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Brookeville Capital Days Celebration

The Bicentennial celebration of Brookeville's Incorporation will be celebrated August 24, 2008. The event will begin at 12 Noon with a Salute to the Flag, reading of the Governor's Proclamation, a stroll through the Historic Town of Brookeville, followed by a Community Picnic. Brookeville was formally incorporated as a Town in 1808. This Bicentennial celebration along with the next five Brookeville Capital Days will lead up to the August 26, 2014 commemoration of President James Madison refuge in Brookeville during the War of 1812. Townspeople will be asked to bring a side dish for the picnic and the Town will provide hot dogs, watermelon and water. Anyone interested in helping with planning for the 24th are asked to contact Cate McDonald, Town Clerk, 301.570.4465 or townofbrookeville@comcast.net

Brookeville Academy Heating System

The Brookeville Energy Advisory Committee (BEAC) presented their opinion regarding the heating system at the Brookeville Academy at the July 14th Commissioners Meeting. The BEAC recommended installation of the geothermal system, but if it cannot be installed in time for the upcoming heating season they advised to repair the current heating system, estimated to cost $5000.

The Town Commissioners applauded the BEAC for all their work in researching various options. Commissioner Acierno made a brief statement regarding the trying economic time and the Towns best option is to conserve the Town's reserve fund and repair the current heating system with the work completed before winter starts.

BEAC is working on making Brookeville Greener by:
- Cost and environment benefits of purchasing wind power from Pepco to be used on Town property (Brookeville Academy, Schoolhouse, and street light).
- Determine anonymous, voluntary way to audit Town Resident energy use and offer tips on way to reduce / reuse / recycle
- Find and report low tech ways to reduce energy consumption
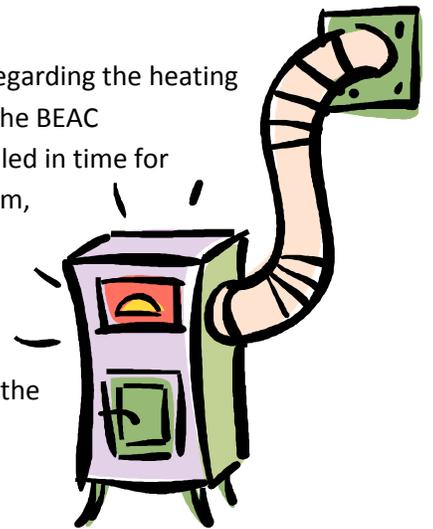
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The Brookeville Times will publish tips and articles to help residents voluntarily

Reduce / Reuse /Recycle

Here are a few terms you will be seeing in the coming months that may be helpful:

What does Renewable Energy mean?

Renewable Energy is electricity produced in an environmentally friendly manner. Sources of renewable energy include the sun, wind, and water, which are pollution free and natural. Renewable electricity technologies are among the cleanest and have the least impact on the environment.

Non-Renewable Energy:

Energy sources that can't be replenished (made again) in a short period of time. These energy sources come out of the ground as liquids, gases and solids. Oil, natural gas, coal and uranium are all examples of non-renewable energy sources.

Renewable Energy

Energy sources can be replenished (made again) in a short period of time. Sunlight, wind, water, geothermal, and plants are all examples of renewable energy sources.

Energy Efficiency

The practice of using less energy to do something as good as before or better.

Carbon footprint

 A measure of the impact our activities have on the environment, and in particular climate change. It relates to the amount of greenhouse gases produced in our day-to-day lives through burning fossil fuels for electricity, heating and transportation etc.

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Green Tips

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.

- Assemble in 2 minutes (no tools!)
- Adjustable sizing to fit large or small yards.
- Holds more than 20 bags of leaves and grass (20+ cubic foot capacity).
- Slide off for easy turning or access.
- Lightweight (6 lbs), easy to move or store.
- UV-stabilized for 5-10 years of use.

There will be 25 compost bins and informational brochures on composting available at the August 24 Celebration, compliments of DSWS.

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Summer Energy Conservation Tips from Pepco

- During hot weather, a central air conditioner can account for 30% of your energy bill. Check the air filter regularly – a clean air filter improves system efficiency, which should lead to energy savings.
- The recommended thermostat setting is between 75°F and 78°F. Every degree you raise your thermostat can result in a 5% savings on the cost of cooling your home.
- Have a professional check your air conditioning system to ensure that it works properly and is not leaking coolant.
- Be sure all windows are shut and outside doors are closed when the AC is on.
- It is important not to have lamps, televisions or other heat sources close to the air conditioner thermostat – heat from these sources may cause the air conditioner unit to run longer than it should.
- Check to ensure that no furniture or other obstacles are blocking ducts or fans. This will enable cooled air to circulate freely, making your home more comfortable

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September 6 — **MAHDC Workshop at Brookeville Academy**. The Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions is presenting a workshop entitled "*Substitute Materials and Replacements: Why We Say No, When to Say Yes*" at the Brookeville Academy in Montgomery County. This workshop will be divided into five subject areas: Roofing; Siding; Porch and Details; Windows; Brick, Masonry and Landscape Features. For more information, cost, and registration details go to: http://www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/mahdc-workshop.pdf

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

Classified Ad

3 CF dimmable bulbs for sale at cost.

Contact Debbie Wagner if interested

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Upcoming 2008 Dates

Commissioner Meeting	Aug 19 * Tuesday instead of the 2nd Monday of the month
Town Anniversary	Aug 24
Commissioner Meeting	Sept 8
Holiday Party	Dec 13

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