

# The Brookeville Times

May 2002

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Important dates:

**Planning Commission** - May 7, 7:30 p.m.

**Election** - May 14, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

**Annual Meeting** - May 21, 8:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Brookeville Academy.

## Town Election

The election for three commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 14 from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. More information can be found on the [Home Page](#).

## Maryland Municipal Government Week Celebrated in April

The Maryland Municipal League and its member 157 cities and towns around the State celebrated the annual Municipal Government Week (April 22-26th) called Building Inclusive Communities. This weeklong event has been held since 1993 in an effort to promote citizens awareness of and interest in the government in their communities. As the level of government closest to the people, local government offers its citizens the best opportunity to be heard and to influence the course of our communities. But self-governance is inherently dependent on the awareness of citizens and the level of commitment they have to participating in government. [Ray Remy, former Deputy Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and President of the Institute for Local Self Government]

## Annual Town Meeting

This years meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m. at the Brookeville Academy. Look for more information in the mail and on our Web site at [www.townofbrookevillemd.org](http://www.townofbrookevillemd.org).

## Brookeville Schoolhouse Restoration Moves Forward

There was another meeting of the Schoolhouse Restoration Committee in April at which further planning and logistics for formally moving into Phase I of the restoration project was discussed. A contractor has been selected to do the interior demolition and all the carpentry work. The Project Open Space funds, which will provide a significant part of the funding for the restoration, will be acted on by the State Board of Public Works at its June meeting.

## Local Businesses Now Listed on Town Web site

Our Web site is now providing the opportunity for all businesses located in town to be listed on our Web site. We have a new link on the [home page](#) set up and we need to hear from you. If you did not receive the form with last month's newsletter, please call Susan Johnson.

## Stone Wall and Sidewalk Repair/Reconstruction on Market St. by Resident Master Mason Dave Yinger

Dave Yinger, long time resident and award-winning brick mason, took on an ancient and crumbling stone wall along the lower part of Market Street and not only repaired and finished off the wall, he re laid the adjoining brick sidewalk. If you'd like to see excellent craftsmanship and volunteer work at its best (Dave spent almost two full weeks - journeyman building trade workers start early and finish late), take a walk down to 204 Market Street and look at the wall and sidewalk at the Evans house. Thanks Dave for another great job for our Town.

## Town Budget for 2002-2003

The Town Commissioners and the Clerk-Treasurer are working on a new budget for the coming 2002-2003 fiscal year. The budget will be presented and discussed at the Annual Town Meeting on May 21.

### **Brookeville Academy News**

Use of the Brookeville Academy has steadily picked up after a discernible economic slowdown attributable to the 9-11 events of last year. Customers, both private parties and nonprofit organizations and community-based groups, continue to compliment the facility for its ease of use and its attractive scale and ambience. Fresh painting will be underway soon on portions of the exterior and the downstairs meeting room on the inside. Some repair work on the stucco walls will be completed. Explanatory signs for the Brookeville Angel and the Newlin Millstone are being designed as well.

### **Planning Commission Meets on Sheahin Preliminary Subdivision**

The Brookeville Planning Commission met with the architect and engineers planning the subdivision that will be developed next to the Salem Church Cemetery. The discussions centered on various ways of placing the proposed residences on this gateway to the town parcel. The Planning Commission agreed to a name for the street associated with this project - First Street and a name for a previously approved Rotter subdivision street - Water Street.

### **County Offers Free Home Improvement Class to the Public**

The Montgomery County Division of Consumer Affairs is offering a free "Spring Fix It Up" seminar on Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave, Rockville. The seminar is designed to provide the average homeowner with information about home improvements, maintenance and selecting a home improvement contractor. Topics covered will include heating and ac systems, roofs, decks, windows, lawn care and pest control. The class is free of charge but pre-registration is required. To register call, 240-777-3764

### **Town Yard Sale**

The next yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 from 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. at the Brookeville Academy Grounds. Tables will be provided. It's a great way to clean out your house and make money also! If interested, just show up!

### **Litter Clean Up Day**

Please join Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman for a Litter Clean Up on Sunday, May 5th, 10-12 noon or 1-3 pm. For those who are "morning types," meet at Lore & Michael's home at 200 Market Street at 10:00 a.m. Lore is hosting a small group of students that she teaches (and their parents) from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, for a Community Service Project. We will be picking up litter on a one-mile stretch from Market Street, down Brighton Dam Rd. For those who attend church or sports practice on Sunday morning, we will also be working from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (this time is for Brookeville Residents only. Perhaps your children need Community Service hours?). Again, please meet at 200 Market Street (last house on the right). PLEASE WEAR BRIGHTLY COLORED CLOTHING AND BRING GARDENING GLOVES, IF POSSIBLE. Any questions, call Lore or Michael at (301) 570-7557.

### **BROOKEVILLE MAPS FOR SALE**

All town residents can purchase copies of the map of Brookeville for a special price of \$10. The map was created by our local resident, Miche Booz, for the 1994 Bi-Centennial. If you are interested, please call Susan Johnson at 301-924-5979.

### **TOWN NEWS NOW ON OUR WEB SITE**

You can now find current town news or other time-related items of interest on the home page of our web site We are putting important information and updates on the web site to supplement the less frequent newsletter that you receive in the mail. So place a bookmark at [www.townofbrookevillemd.org](http://www.townofbrookevillemd.org) and check in often.

### **SPECIAL WEB SITE OFFER FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

The Town of Brookeville Web site was developed and is maintained by Solutions, Inc. ([www.solutions-inc.net](http://www.solutions-inc.net)) They have kindly offered to assist any of our local businesses develop a Web site or redo an existing site at a 40% discount. If you are interested please contact Michael Reichgut at 301-570-2020 or at [michael@solutions-inc.net](mailto:michael@solutions-inc.net) The offer expires June 30, 2002.