

Brookeville Times



BYPASS UPDATE

By Commissioner President Daley

On Tuesday, February 12, Commissioners Bartley & Daley attended an SHA/Bypass meeting in Baltimore.

The Bypass project continues to move forward. The NTP (Notice to Proceed) date has been moved to 24 April 2017, pending permitting approval from Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPP), Right of Way, CLOMAR & FEMA.

MNCPP - SHA is expecting MNCPP to issue a conditional construction permit in March, pending resolution of the Noise Wall questions (which SHA says is moving towards resolution).

Right of Way - R-O-W permitting continues, as SHA acquires the properties necessary for construction of the roadway.

CLOMAR - (Conditional Letter of Map Review) is currently under review by Montgomery County & should move on to FEMA by 1 May 2017.

(CLOMAR is issued by FEMA to revise the FIRM – Flood Insurance Rate Map that deals with Special Flood Hazard Areas – SFLA.)

FEMA – SHA is working with a consulting firm that helps manage FEMA applications. The consultant pointed out that FEMA reviews should generally be completed in 90 days, which was less time than SHA had been anticipating.

Having the construction contractor on-board during the design phase has made the planning process easier. They continue to work closely with SHA to help facilitate the permitting process.

Mark Your Calendars

All Events held at the Academy
(unless otherwise noted)

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2017
7:00 pm

Commissioners Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2017
7:00 pm

Please note the April Commissioners meeting will be held the 1st Monday of the month.

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
7:30 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2017
7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting

Monday, May 8, 2017
7:00 pm

Town Election

Tuesday, May 9
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 22
7:00 pm

SB 397 - Income Tax Overpayment – Forgiveness

By Commissioner Emeritus Katherine Farquhar

Your Support Needed: Contact District 14 Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly to advocate for passage of State Bill 397 to "forgive" repayment for local income tax overpayments to Brookeville

On Wednesday, February 15, I testified on Brookeville's behalf (with references to Laytonsville, in the same boat we are) at the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee meeting in Annapolis to strongly support of SB 397. I represented the Commissioners, who were not able to attend. This bill would repeal the requirement for Brookeville to pay back \$274,029 in tax revenues that we were "overpaid" between 2010-14 due to errors in calculations by the State Comptroller's office. The bill is sponsored by Senator George Edwards (R) and Senator Richard Madaleno (D). The bill is titled: Local Income Tax Overpayments - Local Reserve Account Repayment - Forgiveness.

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) took leadership on this testimony as many municipalities were affected Statewide. We and Laytonsville and Gaithersburg were among the Montgomery County towns/cities most severely impacted. Some towns, such as Rockville and Washington Grove, were underpaid and have been repaid by the State.

In order to repeal the State's requirement that \$274,029 overpayment be repaid over a 10-year period in the 2020's, we need to have this bill pass. Sandy Heiler accompanied me to the hearing, and she and I talked with legislators and lobbyists after the hearing. We learned that it is likely the bill will pass the Senate but could encounter rough waters in the House of Delegates. The specific concern is that the total repayments to towns like ours come to millions of \$\$ from State Reserves and are not a priority expenditure for the State. Opponents insist that we got all this extra money and other towns didn't - so we were advantaged. We and other towns in our situation argued that we had contacted the State to question where this extra money was coming from (thanks to Brookeville's Treasurer, Susan Johnson, who made this inquiry several times) -- and were told, "Don't worry. Tax revenues vary from year to year." The best argument for the repeal, from another small town, was, "If you overpaid an employee for a pay period or two, it's fair to declare the error & request them to pay it back. If you overpay someone for 5 years, it's not right for you to claw back that money."

For fairness sake, and out of respect for the massive financial burden that repayment would place on our Town, we maintain that Brookeville should be forgiven the requirement to pay back \$27,000/year over 10 years. That's a huge chunk of our budget that could well require tax boost or digging into our reserves.

MML reports that on Friday, February 17, the Senate Budget and Taxation (B&T) Committee members voted the bill unanimously out of Committee. SB 397 would forgive the income tax debt triggered by income tax overpayments made by the State to municipalities over a period of 5 years to 73 municipalities. SB 397 will now be considered for passage by the Senate early this week. The House cross-filed bill, HB 1433, will be heard in the House Ways & Means Committee on Wednesday, March 8 and MML will again testify in support of the legislation with a panel of municipal officials.

How can you help? We encourage you to write letters of support for this bill to Sen. Richard Madaleno, Sen. Craig Zucker, Delegate Anne Kaiser, Delegate Eric Luedke, and Delegate Pam Queen. Senators at this hearing, as well as other witnesses, frequently cited how many letters they had received about this matter. The more they hear from towns and residents, the more pressing we make a case for fairness. Otherwise, there is a danger that the House rejects the legislation on the basis that it's not fair that we got all this extra money and other towns didn't.

Feel free to contact the Commissioners or me if you have any questions.

DISTRICT 14 State Representatives

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Town Election

There will be an election on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, for two Town Commissioner, who will serve a two-year term beginning in June 2017. The Commissioners seat are currently held by Sue Daley and Jeff Johnson.

Town is Seeking Nominations for Town Commissioner

The Town is now seeking nominations for the position of Town Commissioner. If you are interested in running for this position, please send a letter stating your interest in nomination to:

Send your self-nomination to:

Town of Brookeville
Attn: Supervisor of Elections
5 High Street
Brookeville, MD 20833

All Self – Nominations must be received on or before Monday, April 3, 2017

How can I vote Absentee?

