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## Join us for a Community Yard Sale!

Time for a little Fall Cleaning? Join us for a Community Yard Sale at the Brookeville Academy Saturday, October 2nd from 8:00am – 12noon. It is a great way to declutter your house, earn some extra money, make new friends and socialize with your neighbors.

For more information or to reserve a spot contact the Town Clerk at 301-570-4465 or townofbrookeville@comcast.net

# **Picnic Review**

The Town of Brookeville held its Annual Community Picnic on August 29th. The weather was beautiful and much fun was had listening to the music, talk amongst neighbors, and plenty of food and drinks to be shared. It was a fantastic way to say a fond farewell to summer!

Thank you to all the Town Residents who brought a dish to share.

Don't forget to save the date for the Town's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

### The Community Picnic was enjoyed by all and the Commissioners of Brookeville hope to see you at next year's Annual Picnic!

# **Comprehensive Plan Update**

The deadline for submission of the Town's Comprehensive Plan to the Maryland Department of Planning is October 1, 2010. The Brookeville Planning Commission needs to hear back from a few more residents about the Water and Sewer Censes. If you have yet to send the answer to the following questions, please do so now.

1.	Please enter your Street address:	

- Does your property use a private well or are you connected to the public water system?
  Private Well
- \_\_\_ Public Water System (WSSC)
- Does your property rely on a septic system or are you connected to the public sewer service?
  Private Septic System
- \_\_\_\_ Public Sewer Service (WSSC)

Please e-mail the answers to townofbrookeville @comcast.net or phone 301.570.4465

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



The Town of Brookeville is now a Community Partner with the EPA's Green Power Partnership in recognition of our efforts to reduce the risk of climate change through green power purchasing. The Town is the first community in Maryland to be awarded this honor.

In the coming weeks, the Town of Brookeville will be redesigning our website and will be including a Community Profile page that will be linked to the EPA's Green Power Partnership website.

Thank you to Fred Teal, Jr. and Debbie Wagner for all your assistance in making this partnership come to fruition.

## Green Tip of the Month - Rainscapes Rewards Rebates

Get your reward for installing rain gardens, conservation landscaping, canopy trees, permeable pavers, green roofs, cisterns, rain barrels or dry wells. New this year, pavement removal and replacement with vegetation is also a rebate eligible technique. The RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program is designed to reduce storm water impacts on Montgomery County's streams and waterways, and residents, businesses, faith organizations and private schools are all eligible for rebates up to \$1,200 for individuals or \$5,000 for organizations.

The rebate program, which is funded in part by the Montgomery County's Water Quality Protection Charge, has experienced growing popularity, so property owners are encouraged to get their applications in early before all rebate funds are allotted. Applications can be downloaded by visiting: <u>www.rainscapes.org</u> or the rebate page at: <u>http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/water/rainrebate.asp</u>

## **ELECTION YEAR 2010**

Here is some important information about the upcoming primary election on September 14:

- Primary Election Early Voting is available Friday, September 3, through Thursday, September 9, 2010 10:00 am to 8:00 pm including Labor Day but closed on Sunday. Early voting centers are Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, Germantown Recreation Center, Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center, Montgomery County Executive Office Building and Silver Spring Civic Building.
- The deadline for receipt of your completed application for an absentee ballot by mail is **September 7**. After that date, absentee ballots may be requested in person at the Board of Elections office.

Primary Election Day - September 14, 2010 - 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

General Election Day - November 2, 2010 - 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

For more information, www.elections.state.md.us/voting/index.html or telephone 240-777-8500

# PREPARING FOR OUTAGES

With the severe weather that swept through recently, we urge residents to plan for outages for the remainder of summer storm season. Be alert to weather advisories and be prepared for high winds and flooding. Because power outages sometimes happen, planning ahead is essential.

