Yard Waste Collection
Monday, December 6

The Town's last bagged yard waste collection for the year will be Monday, December 6th. Please place leaves, grass, brush, and other yard trimmings in large paper yard trim bags to be placed curbside by 7:00am. The total weight of the bag must be **45 pounds** or less.

The Town of Brookeville encourages you to use alternative methods for getting rid of leaves to save collection and disposal costs and to help the environment. Some alternatives are to mulch your leaves or to compost them.

American Legion will hold a Flag Burning Ceremony
Saturday, December 4, 2010

American Legion Post 68 will hold its Annual Flag Burning Ceremony outdoors at the Brookeville Academy on Saturday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m.

If any Town Residents have a flag that should be properly disposed of, this is the time to bring it. According to the website www.usflag.org, "When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner."   This is an occasion for citizens to come together in respect for the flag and all that it stands for.

Annual Town Holiday Party
SATURDAY DECEMBER 4, 2010
6:00pm – 10:00pm
BROOKEVILLE ACADEMY

Please bring your favorite dish to share.
R.S.V.P to 301-570-4465 or townofbrookeville@comcast.net

The Town will be colleting non-perishable food items at the Holiday Party that will be donated to Olney Help. If you would like to take part, the following are items are most needed at this time: Powdered Milk, Dried Beans, Rice, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta and Rice Dishes, Canned Meat (not Tuna), Jello, Pancake Mix, Syrup

Town Resident Jeff Issokson will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for donation to Toys for Tots. There will be a box at the Academy if you would like to donate a toy.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

If you are traveling:
- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sign you're gone.

If you're out for the evening:
- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone is home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- During the holidays don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

Disposing of boxes after the Holidays: Cardboard packaging from holiday gifts or significant purchases, such as electronics, appliances, or computers can be invitations to break-ins. Reduce this risk by:
- Removing information about the make, model, and serial number of your item from the box. Cut out this information and save it with your records.
- Preparing the cardboard for recycling. Flatten and bundle the cardboard. It may be tied with twine, or placed into smaller cardboard boxes. Please do not use plastic bags, because it causes problems with the recycling process. Once bundled, the packaging will no longer advertise what you have just bought to people walking or driving down your street looking for information.

If you're shopping:
- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash, pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.

If a Stranger Comes to your Door...Beware
- Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. It's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity especially during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.

Call 911 in an emergency: If you see a crime in progress or need to report an emergency, please call 911.

Normal Police Calls for service: If you need routine police response or assistance please call Police Non Emergency 301-279-8000

Citizen Online Reporting - Montgomery County Police are now offering an online citizen reporting service which will make filing police reports much easier and faster. Citizens can now file theft, lost property, vandalism, and identity theft reports wherever there is internet access. For more information, visit **www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police**

Emergency Preparedness Survey

At November's Commissioners Meeting, Town Residents Fred Teal, Jr. and Debbie Wagner requested residential emergency preparedness be included as an agenda item. The Town Residents made this request due to concerns raised during last winter's weather and this year's summer storms. In response, the Town Commissioners approved doing basic research to inventory needs and resources that Residents of the Town of Brookeville might want to register in cases of severe weather or snow interruptions such as we had with last winter's blizzards and this summer's violent windstorms. If Town Residents are willing to complete this survey, the information can be used within the Town population to pinpoint neighbors who should have someone check in with them when power's out or travel is impossible, and neighbors who might take initiative to support the community in managing households' needs if the County and State resources are late in coming or aren't operative.

Here is the link that will let you complete the survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GP57V5L

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

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.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Holiday Party
04Dec 6:00pm
Planning Commission
07Dec 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting
13Dec 8:00pm
Planning Commission
04Jan 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting
13Jan 8:00pm

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

Community Events

Winter Market Day
Sunday, Sunday, Dec. 5 11:00am–3:00pm
OLNEY FARMERS & ARTISTS MARKET
Montgomery General Thrift Shop Grounds
www.olneyfarmersmarket.org

Preschool Storytime
A story and play time for preschool children and their caregivers. Free and open to all.
December 22 at 10:00am
Theme: Christmas
Salem United Methodist Church
12 High St, Brookeville, MD 20833