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To study the laws of history we must completely change the subject of our observation, must leave aside kings, ministers, and generals, and study the common, infinitesimally small elements by which the masses are moved.

*Leo Tolstoy
War and Peace*

Spring Events Planned for 1812 Bicentennial

The Brookeville War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission has planned two events this spring leading up to the big "Capital for a Day" event planned for August 30-31, 2014.

On Saturday, March 29, there will be a History Symposium entitled: "*Brookeville and the Burning of Washington: A Tale of Two Capitals*". Several historians are slated to speak about events in Washington and Brookeville during late August, 1814. Talks will include detailed descriptions of the burning of Washington, the wider war in the Baltimore area, President Madison's flight through Virginia before coming to Brookeville, and details of events in Brookeville and the people who were involved. There will also be a panel session where the speakers (and audience) will consider why refugees chose to come to Brookeville and why the residents responded as they did. Further details about registration and location will be available next month.

On Saturday, May 3, the town will host a Historic House Tour. The event is a fund raiser for the above mentioned "US Capital for a Day" event. Unlike most house tours, visitors will be able to park once and walk from location to

Mark Your Calendars

Commissioners Meeting

February 10, 8:00 pm

Planning Commission

February 4, 7:30 pm

History Symposium:

"Brookeville and the Burning of
Washington: A Tale of Two Capitals"
March 22, 2014

Brookeville Historic House Tour

May 3, 2014

All meetings are held in the Brookeville Academy
5 High St.

location. Plans are still underway. For more information or to volunteer as a docent, contact Sandy Heiler at: sheiler07@gmail.com.

In addition to these events the Montgomery County Historical Society will hold its annual History Day Conference on January 25, 2014, at the Rockville Campus of Johns Hopkins University. The focus of the conference is on the War of 1812 in this area. The whole first session is dedicated to Brookeville, as is the archaeology talk during the second session. For more information go to: www.montgomeryhistory.org
Early registration ends January 10.

Reminder from the Planning Commission

The Brookeville Planning Commissioners would like to remind residents planning spring projects to begin the permitting process now. This will insure that all necessary approvals are in place and prevent delays in the start of your project. Required permits often include Historic Area Work Permits, Montgomery County Building Permits, and Town of Brookeville Building Permits. If you have any question as to whether a permit is required for your project **ASK BEFORE STARTING CONSTRUCTION**. This will help you avoid the potential of having to change or remove unpermitted work. Attached is a copy of some of the most frequently asked questions about the permitting process. If you have any additional questions, please contact a member of the planning commission or feel free to stop by one of our monthly meetings at 7:30pm on the 1st Tues of each month. Meetings are held in the Town Office upstairs in the Brookeville Academy.

Bypass News

On January 7, Commissioner Michael Acierno and Planning Commissioner Chris Scanlon attended the first *MD 97 Brookeville Study-Partnering in Planning and Design* meeting sponsored by the State Highway Administration. 100% of the funding for design and construction has been confirmed and is in place. The following is a tentative schedule for the project:

- Preliminary Investigation Spring 2014
- Approval of Environmental Document January 2015
- Issue Plats February 2015
- Right of Way Clear February 2016
- Begin Utility Relocations March 2016
- Advertisement May 17, 2016
- Begin Construction September 2016
- Construction Completion Fall 2018

The meetings will be held monthly and Brookeville’s representatives will be active in the process.

WSSC Sanitary Sewage Spill Update

Doug Lohmeyer, Brookeville’s planning and land use consultant has contacted WSSC and obtained a status update of their analysis of the pressure sewer from the pumping station on Market St. This line

ruptured twice in 2013. The first spill in March lasted 88.5 hours and discharged an estimated 2 million gallons of wastewater into the Reddy Branch. The second occurred on October 29 and discharged an estimated 228,000 gallons. WSSC recently completed their second “Smart Ball” test looking for pockets and leaks in the line. (see attachment if you are interested) The first test was completed before the second spill. Several areas that need further investigation have been identified. Plans and permits are being prepared for several new access points. No time frame for repairs has been determined while this phase is being completed.

Announcements

🌟 Thanks to Ruth Chacon for stepping up to be Brookeville’s new Hospitality Volunteer.

🌟 The master gardeners of Montgomery County are collecting wooden clementine boxes for reuse in school gardening projects. If you have any, please leave them on the front porch of 9 North Street (Teresa and Fred’s house).

Gardening Tips for January

Contributed by Suzanne Friis

From The Garden Calendar for the Greater Washington Area
Produced by Brookside Gardens



Indoor Gardening

During the winter months, many indoor plants show little or no sign of growth. Therefore, avoid overwatering and do not fertilize until growth resumes in the Spring.

Wetting African Violet leaves with cold water can lead to leaf spot. African violets are best watered by placing the pot in a saucer of warm water, allowing the water to be absorbed up through the soil. In winter, keep them away from cold windowsills.

Insufficient light causes houseplants to become spindly. Move houseplants to a brighter location

during the winter months. However, do not place them against a cold window or on top of a heat vent.

When purchasing houseplants, inspect for insects. Many houseplant insects thrive in the warm, dry, household air in the winter and are difficult to control. They include:

Mealybug: a soft, white cottony-looking insect found on the undersides of leaves and in the leaf axils. Remove with alcohol on a Q-tip, then wash the leaves with soap and water.

Aphids: grain-shaped quarter-inch green, tan or black crawling insects found on the undersides of leaves and on the leaf stems. They leave a sticky "honeydew" on the leaves. Remove adults with soap and water. Repeat washing weekly to ensure all eggs and young are gone.

