

The Brookeville Times

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Progress on the Bypass

The Montgomery County Council recently appropriated \$10M for design and land acquisition for the Brookeville Bypass, which will take place beginning in FY2011–FY2014. While we are still several years away from construction, this is positive progress on a project that optimistically will start construction in 2015.

Presentation on Solar Energy in Montgomery County

February 2nd
7:30 pm

Brookeville Academy

Mike Whitcomb will be speaking on Solar Energy in Montgomery County, as well as energy conservation, resource conservation and sustainable design February 2, 2009 , 7:30pm at the Brookeville Academy. Mr. Whitcomb is a registered professional engineer and is currently the energy manager for Montgomery College.

All residents are invited to take part in this informative presentation.

Speed Cameras appear in Brookeville

In an effort to decrease speeding and improve safety, the Montgomery County Police Department installed a fixed pole speed camera along MD Route 97, right across from 26 High Street. Violators will receive a civil citation and a \$40 fine. Since the violations are being treated as civil and not criminal penalties, there will be no license “points” assigned and insurance providers are not notified of the citation. A vehicle passing one of the camera locations above the determined threshold speed will be the subject of a series of photographs taken to document the violation. The photographs will then be processed and the license plate will be reviewed to identify the registered owner. The owner will be sent the citation, which will include copies of the violation photos and the marked vehicle speed.

If you have a question about the speed camera program, contact the Automated Speed Enforcement line 1-866-818-3844.

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REDUCE / REUSE / RECYCLE

Residential Energy Saving Tips

Lighting:

Turn off lights when you are not using them.

Switch to ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) from incandescent bulbs. CFLs can save 75% of the electricity used by incandescents and last up to 10 times longer. It is estimated that over the lifetime of one 60 Watt equivalent CFL bulb, you can save up to \$65. The savings are even GREATER for higher wattage bulbs.

Look for opportunities to use natural light.

Keep bulbs clean: Dust can reduce light output by as much as 25%

Water Usage:

Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.

Wash only full loads of dishes and air dry. If washing dishes by hand, do larger piles at a time and remember not to leave water running in between items. Washing dishes in a dishwasher actually consumes LESS water and energy than washing by hand!

Install a water-saving showerhead. Showers use less hot water than baths; also consider taking shorter showers.

Repair leaky faucets. 30 leaked drops of water a minute can waste as much as 50 gallons of water per month.

Consider replacing your older toilet with a water efficient, dual-flush model. You can reduce your toilet's water usage by up to 50%.

Reuse Directory

The directory is intended to be used by those seeking outlets to donate and/or purchase reusable consumer goods. The Town of Brookeville does not endorse any business or organizations.

Bicycles

Bicycles for the World 703-525-0931
www.bikesfortheworld.org

Building Material

Habitate ReStore 301-947-3304
www.ReStoreMoCo.org

Community Forklift 301-985-5180
www.communityforklift.com

Clothing

AMVets 301-953-0090
www.dcamvets.org

Furniture

A Wider Circle 301-657-1010
www.awidercircle.com

Thrift Shop

Montgomery General 301-774-9638

On-line

The Olney Freecycle™ group is intended for those in or near the Olney area who want to "recycle" that special something rather than throw it away
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FreecycleOlneyMD/>

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SNOW REMOVAL

The Town of Brookeville contracts with a snow plowing service for North, South, Water and Church Streets. During a snowstorm, no plowing begins until there are 4 inches of snow 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.

NEWS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Free Amaryllis Bulbs



Fred Teal and Teresa Meeks are looking for good homes for their excess amaryllis bulbs. If you would like one, please call 301-774-8151 or email meeksteresa@yahoo.com and we will deliver a bulb to your house!

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

South Mountain Creamery

Doug Palmer: Just wanted to share with you a great source for home delivered farm products. We (as well as the Booz's) have been ordering from them for about a year and a half.

Basically you order online and they deliver to your house for a flat fee (\$3.50) on Friday and put in a cooler or fridge. We love it, the food tastes great and is free of antibiotics and growth hormones.

Besides being convenient, it's local, family owned and saves on gas.

South Mountain Creamery:
www.southmountaincreamery.com

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Upcoming 2009 Dates

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| Commissioners Meeting | Jan 12 |
| Energy Presentation | Feb 02 |
| Commissioners Meeting | Feb 09 |

*THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING
THE TOWN HOLIDAY PARTY A
SPECTACULAR EVENT!! THE
COMMISSIONERS OF BROOKEVILLE WISH
ALL A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Town of Brookeville
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| President of Commissioners | Michael Acierno | 301.260.2897 |
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| Commissioner | Katherine Farquhar | 240.753.2121 |
| Treasurer | Susan Johnson | 301.924.5979 |
| Town Clerk | Cate McDonald | 301.570.9119 |
| Academy Manager | Andrea Scanlon | 301.260.0246 |
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Town Office Hours: Friday's 8:30 a.m. – 12noon