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# Brookeville Times



## Mark Your Calendars

All Events held at the Academy

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Montgomery County  
Heritage Days 2015**  
Brookeville Academy  
Sunday, June 28

Noon to 4pm – FREE Admission

<http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/content/heritage-days-0>

**Beyond the ByPass Meeting**  
Thursday, July 2  
7:30 pm

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 7  
7:30 pm

**Commissioners Meeting**  
Monday, July 20  
7:00 pm

**Annual Town Picnic**  
Sunday, September 13  
3:00pm – 6:00pm

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO GUIDE TOWN TOURS ON HERITAGE DAY, JUNE 28

Sunday, June 28 is Montgomery County's annual Heritage Day, when Brookeville will be providing guided walking tours of our historic town and "school" in the Academy, between 12 and 4. The town needs costumed guides for the tours and greeters at the Academy to welcome visitors, directing them upstairs where Schoolmaster Don Moore will be conducting classes, and organizing them into tour groups. A costume from last summer's War of 1812 Bicentennial celebration would be perfect--the town has several available in a variety of sizes; otherwise, a "May I help thee?" T-shirt from last summer would work well. Scripts from last summer are also available to provide a refresher on town history for anyone who feels the need. Some volunteers have already stepped up but more are needed.

If you can help out by leading or greeting any time during the afternoon, please contact Katherine Farquhar <[kwfarq@cs.com](mailto:kwfarq@cs.com)> or Sandy Heiler <[sheiler07@gmail.com](mailto:sheiler07@gmail.com)>



## Beyond the ByPass Task Force June 11<sup>th</sup> Notes

By Don Moore

Goal of Meeting: To present background and develop a Beyond the Bypass Task Force

Background presented: all can be found in the 2010 Brookeville Comprehensive Plan:  
<http://townofbrookevillemd.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/BrookevilleComprehensivePlan.pdf>

BYPASS activities continue. The Town Commissioners have been attending all meetings at the State and County levels. There was discussion about whether the Task Force should help with staffing these meetings (Ans: that would be “Mission Creep”). Commissioners Bartley and Daley said they would work on a calendar, perhaps a list of volunteer residents (“Action Squad”), and alert Town residents/volunteers to the need for more Town Residents in any given meeting (more people in attendance would make a strong statement to electeds and staff driving the Bypass process); this extra attendance should be done strategically, because most of these meetings are working meetings.

The Brookeville Beyond the Bypass Task Force (“TF”) was approved by the Town Commission in April (2015); the BBTB Task Force reports directly to the Commission. The Commissioners’ initial design of the TF is 6-7 people for small-group agility: 1 Chair, 1 Commissioner-member, 1 BPC member, 3-4 at-large members, with geographic and generational diversity so that all residents of Brookeville has inclusive and transparent representation. The Charter of the TF is to ready the Town for the next era through research, events, discussion, planning, consultation with experts and a planning-action Charrette.

### DRAFT Goals and Objectives follow:

**Goal #1** is to assist the BPC in submitting an updated Masterplan for the Town in 2016. Objectives include: recommendations for most-effective use of Town resources (Academy, School House, Open Space, Walkability/Circulation System); recommendations for preservation/acquisition of Green Space; reaffirm or recommend changes to the 1994/2010 Comprehensive Plan.

**Goal #2** is to review/update the Mission/Vision for Brookeville. The objective would be to involve all Town residents in this process. Important concepts to consider are questions of self-governance versus state/county government oversight, other historic jurisdictions mission/vision (Annapolis? Alexandria VA? Lexington MA?)

**Goal #3** is review/update all events and town-wide communications (AND maybe this is a Town Sub-committee, not the TF). The point of this exercise is to make Town communications and events as inclusive and effective as possible. Town newsletter and other mechanisms

**NEXT STEPS:** Our next meeting will be Thursday 2 July; all town residents are still invited if you would like to serve on the Task Force (membership is not “closed” yet, AND we will try using Skype). There are requirements for Task Force membership: Commit to helping your neighbors by representing them via consistent presence at meetings. READ the following town documents so all have the same background: Town Charter (online), 2010 Comprehensive Plan (online, as above), and the Town’s Survey Monkey results from our recent polling.

### A draft Timeline for the Task Force follows:

6/2015: Provide Background to interested Town Residents, ask for TF volunteers.

7/2015: Develop a list of questions for more public input (“post-Survey Monkey”, BBTP)

8/2015: report to Town Commission

8-9/2015: Solicitation of public input (ensure documentation)

9-10/2015: develop mission/vision

10/2015: report to Town Commission, BPC

10-11/2015: develop recommendations for forward actions, and scope of charrette

2016: Public Charrette

## PROGRESS CONTINUES IN PLANNING THE BROOKEVILLE BYPASS

### MEETING WEDS JUNE 17:

All three Commissioners attended the most recent meeting, last Wednesday June 17th. There were 27 participants, including MNC Park and Planning. Discussions and research continue on how best to mitigate the environmental and cultural (archaeological sites) impact of the construction and how to coordinate the research and work needed to obtain the necessary permits. The route remains the Alternative 7 that features the traffic circle on Brookeville Road and the removal of current Georgia Avenue from Brookeville Road to where the ByPass will continue to the north of Town.

