

The Brookeville Times

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Guest Speaker at the Brookeville Academy

February 2, 2009
7:30 pm

Presentation Topics will include
Solar Energy in Montgomery County,
Resource Conservation and Energy
Conservation

*Mr. Mike 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

Election of Two Commissioners in May

Two Town Commissioners will be
elected on May 12th for a two-year term
that will begin in May. The two
positions are those currently held by
Bob Heritage and Katherine Farquhar. A
notice will be mailed out that outlines
procedures to follow for residents who
may wish to run for the positions.

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 is eligible.
Every registered voter of the Town shall
be entitled to vote at any and all Town
elections.

Should there be any questions with
regard to the election and filing
procedures, you may contact Town
Clerk, Cate McDonald at 301.570.4465.

See How Much Energy Your Individual Appliances Are Using

The Town has a *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. Simply connect your appliances to the Kill-a-Watt electricity usage monitor and it will assess how efficient they really are. The unit's large LCD display counts consumption by the kilowatt-hour, the same as Pepco.

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GREEN NEWS WHICH MAY BENEFIT TOWN OF BROOKEVILLE

The Town Commissions will look at opportunities that the “EmPOWER CLEAN ENERGY Communities” grant program offers and hopefully take advantage of both of these programs, the one for households and the Jane E. Lawton program for local governments.

Initiative to “EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities” Launched

Governor Martin O’Malley launched the “EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities” initiative to help local governments and nonprofits fund energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. The new program, run by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) will provide \$8 million this fiscal year in low interest loans and grants to local governments and nonprofits.

“These programs will not only help build a more sustainable energy future for our State,” remarked Governor O’Malley, “but they will also provide the opportunity for community organizations and local governments to have the resources needed to better serve our citizens, while supporting a Smart, Green and Growing Maryland.”

The grants and loans available are intended to assist eligible organizations with improvements that will increase energy savings and decrease their monthly electricity bills. A portion of the funding under both programs is dedicated specifically for projects that help low and moderate income households.

The Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program provides low-interest financing to local governments, nonprofits and businesses for projects that can be paid back out of the energy savings over time. This program, for example, could be used to finance an energy efficient HVAC system for a town hall or a new refrigeration system for a food bank, with the future energy savings going towards repayment of the loan.

Additionally, the Community Clean Energy Grant program will provide funds to local governments, community groups and non-profit organizations to facilitate projects that increase the energy efficiency and/or the use of renewable energy to benefit the local government or community and promote affordable, reliable, and clean energy. Examples may include a housing authority that makes improvements to a building complex to reduce the energy bills of the low income residents, a community group that offers to coordinate no-cost energy retrofits in a particular neighborhood, or a feasibility study to enable a town to analyze opportunities for energy efficiency and/or renewable energy.

Funding for the programs comes from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund, which was created from public auctions of carbon credits through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Guidelines for the grant program are on the MEA website: www.energy.maryland.gov

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New Supplier for Propane

The Brookeville Academy has a new propane supplier. Amerigas has installed their tank and is contracted to supply the Academy with propane. Amerigas charges less per gallon than our previous supplier.

Brookeville Academy Rentals

As a resident of the Town, you may rent the Brookeville Academy for a reduced rate. The Town Commissioners established a reduced rental rate as a benefit for Town Residents. The rate is \$125 regardless of number of rooms, hours, or day of the week. Residents (as are all renters) are required to provide a refundable security deposit in advance of use of the Academy. Contact the Brookeville Academy Manager for rates for custom rental packages at brookevilleacademy@comcast.net or 301.570.4465

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.

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

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Upcoming 2009 Dates

Energy Presentation	Feb 02
Commissioners Meeting	Feb 09
Commissioners Meeting	Mar 09
Town Commissioners Election	May 12

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Commissioner	Katherine Farquhar	240.753.2121
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