

The Brookeville Times

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Town of Brookeville Election May 8th

Don't forget that On May 8th the Town will hold an election for commissioners from **4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** in the **BROOKEVILLE ACADEMY**.

Under the Town charter, Every person who (a) is a citizen of the US, (b) is at least 18 years of age, (c) has resided within the Town for at least 30 days preceding any Town election, and (d) is registered in Montgomery County or with the Town of Brookeville. Every registered voter of the Town shall be entitled to vote at any and all Town elections.

Election Supervisor, Margaret Van Gelder will be presiding over the election. **Please show your support for the candidates and come out to vote!!**

Annual Town Meeting May 15th

The Commissioners have scheduled the Town of Brookeville annual meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the lecture hall on the second floor of the Academy. The agenda will include highlights of the 2007-2008 budget, Town goals and objectives for the coming year, and updates on the bypass and the progress on the Academy grounds landscaping, Powers' Woods Park, Thomas Mill Race restoration, and the SHA sidewalk project. There will also be open time for questions and comments from residents. Please plan to attend!

Work on Powers' Woods Park Moving Forward

As we mentioned in the March issue, The Town Commissioner and the Planning Commission collaborated in the selection of Slater & Associates, Inc. to design the new Powers' Woods Park. John Slater presented his design concept at the March 12th Commissioners meeting. A mini-stone amphitheater at the base of an existing rock outcropping has already been completed. Trails/pathways and several parking slots for the schoolhouse have been laid out. The Commissioners have decided to move forward with a fence near the schoolhouse along North Street and the proposed plantings for the park. We very much appreciate the vital assistance Richard Kirby, the developer of the Powers' Wood subdivision, in identifying the vendors who both could design the spaces and supply the plantings.

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Improvements to the Academy and Grounds

Bradley Site Design has developed a preliminary landscape concept and planting program for the Brookeville Academy grounds. Sharon Bradley had originally proposed two plans for the Town's consideration and the less formal design was selected. Next steps involve feedback from the Historic Preservation Commission and then moving forward with more detailed specifications. The overall approach is to make the Academy space more welcoming to residents and visitors alike as well as providing an attractive diversity of trees and plantings.

Thomas Mill Project Work Completed by MCCC

As we mentioned in the last issue the Montgomery County Conservation Corps work crew has completed substantial clearing work on the foundations and other surviving parts of the historic Thomas Mill site adjoining the WSSC sewage pumping station. Additionally, the MCCC cleared for the first time most of the Thomas Mill Race from Market Street to Georgia Avenue. The Town intends to develop an informal and walkable nature and history walk along the mill race that will tie into the pathways being developed at the Powers' Woods Park.

Lights Out in Town - PEPCO Notified

A number of overhead streetlights in town are currently out. PEPCO has been notified to replace them. Town Clerk Paul Geib is the point of contact regarding street lights that are out.

Deeds Wells Fund - Contributions Still Accepted

We are still accepting contributions to the Deeds Wells fund. If you are interested in contributing, please send your check to the Town address printed below, and note on your check, "Deeds Wells Fund."

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New Trees for Town Gateway at Cemetery

Four beautiful Willow Oaks have been selected by the Commissioners with the professional help of Jon Clark of Acorn Nursery and Marty Kelly of Kelly Nursery to replace the diseased trees that were removed last year from in front of the cemetery on High Street. They will be installed during the last week of April.

State Infrastructure Program Meeting

The Commissioners met with Charles Day, Manager of the State's Infrastructure Bond Program, to discuss its possible use in financing the road surface restoration of Market Street (east) and curb installation. Other needs are also being considered. Bond financing through this program would potentially provide optimal terms for the Town in undertaking this needed project.

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