

# Brookeville Times



## Mark Your Calendars

All Events held at the Academy  
(unless otherwise noted)

Planning Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, August 2  
7:30 pm

Planning Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, September 6  
7:30 pm

Town Picnic  
Sunday, September 11  
3:00pm – 7:00pm

Commissioners Meeting  
Monday, September 12  
7:00 pm

Introduce Jason Robert's work  
Saturday, September 17  
7:00pm – 9:00pm

## *Brookeville Bypass Update*

By: Commissioner Buck Bartley

Huqin (Aimee) Zhang, SHA Project Manager for the Bypass, reports: "After the Mandatory Referral Meeting on June 16, 2016, M-NCPPC Planning Board approved the project. Next step is SHA needs to submit plans to start the technical review for the construction permit. SHA is working on that now." Further, revised environmental plans have been submitted to Federal Highway Administration, and SHA is awaiting comments. The next Bypass Partnering Meeting for the Commissioner and BPC to attend is August 10, 2016. So there is progress. Sooner or later...

## *Maryland Municipal League Annual Convention, 2016*

By: Commissioner Buck Bartley

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) Convention in Ocean City, June 26-29, 2016 was attended by Commissioners Katherine Farquhar and Buck Bartley. The event not only provided networking ideas from other tiny town mayors and managers, but also vendors who can help with initiatives we as a town should undertake in the coming months and years, such as:

- Updating our website. We met with CivicPlus, a website designer who had recently done Thurmont's website and seems in tune with the needs of a small town. We are due to have a follow-up meeting.
- Codifying our codes and ordinances. Currently, our codes and ordinances are scattered throughout old records and files. Organizing and codifying all in one document, available to all, is a necessity priority. We have had a beginning conversation with Scott Horton of Municode about beginning such a process.
- Emergency preparedness. Although it seems remote, we realize it is time to complete what Fred Teal and Debbie Wagner began a few years ago when they conducted a town survey of resources available in an emergency. MML has people and resources to assist us in putting together a complete emergency response plan.
- Reimagining our Brookeville streetscape after the Bypass. Katherine attended a mind blowing session with Jason Roberts, the convention keynote speaker. Roberts is a city planner who has, with tons of preplanning and lots of community involvement, totally redone dull streetscapes with lively new designs, literally overnight, like a Hollywood set, all temporary. It allows all to see what could be. We're thinking Market and High Streets.

And more. Like legal responsibilities to do with Freedom of Information, Open Meetings, and ways of dealing with problems and opportunities exclusive to tiny towns like ours. An enlightening and worthwhile event.

## Town Commissioners Meeting is on Summer Break

The Town Commissioners will not hold an August Meeting.

The Commissioner will resume meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month starting with the September 12, 2016 meeting. All meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend.

## You're Invited!

Brookeville's Annual Town Picnic  
Sunday, September 11  
3:00pm – 7:00pm  
Brookeville Academy

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

The Town will provide burgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Townspeople are asked to bring a potluck dish to share. Musician Elton Jewel will again be playing his saxophone version of family favorites

## Heritage Days 2016 Wrap Up

As part of Heritage Days 2016, the Brookeville Academy was open on Saturday, June 25th. Town Resident Sandy Heiler oversaw Brookeville's program. Mrs. Heiler reported she had over 30 visitors. Most people said they picked up brochures at public libraries, but a couple knew about Heritage Days and got their information from the Heritage Montgomery website. Several people had been at the Bicentennial celebration a couple of years ago and came back because they wanted to learn more about the town. Some had seen the "Capital for a Day" documentary on MPT and wanted to see the town.

Rose Berman and Josh Weaver, archaeologists who had worked on the digs at the Madison House and Thomas Mill talked about the artifacts on display from those two sites; Duane Heiler greeted visitors and told them a little of the early history of the town; and Sandy Heiler took people on the walking tours. All the volunteers were in period dress; the town's 15-star flags were waving in the breeze; visitors had lots of history questions; and the weather was perfect!

***Thank you to Sandy Heiler and her group of volunteers!!***

## One-room Schoolhouse Update And Proposal for Future Use

The one-room Schoolhouse located on North Street is still undergoing repairs. The Town signed a contract at the July Commissioners Meeting for critter removal and remediation. The Schoolhouse grounds and exterior are deteriorating. The Town will be applying for a HAWP for grading at north side of Schoolhouse and for repair of sections with rotted siding.

In conjunction with Heritage Montgomery, Sandy Heiler has developed an interpretive program based at the Brookeville Schoolhouse. This program would focus on the

Town Quakers in the early 1800's, with particular emphasis on their involvement with slavery, abolitionism, and the free black population. See this proposal at:

<http://townofbrookevillemd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Schoolhouse-preliminary-interpretative-plan1.pdf>

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All Residents are encouraged to read the proposal. The Town Commissioners and Brookeville Planning Commission (BPC) have heard and discusses this proposal in meetings open to the public. Addressing important local themes in local history is a long awaited priority, which would be coordinated with programs at Oakley Cabin and Woodlawn Manor.

**On Tuesday, September 12, the Commissioners will vote whether to approve this proposal.**

This project involves construction of a walking trail to the Schoolhouse, landscaping around the Schoolhouse, a portapotty with privacy fence, cleanup and repairs to the Schoolhouse, and the research and production of educational materials and exhibits by Heritage Montgomery, who will also provide volunteer hosts during the Schoolhouse opening hours. The Town would be responsible for upkeep of the building, lot, and trail, the portapotty, and ongoing support for this project. We are currently developing a draft budget for this possibility.

Brookeville has legal responsibility for the stewardship of the historic schoolhouse. We have not sufficiently met this commitment. This proposal would jump-start us back into this role. As the proposal states, a key benefit to the Town is: "Reopens and reuses the carefully rehabilitated historic building; acknowledges the Town's substantial investment (funding, *pro bono* services from Miche Booz, and Resident volunteer efforts); help preserve the building."

Once the draft budget is prepared, the Town Government will host a Q&A session in late August and may issue a brief questionnaire to ascertain public sentiment prior to the important September 12 vote on whether to go forward with this. Your thoughts are heartily invited:

[commissioners@townofbrookevillemd.org](mailto:commissioners@townofbrookevillemd.org)

**The Town of Brookeville will host a table highlighting the Brookeville Academy**

At

National Night Out 2016

August 2, 2016

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Fair Hill Shopping Center

Family Friendly Event - Food, Music & Fun Activities

Police Cruisers, Fire Trucks, Motorcycles, Horses & Rescue Dogs

Information on Drug Abuse, Crime & Fire Prevention

Crafts, Face Painting & Games for Kids

FREE Secret Service Child ID Kits

Raffles

**Public Meeting Regarding the ByPass**

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (COE) and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) joint public hearing provide members of the public the opportunity to present views, opinions, and information which will be considered by the COE and MDE in evaluating the Brookeville ByPass permit

August 4, 2016

Rosa Parks Middle School

19200 Olney Mill Road

Olney, MD 20832

6:00 - 7:00 PM Poster Session;

7:00 PM Public Hearing

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Chris Scanlon (2016), Chair	Miche Booz (2016)
Bruce Evans (2016)	Andy Spagnolo (2019)
Fred Teal (2016)	Stefan Syski (2019)
Debbie Wagner (2016)	

**Brookeville Board of Elections Supervisors:**

Marti Andress (2017), Chair  
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