

# The Brookeville Times

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Important Dates:

Commissioner's Mtg. Feb. 11 & March 11, 8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Mtg. - Feb. 5 & March 5, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Brookeville Academy Community Center.

## **Hearing for Rotter Property Site Plan**

301 Market Street, Brookeville, Maryland Map HU62, Parcel 490 The above referenced Site Plan has been submitted for approval to the Town of Brookeville Planning Commission. In accordance with Section 10-607 of the Town of Brookeville Zoning Ordinance, we are notifying the public of the site plan submission. The complete file for this project is available for public inspection at the Town offices. If you would like to submit any written comments on this plan, please do so at your earliest convenience. A public hearing for approval of this plan has been scheduled for Tuesday, the 5th of March 2002 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Brookeville Academy in Brookeville, Maryland.

## **Holiday Party 2001**

The Town's traditional Holiday party brought a full house to the festively decorated Brookeville Academy. There was plenty of homemade food and movies for the kids. This is the one time during the year that Town residents can get together and just plain socialize and enjoy the good cheer of the season.

## **Visited the Town Web site Lately?**

If you have, you found useful information on Town services and helpful links to other web sites. For history buffs, there is a detailed history of the Brookeville Academy and links to the War of 1812 web site. You can also find out how to rent the Brookeville Academy for your events. The Web site was recently honored with a Golden Web Award 2001-2002 by the International Association of Webmasters & Designers. Future enhancements to the site will include complete coverage of the Town's new initiative led by a volunteer committee to preserve and restore its one-room schoolhouse. We'd also like your comments and suggestions as well. Once again the Town's Web site address is [www.townofbrookevillemd.org](http://www.townofbrookevillemd.org).

## **Scouting for Food**

Keith Wagner, Life Scout in Troop 759, Ashton, and Sherwood High School senior, and his mother, Debbie Wagner, Assistant Scoutmaster, wish to thank all those town residents who contributed food to Scouting for Food. While other troops' donations go to Manna, the Ashton Methodist Church, which sponsors Troop 759, runs its own food pantry that feeds the hungry in the local area. The church's pantry is open year-round and collects enough food to do the equivalent of feeding six families for a year in addition to providing 24 to 30 baskets each Thanksgiving and Christmas. Debbie noted that several residents continue to donate throughout the year and that she hopes others will consider doing that as well. She takes whatever food is donated to each Thursday's troop meeting. You are welcome to leave your donations on the Wagner's front porch at 210 Market Street.

## **Volunteers Help Schoolhouse Restoration Move Forward**

Carrying rakes and shovels and swinging pickaxes, an impressive turnout of volunteers from Brookeville and beyond showed up on a beautiful Saturday morning in November to dig trenches, move debris, and generally clean up the Brookeville Schoolhouse. Suzanne Friis, co-chairman of the project committee, greeted volunteers, took action pictures, and put many of the volunteers on an e-mail list for future activities. Architect and resident Miche Booz, the other co-chair, was also there providing general oversight and discussing proposed construction specifications with a prospective contractor. A property survey of the school parcel was completed in January (2002), a building permit has been obtained, and a project sign will go up in the near future.

### **Town Pledge for Police Substation Support**

The Town Commissioners voted at their December meeting to contribute \$250 per year for three years to support the Montgomery County Olney Police Substation expansion. This pledge brings the Brookeville contribution to a total of \$1000 for this important community resource.

### **In and About Town**

Three new A Welcome to Brookeville@ signs have been ordered and should be available soon for installation. They will be similar in appearance to the new Brookeville Academy sign. g The Commissioners are planning a special A large item@ trash pickup in early spring. g A mailing soon will be going to Town residents along Rt. 97 asking them to concur with the possible use of their property adjoining the highway for State Highway Administration sidewalk construction. Generally, the SHA has no available right-of-way along Georgia Avenue in town. This fact makes any sidewalk development contingent upon resident participation and cooperation. g Rick Allan represented the Town Commissioners at the annual Maryland Municipal League Legislative Dinner (Montgomery Chapter) January 3rd and discussed the Bypass and the Town=s new subdivision and land use authority with Arthur Holmes, Chairman of the Planning Board and Charles Loehr, Director of Park and Planning.