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BUDGET CUTS

Maryland's Board of Public Works on August 26, 2009 approved cuts in the Highway User Revenue funds (HUR) allocated to local governments.

Brookeville will receive \$803 instead of the projected amount of \$8030 – a 90% reduction. This budget cut from the Board of Public Works came nearly 2 months after the state's July 1st deadline for passing municipal budgets.

The HUR is distributed among the counties and towns based in part of population, but also on road miles. The HUR fund pays for snow removal and road repairs, among other things. The anticipated amount of \$8030 barely pays for the maintenance on the Town's gravel roads.

Due to the state budget cuts issued by the Board of Public Works, the Town of Brookeville will need to reduce services it provides to Town Residents. Ways to accomplish this will be a reduced leaf collection in November and a reduction in landscaping around Town.

How can I protect my family and myself from the flu?

1) Get vaccinated. Vaccine is the best protection available against the flu. Seasonal flu and H1N1 (Swine) flu are different and require separate vaccinations

2) Don't Spread It.

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze.
- **Wash your hands often** with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners also work well.
- **Avoid close contact** with sick people. **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- If you are sick with a flu-like illness, **stay home** for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.

3) Stay informed and be Prepared.

- **Follow public health advice** such as "keeping your distance" from other people to lessen the spread of the flu.
- Develop a **family emergency plan**. See pandemicflu.gov/plan/index.html

For more information on seasonal and H1N1 flu:
<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/swineflu/>
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>
<http://www.flu.gov/>

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

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Green Tips

Plant a tree and save some green!

Now there are two COUPONS available for you to save when planting trees. Find nurseries that participate in both programs and use both coupons together to save more!

- Marylanders Plant Trees: Plant trees and be counted towards the state's goal of 50,000 trees by 2010! Check out www.trees.maryland.gov for information and your printable discount coupon. After planting, register your trees and calculate the benefits they provide.
- Leaves for Neighborhoods: Montgomery Planning Department's program "Leaves for Neighborhoods" will save you \$25 when you plant a tree. M-NCPPC staff contact: Mark Pfefferle 301.495.4730. Print out the coupon here: <http://montgomeryplanning.org/Leaves/>

Opt Out of Unwanted Junk Mail

Get rid of those unwanted mail! Unwanted mail uses up valuable natural resources like trees, water, and energy. Many households receive a rush of catalogs. Before placing the unwanted ones in the recycling bin, take a minute to remove your name from the company's mailing list.

- To stop credit card offers, sign up for the FTC's "Prescreened Opt Out program." OptOutPrescreen.com - opt out of pre-approved credit card and insurance offers online or by phone: 1-888-5-OPTOUT. You WILL have to give your Social Security Number, as it's the only way card companies know you. It is safe.
- The DirectMail.com National Do Not Mail List – a free, quick way to get your name off commercial mailing lists.
- Catalogs: Remove your name from specific catalog lists for free by visiting CatalogChoice.org. You can also contact the catalog and tell them you want your name taken off their list. Call the number on the catalog or write a letter. It is easier for the organization to remove your name if they have the exact copy of your address label; cut or peel it off and glue or tape it to the bottom of your letter.
- To remove your name from major nationwide sweepstakes mailers, contact:
 1. Publishers Clearinghouse, 101 Channel Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050 Phone: (800) 645-9242
 2. Readers Digest, Readers Digest Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570 Phone: (800) 234-9000
 3. American Family Publishers, PO Box 62000, Tampa, FL 33662 Phone: (800) 237-2400

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30th Annual Community Night and Taste of Olney
Wednesday, Oct.7, 2009 5:00PM–8:30 PM
Longwood Community Center
19300 Georgia Ave., Brookeville, MD 20833

Sponsored by the Greater Olney Chamber of Commerce

Community Night features displays, giveaways, a silent auction, raffles, special children's activities and fun for all ages; restaurants and food purveyors participating in the Taste of Olney offer samples of their cuisine.

Admission is free. For more information, contact the Greater Olney Chamber at 301-774-7117 or chamber@olneymd.org.

Book Discussion Group

Salem United Methodist Church, Orndorff Hall
Thursday, October 8, 7:30-9:00 pm

We will be discussing The Sparrow by Mary Doria Russell
Free and open to all.
For more information contact Rev. Janet Craswell at 301-774-7772 or youth@salemunitedmethodist.org

Preschool Story Time
Free! All are Welcome.

Salem United Methodist Church, Orndorff Hall
10:00-11:00 am every fourth Wednesday
Story, snacks and games!

October 28th theme is "Pumpkins"

For questions contact Janet Craswell
at 301-774-7772



**Save the date
For the
Annual Town Holiday Party**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2009
BROOKEVILLE ACADEMY



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Upcoming 2009 Dates

Planning Commission	6Oct 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting	12Oct 8:00pm
Planning Commission	3Nov 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting	9Nov 8:00pm
Holiday Party	5Dec 6:00pm

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

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