

## Town Commissioner Election May 10, 2011

There will be an election on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 for two Town Commissioners, who will serve a two-year term beginning in June 2011. The positions are currently held by Bob Heritage and Katherine Farquhar.

A notice will be mailed out that outlines procedures to follow for residents who may wish to run for the positions. Under the Town charter, every person who (a) is a citizen of the US, (b) is at least 18 years of age, (c) has resided within the Town for at least 30 days preceding any Town election, and (d) is registered to vote in Montgomery County or with the Town of Brookeville is eligible. Every registered voter of the Town shall be entitled to vote at any and all Town elections.

Should there be any questions with regard to the election and filing procedures, you may contact the Supervisor of Elections, Margaret VanGelder, Town of Brookeville, P.O. Box 67, Brookeville, MD 20833, Phone: 301-570-4465 Fax: 301-570-0355.

### **GEORGIA AVENUE TO BE RESURFACED FROM GLENALLAN AVENUE TO NORBECK ROAD**

The Maryland State Highway Administration is announcing a safety and resurfacing project on this 3.5 mile stretch of Georgia Avenue commencing around February 1st. Many Brookeville residents will feel the impact of this road work. This project includes patching all lanes of Georgia Avenue between Glenallan Avenue and Norbeck Road as well as grinding and resurfacing all lanes, repairing existing storm water inlets, landscaping, upgrading signals to audible/countdown pedestrian signals (APS/CPS), and installing new pavement markings. This work is necessary to improve not only the ride but improve pedestrian access to local businesses, churches, and schools. This section of Maryland 97 (Georgia Avenue) carries over 114,000 vehicles daily per the SHA. Completion is predicted for this fall weather permitting.

During this construction, motorists can expect single and double lane closures along both sections of Georgia Avenue, Monday thru Friday between 9AM and 3PM and evenings between 7PM to 9PM. Double lane closures can be expected overnight, seven days a week, between 9PM and 5AM. Additional single lane closures are planned Saturday and Sunday between 5AM and 9PM. SHA will be providing variable message signs, drums, and arrow boards to guide motorists through the work zone.

Residents with questions, comments, or concerns may contact District 3 Community Liaison, Kim Frum at 301-513-7405.

# Green Tip of the Month

## RainScapes Upcoming Workshops:

The popular RainScapes Workshops for County residents are back! We offer three workshops: Rain Gardens (March), Rain Barrels (April) and Conservation Landscapes (May). All registrations for the three Spring workshops are done through the Parks and Recreation online. Note: You must use ParkPass; it can take a few days for that pass to register but it is free. Sign up for ParkPass via the Montgomery County Parks Dept. [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org). Registration is usually available in mid-February.

### **Rain Garden Workshop, March 11 & 12**

*When:* Fri Mar 11 & Sat Mar 12 Eastern Time

*Where:* Brookside Gardens

*Cost:* \$10

*Description:* Learn from Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection staff how to transform your yard into a natural ecosystem to help capture and filter rainwater. In this class you will learn the techniques to evaluate your yard and create a rain garden using native plants and enhanced soils to create a watershed-friendly garden full of beauty and life. At the workshop, staff will assist you in developing a planting plan and materials list to create your garden. Information will also be provided on the County's rebate program to assist with funding your project. Please bring a bag lunch or snack if you'd like. Registration is limited to the first 40 people. Register online at [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org). Registration is usually available in mid-February.

### **Make & Take Rain Barrels, April 15 & 16**

*When:* Fri April 15 & Sat April 16

*Where:* Brookside Gardens

*Cost:* \$10

*Description:* Gather water from your rooftops, help control stormwater impacts from your yard, and store water to use in your landscape. Learn about watershed health in the county, and how you can help, starting at your own home by making a rain barrel. That's what the Make-N-Take Workshop is all about. A rain barrel with fittings and easy instructions is provided. Limit - ONE rain barrel per household! Remember to bring a vehicle large enough to carry the 55-gallon barrel home. DEP will NOT make special arrangements. Please bring a bag lunch or a snack if you'd like. Registration is limited to the first 40 people. Register online at [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org). Registration may not be available until end of February.

