Jeff Johnson and Marti Andress are now producing

more electricity than they are using. Very exciting news, Marti and Jeff!

Brookeville Bypass SHA Partnering Meeting News

Debbie Wagner

Issues from previous meetings are now resolved: Montgomery County is dedicating the ball field near Georgia Ave. to the Bypass, relieving some of the pressure on the Syskis. There will definitely be a southern roundabout; this is a requirement of the Smart Growth program and they are no longer considering a spur road into the town from the south. Meadow Branch, which is next to the bypass route, is being considered for a bridge rather than the previously discussed culvert or pipe; Montgomery County Parks requires a bridge unless they are convinced that a culvert or pipe would be the best option. (And there must be a permit from MDE for a culvert, which would have a natural bottom.) Montgomery County Parks also wants to see the fish and wildlife passage already approved by MDE.

Montgomery County Parks brought up shifting the alignment of the bypass to the west 40' to minimize the impact to three large trees near the southern roundabout. The designer said she would try to move the route slightly, which might be 10-20' but probably could not be 40'. The difficulties are greater stream impact if the route is moved west (and the stream cannot be made to flow uphill) as well as impact to the houses on Dubarry. Montgomery County Parks has only come to this meeting and the one previous, and the roadway has already been re-designed to cross the stream at the correct angle. I attempted to find the route and locate the large trees. I found two American red maples tagged 25" and 31". There was a multi-trunked (about 6) silver maple not tagged, and probably near the end of its lifespan. I also found a fairly large tulip poplar not tagged further into the town. I appreciate Parks' concern for native trees, but it's time for the HPC to explain to Parks that more damage is being done by traffic through town than would be alleviated by sparing three trees, and this problem wouldn't exist if the road had been built back when the county acquired the land. Anyway, the preliminary drawings are going to be shared by SHA with Parks. Additional surveying will be needed.

The designation of Brookeville Road as a rustic rural road had come up. A representative from the county quoted that the bypass is a specific exception to the rustic rural road rule. The county will

communicate its requirements for the culvert replacement of Meadow Branch. If additional requirements move the cost beyond the funding, he will find out if the county will cover the additional cost.

The bridge over Reddy Branch will be 8' high for wildlife and pedestrians. Bridge length 120'. Width 25' allows pedestrian access to Oakley Cabin trail.

A question had arisen concerning paving material. The noise impact will be considered as well as cost in the choice between concrete and asphalt. The discussion went back to shifting the alignment, which will impact the storm water management plan. Montgomery County Parks' position is officially ignoring storm water management, existing and proposed. It was agreed that the storm water management pond on the south end of High St.

is not an old farm pond so does not impact the bypass.

Hydraulics has not been started yet and is 3-4 months of work including MDE approval which takes a month. It cannot be started until the alignment is resolved, there is roadway design and cross section. If the alignment is changed, hydraulics will be delayed until early 2015. I think I've heard these same words at every meeting. The project engineer suggested using an aerial map, but the designer said that that would not show fill limits. Also, the requirements for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has changed, and the alignment must be set before they can issue the new permit (to replace the one that expired). Following the survey, study of impacts, and mitigation plans, the Corps issues the permit.

There will be a field review in the second week of November.

The project engineer wants stream borings to begin because of the length of time they take, but the alignment must be set first.

The foundations of the old Newlin Mill buildings were located about ten years ago. MoCo does not permit anyone to know where they are, but is sending the file to SHA so they can be taken into account in road planning.

Salem UMC Community Events

Free and Open to All

Community Halloween Party



Sunday, October 26

6:30-8:00 pm in our Community Room
come in costume &
bring a food item to share.

Book Group



Nov. 6, 7:30 pm

In the back of the Church

Book: *The City of Tranquil Light*
by Bo Caldwell

Thanksgiving Service

Olney Interfaith Ministerium's at B'nai Shalom
Tuesday, Nov 25, 7:30 pm
18401 Burtfield Dr., Olney

Christmas Bazaar



Saturday, Dec 6; 10 am - 2 pm
Food, pictures with Santa, basket auction,
crafts, and baked goods.



Donating Services to Charity

Do you plan to donate your services to charity this year? Will you travel as part of the service? If so, some travel expenses may help lower your taxes when you file your tax return next year. Here are five tax tips you should know if you travel while giving your services to charity.

You can't deduct the value of your services that you give to charity, but you may be able to deduct some out-of-pocket costs that you pay to give your services--including the cost of travel. Out-of-pocket costs must be: unreimbursed, directly connected with the services, expenses you had only because of the services you gave, and not personal, living or family expenses.

Your volunteer work must be for a qualified charity. Most groups other than churches and governments must apply to the IRS to become qualified. Ask the group about its IRS status before you donate. You can also ask us to check the group's status. We are happy to do so. Some types of travel do not qualify for a tax deduction. For example, you can't deduct your costs if a significant part of the trip involves recreation or a vacation.

You can deduct your travel expenses if your work is real and substantial throughout the trip. You can't deduct expenses if you only have nominal duties or do not have any duties for significant parts of the trip. Deductible travel expenses may include: air, rail and bus transportation, car expenses, lodging costs, the cost of meals, and taxi or other transportation costs between the airport or station and your hotel.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding tax deductions for charitable services at 301-260-8600.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Olney Farmers and Artists Market

Montgomery Medical Center Thrift Shop
Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. thru Nov. 2nd

Holiday Market: Sunday December 7

Sandy Spring Museum

OFM Winter Market Begins Jan. 11
More than 25 vendors!

<http://www.olneyfarmersmarket.org/>
MedStar Montgomery Medical Center Thrift Shop
at the corner of Prince Phillip and Rt. 108.

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