

# The Brookeville Times

## April 2010

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### Ready to Give Back to Mother Earth?



Neighborhood Clean-up Day will be Saturday, April 24 from 9:00am – 11:00am.

The Town of Brookeville will hold its Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 24, 2010 by having a Neighborhood Clean-up Day! The Brookeville Town Commissioners invite all Residents to participate and help keep Brookeville beautiful. The tasks are simple: mulching the walking path between North and Water Streets; the area around the two Town signs will need to be weeded, edged and mulch applied; prune bushes that obscure road and town signs or obstruct walkways; clean the street gutters; and general tidying up.

Debbie Wagner, 198 Market Street, has graciously volunteered to be our Team Captain for Neighborhood Clean-up Day. Debbie, a long time resident of the Town of Brookeville, is someone who is knowledgeable about gardening and the environment. If you would like to volunteer for a particular task, please let Debbie know in advance.

More specific information will be available in the coming weeks. Please mark your calendars and save April 24<sup>th</sup> for Clean-up Day!

***Neighborhood Clean Up Day: It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know your neighbors and beautify your neighborhood at the same time.***

### **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 June 2010. The position is currently held by Michael Acierno. Should you be interested in participating in the governance of your town and can commit the requisite time and energy, consider running for this very important position.

### **NOMINATIONS**

The Town is now seeking nominations for the position of Town Commissioner. In order to formally run for this position, you must send a letter stating your interest and qualifications for the position to:

Margaret Van Gelder, Supervisor of Elections  
P.O. Box 67

Brookeville, MD 20833

Fax: 301-570- 0355

Letters must be received by Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

# Green Tips of the Month

## How your utilities can help you save \$\$ **Appliance REBATES**

All electricity utility companies serving Montgomery County are offering rebates to their customers, under the Governor's EmPower Maryland initiative, on select ENERGY STAR qualified appliances. Pepco is offering a \$20 rebate on qualified water heaters, \$25 on room air conditioners and \$50 on refrigerators. Not only will you get between \$20 and \$50 for each appliance, you will also lower your energy costs by replacing your older, energy-guzzling models.

For more information on Pepco's Residential Lighting & Appliance Program rebates and discounts, please call **1-866-353-5798**.

## Plant Safely this Spring Always Call **Miss Utility** Before You Dig

Spring is here and if you plan on any outdoor activities that involve digging in your yard, play it safe and call Miss Utility at 800.257.7777 first to prevent cutting an underground utility line. Don't risk disrupting service or life-threatening injuries. It's also the law! And it's a free service for the homeowner.

Miss Utility crews will clearly mark the locations of all your utility lines such as gas, water, sewer, electric, telephone and cable. Once they're marked, you'll be able to start your project with safety and confidence.

## Comprehensive Plan Update

President Commissioner Michael Acierno has requested a second extension from the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) to complete the Comprehensive Plan. This was due to the public hearing being delayed a week because of weather and to incorporate into the document recommendations from both the State and the February 16th public hearing.

Once the revisions to the Comprehensive Plan are completed, the Brookeville Planning Commission will forward the Comprehensive Plan to the Town Commissioners for their review and acceptance. The Comprehensive Plan will then be submitted to MDP.

**What is a Comprehensive Plan?** A document, officially adopted by the local governing body, which spells out the manner in which a municipality, county or sub-area of a county must develop. Municipal comprehensive plans must explain how anticipated growth will impact community facilities and the environment, and identify areas where growth will occur. The plan has legal significance in that zoning, provision of water and sewer, and other local actions and other actions must be consistent with its recommendations. The comprehensive plan may also be known as a "master plan", "master development plan" or "comprehensive master plan".

## The Academy Gets a New Water Heater

After 15 years of service, the old water heater has been replaced with a new energy-efficient, tankless water heater. A traditional water heater uses gas or electricity to keep a large tank of water hot at all times. A tankless water heater does not store hot water. Instead, when a faucet is turned on, cold water is run through small coils which are heated by gas or electricity. Hot water is made only to meet the demand. The new system is perfect for the occasional use at the Academy. It is more compact and uses only a fraction of the energy the old system required.

## 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.

Please join Salem United Methodist Church for a

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 4



Easter egg hunt for the children begins at 9:45

Separate start times for each age group--littlest children get a head start.

If it is raining, we will move the egg hunt indoors.

You are also welcome to join us for our Easter morning worship services:

6:30 a.m. sunrise across the street in our historic cemetery

8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship for all ages in our sanctuary, with nursery available for small children

The Easter egg hunt will take place in our playground and the field behind the church. Meet in the social hall – the red brick building next to the white frame church building. There is plenty of parking behind the church. For further information, please call 301-774-7772

Salem United Methodist Church

12 High Street (Rt. 97)

Brookeville, Maryland, 20833

301-774-7772

## Upcoming Dates

<b>Planning Commission</b>	6Apr 7:30pm
<b>Commissioners Meeting</b>	12Apr 8:00pm
<b>Planning Commission</b>	4May 7:30pm
<b>Commissioners Meeting</b>	10May 8:00pm
<b>Town Election</b>	11May 4:00pm
<b>Annual Town Meeting</b>	24May 8:00pm

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

### Town of Brookeville

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### 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](mailto:townofbrookeville@comcast.net)

Letters to the Editor Welcomed