

The Brookeville Times

May 2010

Town Commissioner Election
May 11, 2010
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
BROOKEVILLE ACADEMY

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, May 24, 2010
8:00PM AT THE
BROOKEVILLE ACADEMY

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.

The Town Commissioners will hold the Annual Town Meeting in the 2nd floor lecture hall at the Brookeville Academy on May 24th.

All eligible Town Residents are encouraged to vote!

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 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.

Election Supervisor, Margaret Van Gelder, will preside over the election

Highlights of the meeting will include:

- State of the Town
- Election Results
- FY 2010-2011 Town Budget

There will be open forum for questions and comments from residents at the conclusion of the meeting.

More Budget Cuts Anticipated

The Town is facing a 25% reduction in the municipal tax duplication program from Montgomery County. This latest proposed tax cut, coupled with cuts in the Highway User Revenue funds (HUR), will force the Town of Brookeville to reduce expenses and cut non-essential services.

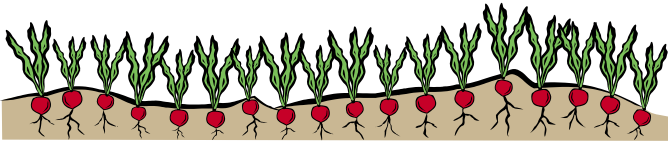
Commissioner President Michael Acierno would like to solicit suggestions from Town Resident on how the Town can reduce expenses.

GREEN TIPS

Grow It Eat It

Starting or expanding your vegetable garden this year? "Grow It Eat It" is Maryland's Food Gardening Network. Coordinated by University of Maryland Extension, Grow It Eat It has resources to help get your edible garden growing from scratch, answer questions, diagnose problems, and support you on the path to (tasty) success.

Check out <http://growit.umd.edu/>



Composting

Composting is a great way to turn your yard trim into a wonderful soil-enricher for your lawn and garden

Composting is the decomposition of plant remains and other once-living materials to make an earthy, dark, crumbly substance that is excellent for adding to houseplants or enriching garden soil. It is the way to recycle your yard and kitchen wastes, and is a critical step in reducing the volume of garbage needlessly sent to landfills for disposal.

The Town has free compost bins available for Town Residents. The compost bins come in tight rolls, secured with a cardboard wrapper, for transport. The rolls are about 3 feet long and 6 inches in diameter and are easy to carry.

Energy Saving Ideas for the Summer

- ✓ During hot weather, a central air conditioner can account for 30% of your energy bill. Check the air filter regularly – a clean air filter improves system efficiency, which should lead to energy savings.
- ✓ The recommended thermostat setting is between 75°F and 78°F. Every degree you raise your thermostat can result in a 5% savings on the cost of cooling your home.
- ✓ Have a professional check your air conditioning system to ensure that it works properly and is not leaking coolant.
- ✓ Be sure all windows are shut and outside doors are closed when the AC is on.
- ✓ It is important not to have lamps, televisions or other heat sources close to the air conditioner thermostat – heat from these sources may cause the air conditioner unit to run longer than it should.
- ✓ Check to ensure that no furniture or other obstacles are blocking ducts or fans. This will enable cooled air to circulate freely, making your home more comfortable.

Pepco's HVAC Efficiency Program

Receive \$100 for the tuneup of an HVAC system or up to \$300 for the replacement of an HVAC system, depending upon the efficiency of the new unit. Pepco customers must use an HVAC contractor registered as a participant in Pepco's HVAC Efficiency Program to be eligible for the rebate. The registered contractor will provide customers with the application they must complete and customers are responsible for submitting it to the Pepco HVAC Rebate Processing Center for payment. Rebate processing time is estimated to be six to eight weeks.

Brookeville Clean-up Day was a Success!

A Thank You to:

- ✓ All Town Resident who banded together to clean the street gutters and mulching. Without your help, we would not have had a Clean-Up Day!
- ✓ Pogo Tree Experts for donating 30 cubic yards of mulch
- ✓ Our House for volunteering students learning to "give back" to their community

Bypass Update

The Brookeville Bypass is currently on-hold until additional funding becomes available. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is schedule to present to the State and Montgomery County officials the need for a special exemption to Smart Growth. A special exemption is needed to obtain funding and to move to the Construction Phase. SHA has requested to retain the Bypass's right-of-way from the Town to reduce potential legal issues.

Heritage Days

The Brookeville Schoolhouse will be open Saturday, June 26th from 12noon – 4:00pm as part of Montgomery County's 13th Annual Heritage Days. A period schoolteacher will be on site with her lessons to offer a little bit of living history. The Brookeville Schoolhouse will be one of 40 historic sites open to the public the weekend of June 26 & 27.

For more information on Heritage Days, please visit www.heritagemontgomery.org

Brookeville Academy Rentals

As a resident of the Town, you may rent the Brookeville Academy for a reduced rate. The Town Commissioners established a reduced rental rate as a benefit for Town Residents. The rate is \$125 regardless of number of rooms, hours, or day of the week. Residents (as are all renters) are required to provide a refundable security deposit in advance of use of the Academy.

Contact Andrea Scanlon, Brookeville Academy Manager, for rates for custom rental packages at brookevilleacademy@comcast.net or 301.570.4465

Calendar Dates

Planning Commission	4May 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting	10May 8:00pm
Town Election	11May 4:00pm
Annual Town Meeting	24May 8:00pm
Planning Commission	1Jun 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting	14Jun 8:00pm

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

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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

Letters to the Editor Welcomed