The Brookeville Times

June 2012

Annual Town Meeting

The Town Commissioners presided over the Annual Town Meeting Monday, May 14, 2012 at 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:

- Election Results: Michael Acierno was re-elected for another 2 year term, which he emphatically stated would be his last term.
- A draft copy of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget was presented, which has a deficit of \$34,899.00
- War of 1812 Committee update
- Status of 309/311 Market Street
- Update on the Brookeville Academy
- Town website is being redesigned
- Welcome to our newest neighbors
- Update on construction at 4 North Street
- Annual Town Picnic will be Sunday, August 26 starting at 4:00pm

Redesigned Town Website

The Town's website has not been changed since its launch in 2003 and now has a new look! The newly redesigned website will save the Town money in lower hosting fees, will allow the Town more control of the site enabling us to change content and create new pages as needed. Along with these changes, the Town's e-mail addresses have changed. Instead of using Comcast.net accounts, the Town will be using townofbrookevillemd.org e-mail accounts.

As a cost saving measure, in the coming months the Town will discontinue using our P.O. Box address and start using our street address of 5 High Street.

The Archaeologists are Coming!

By Sandy Heiler

On June 25 through July 3 and, again, on July 23 through August 2, archaeologists will begin a dig in Brookeville, looking for sites where soldiers camped in 1814 during the War of 1812. They'll focus on the areas around the Heilers' house and in front of the Scanlons' stone house, as well as near the ruins of the Thomas Mill. Bob Hines of Maryland Volunteers in Archaeology and Heather Bouchlog of M-NCPPC will be in charge. The dig will take place in two phases. This summer, they'll look for likely sites by checking many small areas for signs of campfires. Next summer, they'll conduct serious excavations of a few of the most promising sites.

If you've dug up bits of artifacts in your yard and are wondering what they are or how old they might be, bring them by when the archaeologists are here. They may be able to identify them!

DAR Awards Grant for Brookeville's War of 1812 Research

By Sandy Heiler

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution awarded their maximum grant of \$10,000. to the Friends of the Maryland State Archives for researching and documenting the events of August, 1814, in Brookeville and making relevant documents available online. The Archives has named four DAR Fellows, whose work will be partially supported by the grant. The Janet Montgomery Chapter of the DAR sponsored the grant application.

The four DAR Fellows and the Director of the Maryland State Archives will visit Brookeville on June 7, 2012, for a walking tour of the town. Professor Elizabeth Nix and her class of History students from the University of Baltimore, who are researching War of 1812 events in Brookeville this summer, will also meet here on that day (as well as on June 14 and 28). So, if you see a group of serious scholars taking notes as they walk along Market and High Streets, you'll know they're researching the town's history in preparation for our big anniversary as the "Nation's Capital for a Day" in August, 2014!

Pepco's Appliance Recycling Program Offers \$50 Reward

Pepco wants to pay customers for saving energy through its Appliance Recycling Program, which offers a reward and free at-home pickup of old, inefficient refrigerators and freezers.

Pepco's Appliance Recycling Program allows customers to schedule a time of their choosing to have an old refrigerator or freezer picked up for free. Customers also will receive a \$50 check four to six weeks later and can potentially save as much as three times that much each year through lower household energy costs. They can also boost those savings by having outdated room air conditioners picked up, for which they'll receive an extra \$25 reward. Customers can recycle up to two large appliances, like a refrigerator or freezer, and two room air conditioners for a total of \$150 in rewards.

Pepco's Maryland residential customers can schedule a pickup time by calling 877-395-5540 or by visiting pepco.com/ApplianceRecycling. Refrigerators and freezers being picked up must be plugged in and working when the collection crew arrives and must have an inside dimension of 10 to 30 cubic feet. Most standard-size refrigerators and freezers will meet the size requirement.

WSSC's Watershed Meeting

EA Engineering, Science and Technology (EA) is conducting an independent study of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) watershed and is holding two public information meetings. At those meetings, EA will present a brief overview of the study and then listen to comments and suggestions from stakeholders about how the watershed is being used and how it should be used.

These comments, along with EA's final report, will assist WSSC in updating its watershed policies. Current regulations maybe viewed by going to WSSC's homepage, <u>wsscwater.com</u> and, under HOT TOPICS, click on Current Watershed Regulations.

Rocky Gorge: Wed, June 18, 2012 from 7-9 p.m. Laurel Library,507 7th Street, Laurel, MD 20707 Triadelphia: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 from 7-9 p.m. Izaak Walton League Achievement Chapter 26430 Mullinix Mill Rd, Mt Airy, MD

In order to allow as many people as possible to express their opinion, comments will be limited to 5 minutes. A summary of the meeting will be developed and posted on WSSC's website. To sign up in advance to speak, please contact Ms. Tracy Eberhard at teberhard@eaest.com and indicate which meeting you plan to attend and which organization (if any) you represent. You can also sign up to speak at the meeting.

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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.

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

Mark Your Calendar!

Planning Commission 05Jun 7:30pm

Commissioners Meeting 11Jun 8:00pm

Planning Commission 03Jul 7:30pm

Commissioners Meeting 09Jul 8:00pm

Annual Town Picnic 26Aug 4:00pm - 7:00pm

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

Community Events

31th Annual Strawberry Festival
Saturday, June 2th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival features crafts, animals, live music and fresh food Sandy Spring Museum, 17901 Bentley Rd., Sandy Spring. Admission costs \$2 per person.

Preschool Story Time

Fish are fun! A story and play time for preschool children and their caregivers.

> No registration - Free and open to all. Wednesday, June 27 at 10:00am Salem United Methodist Church 12 High St, Brookeville, MD 20833

Vacation Bible School

Water, water everywhere! Come explore Bible stories about water through music, art, games, science experiments and yummy snacks!

Where: Salem United Methodist Church When: June 25-29, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Who: kids ages 3-12.

Cost: \$15 per child, with a max of \$30 per family For More Info: Call Rev. Janet at 301-774-7772 To Pre-Register: Pick up a registration form at the church or go to www.salemunitedmethodist.org