### **Conservation Landscaping Techniques Workshop, May 20 & 21**

*When:* Fri May 20 & Sat May 21

*Where:* Brookside Gardens *Cost:* \$10

*Description:* Learn how conservation-based landscaping techniques can beautify your yard and neighborhood, restore native habitats, and help improve the environment all while saving you valuable time and money. Explore ways to replace traditional lawns with native landscapes to benefit out local streams and the Chesapeake Bay. Participants can expect to: learn about lawn removal techniques, partake in a site design exercise tailored to each participant's yard, and develop a native plant shopping list. Sample plants will also be given to participants. Information on the County's rebate program to assist with funding will also be on hand. Bring a bag lunch or snack if you'd like. Registration is limited to the first 40 people. Register online at [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org). Registration is usually available in mid-February.

## **Safety in our Neighborhood**

### ***Prepare Your Home for Power Restoration***

Montgomery County Fire officials are reminding residents that have been or will be coping with power outages to make sure their homes are ready to safely receive electricity once power has been restored. Residents should ensure there are no flammable items on or near the stove, turn off any major appliances that were operating when the power went out (i.e., ovens, stoves, dryers, etc.) and to turn off items such as computers, irons or space heaters that may have been in use prior to the outage. Turn off as many appliances as possible that require electricity and turn them on one by one after power is restored. This will cause less stress to the power system and prevent or minimize damage to sensitive equipment when power is restored. Residents may want to leave a porch light on so they will know when power is restored.

**Generators** - take extra precaution when using generators as a source of backup power and be sure it runs with proper ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Never operate a generator indoors, not even in a garage. Follow all manufacturers' instructions for installation to ensure its safe use.

**Smoke Alarms Save Lives** - it is essential that every home have working smoke alarms. Test your smoke alarms to ensure the battery is working. This is the time to practice a home fire drill with your family. If you haven't practiced, then you're not prepared. Need a smoke alarm? Call 3-1-1 for information.

**Be a Good Neighbor** - be sure to check on elderly, disabled or special needs neighbors or family members who chose to stay in their homes to see if they have the needed resources to stay safe in extreme temperatures.

## **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.

## Town of Brookeville

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### Planning Commission

01Feb 7:30pm

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03Feb 8:00pm

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14Mar 8:00pm

### Town Election

May 10

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

# Community Events

### Preschool Storytime

A story and play time for preschool children and their caregivers.

Free and open to all.

February 23 at 10:00am

Theme: Farm Animals

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

February 13 -- **Sandy Spring Museum Garden Club** is meeting, Adrian Cook demonstrating ways to cook chocolate for audience tasting. 2 pm Free. 17901 Bentley Road • Sandy Spring, Maryland 20860 • 301.774.0022

February 21-- **Family Fun Day** -- enjoy your President's Day holiday at the Sandy Spring Museum, music, games, fun.  
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**Thanksgiving in February:** Hunger DOES exist in our County! Last year 150,000 residents turned to our county-wide food bank for assistance. Over 40,000 public school children are at-risk for hunger and qualify for free and reduced meals at school. YOU can help feed the hungry in Montgomery County by taking your family and friends to dine out on **Tuesday, February 22, 2011** at a participating restaurant. These restaurants will donate a percentage of their receipts to "Thanksgiving in February". All the proceeds are distributed among non-profit organizations such as Olney HELP, Shepherd's Table and Manna Food Center that provide food to needy families in Montgomery County. On the list in Olney are: Al Sospiro Trattoria, Olney Grille, Ricciuti's, Sister Sandwiches and Such, Sol Azteca Restaurant, The Greene Turtle and The Tavern. You can access the entire list of restaurants at [www.thanksgivinginfebruary.org](http://www.thanksgivinginfebruary.org).