You must request an Absentee Application no later than April 21, 2017.

An informal written request for an absentee ballot may be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections, but it must contain the following information:

1. Voter's name
2. Residence address
3. Address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if different from the residence address
4. Voter's Signature

Brookeville One Room Schoolhouse

At the February 13, 2017, Commissioners Meeting, the Commissioners voted (3-0) to create a partnership with Heritage Montgomery for the use of the Schoolhouse. The interpretive program would focus on the Town Quakers in the early 1800's, with particular emphasis on their involvement with abolitionism and the Free Black population. The program will form an integral part of the larger effort involving Woodlawn's (stone barn) Visitors Center and Oakley Cabin, primarily geared to educating school groups.

Commissioner-President Daley signed the 2-year agreement, which can be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days written notice.

The program is expected to debut during Heritage Days 2017 – June 24 & 25. Schoolhouse groups are expected to visit starting in the fall.

Learn about Emergency Preparedness in your Community!

This spring, the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) will be visiting Montgomery County Public Libraries to provide information about preparing for disasters to the community. During the presentation, we'll discuss some of the major hazards that Montgomery County faces and some specific steps you can take to prepare for them, along with information on how to write a plan and build a kit that will help you prepare for an emergency.

Olney Library

Thursday, April 6, 2017

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

To learn more or to register, please visit:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oemhs/>

Or call 240-777-2300

Neighborhood News

New Neighbors

Welcome to the Curley Family!
Patrick, Brooke, Adeline, and dog Brodie move to Market Street.

Notary Service

Cate McDonald, Town Clerk, is a notary. Residents may contact her with any documents that need to be notarized.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Salem Men will host a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 28

Eat-in or carry-out

Enjoy a traditional "fat Tuesday" meal before Lent begins on Wednesday.

Salem United Methodist Church

Community Hall

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

5:30pm – 7:00pm



SHROVE TUESDAY

Town of Brookeville is Hiring a Marketing/Events Manager

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The position requires a well-organized individual with excellent communication skills, good organizational abilities, and a customer-friendly attitude. As a member of Town staff, you must be a team player and represent the Town well.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The manager is responsible for marketing, scheduling and overseeing events held at the Brookeville Academy and Schoolhouse.

Manage Rentals and Events

- Handle inquiries and maintain database of rentals of Academy and Schoolhouse
- Implement & maintain On-Line reservation system
- Consult with prospective renters and execute contracts
- Co-ordinate renter's access to buildings
- Troubleshooting and problem solving during event
- Ensure clean-up before and after events
- Follow-up with renters

Marketing

- Develop Marketing plan & budget
- Oversee development of Marketing materials (signs, brochures, business cards, etc.)
- Establish and maintain Academy/Schoolhouse presence on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Coordinate advertising with Greater Olney News, Olney/Brookeville Exchange
- Plan Town representation and marketing opportunities (Olney Community Night, National Night Out)
- Establish connections with local event & wedding planners

General

- Assist in preparation of annual budget
- Attend monthly Commissioners' meetings
- Report on rentals
- Along with other Town staff, assist with setup and cleanup of Town events

This is a part-time position with an annual salary. Hours vary depending on circumstances but generally range between 4 and 15 hours/week. Salary is consistent with a 1 day/week commitment

Application Deadline: ongoing.

For questions: Please send email to
Commissioners@townofbrookevillemd.org

To apply: Send a cover letter and your resume to
Town of Brookeville
Attn: Event/Marketing Manager,
5 High Street, Brookeville MD 20833.

Did you know....

The Town of Brookeville is one of 157 municipalities in Maryland. Municipalities are towns or cities that are self-governing. Most commonly, they have been incorporated by an act of the Maryland General Assembly.
The Town of Brookeville was *Incorporated* 1808.

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Town Commissioners: commissioners@townofbrookevillemd.org

Buck Bartley (2018)	301.252.2058
Suzanne Daley (2017), President	301.260.1699
Jeff Johnson (2017)	240.447.3592

Brookeville Planning Commission: planning.commission@townofbrookevillemd.org

Garrett Anderson (2020)	Chris Scanlon (2018)
Miche Booz (2018)	Andy Spagnolo, Chair (2019)
Harper Pryor (2020)	Stefan Syski (2019)
	Fred Teal (2017)

Brookeville Board of Elections Supervisors:

Marti Andress (2017), Chair
Carmen Harding (2017)
(Vacant), (2018) To be appointed by Commissioners

Town Staff:

Town Clerk: clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org
Cate McDonald

Treasurer: treasurer@townofbrookevillemd.org
Susan Johnson

Town Property Manager: academy@townofbrookevillemd.org
Andrea Scanlon

All Commissioner and Planning Commission agendas are posted to the Town's website at least 24 hours before each meeting.
Please note that agendas are subject to change until the time of convening.
Official meeting minutes for Open Meetings are posted to the Town's website after approval.

Have an Item for The Brookeville Times? Let us know!

We want to hear about happenings in the Town of Brookeville. You can submit articles/photos about places you've been, work you've done, new neighbors, weddings, birth announcements, anything of interest to you and your neighbors.

Contact the Town Clerk at 301-570-4465 or clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org

Letters to the Editor Welcome!