

# The Brookeville Times

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## T O W N E L E C T I O N

Town residents turned out in record numbers as incumbent Town Commissioners Rick Allan and Bob Heritage were elected to new terms of two years. Challenger Matt MacDonald finished third. The Commissioners also selected Rick Allan to continue to serve as President at their meeting following the election.

### C O N T E N T S :

- Town Election
- Annual Town Meeting
- Town Wins Grant
- Community Picnic
- Historic Site Signs
- Brookeville Road Repairs
- Sidewalk
- Clerk-Treasurer Position Split
- School Books Donation
- Maryland Municipal League Convention

## A N N U A L T O W N M E E T I N G

The Town Commissioners presented a preliminary annual Town budget for FY 2005-2006 at the annual town meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Brookeville Academy. The Commissioners also took time to thank the many resident volunteers for their service and contributions to the town, outlined a "Greener Brookeville Initiative", and presided over an "ideas exchange" on moving the Brookeville Bypass project forward. The Town's bypass lobbying video produced in 1989 was shown. Rick Allan reported at the Town meeting that while there has been a sharp reduction in State income tax revenue that the Commissioners had to contend with, they were comfortable with the overall financial position of the town and would be able to continue to hold the property tax rate at the reduced level adopted last year. That reduction resulted in tax rebates to Brookeville residents that were distributed to residents in 2005. (The Commissioners passed the budget for the coming fiscal year at their June meeting.)

## T O W N W I N S G R A N T

Heritage Montgomery awarded the Town a grant for \$800 to be used to prepare a descriptive brochure for the one-room schoolhouse and to buy miscellaneous furniture for the schoolroom. This was the first grant-making exercise for Heritage Montgomery, a non-profit foundation.

### COMMUNITY PICNIC SPONSORED BY SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Salem UMC is sponsoring a community picnic for all Brookeville residents and church members. There will be "Food, Fun, and Entertainment" for all inside and outside on the churchyard. More information will be provided as the plans are developed.

### HISTORIC SITE SIGNS ARRIVE

Three signs describing the history or origins of the Brookeville Angel, the Newlin Mill millstone, and the Brookeville Schoolhouse have been delivered and installed. The signs were created by the Folia Company and are mounted on steel decorative posts.

### BROOKEVILLE ROAD REPAIRS TO COME

The Town Commissioners have been advised by the Highway Maintenance Section of Montgomery County that there will be shoulder repairs and debris cleanup at the Brookeville Road/Reddy Branch intersection this construction season. The Town had asked that the State and the County work together to deal with the constant flooding and the dramatic erosion of road surfaces on both sides of Brookeville Road that have produced unsafe conditions and to clean up the overgrowth and generally unsightly condition of the area.

### SIDEWALK TO COME ON THE EAST SIDE OF ROUTE 97 / HIGH STREET

The Town Commissioners have gotten Montgomery County authorities to finally enforce the sidewalk construction condition that the Town originally had requested before the County approved the subdivision/zoning plan regarding the Inn at Brookeville Farms development several years ago. That condition provided that the owner would construct sidewalk from the south side of the Salem Cemetery to the old Goldmine Road terminus of the property. The Town has been advised that the owner has been given 120 days to construct the sidewalk.

### CLERK-TREASURER POSITION SPLIT

The Commissioners acted to divide the duties involved in the Clerk-Treasurer position into two positions based on a request from the current Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Johnson and Academy Business Manager, Diane Allan. The positions will continue to be part-time but will provide for more flexibility and efficiency. There will be no increase in the salary costs associated with the action. Susan Johnson will be responsible for the financial and bookkeeping aspects of town business as Treasurer and Diane Allan will take on the Clerk responsibilities. Ms. Allan has previously had experience as Clerk-Treasurer from 1995-1998 and is currently responsible for the business aspects of the Brookeville Academy.

### SCHOOL BOOKS DONATION

David Kiefer of Bethesda has donated a collection of over fifty mostly mid-to late 19<sup>th</sup> century schoolbooks covering the subjects of arithmetic, grammar, history, geography, reading, and music to the Town. Mr. Kiefer had originally called the Sandy Spring Museum which in turn referred him to Rick Allan, knowing that the Town's schoolhouse restoration project would provide a happy home for the book collection. We greatly appreciate Mr. Kiefer's important gift and thank the Sandy Spring Museum's kind referral. Preserving and supporting history is about collaboration.

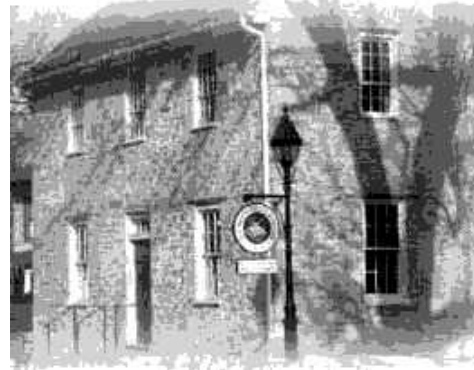
### TOWN REPRESENTED AT MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONVENTION

Rick Allan attended the annual MML Convention in Ocean City in late June. The largest MML convention ever, Governor Ehrlich and Lt. Governor Steele participated along with all the Governor's cabinet and department heads. There was a concurrent meeting of the Maryland Mayors' Association in which Allan participated. Allan had the opportunity to meet with the Secretary of Transportation, Bob Flanagan, to discuss ways to move the Brookeville Bypass forward and to remedy the delay in the Georgia Avenue sidewalk project. He also met with the Secretary of Housing and Community Development Victor Hoskins.

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