GOCA's
Contribution to Community Award

During the January Commissioners Meeting, it was agreed to nominate Fred Teal, Jr. and Debbie Wagner for the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) contribution to the community award. Due to Fred and Debbie's grassroots door to door effort during the EPA's nationwide Green Power Community (GPC) Challenge, the Town of Brookeville become Maryland's first Green Power Community. The Contribution to the Community Award is presented to individuals, groups, and businesses that have made notable contribution to the greater Olney community during 2010.

The GOCA Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at Longwood Community Center from 2:00 to 4:00PM. Many of our local and state elected officials will be there on hand at the GOCA Awards Ceremony. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate all the special award winners.

CONGRATULATIONS to
Fred Teal Jr. & Debbie Wagner

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 has been 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.

NOMINATIONS

The Town is now seeking nominations for the position of Town Commissioner. In order to formally run for this position, you must send a letter stating your interest and qualifications for the position to:
Margaret Van Gelder, Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 67
Brookeville, MD 20833
Fax: 301-570- 0355
Nomination letters must be received by Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

Green Tip of the Month

REBATE FOR PLANTING NATIVE TREES

The Town of Brookeville has a $25 rebate programs for Residents who plant tree species native to Maryland. Here are a few native trees to consider:

- **MAPLE, RED** *(Acer rubrum)* Height: 40'-60', Spread: same. Medium to fast grower. Excellent tree as specimen for lawn and park settings. Excellent fall color. Good shade tree. Buds, flowers and leaves provide food for many birds and mammals. Chipmunks and squirrels eat seeds and some songbirds use stalks for nest building.
- **MAPLE, SUGAR** *(Acer saccharum)* Height 60'-70', spread usually 2/3 the height. Leaf color is medium to dark green in summer changing to brilliant yellow, burnt orange and red tones in autumn. It grows best in well-drained moderately moist, fertile soil. It does not grow well in tight, compacted situations such as in very small lawns or other conditions that restrict root growth. It tolerates shade but does not tolerate air pollution and is susceptible to damage from road salt.
- **OAK, CHESTNUT** *(Quercus prinus)* Chestnut oak commonly reaches 60 to 80 feet at maturity and grows better on dry and poor sites than other oaks. Acorn is a favorite food of deer, turkey and squirrels.
- **REDBUD, EASTERN** *(Cercis canadensis)* Height: 20'-30', Spread: 25'-30'. Small tree with rounded crown, pink to purplish flowers in early spring. Heart-shaped leaves are reddish at emergence, become dark green, then yellow in the fall. Likes moist, well drained soils. Full sun to light shade. Can be used as a street, yard, or border tree. Requires little pruning after lower branches have been removed for clearance. Limited wildlife value.

When selecting a tree to plant, consider:
- Is there enough space for the tree to grow?
- How much space is available for the tree when it reaches its mature height, width and depth?
- Look at nearby buildings, trees, plants, sidewalks and roads that may not allow the tree to grow tall and wide as it matures.
- Check for overhead and underground utilities.
- How much sunlight is available for the new tree? Is the tree shade tolerant or shade intolerant? A tree that is shade tolerant doesn't mind competition from other trees and buildings. A tree that is shade intolerant needs full sunlight to grow properly.
- Do you want a fast growing or slowing growing tree? A fast-growing tree will fill a vacant spot more quickly. A slow-growing tree to replace an older tree when it matures and dies or becomes too big for the site.
- Is there enough water available at the site for the new tree? Once established, native trees are considered more adaptable to Maryland's climate conditions.
- What is the purpose of the tree? Beauty, shade, wildlife habitat, increased property value, reducing erosion? Consider the color of the leaves in the spring and fall, flower shapes, and bark texture.

Download a rebate form at: http://townofbrookevillemd.org/docs/treerebate.form.pdf

Applicable Conditions:
- Tree must be a native species or indigenous to the area.
- Owner agrees to provide appropriate care and maintenance.
- Owner provides a copy of the sales receipt indicating species, cost, vendor, date.
- Value of tree must exceed $50.

See How Much Energy Your Individual Appliances Are Using

The Town of Brookeville has a *Kill A Watt EZ* Electricity Usage Monitor, model P4460. It will be loaned to Town Residents who would like to find out how much power they are using in their day to day lives. Simply connect your appliances to the Kill-a-Watt electricity usage monitor and it will assess how efficient they really are. The unit's large LCD display counts consumption by the kilowatt-hour, the same as Pepco.

TICK TUBES

In case you haven't heard, there is a safe and effective way to control deer ticks and, thus, Lyme Disease. Turns out that deer ticks get the disease from mice, not deer. Ecoscientists at the Harvard School of Public Health have demonstrated that tick tubes can safely reduce the deer tick population by up to 97%. In the town of Lyme, where the trouble started, the population was reduced to 90% in two years.

So what is a tick tube? It is a short cardboard tube filled with permethrin-soaked cotton. Permethrin is safe for humans, pets, and even little field mice. The field mice, in the spring and summer, prefer the cotton as a nesting material. When deer ticks feed on the unharmed mice, they die, they don't reproduce, and voila.! You can buy tick tubes or you can make tick tubes. If you want to check this out, go to, of course, ticktubes.com

News from your Neighbors

Newest Resident

The Palmer's of Market Street welcomed Drew Brandon Palmer into the world on December 19, 2010. He weighed in at 7 lbs 5 oz and 20.5".

Welcome to the Harris Family

301 Market Street was recently purchased by the Harris Family. After some renovations, the family plans to move into their new home this summer

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

Mark Your Calendar!

Planning Commission
01Mar 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting
14Mar 8:00pm
Planning Commission
05Apr 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting
11Apr 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.
March 23 at 10:00am
Theme: Easter and Spring
Salem United Methodist Church
12 High St, Brookeville, MD 20833

March 12 – Gaithersburg St. Patrick's Day Parade
Bagpipes, Celtic dancers, marching bands, equestrian units and more. The City of Gaithersburg, in partnership with the Harp and Shamrock Society of Gaithersburg and the Peterson Companies at Washingtonian Center, will host the 11th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Washingtonian Center (I-370 and Washingtonian Boulevard).