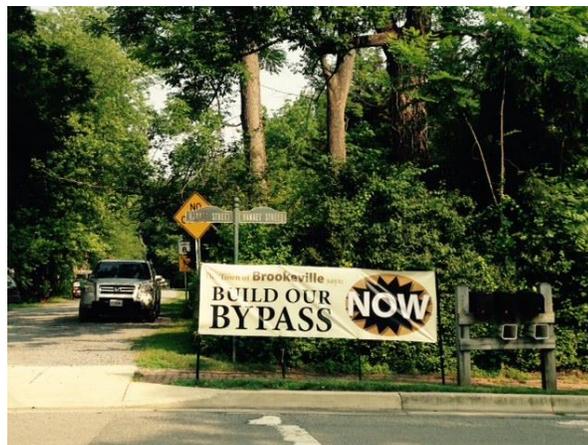
### SHA PRESENTATION ABOUT BYPASS:

Planning is underway for a required SHA presentation about the ByPass to the greater Olney neighborhood. The dates being discussed are for early September (you will receive a notice from SHA).

### HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Many Residents have asked how they can help make the ByPass a reality; well here it is.

Plan to attend this presentation, whenever the final date is. The more Town Residents that attend this presentation, the better!! SHA, Park & Planning, political officials and agency administrators will be there and they need to see that Brookeville is united in support of this long-awaited roadway. As soon as we have confirmation of the date and location, we will let you know.



## Gazette Ceases Operations

Post Community Media LLC ceased publication of The Gazette in Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland effective June 18, 2015. Loss of advertising and other financial issues led to the end of publication that began over 55 years ago.

The folding of The Gazette directly impacts reporter Teri Hogan. Terri reported news and events about her home town of Olney for over 17 years. Although recently pulled off the meetings and a specific assignment to Brookeville, she has been a truly responsible and hardworking reporter who had our respect and admiration during her many years of service. She held Brookeville in the public's attention and reported just about everything newsworthy.

“The Gazette newspaper was instrumental in providing a much larger voice to the community for our small town of Brookeville. Terri Hogan’s excellent coverage of Brookeville over the past 17 years gave us that voice and both it and Terri will be missed.” Michael Acierno

“I will be at a total loss to know the events and news in our local communities. How can we begin to replace this information?” Town Resident and State Senator Karen Montgomery.

The Town of Brookeville sends Terri our best wishes for success and happiness in her future endeavors.

## Being Good Neighbors: Street Parking

To Our Neighbors,

As many of you know, our gravel roads are narrow, 16 feet wide, and share vehicular and pedestrian traffic. They are designed to maintain the historic and rural village character of our Town.

In order to facilitate safe access and emergency service requirements, we look for Town Residents to use courtesy and common sense and observe and comply with all parking laws of Montgomery County.

As a reminder, below are a few applicable parking laws for Montgomery County:

- No Parking within 35 feet of an intersection/intersecting roadway
- No Parking within 5 feet of a driveway
- No Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- No Parking opposite to the flow of traffic (right wheels should be on curb side)

### Recycle and Trash Reminder

Recycling pickup is on Tuesday and trash is collected on Wednesday, unless otherwise noted. Please have your bins curbside by 7:00am on the respective day.

### *Need a Recycle Bin?*

We have a supply of 21 Gallon Curbside Recycling Bins available for Town Residents.

If you need a new Recycle Bin you may pick one up from behind the Brookeville Academy

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Olney Farmers & Artists Market!**  
2801 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd, at the corner of Prince Phillip Dr. & Rt. 108, Olney, MD

Day & Hours: Sundays through  
November 1, 2015, from 9am to 1 pm.  
<http://www.olneyfarmersmarket.org/>

**18th Annual Heritage Days Weekend**  
June 27 & 28

For specific information about all 37 sites open for free around the county, visit the website, [www.HeritageMontgomery.org](http://www.HeritageMontgomery.org) or call 301-515-0753



## News from OUR HOUSE New Dormitory Under Construction

OUR HOUSE is a vocational/educational facility for “at -risk” youth, located on Zion Road in Brookeville. OUR HOUSE currently houses 16 young men in training ages 16-21. You may have seen OUR HOUSE residents working in various community events, like the Strawberry Festival, Taste of Olney, Brookeville’s Bicentennial Celebration, and at Salem UMC. The OUR HOUSE mission is “...to teach carpentry skills, workforce readiness, and GED preparation to abandoned, abused, homeless, and orphaned teenage boys.” The program is designed to be highly structured, disciplined, and rigorous, requiring dedication and commitment on the part of the residents, the goal being for each graduate “...to leave...equipped with a trade, the academic tools, and social skills to function as a working tax-paying adult.”

The success of the OUR HOUSE program has been recognized nationally. Started in 1993 by Richard “Benny” Bienvenue with 4 young men, today 16 youths are in training. Their new dorm is in the beginning throes of construction, and when completed, will enable OUR HOUSE to greatly expand training to 24 trainees age 16 to 18. Future plans for the current dorm are envisioned to provide 16 older graduates of the program with extended-stay training and development of leadership skills. The new dormitory has been designed to “green” building standards and is projected to cost \$3.0 million when completed. To date approximately \$2.2 million has been raised for the project. If you would like to help OUR HOUSE expand their mission and meet their financial goal to fully fund their new dormitory project, please send your tax deductible contribution to:

OUR HOUSE

19715 Zion Road, Brookeville MD 20833-1505  
301.519.1019

OUR HOUSE is a worthy local mission, making a real difference in the lives of young men seeking a “second chance.” All contributions to the OUR HOUSE mission will be gratefully received.



Commissioner Buck Bartley administering the Oath of Office Katherine Farquhar, Sue Daley and Cate McDonald at the June 8, 2015 Commissioners Meeting.



Brookeville Resident Joseph Syski, nearly 3 years old, is showing his "Crab Tree" motif (in chalk) on the Syski driveway

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**and Rentals**

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