

AUGUST 2015

Brookeville Times



Mark Your Calendars

All Events held at the Academy
(unless otherwise noted)

Beyond the ByPass Meeting

Thursday, August 20
7:30 pm

Maryland Public TV Premiere

“Brookeville: Capital for a Day”
Wednesday, August 26
10:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 1
7:30 pm

Annual Town Picnic

Sunday, September 13
3:00pm – 6:00pm

Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, September 15
7:00 pm

Salem UMC Screening of

“Brookeville: Capital for a Day”
Friday, September 25
7:30 pm
Salem UMC Orndorff Hall

SHA ByPass Public Meeting

Tuesday, September 29
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Longwood Community Center

MD 97 South of Brookeville to North of Brookeville

THE BROOKEVILLE BYPASS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2015
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Longwood Community Recreation Center
19300 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, MD 20833

You are invited to attend an Information Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 hosted by the State Highway Administration. The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project background and the purpose and need. Members of the project team will explain why the Alternative has been refined. Maps and other displays will be available for review, and SHA representatives will answer project-related questions and address comments and concerns.

No formal presentation will be given.

You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace.



The Brookeville Commissioners want Residents to know that your presence at this session is crucial to demonstrate the importance of this project! We are hoping the SHA sees 75-100 Town Residents there. Please put this on your calendar. This is the most helpful action you can take to support the ByPass.

You're Invited!

Brookeville's Annual Town Picnic

Sunday, September 13
3:00pm-6:00pm

Brookeville Academy

Come enjoy food, music and the
company of your neighbors.

Rain or Shine

The Town will provide burgers, hot
dogs, Rita's Ice and beverages.

Townspople are asked to bring a
potluck dish to share.

September Date Change for Town Commissioners Meeting

The Brookeville Town Commissioners changed the September meeting to Tuesday, September 15, 2015 instead of the 2nd Monday of the month.

This change is to avoid any conflict with Rosh Hashanah.

Screening of “Brookeville: Capital for a Day”

Friday, September 25, 2015

7:30 pm

Salem United Methodist Church
Orndorff Hall

SUMC is inviting towns folk, church folk, and Sandy Spring Lions Club and anyone else who might want to attend.

Please bring a dessert and appetizer to share

BROOKEVILLE: CAPITAL FOR A DAY

An independent production of Make Your Mark Media

Approximately 95 people packed the Brookeville Academy for the July 25th premiere of “Brookeville: Capital for a Day”. Producer/Director Mark Hildebrand introduced his new film and answered audience questions.

The documentary was very well received. Here are a few reviews from people who attended the premiere:

“Kudos to the folks who prepared and produced the great documentary about Brookeville and its residents. I was glad to be a small part of it and to talk about the Quakers who lived there including my Great-Great-Great Grandfather, Postmaster Caleb Bentley.” Bill Thomas

“Watching the documentary “Brookeville: Capital for a Day” brought back all the wonderful memories of that weekend in August 2014. The documentary is an elegant and beautiful depiction of the courage and compassion of those who walked the streets of our lovely village, now 201 years ago. This documentary places into the historical record Brookeville's significant contribution to our Nation’s history. If you were unable to see the recent showing at the Academy, be sure to watch it on PBS. It will make you very proud.” Michael Acierno

“I don’t often use the words riveting and documentary in the same sentence, but it was appropriate in this case. I was spellbound. In particular I was impressed by how seamlessly the various narrative threads were woven together with video and images to tell the story. It clearly illustrated how the geopolitical machinations of the nations resulted in the President of the United States ending up in a Quaker burg on the post road. Maybe I’m biased because we live here and participated in the Bicentennial, but I thoroughly enjoyed the screening and our second viewing at home. Looking forward to watching again on August 26 on MPT.” Toni Evans

Brookeville: Capital for a Day will be broadcast on Maryland Public Television on August 26th at 10 pm. You will be thrilled to see the story so well-told and beautifully photographed. And....Find your Neighbors in the crowd shown on screen!

DVD’s of “Brookeville: Capital for a Day” are available to purchase at <http://www.mym-media.org/brookeville/>



Concrete being poured for the Academy sidewalk

Sidewalk Update

The Brookeville Academy walkway is getting some much needed repairs. The work on the walkway will continue until August 21.



Sidewalk damage at 207 Market St.

The downed Pepco power line caused by a tree falling on Brighton Dam Road on July 30, 2015 caused a small fire in front of 207 Market Street. The fire burned with heat that melted the sandy bricks into glass pellets and made a hole in the sidewalk. The Town will be repairing the sidewalk in conjunction with the Academy walkway repair. Pepco has been contacted about reimbursing the Town for the repair cost.

Right of Way Street Tree Trimming

The Town of Brookeville will be trimming trees and shrubs that block street signs, trees and shrubs that hang too low over sidewalks and streets, and trees and shrubs that limit visibility at an intersection.

Municipalities are under a general duty to keep the public rights of way under control for safety and visibility. Trimming trees and vegetation to improve visibility is one of the most effective ways you can enhance traffic safety in your neighborhood. Overgrown trees and shrubs endanger us all when they block our view of traffic signs, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

Pepco is also doing tree maintenance within the Town. Pepco's tree maintenance program is critical to the successful and safe delivery of electric service.

