May 2009

Town Election of Two Commissioners Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:00pm – 9:00pm

The Town will hold an election for Two Town Commissioners May 12th from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Brookeville Academy. The candidates for the 2 commissioner seats are incumbent Town Commissioners Bob Heritage and Katherine Farquhar.

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.



Election Supervisor, Margaret Van Gelder, will preside over the election. Annual Town Meeting Wednesday, May 13, 2009 8:00pm at the Brookeville Academy

The Town Commissioners will hold the Annual Town Meeting in the 2nd floor lecture hall at the Brookeville Academy on May 13th. Highlights of the meeting will include:

- Election results
- FY 2009-2010 budget
- summary of the Town accomplishment this past year: Academy HVAC, maintenance of Town property, speed cameras
- updates on the Bypass and Wells property
- Schoolhouse repairs
- Annual Picnic
- Renewable energy contract and energy conservation

There will be open forum for questions and comments from residents at the conclusion of the meeting.

Please plan to attend!

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Green Living Tips



Montgomery County is helping you make the switch to renewable energy and a cleaner tomorrow. SIGN-UP FOR CLEAN ENERGY REWARDS

Montgomery County is helping you make the switch to clean energy! Sign-up for clean energy through one of the program's approved energy suppliers or REC marketers and you will receive a reward, half a cent (\$0.005) for each kilowatt-hour (kWh) of program certified clean energy used. The reward will be included on your energy bill, or will be discounted when you purchase RECs. Even if your electric bill is paid as part of your rent or lease, you can still get clean energy!

Go to:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/de ptmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/rewards.asp

This web site will allow you to:

- Choose the type of clean energy right for you.
- Sign-up for clean energy on-line.
- Receive Clean Energy Rewards!

Clean energy now costs less than 2009 summer utility rates!

Due to fluctuating wholesale energy prices and the nimble nature of competitive electricity suppliers, clean energy now costs less than electricity service from the utilities. The price to compare (electricity generation and transmission charges) is currently \$0.11763 (Pepco) per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Pepco's electricity prices will increase to over \$0.13 per kilowatt-hour in June. Utility rates beyond the summer (9/30/09) are not known.

Competitive energy suppliers are now offering clean energy contracts for less than 2009 summer utility rates. The average cost for a 1-year 100% wind energy contract is less than \$0.13 per kWh. You can secure a low electricity rate for the summer, secure a fixed price for one year or more, and get 100% wind power![1] Clean energy rates have not been this low since 2006[2].

Now is a great time to take advantage of low clean energy prices.

Questions? Please contact Susan Kirby at the Department of Environmental Protection: 240-777-7700, or susan.kirby@montgomerycountymd.gov

 Energy prices are volatile; it is not certain whether electricity rates will decrease or increase in the future. Competitive energy suppliers cannot guarantee electricity rates after the 1 or 2-year contract.
In 2006, a 1-year 100% clean energy contract was \$0.128, while utility standard offer service was \$0.106.

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Update on 309 Market Street

The owner of the 309 Market Street, Mr. Deeds Wells, has been in court numerous times about the status of his historic home. The historic home was destroyed February 2007 by a fire and was declared a total loss. Mr. Wells's attorney was granted another extension to a hearing June 2, 2009. **Commissioners Acierno and Heritage** attended the April 21, 2009 court hearing and were able to express the Town frustration and the lack of progress in this case and showed a recent photograph of the property to the presiding judge. The Commissioners will continue to monitor the status of 309 Market Street as it winds its way through the court system and will ensure the permitting process in regards to historic properties is followed.

Sidewalk Replacement

The Commissioners voted to replace the concrete and macadam sidewalk in front of 3 High Street with brick pavers. The new brick sidewalk will extend from the Brookeville Academy to the driveway of the Bell and Frech office and will match the existing sidewalk in front of the Brookeville Academy. The Bartley Corporation was the lowest bidder and was awarded the contract.

Brookeville Schoolhouse

The Commissioners are seeking estimates to repair roof and correct drainage issues at the

Brookeville Schoolhouse. The Commissioner will need to determine which repairs are necessary to prevent any further deterioration to the Schoolhouse and will concentrate on these repairs with the limited budget allocation.

Heritage Days



The Brookeville

Schoolhouse will be open Saturday, June 27^{th} from 12noon – 4:00pm as part of Montgomery County's 12^{th} Annual Heritage Days. A period schoolteacher will be on site with her lessons to offer a little bit of living history. The Brookeville Schoolhouse will be one of 40 historic site open to the public the weekend of June 27 & 28.

For more information on Heritage Days, please visit <u>www.heritagemontgomery.org</u>

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

Planning Commission Commissioners Meeting Town Commissioners Election Annual Town Meeting Commissioners Meeting 05May 7:30pm 11May 8:00pm 12May 4:00pm- 9:00pm 13May 8:00pm 08June 8:00pm All meetings and elections are held at the Brookeville Academy

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