

# The Brookeville Times

December 2006

## 2006 Holiday Party

The 2006 Town of Brookeville Holiday Party, held on Saturday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup> in the gaily decorated Academy, was enjoyable for young and old, and those in between as well. Since it was “Pot Luck,” there were a lot of tasty dishes and desserts . The Town provided two baked hams, beer and wine for the adults, as well as soft drinks, pizza and a delicious cake for everyone. There were movies for the children and a lot of good conversation and fellowship. If you missed it, you missed a grand time! The Commissioners would welcome some volunteers to help in the planning and execution of the party next year. If you would like to with the party, please call Paul Geib at 301-774-8265 or 301-509-8533.

## Ceremonial Flag Burning

The American Legion Post conducted their ceremonial American Flag burning at the Academy on December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day, at Noon. About 300 flags were properly “retired” during that ceremony. A number of residents brought their flags that have ended their useful life. The “Brookeville Notes” article in *Olney Gazette* alerted a number of non-residents to the occasion. They brought numerous flags during the ceremony. Several mentioned that they had flags that should have been retired for a long while and were grateful for the opportunity to have their flag properly retired.

## State Highway Administration Work in Town

As you probably have noticed, the bumpy intersection of High and Market was recently milled and paved by SHA contractors. **Thank you SHA!!** Also, as we mentioned in the last issue, SHA District 3 staff have informed the Commissions that planning work for the High Street sidewalk project is on track to be completed during the Summer.

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## Town Donation to Support Olney Police Sub-Station

The Commissioners authorized the donation of \$1,500 to the Olney Chamber of Commerce to support the Olney Police Satellite Station. The resolution states, "This close-by facility provides important security and protection and overall significantly enhances the quality of life for Town of Brookeville residents. This donation provides evidence of our community's support for the police and this vital local facility. We hope it might encourage our organizations – public and private, to make timely donations."

## Improvements to the Academy

This Fall we completed repairs to the Academy's heating system. Brown's Refrigeration installed a **new thermocouple and gas line tubing in the furnace**. The pilot light now runs stronger and is more reliable than previously. As some of us know, occasionally the old pilot light would go out on the coldest of days. Since we were having problems with the reliability of the heat in the building, Brown's also installed a **new damper motor** under the dining room floor and **new digital thermostats** on the upstairs and downstairs walls. The new thermostats allow us to keep the temperature at a permanent hold of 55 degrees when the building is not occupied and provide for a maximum winter temperature of 70 degrees during rentals and a minimum of 70 degrees in the summer.

The Commissioners are looking at installing an energy-saving Tankless Water Heater in the Academy and painting the machinery room floor with a rubberized sealant paint. This will prevent rusting of the metal fitting and machinery parts in the Mechanical Room due to moisture coming up through the cement floor.

Mary Maryland Fire Equipment Company inspected the fire extinguishers in the Academy and the Schoolhouse and replaced a missing cap on the standpipe intake outside the academy.

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## Messages from Pepco

Attached are two messages from Pepco that the town received from Kim Watson, Vice President for Maryland Affairs. The first is the *Community Focus* newsletter dealing mostly with explanation of Pepco's rate request to the Public Service Commission and has some energy saving tips. The second, *Lines*, provides some more energy saving advice, holiday safety tips, and information regarding how to deal with winter storms.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Great 2007!!

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**Rent the Beautiful Brookeville Academy at 5 High Street in Brookville (Route 97 or Georgia Avenue, two miles north of Olney). Visit our Web-site or call us for more information.**