Coming Soon: The Olney Reporter

Since the demise of The Gazette, there has been a lack of information for the Greater Olney area. Some have called this a "news desert". Former Gazette reporter, Terri Hogan, former Gazette editor, Judy Hruz, and a group of dedicated local volunteers has banded together to kick start a new news operation for our part of Montgomery County, Maryland. A first edition newspaper is being planned for early September 2015. This edition will be chock full of local news and features and, in most cases, it will be delivered right to your mail box. The Olney Reporter's planning team has been meeting at the Brookeville Academy and is grateful for the welcome.

Tree Care 101 Workshop

Barbara Ray would like to invite Conservation Montgomery to the Town of Brookeville to conduct a workshop. The workshop would be held outdoors with hands-on demonstrations of tree pruning, mulching and other tips on home tree. A long-term goal is to preserve mature tree canopy in Montgomery County by improving maintenance of larger trees.

There is a 15-person minimum per class and a fee of \$20 per person. For more information on this workshop, please contact Barbara Ray or visit: <http://www.conservationmontgomery.org/Home%20Tree%20Care%20101.html>



BELL & FRECH

We're Moving!

Exciting things are happening at Bell & Frech! We will be moving to a larger office in Columbia, MD. The loyalty and support from our customers has fueled continued growth, making a move to a new facility necessary. We have enjoyed our time in Brookeville in our unique office and leave with fond memories of our time here. We will have our new office address for you in the next Brookeville Times. The property, 1 High Street, is listed for sale by J. Clogg, realtor.

National Night Out is a Success!



Team Brookeville under the tent

We had constant traffic to our tent—lots of people wanting information and to see if there was a petition to sign. All agreed our table was a great success until Mother Nature intervened. A brief storm cleared most of the participants and crowds. Team Brookeville was prepared to stay until the end. But, Mother Nature had an even bigger storm with lightning and strong wind. By 7:00pm, we packed it up for the night.



Holding down the tent at the height of the storm

Thank You to Sandy Heiler, Duane Heiler, Harry Montgomery, Cate McDonald, and Katherine Farquhar for staffing the booth and to Marti Andress for the use of her tent.

Glyphosate Petition Received by Commissioners

A petition was submitted by Fred Teal, Jr. at the August 10th Commissioners Meeting. Numerous residents signed the document, which requests that the Commissioners “instruct contract personnel that glyphosate is not to be used on private property without owner’s approval and to immediately cease

the use of glyphosate for general cosmetic purposes.” The Commissioners will hear public opinion on this matter at the September 15th meeting and vote on whether to enact a Town ban on use of certain toxic herbicides. You are invited to attend on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm.

ROUNDUP – CHANGING VIEWS ABOUT SAFETY

By Fred Teal, Jr.

In view of the changing information about the impacts of using Roundup, I think the town should develop policy guidelines that reflect current research findings on the subject. A number of families in town have become concerned about the use of Roundup (chemical name glyphosate) for cosmetic purposes on the margins of the streets and lanes in town to kill weeds. A petition was presented to the commissioners recently with the names of 30 residents who expressed concern about the use of Roundup both by residents and contractors.

So, what’s the problem?

Well, 15 years ago, the National Institutes of Health did a Roundup safety evaluation and risk assessment (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/10854122>) and “It was concluded that, under present and expected conditions of use, Roundup herbicide does not pose a health risk to humans.” However in March of this year, the World Health Organization’s International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) concluded that glyphosate is “probably carcinogenic to humans” based on research work done since 2000 <http://monographs.iarc.fr/ENG/Monographs/vol112/index.php>

So what are some more facts and what do we do now?

The following is an excellent article from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History that gives more detail about the risks and lists some alternatives to Roundup: <http://www.gcbl.org/live/home/landscaping/is-there-a-safe-alternative-to-roundup>

Roundup® is touted as a safe, environmentally friendly and easy to use herbicide. It’s also denounced as a toxic, hazardous chemical. Which is right? Are there any alternatives to using Roundup?

Alternative products exist which play the same role as Roundup® in weed management. Acetic acid, fatty acids, and essential oils can all act as herbicides.

For more detailed information and alternative products, please see <http://www.beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog/2015/03/glyphosate-classified-carcinogenic-by-international-cancer-agency-group-calls-on-u-s-to-end-herbicides-use-and-advance-alternatives/>

September is Disaster Preparedness Month

During Disaster Preparedness Month, Ask Yourself: Are You Ready?

Natural Disasters can happen at any time.

- Get informed about hazards and emergencies that may affect you and your family.
- Develop an emergency plan.
- Collect and assemble disaster supplies kit.
- Learn where to seek shelter from all types of hazards.
- Identify the community warning systems and evacuation routes.
- Include in your plan required information from community and school plans.
- Learn what to do for specific hazards.
- Practice and maintain your plan.

For more detailed information about Disaster preparedness, visit www.ready.gov

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