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Planning Commission
November 3, 7:30 PM

Commissioner's Meeting
November 8, 8:00 PM

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All meetings held at the
Brookeville
Academy

Get Information Fast

Would you like to get important town information fast? How about receiving the newsletter and updates on snow/trash/etc. If so, please send your e-mail address to:

townofbrookeville@comcast.net

We are compiling a list of e-mail addresses for town residents so that information can go out in a much more timely manner. This list will be used for town info only and will not be given out.

Free Firewood

There is a pile of wood in front of the Chandler's home at 5 North St. that is available for firewood. Please feel free to take it!

Traffic Light Meeting

Rick Allan and State Delegate Karen Montgomery (District 14) met with District 3 Engineer Charlie Watkins and Traffic Engineer Pete Campanides in a meeting arranged through Councilmember Nancy Floreen to discuss the traffic signal being evaluated for installation at the High and Market Street intersection. Watkins and Capanides explained that the light would basically operate in a cycle mode from 4:00-7:00 in the PM (Monday-Friday) and in a flashing mode in the AM.

SHA believes the light would achieve more efficient traffic flow and provide for a safer intersection. While Allan and Montgomery agreed that safety was a paramount issue, they expressed an overall concern that Town interests had not to date been taken into account. SHA then agreed that an informational meeting with town residents would be very useful in explaining how the light would work and in getting resident feedback. Such a meeting will be announced as soon as arrangements are made. A question also was raised as to whether traffic flow improvements that the traffic light might generate would further delay construction of the Brookeville Bypass. In responding that there was no connection between the two projects, Watkins mentioned that another town seeking a bypass had asked that roundabouts associated with its project be considered by SHA as a separate project phase. In other words, they could be built for their traffic calming effect as an initial phase of the bypass construction. Allan said he would request SHA to study that possibility for Brookeville. A letter has been sent to that end.

Sidewalk Meeting

Commissioners Rick Allan and Michael Acierno met with four State Highway representatives to discuss the latest progress on the sidewalk construction/enhancement project that has been sought by the town for many years. SHA reported that it is continuing its review of the hydraulic study that pertains to water runoff problems affecting several residents along Rt. 97 at the southern entrance to High Street on the west side. Those issues must be dealt with before sidewalks can be built on that side. Also discussed was replacement sidewalk running from the old Post Office past the Brookeville Academy. The Town will seek to replace the deteriorated concrete sidewalk in front of the Salem Methodist Church and Manse as well. Adequate funding continues to be a problem but we are hopeful it can be resolved by leveraging as many resources as possible.

Montgomery County Chapter MML Meeting

The September meeting was held at the Rockville City Hall and was attended by Rick Allan. The major topic was the formula used by the County to determine payments to municipalities paid for services otherwise provided by the County such as solid waste services, police, road maintenance, parks, etc. The Chapter made a decision to form a task force of local mayors to quickly study in cooperation with the County how the formula has been working and recommend any changes to ensure that the municipalities are not shorted in the process.

Mayor's Day in Washington

County Executive Doug Duncan again hosted his annual Maryland Mayors' Day in Washington. A close-up presentation of rare documents and briefing on the new and very impressive National Archives interactive research capability took place in the morning

followed by a lunch with most of the Maryland congressional delegation. Remarks were delivered by Senators Mikulski and Sarbanes and by Representatives Al Wynn, Chris Van Hollen, Ben Cardin, Dutch Ruppersberger, Steny Hoyer, and Roscoe Bartlett. The day concluded with a tour of the new World War II memorial.

Neighbor vs. Neighbor (on the Soccer Field)

When the announcer read the line-ups for the women's soccer game between Franklin & Marshall and Goucher College at a season-opening tournament in Lancaster it went this way: *For Goucher, Number 2, Libby Allan, midfielder from Brookeville, Maryland.* He went on - *For Franklin & Marshall, Number 2, Sara Evans, midfielder, from Brookeville, Maryland.* And yes, they live on Market Street, across the street from one another.

Town Flag Policy

The Town for several years now has been flying American flags at the town gateways and various other spots. We put them up generally by Memorial Day and they fly through Flag Day, the Fourth of July, President Madison's August overnight stay in Brookeville, Labor Day, and then come down after Veteran's Day in November. We try to make sure the flags are in good condition during this lengthy period. Sometimes a torn flag escapes immediate notice although such a flag or an unduly worn flag should not generally be flown. Please help us if you observe such a flag or a flag that has come down by calling or sending an email. We will have it replaced.

Sandy Spring Museum House Tour

Two Brookeville houses will be part of the Annual Sandy Spring Museum House Tour on October 16 from 10:00 - 4:00. They are the Madison House owned by Rick and Diane Allan and Harry and Karen Montgomery's Victorian house. The Brookeville Schoolhouse now undergoing interior restoration will also be open to the Tour. Ticket information is available from the Museum at 301-774-0022.

Fall Leaf Pickup

The dates for 2004 are November 20 and December 11. Please have all leaves at curbside. Only leaves will be picked up. Please do not have any sticks, stones, mulch or bedding plants in the piles. These will clog the vacuum and will not be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Holiday Party

This year's party will be on Saturday, December 11. More information to follow but mark your calendar now!