

The Brookeville Times

February 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BROOKEVILLE, MD

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of Brookeville, MD will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 9th at 7:30 P.M., at the Brookeville Academy, 5 High Street Brookeville, MD for proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Brookeville.

The proposed changes include the new elements of a Municipal Growth Element and a Water Resources Element per requirements of Maryland State Law along with other updates to the current Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the proposed plan is available on the Town's website at www.townofbrookevillemd.org under the Government section. A copy is also available for review at the Brookeville academy.

Any questions, written comments, or requests to review a copy of the plan should be directed to Margaret VanGelder, Town of Brookeville, P.O. Box 67, Brookeville, MD 20833, Phone: 301-570-4465 Fax: 301-570-0355. All written comments must be received no later than Tuesday February 2nd and will be addressed at the public hearing along with any oral testimony.

Town Commissioner Election May 11, 2010

There will be an election on May 11, 2010 for one Town Commissioner for a two-year term beginning in May 2010. The position is currently held by Michael Acierno.

A notice will be mailed out that outlines procedures to follow for residents who may wish to run for the position. 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 to vote 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.

State Budget Released - Includes Cuts to Municipalities

On January 20th, the O'Malley-Brown Administration issued its Fiscal Year 2011 budget for the State of Maryland. The most significant provision of the budget that will impact the Town of Brookeville will be, for both Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012, continued funding of state shared Highway User Revenue funds (HUR) at this year's level after final cuts were made this summer by the Board of Public Works.

Back in August of 2009, the Board of Public Works approved cuts in the Highway User Revenue funds (HUR) allocated to local governments. The HUR is distributed among the counties and towns based in part on population, but also on road miles. The HUR fund pays for snow removal and road repairs, among other things. Brookeville received \$803 instead of the projected amount of \$8030 – a 90% reduction.

Due to the state budget cuts issued by the Board of Public Works this past summer, the Town of Brookeville will have to reduce services provided to Town Residents. With anticipated cuts in the coming fiscal years, the Town Commissioners will need to examine more cost saving measures to balance the Town's budget.

Green Tips of the Month

Paper Recycling and Identity Theft

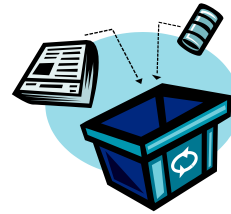
Which is safer for protecting the information written on your discarded paper: recycling or trash disposal? Some people think the trash is better. In fact, neither method is secure for personal or confidential information. Always shred personal, confidential or sensitive documents. Then, you may add them to your paper recycling.

We don't want shredded paper to blow around your neighborhood while awaiting collection or while being emptied into the collection truck, so place paper shreds into a paper bag and staple or tape it shut. Then, add this bag to your other paper recyclables.

Shredders are now readily available over a wide price range. Or, at a minimum, tear out and rip up name, address, account information, and the like, by hand.

Need a Recycle Bin?

We have a supply of 21 Gallon Curbside Recycling Bins available for Town Residents. If you need a new Recycle Bin please contact Cate McDonald, Town Clerk at 301.570.4465 or townofbrookville@comcast.net



Recycling Reminder

Thank you for placing your recycle bin curbside by 7:00am on Tuesdays

The Scoop on Dog Poop

Are you a good neighbor dog owner? Do you want to help reduce environmental pollutants? Here are some good reasons to Pick-Up after Your Dog:

- Dog poop is a major cause of water pollution. Your pet's waste causes nasty bacteria to enter into streams and seawater.
- When left on the ground, dog waste adds an excessive amount of nitrogen to the soil which increases the spread of nitrogen loving weeds, often at the expense of native plants.

The quickest, easiest way to get rid of a dog's poop is to put it in a plastic bag and the bag in a trash can. Be a conscientious dog owner, a good neighbor, and a good citizen.

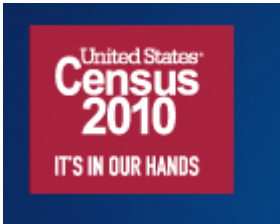
Pick up after your dog and use your own trash can for disposal.

Summary of Montgomery County's "pooper scooper" law:

Animal Defecation ("pooper scooper" law) (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(2))

An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash.

Penalty for Violation: \$100



Be on the Look Out for Census 2010

Between mid-February and April 1, all households will receive a U.S. Census form. We encourage everyone to fill out and return the brief form for themselves and their dependents so all can be counted.

The Census provides a snapshot of everyone living in the United States on April 1, 2010. And that means everyone, from immigrants to visiting students to newborn babies. An accurate count is essential for accurate representation in Congress and federal funding for infrastructure such as bridges and hospitals. It also helps planners envisioning the communities of our future. To learn more, visit: <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

Old Aerial Photo of the Town

As part of their research prior to restoring the dependency that was originally attached to their house (Madison House), Sandy and Duane Heiler got a copy of the 1937 Farm Bureau aerial photos of the town. Anyone who wants to borrow the disk is welcome to. There are so many landmarks still here that it's possible to get a pretty good look at the layout of the town in 1937. If you want to borrow the disk, just call or email us: sheilero7@gmail.com or 301-570-0837.

Pre-School Story Time Wednesdays Feb. 24 - 10:00 am Trains, Trucks and Cars

Join in for stories, a snack and playtime in Orndorff Hall of Salem United Methodist Church, 10 High Street (enter from the back parking lot - the red brick building). All preschoolers and their adults are welcome! Free of charge.

For more information, call Rev. Janet Craswell at 301-774-7772.

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice a Pepco street light that is out, please look for a metal strip on the wooden pole that has the pole number and report the location of the street light to the Town Clerk. If the wooden pole does not have a pole number, please report the location of the street light.

The Town also operates several cast iron ornamental street lights and 3 wooden ornamental street lights. These ornamental street lights do not have pole numbers. If you notice an ornamental street light that is out, please report the location to the Town Clerk.

Have an Item for The Brookeville Times?

Let us know!! We want to hear about happenings in the Town of Brookeville. You can submit articles/photos about places you've been, work you've done, 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

Upcoming Dates

Planning Commission	2Feb 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting	8Feb 8:00pm
Comprehensive Plan Hearing	9Feb 7:30pm
Planning Commission	2Mar 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting	8Mar 8:00pm

All meetings and election are held at the Brookeville Academy and are open to the public.

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Snow Removal Information

The Town of Brookeville contracts with a snow plowing service for North, South, Water and Church Streets. During a snowstorm, no plowing begins until an accumulation of 4 inches of snow has fallen on the streets. The Maryland State Highway Administration clears Georgia Avenue (Maryland Route 97) - the Town's High Street and western Market Street and Montgomery County does the same for eastern Market Street where it switches from Brighton Dam Road.

Those residents and businesses with abutting sidewalks are responsible for clearing their sidewalks, driveways and entrances within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. All residents are strongly encouraged to be good neighbors by clearing the sidewalks in front of their homes, as well as assisting those who may not be physically able to do so.