

The Brookeville Times

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Mark Your Calendars Important Dates:

Planning Commission ♦ October 1, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.,
Commissioners Meetings ♦ October 14, Nov. 11, 8:00 p.m.
All meetings are held at the Brookeville Academy.

Bypass

September was a great month for advancing progress on the Brookeville Bypass! The Montgomery County Planning Board formally approved a recommendation supporting the State Highway Administration (SHA) Alternate 7 as modified and a few days later the Montgomery County Council formally approved its support of the same alternate. The modification to Alternate 7 takes into account archaeological remnants of the Newlin Mill site. The next step in this process (project planning) is for the State Highway Administrator to approve Alternate 7 modified as the alignment of choice - expected this Fall, and for a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to be completed and placed on public display in the Spring of 2003. The alignment of choice would be the subject of design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction, all of which would be contingent upon project funding - an entirely separate process. The Town Commissioners have begun to discuss plans for helping to ensure that the Bypass gets into the State's Consolidated Transportation Program for 2003-2008, essential to the Bypass's eventual construction. We would note that the County Executive, Doug Duncan, as well as the County Council support the construction of the Bypass.

Bill Wagner

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of Town resident Bill Wagner on October 9th at home following a long illness. Bill was very active in town affairs and a strong supporter of local government. Many residents will remember that Bill produced an excellent video for the Town Commissioners in 1989 for use in lobbying County and State officials on behalf of the Brookeville Bypass. The video went on to win an award and helped to attract significant and important media attention ♦ including national mention, to our Bypass advocacy efforts. Bill was a regular and articulate participant in Town Meetings and any and all community activities. Bill's varied professional background, particularly in the electronic media and the public/policy affairs arena, always made for engrossing and thoughtful conversation at gatherings in Brookeville. Bill was a big man with a big voice and a big sense of humor. He was a passionate advocate for working men and women. Bill Wagner will be sorely missed for his contributions to our town and as a neighbor and friend. We wish the best to Bill's wife Debbie and his daughters Dawn, Laurel, and Robin and son Keith.

Planning Commission Member Tracy Browne Leaves

We regret to report that our friend and neighbor Tracy Browne is leaving Brookeville this month. We all will very much miss Tracy. She had been active in town life and town governance since becoming a resident fifteen years ago. Tracy has been a hard-working member of the Brookeville Planning Commission at a crucial time when the BPC developed both a subdivision and zoning ordinance following the Towns gaining back its land use authority. Additionally, Tracy and the other Planning Commissioners have had to work on subdivision plans for almost all remaining land parcels in the town at the same time. Drawing upon her credentials as a construction industry professional (most recently having major project responsibility for the D.C.

Convention Center project) and her sensitivity as a resident of a historic house in a prominent Historic District, Tracy has made a major contribution to the Town of Brookeville. She will leave a legacy to the Town as a Acitizen-planner@ and its future quality Abuild-out@ that few have the opportunity to do. Thank you very much Tracy Browne for your lasting contribution to the community.

High Street Sign

Many residents on High Street just north of the Longwood Recreation Center have had problems with deliveries and service providers over the years due to confusion over addresses. Georgia Avenue or Route 97 is of course High Street within the Town limits. A sign has been erected at the southern Town boundary on the east side of the street to help end some of the confusion.

Brookeville Schoolhouse

Progress continues on restoration of the schoolhouse. Visit our web site at www.townofbrookevillemd.org to view pictures of our progress and read more about the project. Resident **Dave Yinger** has completed work on the stone foundation having already, as previously reported, rebuilt the chimney. Dave has also set stone for a front entrance and will complete that work later. **ABuck@ Bartley** of Bartley Concrete made a major contribution to the project when he poured concrete for interior footings and pier work in the building. Thank you very much Buck.

Planning Commission Update

The Record Plat has been recorded for the Rotter Subdivision. We have been told that the builder (Crane Homes, LLC) is planning on starting construction on the 3 houses sometime this Fall.

Project Open Space Grant for Schoolhouse Approved

The State's Board of Public Works - made up of Governor Glendening, Comptroller William Donald Shaefer, and Treasurer Nancy Kopp, approved the Town's application for a \$17,000 Project Open Space Grant at its September meeting. This means the Town will be able to start drawing down funds from this grant to help with the restoration work on the schoolhouse.

Leaf Removal

We will be scheduling leaf removal during November and December, however we do not have the dates set up yet. The dates will be listed in next month's newsletter and we will also distribute a flyer.

Welcome

Welcome to Andrea Barr and her son Joshua as the Town's newest neighbors. They will be residing at 2 High St.