

War of 1812 Planning and Brookeville's Future January 17 at 7:30PM

The Town Commissioners will hold a meeting Monday January 17th at the Brookeville Academy, 2nd floor Lecture Hall. Topics of discussion will include:

- Brookeville's celebration of War of 1812
- planning for Brookeville's future past 2014
- post bypass construction

All Town Residents are encouraged to attend.

War of 1812 Bicentennial

The Town Commissioners are organizing a committee to commemorate the Bicentennial for the War of 1812. The Town of Brookeville will be the central focus of attention in 2014, the bicentennial year when British troops burned the White House on Aug. 26, 1814 and President James Madison sought refuge in Brookeville, which became the nation's capital for one day. The committee will work with the Sandy Spring Museum and Heritage Montgomery on the project. It is too early for any specific plans or events to be announced.

Annual Party Review

Much fun was had by all who attended the Annual Town Party on December 4th. Everyone had a chance to catch up with neighbors who had not been seen in a while and enjoy delicious fare. Thank you to all the Residents who participated in our non-perishable food drive. Your generosity allowed the Town to donate a large box and several bags of food items to Olney Help. Stay tuned in the coming months and save the date for the Annual Town Picnic in August and Town Holiday Party in December 2011.

EPA's Green Power Community Challenge

In response to EPA's nationwide Green Power Community (GPC) Challenge issued in September, 33 Green Power Communities are now collectively using more than 1.6 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually, equivalent to the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from the electricity use of nearly 142,000 average American homes. EPA's GPCs are well on track to reach the Challenge's goal of doubling the total aggregate amount of green power used by EPA GPCs to more than 1.8 billion kWh of green power annually.

The EPA recently released its update of the GPC Challenge rankings. GPCs are ranked according to the two award categories: the community that has the highest green power percentage, and the community that uses the most kWh of green power. **Brookeville, Maryland, has retained the top spot for highest green power percentage of total electricity use with a whopping 50 percent.**

To view the rankings, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/communities/gpcrankings.htm>

Winter Storms bring the potential for strong winds and significant snow accumulations.

Here are some tips to be safe and be prepared:

- Assemble an emergency storm kit. Include a battery-powered radio or television, flashlight, first-aid kit, battery-powered or windup clock, extra batteries, non-perishable food, manual can opener, bottled water, any necessary medications, and a list of emergency phone numbers.
- Maintain a supply of extra blankets.
- Ensure that all household members have a warm coat, gloves, hat and water-resistant boots.
- Make sure your home has a telephone with a cord or cell phone to use as a backup. Cordless telephones require electricity to operate, and won't work if there is an outage.
- Identify a place for emergency shelter in case of an extended outage. It is important that customers with special needs or their caregivers take responsibility to make arrangements ahead of time to prepare for potentially long-lasting power outages.

If Power Goes Out: call Pepco at **1-877-Pepco-62 (1-877-737-2662)** to report outages – even if your neighbors may have already called. Pepco *strongly urges* everyone to follow these important safety tips:

- Stay away from downed lines and report them immediately by calling **1-877-737-2662**.
- Never attempt to remove trees or limbs from any utility line. Assume all objects touching a power line are energized.
- If using a portable generator during a power outage, always operate it outside. Do not operate a portable generator near doors, windows or in garages to prevent deadly carbon monoxide from entering the house.

Snow Removal

The Town of Brookeville contracts with a snow plowing service for North, South, Water, the eastern portion of Market and paved section of Church Streets. During a snowstorm, no plowing begins until an accumulation of 4 inches of snow has fallen on the streets. The Maryland State Highway Administration clears Georgia Avenue (Maryland Route 97) - the Town's High Street and western Market Street and Montgomery County does the same for eastern Market Street where it switches from Brighton Dam Road.

Those residents and businesses with abutting sidewalks are responsible for clearing their sidewalks, driveways and entrances within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. All residents are strongly encouraged to be good neighbors by clearing the sidewalks in front of their homes, as well as assisting those who may not be physically able to do so.

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice a Pepco street light that is out, please look for a metal strip on the wooden pole that has the pole number and report the location of the street light to the Town Clerk. If the wooden pole does not have a pole number, please report the location of the street light.

The Town also operates several cast iron ornamental street lights and 3 wooden ornamental street lights. These ornamental street lights do not have pole numbers. If you notice an ornamental street light that is out, please report the location to the Town Clerk.

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 townofbrookeville@comcast.net

Community Events

Preschool Storytime

A story and play time for preschool children and their caregivers. Free and open to all.

January 26 at 10:00am

Theme: Winter Fun

Salem United Methodist Church
12 High St, Brookeville, MD 20833

Open Heart Yoga at the Brookeville Academy

New students are welcome and the first class is FREE (no obligation)!

Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm, Mixed Level,	January 10 - April 4	11 Weeks (No class Jan. 17, Feb. 14)	\$132
Tuesdays, 10:00-11:15 am, Gentle Yoga,	January 11 - April 5	12 Weeks (No class Feb 22)	\$144
Thursdays, 9:45 - 11:00 am Mixed Level,	January 13 - April 7	12 Weeks (No class Mar. 31)	\$144
Saturdays, 8:30 - 9:45 am, Mixed Level,	January 22 - April 9	11 Weeks (No class Feb 19)	\$132

Please e-mail to sign-up or send a check in the mail specifying which class to the address below. I appreciate payment for the session in full by cash or check on the first day of class. I also offer a 5 class-pass for \$70 to be used during this session only. I strongly encourage regular weekly attendance as the classes often build upon one another. Or you have the option to come as a drop-in at the rate of \$16 per class (payable before each class). Please make all checks payable to Open Heart Yoga. Bring your own mat, please!

Contact **Karen Tasto** for more information and to sign-up: ktasto@verizon.net or 301-646-4385
Karen Tasto, Open Heart Yoga, 3428 Forest Wood Drive, Brookeville, MD 20833

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Mark Your Calendar!

Planning Commission

04Jan 7:30pm

Commissioners Meeting

10Jan 8:00pm

Town Meeting

17Jan 7:30pm

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01Feb 7:30pm

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14Feb 8:00pm

*All Meetings and events are held at the
Brookeville Academy and
are open to the public.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF BROOKEVILLE WISH ALL A
HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**