

# The Brookeville Times

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**Bordly Drive Extension Update.** This very important road project provides a safer and more direct route for east-west traffic using Brighton Dam Road and Brookeville Road and will reduce traffic through town by extending Bordly Drive to Georgia Avenue. The project was originally scheduled to start construction in July as reported in our previous newsletter. The new schedule calls for the project to begin construction this November. Right-of-way acquisition problems have been the principal factor in this unfortunate delay. Once construction gets underway, the completion date is projected to be the fall of 2003.

**Brookeville Bypass Update.** There have been several recent meetings regarding the Brookeville Bypass project. The State Highway Administration convened the local Citizen's Focus Group at the Brookeville Academy on July 24 and presented the latest findings from a Phase II Archaeology study of the former Newlin Mill site on the west side of town. The remnants of the old mill, consisting of a well, foundation of the miller's house, the wheel pit, and other structural remnants are in the path of Alternate 7. While a clear consensus has been established and supported by the Town of Brookeville and GOCA supporting Alternate 7 (0.6 mile west of town) as the least intrusive alternate and most desirable overall, the archaeological structures may force some modification of the route by the SHA project team. There will be additional SHA meetings and continuing technical engineering and environmental work, which will lead to a final selection of an alternate this fall. A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be prepared and made available to the public for review in the spring of 2003. In any event, the project is only funded through the completion of project planning. Additional funding will need to be provided before the Bypass can move forward with the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction.

**Preservation Award.** Congratulations to resident Miche Booz for his award from Montgomery Preservation, Inc. for Outstanding Individual Contributor to Preservation at the annual Montgomery County Preservation Awards ceremony for 2002.

**Fall Yard Sale** The next yard sale will be held on Saturday, October 5 from 8:00 - 1:00 p.m. at the Brookeville Academy. Tables will be provided. Dave Yinger will pick up any unsold items that you may wish to donate to the American Legion

**Other Residents in Action** Thanks to the Chandlers for providing electricity to schoolhouse restoration construction while the Town awaits a Pepco hook-up. Pam Chandler has also been donating and installing plants along North Street as part of a beautification project that began last year. Kyle Friis has contributed to this effort and earned Community Service credits for weeding and mulching on North Street. Kyle's mother, Suzanne, has directed the work and has pitched in many hours as well. Thanks to the Acierno's and the Friis's for helping all these North Street plantings through the extreme drought and heat of the summer with their watering.

**Schoolhouse Progress** Significant progress continues to be made on the Town's Schoolhouse restoration project. Oak sill plates have been installed, interior concrete footings have been poured to support the chimney structure and to provide support for the installation of 6x6 oak floor joists. As soon as repairs are made to ceiling joists, the standing seam metal roof can be installed.

**Litter Clean Up Day a Success** On May 5, residents of Brookeville cleaned up a quarter mile stretch of Brighton Dam Road. In the morning, five town residents [Toni Evans, Karen & Harry Montgomery, Michael Hartman, and Lore Rosenthal] were joined by Lore's Family Jewish Literacy Class. In the afternoon, we had nine town residents [Diane Teague, Paul (age 11) and Noah (age 9) Booz, Margaret and Eric (age 10) Van Gelder, Andrea Madej, Deborah Grippaudo, Michael Hartman and Lore Rosenthal] as well as one of our Brighton Dam neighbors. Some interesting observations . . . .  
- about 90% of what we found was recyclable - glass bottles, soda cans, plastic drink containers. We hauled these back in town for the usual Tuesday pick up.

- In addition to paper trash, we found a large number of old tires and paint containers, which we left on the side of the road.
- With only a short call to the Division of Highway Services, the trash and other items were removed.
- Sunday morning, we were greeted by numerous pleasant drivers, who stopped to wave and thank us for our efforts
- It was especially heartwarming to have three young people in the morning and in the afternoon, willing to help. Special thanks to:
  - Tom Pogue of the Montgomery County Offices/DPWT/Community Outreach/Adopt-a- Highway Program for lending us traffic cones
  - Robert Mabie of Olney [coordinator of Adopt-a-Highway Team of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter], for lending us vests and sun visors.

#### **HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

Division of Highway Services [Highway Trash Pick Up] (240) 777-7623

Private Debris Pick-up (240) 777-6410

Illegal Dump Hotline (240) 777-DUMP (3867)