

# The Brookeville Times

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March 2009

## TREE REMOVAL

The Town of Brookeville recently conducted an assessment of trees located on Town property or located in the Town's right of way. The Certified Master Arborist, Barb Neal, indicated in her report that several trees along North Street and the Brookeville Academy's grounds are in need of removal. The trees identified for removal have decaying trunks or have large decay conks on the trunks.

The Town is in the permitting process with the Brookeville Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Committee to have these trees removed.

### Nominations

The Town is now seeking nominations for the position of Town Commissioner. In order to formally run for this position, you must send a letter stating your interest and qualifications for the position to:

Margaret Van Gelder  
Supervisor of Elections  
P.O. Box 67  
Brookeville, MD 20833  
Fax: 301-570-3201

**Letters must be received by  
Tuesday, April 14, 2009**

## 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.

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## *Reduce.Reuse.Recycle*

### Reduce Phosphates Help save the Bay by switching Dishwasher Detergent

Maryland is the second state to pass a dishwasher-detergent law and has already banned phosphates from laundry detergents. The Maryland General Assembly passed legislation in 2007 to cut phosphorus pollution to the Chesapeake Bay by requiring low-phosphorus dishwashing detergent. Implementation of this bill starts in 2010. Phosphorus is a major pollutant in the Bay. Phosphorus is also found in lawn fertilizer, sewage, and more and can lead to poor water quality. Most dishwashing detergents use phosphates, which contribute to algae blooms and dead zones in the Chesapeake Bay.

Consider switching to a phosphate free dishwasher detergents, such as Palmolive Eco or Seventh Generation, found at your local grocery store and help Save the Bay.

### Composting

#### What is composting?

Composting is the decomposition of plant remains and other once-living materials to make an earthy, dark, crumbly substance that is excellent for adding to houseplants or enriching garden soil. It is the way to recycle your yard and kitchen wastes, and is a critical step in reducing the volume of garbage needlessly sent to landfills for disposal.

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.

The Town has several of these compost bins available for Town Residents.

### 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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## Sprucing up for Spring

The Town's landscaping contractor, Greenskeeper, will be around this month to perform the first mulching of the year and general landscaping clean up.



## REBATE FOR PLANTING NATIVE TREES

The Town has a \$25 rebate programs for Residents who plant tree species native to Maryland. Here are a few native trees to consider:

*Acer rubrum* Red Maple Cultivars: Bowhall, October Glory, Red Sunset

*Celtis occidentalis* Hackberry Cultivar: Prairie Pride

*Cladrastis kentuckea* Yellowwood

*Gleditsia triacanthos inermis* Cultivars: Halka, Shademaster, Skyline

*Gymnocladus dioicus* Kentucky Coffeetree Cultivar: Espresso

*Ulmus americana* American Elm Cultivars: New Harmony, Valley Forge

Download a rebate form at:

<http://townofbrookevillemd.org/docs/treerebate.form.pdf>

### Applicable Conditions:

- Tree must be a native species or indigenous to the area.
- Owner agrees to provide appropriate care and maintenance.
- Owner provides a copy of the sales receipt indicating species, cost, vendor, date.
- Value of tree must exceed \$50.

## 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](mailto:townofbrookeville@comcast.net)

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## Upcoming 2009 Dates

<b>Planning Commission</b>	03Mar 7:30pm
<b>Commissioners Meeting</b>	09Mar 8:00pm
<b>Commissioners Meeting</b>	13Apr 8:00pm
<b>Town Commissioners Election</b>	May 12

ALL MEETINGS AND  
ELECTIONS ARE HELD AT  
THE BROOKEVILLE  
ACADEMY

Town of Brookeville  
P.O. Box 67  
Brookeville, MD 20833

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Commissioner	Bob Heritage	301.774.0457
Commissioner	Katherine Farquhar	240.753.2121
Treasurer	Susan Johnson	301.924.5979
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