

# The Brookeville Times

Town of Brookeville

Established 1794

Incorporated 1808

April

2005

## Town Election

The town election for two commissioners will be held on **May 10 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm** in the Brookeville Academy. Each elected commissioner will serve a two year term. Information on the candidates is enclosed. Everyone is encouraged to vote!

## Absentee Ballots

Any voter registered to vote in the Town of Brookeville is entitled to vote by absentee ballot. Those qualified voters wishing to vote by absentee ballot should request such ballots from Margaret Van Gelder, Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Elections by **no later than May 5**. Absentee ballots must be turned in by **May 10**, no later than 8:30PM. No faxes accepted.

Margaret Van Gelder  
306 Market Street  
Brookeville, Md. 20833

## Annual Town Meeting

Brookeville's Annual Town Meeting has been scheduled for May 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the Brookeville Academy. The FY 2005-2006 Town Budget will be presented and other matters of interest to residents will be on the agenda.

## Montgomery County Heritage Days

Brookeville will participate in Heritage Montgomery's annual Heritage Days in June. Historic sites all over Montgomery County will be featured and open to the public. The Town's Brookeville Academy and its restored one-room schoolhouse on North Street will be open on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. as part of the two-day event. Volunteers are needed to help at both locations. Light refreshments (cookies and lemonade, etc.) will be available at the Brookeville Academy and the Town's young people are encouraged to help. This is an opportunity for Community Service hours for students. Anyone wishing to volunteer may call or email Rick Allan at 301.774.6202 or rsallan@comcast.net.

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May 9, 8:00 PM

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May 10, 4:00 - 9:00 PM

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All meetings held at the  
Brookeville  
Academy

## **Trees and Streams**

Brookeville's environmental setting is distinctive for its mature trees and the streams buffering it on three sides - Spring, Meadow, and the Reddy Branch (Stream Valley Park). Just as Brookeville's historic built environment is fragile and has benefited from the protection of the Town's Master Plan and the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Ordinance that the Town adopted in 1986, so is the natural environment fragile. It too requires more than passive appreciation.

The Town Commissioners recently have considered several initiatives to better protect and enhance Brookeville's important natural assets.

First, the Commissioners would like to provide financial incentives to residents wishing to plant native species trees on their properties. As the town has very limited public space to plant trees, the Commissioners believe that encouraging residents to plant on their property will enhance the overall tree canopy in the area. Additionally, thought is being given to providing professional arborist services to residents regarding advice on tree maintenance, including pruning and pest management recommendations.

Second, the Commissioners are considering a formal collaboration or partnership with the County and State designed to improve and protect the three town streams that contribute to the Hawlings River Watershed and ultimately the Patuxent and the Chesapeake Bay. The Commissioners believe that the Reddy Branch Stream in particular is in need of restoration. They are concerned that the flooding that routinely occurs at Brookeville Road and Georgia Avenue is not only a safety issue but also a manifestation of other problems and poor stewardship of the surrounding area.

They believe that these streams are a key part of the watershed and must be better monitored and maintained. While the Hawlings River Watershed is undergoing restoration, the Commissioners believe that there are actions that can be taken locally to deal with obvious runoff problems, deteriorated stream banks, and major debris jams that cause flooding and degradation of stream banks.

## **Forest Conservation and Reforestation Ordinance Passed**

The Town Commissioners in its April meeting decided to take back authority (from Montgomery County) under the State's Forest Conservation Act enacted in 1991 by passing its own ordinance based on a State model ordinance. This means that the Town will develop its own local forest conservation program consistent with State requirements. The Town will utilize the expertise of specialists to assist in ensuring that the law is effectively implemented. This action is being closely coordinated with the Brookeville Planning Commission which will be responsible for many of the requirements under the law.

## **New Faces in Town**

Welcome to Doug and Kelly Palmer who reside at 210 Market St. Welcome to Steff and Hannah Kerr who bought and are renovating 310 Market St. Congratulations to Matt and Cate McDonald who welcomed a new baby boy in December.

## **Same Faces, New Location**

Congratulations to Scott Penland and Connie Angiuli who have moved into their brand new home at 200 Market St. Congratulations to Debbie Wagner who moved to 198 Market St.

## **Richard “Rick” Allan**

I have been in the public service for my entire professional career at the municipal (City of Phoenix) and federal levels (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development). I was Assistant to the Secretary for Labor Relations at HUD during the Clinton Administration and was responsible for directing HUD’s labor relations program. During that period I developed a national “welfare-to-work” construction jobs apprenticeship program for public housing residents called “Step-Up” that also was used in the construction of the new DC Convention Center.

I have served the Town of Brookeville as a volunteer Commissioner and President of the Commissioners for twenty-three years and am a member of the Maryland Municipal League’s “Hall of Fame”. During my tenure, I have provided leadership in preserving and restoring the town’s historic assets, such as the award-winning Brookeville Academy and the one-room schoolhouse on North Street; reclaimed from the county the town’s right to make its own land-use and planning decisions with town residents serving on its planning commission and developing its master plan; fought for more than twenty years on behalf of getting the building of the Brookeville Bypass officially recognized as necessary to Brookeville’s survival; lobbied successfully for the Bordly Drive extension that took some east-west traffic out of town; and have been instrumental in obtaining and leveraging hundreds of thousands of dollars of federal, state, and county funds and grants in support of town projects. If reelected, my major priorities will be to get construction funding to build the Bypass and to get sidewalks built to Longwood. I am a member of the Washington Saint Andrew’s Society and am a principle in Citergy, a consulting company specializing in building cross-sector collaborations (citizen, government, business, and nonprofit).

## **Robert Heritage**

I have been active as a volunteer in Brookeville for many years. I have also served both as an elected Town Commissioner and was a volunteer Town Clerk-Treasurer for more than ten years. I have been a public high school teacher for over thirty years.

## **Matthew O. McDonald**

Mr. McDonald was born February 27, 1961 in St. Paul, Minnesota. After graduating High School he enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1980. He served his country in Gaeta Italy, Naples Italy, Key West Florida, Rota Spain, Keflavik Iceland, Washington DC, and Fort Meade Maryland. After retiring from the U.S. Navy, Mr. McDonald continued his professional career in the private sector and settled in Olney, Maryland and moved to Brookeville in January 2004. He is married to the former Ms. Catherine L. Hunt and they have one son, Karl.

Mr. McDonald has served on and chaired numerous community service organizations both here in the United States and abroad. Some of his notable highlights include: Organized and lead committees and working groups that directly improved the morale and welfare of Sailors and Marines stationed in and around Fort Meade, Maryland as a member of the Chief Petty Officer’s Association Fort Meade, Maryland. While serving in Rota, Spain worked with base leaders to enhance the quality of life of service members and retirees through benevolent efforts, like “food banks and thrift shops.” In his professional career he chaired a Department of Defense multi-service working group comprised of senior Government officials in establishing a cooperative framework to share security information across the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

Mr. McDonald's experience in serving on and chairing community oriented and professional committees has provided him the communication, negotiation and leadership skills necessary to get consensus and "buy-in" to achieve positive change and real improvements in "quality of life" issues.

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