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The Brookeville Times

June 2011

Town Commissioner Election Results

Katherine Farquhar, of North Street was reelected to another 2 year term as Town Commissioner. Suzanne Daley, of High Street, was elected to her 1st two-year term as Town Commissioner.

Commissioner Robert Heritage Retires

After countless years of service to his community, Town Commissioner Bob Heritage has decided to step down from public service. Bob's presence and knowable history of the Town will be missed by all who have worked with him.

Annual Town Meeting Notes

The Town Commissioners presided over the Annual Town Meeting Monday, May 16, 2011at the Brookeville Academy. A handful of Town Residents came out to hear President of the Commissioners Michael Acierno State of the Town address.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- A plaque was presented to retiring Town Commissioner Bob Heritage for his many years of service to the Town.
- Election Results
- A draft copy of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget was presented
- War of 1812 Committee update
- Status of 309/311 Market Street
- Update on the Brookeville Academy
- Permits and notification needed to use the Amphitheater on North Street

Join us for a Community Yard Sale!

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2011 Time: 8:00am – 12noon Rain or Shine Where: the lawn at the Brookeville Academy

You will be able to use one of the long tables from inside of the Academy to display your items.

For more information or to reserve a spot contact the Town Clerk at 301-570-4465 or townofbrookeville@comcast.net Hope to see you there!

Open and Recreational Burning at the North Street Amphitheater

In the past few years and just recently, the stone amphitheater has been used for recreational fires. While permitted under strict conditions, most open burning without a permit is prohibited in Montgomery County, and **fines of \$500 per day may be imposed for open burning**. The Town Commissioners will consult with the Fire Marshall and a sign will be placed along North Street to alert potential violators.

If you are planning a small recreational fire please read and follow these guidelines for recreational burning:

What Can You Burn in a Recreational Fire?

Only dry, aged, natural wood may be burned in a recreational fire. Burning household waste, construction debris, lumber, leaves, and materials that produce dense smoke when burned (including tires and roofing materials) is prohibited.

What Conditions Must Be Met for Recreational Fires?

- Recreational fires should not be located closer than 300 feet from any neighboring habitable dwelling or place where people work or congregate or 300 feet from a busy roadway.
- The pile of material to be burned in a recreational fire must be no greater than 3 feet in diameter and 6 feet in height.
- The ground around the material to be burned should be cleared of all combustible material to prevent the fire from spreading.
- The fire should not be near tall grass or tree lines.
- You may not burn if winds are greater than 12 mph or if there is an air pollution episode (Code Orange or Code Red air quality event).
- Fire-extinguishing equipment, including sufficient water, must be readily available on the site.
- A fire supervisor, 18 years of age or older, must be within direct view of the fire at all times.
- Before lighting the fire, you must notify the Department of Fire and Rescue Services: Division of Fire Code Enforcement online, by email at Fire.CodeEnforcement@montgomerycountymd.gov, or by phone at 311 about your intent to burn.

Location of Permitted Burns

- Open burns for agricultural purposes must take place at least 1,500 feet from an occupied building, public roadway, or facility.
- Bonfires or recreational or ceremonial fires larger than 3 feet in diameter must take place at least 1500 feet away from occupied buildings, property lines, or roadways.

For more information, please see:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/Content/dep/community/openburning.asp#recreational

Memorial Day 2011

By: Carmen Harding

This year will mark the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, the event which thrust the United States into World War II. Carmen Harding, Brookeville Town resident for 30 years and former Clerk/Treasurer and Commissioner of Brookeville will be accompanying her father, Robert Van Druff, also a Brookeville resident and a Pearl Harbor Survivor, in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D. C. The Pearl Harbor Survivors Float will lead the WWII element and will be Honorary Marshalls of that segment. Carmen serves as District Director of the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Inc. and has laid the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on past Memorial Days, but will be walking the parade with other Sons and Daughters next to the Pearl Harbor float.

Her father was 22 years old at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor and was a Firecontrolman on the destroyer USS Aylwin, DD355. A Firecontrolman, (contrary to what it sounds like), does not put out fires, but is responsible for taking care of the guns on the ship and all of the equipment having to do with plotting the course of the projectiles (5" shells). His duty station that day was high above on the ships director which was just below the crows nest. Needless to say, he had a "birds eye view" that morning and memories to last a lifetime. The Japanese pilots flew so low that they could be seen clearly as they passed over. Because it was Sunday and most of the officers were on leave, it was a Chief Petty Officer who was basically running the show with about 4 Ensigns.... The rest were enlisted men.

Mr. Van Druff was involved in many more battles in the Pacific Theater during WWII as well as the Korean War. He retired after 21 years of service and went to work for Vitro Laboratories where he worked on guided missile systems. He lives with his wife, Helen, on Holiday Drive in Brookeville.

Join us for a Community Picnic!

The Commissioners of Brookeville invite you to Brookeville's Annual Town Picnic Sunday, August 28, 2011
4:00pm-7:00pm
Brookeville Academy
The Town will provide hot dogs, watermelon, water and live music.
Townspeople are asked to bring a side dish to share.

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. Letters to the Editor Welcome. Deadline for submission: 24th of each month. Contact the Town Clerk at 301-570-4465 or townofbrookeville@comcast.net Letters to the Editor Welcome!

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Community Events

30th Annual Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 4th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sandy Spring Museum, 17901 Bentley Road in Sandy Spring.

Admission costs \$1 per person.

14th Annual Heritage Days

The Brookeville Schoolhouse will be open Saturday, June 25th from 12noon – 4:00pm as part of Montgomery County's 14th Annual Heritage Days. A period schoolteacher will be on site with her lessons to offer a little bit of living history. The Brookeville Schoolhouse will be one of 40 historic site open to the public the weekend of June 25 & 26.

For more information on Heritage Days, please visit www.heritagemontgomery.org

Preschool Storytime

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

Free and open to all. June 22 at 10:00am Salem United Methodist Church 12 High St, Brookeville, MD 20833

Mark Your Calendar!

Planning Commission

07Jun 7:30pm

Commissioners Meeting 13Jun 8:00pm

Planning Commission 05Jul 7:30pm

Commissioners Meeting

11Jul 8:00pm

Annual Town Picnic 28Aug 4:00pm

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