#### To report power outages, call 1-877-PEPCO62 (1-877-737-2662). Do not depend on neighbors to report their outage.

Here are some things you can do right now to prepare:

- Assemble an emergency "storm kit." Include a battery-powered radio or television, flashlight, a first-aid kit, battery-powered or windup clock, extra batteries, special needs items, an insulated cooler and a list of important and emergency phone numbers.
- Keep at least a three-day supply of nonperishable foods and bottled water and have a hand-operated can opener available.
- Make sure you have a **telephone with a cord or cell phone** to use as a backup. Cordless telephones require electricity to operate, and won't work if there is an outage. If your phone service is part of a "bundle", during power outages, you'll have no Internet connection, and therefore, no phone service.
- **Protect your electronic equipment.** Plug computers and other sensitive equipment into surge suppressors, and consider a UPS (uninterruptible power supply) for temporary battery backup power.

#### **Protect Your Food**

- Stock up on shelf-stable foods such as canned goods, juices, peanut butter, "power" bars, trail mixes and "no-freeze" entrees.
- Plan ahead how you can keep foods cold. Buy some freeze-pak inserts and keep them frozen. Buy a cooler. Freeze water in plastic jugs or containers or store bags of ice.
- Know in advance where you can buy dry and block ice.
- Develop emergency freezer-sharing plans with friends in another part of town or in a nearby area.
- Keep freezer and refrigerator doors closed; open them only when absolutely necessary. Food will stay frozen for 36-48 hours in a fully loaded freezer if you keep the door closed.
- A half-full freezer will generally keep food frozen for 24 hours. If you have time in advance of the storm, fill up your freezer by filling plastic bottles with water and freezing them.

#### **Stay Alert for Downed Lines**

 If you see a downed power line, let Pepco know immediately by calling (202) 872-3432. Stay away from any downed line. Assume it's live and dangerous, and warn children to stay away and notify an adult. Downed lines do not always spark, burn or arc. Never assume any downed wire is harmless. Objects such as metal fences and water in contact with power lines could be energized and lethal. STAY AWAY.

Preschool Story Time 10:00am 4th Wednesday of every month at Salem United Methodist Church 12 High St, Brookeville, MD 20833 www.salemunitedmethodist.org Free and open to all. A story and play time for preschool children and their caregivers. Snack included.

Sep 22: Brothers and Sisters Oct 27: Pumpkins Nov 24: Thanksgiving Dec 22: Christmas

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### Mark Your Calendar!

Planning Commission 07Sep 7:30pm Commissioners Meeting 13Sep 8:00pm Planning Commission 05Oct 7:30pm Commissioners Meeting 11Oct 8:00pm Holiday Party 04Dec 6:00pm

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

### Open Heart Yoga at the Brookeville Academy

New students are welcome and the first class is FREE (no obligation)!

Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm, Mixed Level, Sep. 13 – Dec. 13 12 Weeks \$144 (no class Nov. 1 and Nov. 22)

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:15 am, Gentle Yoga, Sep. 21 – Dec. 14 11 Weeks \$132 (no class Nov. 2 and Nov. 23)

Thursdays, 9:45 - 11:00 am Mixed Level, Sep. 16 - Dec. 9 12 Weeks \$144 (no class Nov. 25)

Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:15 am, Mixed Level, Sep. 18 – Dec. 11 11 Weeks \$132 (no class Oct. 2 and Nov. 27)

Please e-mail to sign-up or send a check in the mail specifying which class to the address below. I appreciate payment for the session in full by cash or check on the first day of class. I also offer a 5 class-pass for \$70 to be used during this session only. I strongly encourage regular weekly attendance as the classes often build upon one another. Or you have the option to come as a drop-in at the rate of \$16 per class (payable before each class). Please make all checks payable to Open Heart Yoga. Bring your own mat, please! Contact Karen Tasto for more information and to sign-up: <a href="https://ktasto@verizon.net">ktasto@verizon.net</a> or 301-646-4385 Karen Tasto, Open Heart Yoga, 3428 Forest Wood Drive, Brookeville, MD 20833