

The Brookeville Times

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October Fall Clean Up

October 9 -20, 2008

A dumpster will be placed on Water Street for all Town Residents to dispose of bulky, oversized trash.

Acceptable items:

- ✓ furniture
- ✓ rugs (please roll and tie)
- ✓ box springs
- ✓ mattresses
- ✓ large toys
- ✓ nonmetal (plastic and porcelain) sinks and bath tubs -- no concrete items
- ✓ nonmetal laundry trays
- ✓ nonmetal shower stalls
- ✓ nonmetal toilet bowls

No Hazardous Materials such as pesticides, paint, oil, cars, batteries, garbage, or Freon.

The Town is working with Montgomery County to host a Hazardous Material Collection.

Neighborhood Report

One of our Market Street neighbor's car was broken into recently. The glove box and another compartment were searched, but nothing of value was reported missing. Although crime rates in general are lower, crime does rise when the economy goes bad. To avoid having your car or valuables stolen, please remember to lock your car EVERY time you leave it. Do not leave GPS systems in plain view as they are a popular theft item.

Electricity Usage Monitor

The Town has purchased the *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. Also check the quality of your power by monitoring Voltage, Line Frequency, and Power Factor

For more information, please contact Cate McDonald, Town Clerk at 301.570.4465 or townofbrookville@comcast.net



Reduce / Reuse / Recycle

Tips to Reduce your Home Heating Costs

Lower the Thermostat

Set your thermostat in winter to 68° or less during the daytime, and 55 ° before going to sleep (or when you're away for the day).

Use sunlight wisely. During the heating season, leave shades and blinds open on sunny days, but close them at night to reduce the amount of heat lost through windows.

Install Child Safe Outlet Protectors:

Not only do these devices prevent children from sticking metal objects in the receptacles, they also help keep out cold winter drafts, especially along exterior walls in your home. There is less insulation behind these receptacles because of the hollow plastic (or metal) outlet box that is housing the electrical wires.

Tune up

Call a heating contractor to service your system. Fall is a good time to have a service technician look at your heating system to make sure that it is running properly to keep you warm this winter without adding unnecessary costs. Ask your contractor to also check your duct system.

Check your furnace's air filter monthly - replace/clean as required.

Get a Portable Space Heater:

If you heat your home with heating oil or other petroleum based products, you undoubtedly noticed a significant increase in your home's heating costs. One effective way to combat this is to purchase small portable 1500 watt heaters and use them to heat the areas of your home that you spend the most time in. Set your furnace's thermostat to 60° and plug one of these heaters in an outlet in the room that you spend most of your time in.

Insulate Your Hot Water Heater:

If you have an older hot water heater in your home, you may benefit from purchasing a hot water heater jacket or "blanket". Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings says installing a water heater jacket can save 4-9% on your hot water heating bills. A hot water heater jacket will further insulate your hot water unit and prevent heat from the water from escaping out into the surrounding air. Over time your heater will run less frequently saving energy and money. Set the thermostat on your water heater between 120° and 130°. Lower temperatures can save more energy. Every 10° you turn down your hot water heater's thermostat will result in a 3-5% decrease in energy costs.

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Have an item for The Brookeville Times?

Let us know!! We want to hear about any happenings in the Town of Brookeville: 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



Resident Directory

The Town of Brookeville Resident Directory is available for pickup. There is one copy available per household.

Free Compost Bins

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) provides County resident compost bins at no charge. The compost bins come in tight rolls, secured with a cardboard wrapper, for transport. The rolls are about 3 feet long and 6 inches in diameter. They are easy to carry.

The Town has several of these compost bins available for Town Residents. Please contact the Town Clerk if you would like a compost bin.



Town Holiday Party



Save the date

The Annual Town Holiday Party is planned for Saturday December 6, 2008 at the Brookeville Academy. If anyone wishes to help with the party preparation please contact Town Clerk, Cate McDonald.

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Upcoming 2008 Dates

Commissioners Meeting	Oct 13
Commissioners Meeting	Nov 10
Town Holiday Party	Dec 6

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