Spider mites: tiny, almost invisible sucking insects found on the undersides of the leaves. Leaves will become "stippled" and look sickly. In severe cases, webbing will be visible. Wash leaves weekly with soap and water and isolate the plant from other houseplants as spider mites spread rapidly.

Scale: gray, yellow-green or brown raised "wart-like" spots found on the undersides of the leaves and on the leaf and plant stems. Like aphids, they produce a sticky "honeydew". Leaves may appear stunted and curled. Scale insects must be dislodged with a toothpick or soft cloth and then the leaves and stems washed with soap and water to remove eggs and young insects. Repeat washing weekly until all insects are removed.

To increase humidity around houseplants in the winter, group insect-free plants together on a tray of pebbles. Keep a shallow level of water in the tray, just below the bottom of the pots.



Lawn Care

Avoid heavy foot traffic on the lawn when the grass is frozen as the blades are easily damaged.



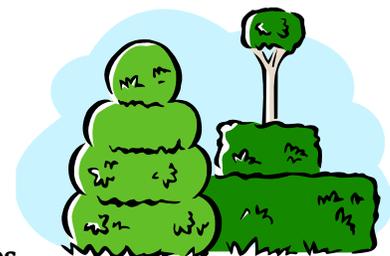
Vegetables

Now is a good time to have your soil tested. Contact the Montgomery County Extension Service for a test kit.



Herbaceous Plants

With alternate freezing and thawing temperatures, perennials can be heaved out of the ground. Push plants back in to keep the roots from drying out over winter. Use the Christmas tree boughs or other mulches as a winter protection.



Trees and Shrubs

Remove heavy snow and ice from evergreen trees and shrubs to prevent breakage. Using a broom, sweep in an upward motion.

Salem UMC Community Events

Free and Open to All

LORD'S TABLE

January 25th, 1:00 - 5:00 pm
St. Martins of Tours
201 S Frederick Ave.
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Everyone is welcome to help us serve at a soup kitchen that feeds the homeless/underemployed in the Gaithersburg area.

Pre-school Story Time Fourth Wednesdays at 10:00

Community Hall
(enter from the back)

All preschoolers and adults welcome
join for a story, craft and snack.

Free. No pre-registration required.

For more info contact Janet Craswell
at 301-774-7772

or youth@salemunitedmethodist.org

Jan. 22: Stories about construction and builders

Feb., 26, Stories from Asia

March 26: Farm Friends

April 23, Easter and Spring

May 28: Summer!



Salem Book Club

First Thursdays at 7:30 pm
Community Hall
February's selection is:

February 6 - The End of Your Life Book Club

by Will Schwalbe (non-fiction)

During her treatment for cancer, Mary Anne Schwalbe and her son spent many hours sitting in waiting rooms together. To pass the time, they would talk about the books they were reading. Once, by chance, they read the same book at the same time—and an informal book club of two was born. Through their wide-ranging reading, Will and Mary Anne—and we, their fellow readers—are reminded how books can be comforting, astonishing, and illuminating, changing the way that we feel about and interact with the world around us. A profoundly moving memoir of caregiving, mourning, and love—The End of Your Life Book Club is also about the joy of reading, and the ways that joy is multiplied when we share it with others.

March 6 - Bonhoeffer

by Eric Metaxes (biography)

Who better to face the greatest evil of the 20th Century than a humble man of faith? As Adolf Hitler and the Nazis seduced a nation, bullied a continent, and attempted to exterminate the Jews of Europe, a small number of dissidents and saboteurs worked to dismantle the Third Reich from the inside. One of these was Dietrich Bonhoeffer—a pastor and author. In this New York Times best-selling biography, Eric Metaxes takes both strands of Bonhoeffer's life—the theologian and the spy—and draws them together to tell a searing story of incredible moral courage in the face of monstrous evil. Metaxes presents the fullest accounting of Bonhoeffer's heart-wrenching decision to leave the safe haven of America to return to Hitler's Germany, and sheds new light on Bonhoeffer's involvement in the famous Valkyrie plot and in "Operation 7," the effort to smuggle Jews into neutral Switzerland.

April 3 - Stalking the Divine

by Kristin Ohlson (non-fiction)

Wandering into a forgotten downtown Cleveland church for a Christmas mass, Kristin Ohlson

discovered the Poor Clares -- a tiny, threadbare congregation of cloistered elderly nuns with one mission: to pray day and night (literally 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) for the sorrows of the world. Ohlson -- utterly enchanted by these devoted women -- started to attend church for the first time in many years. So began her three-year dialogue with the Poor Clares, a dialogue that afforded Ohlson a fascinating, unprecedented glimpse into the intensely private nuns and their life in the cloister. Why, she wonders, have these women retreated from the world to joyfully devote themselves to perpetual adoration? How do they sustain their faith? And what, ultimately, is faith? As Ohlson -- a long-time skeptic -- opens up to the Poor Clares, she opens herself to the possibility of the sacred. The result is an inspiring personal journey as well as a poignant reflection on the power of the church and faith, no matter what our religion may be.

May 1 - The Explanation for Everything

by Lauren Grodstein (fiction)

For college biology professor Andy Waite, Darwinian evolution is the explanation for everything. But the unpredictable force of a charismatic evangelical student—a young woman determined to prove the existence of intelligent design—threatens to undermine more than just his faith in science. As she did in the bestselling novel *A Friend of the Family*, author Lauren Grodstein has written a taut, provocative morality tale centered on one of the most polarizing issues of our time. By dissecting the permeable line between faith and doubt, Grodstein creates a fiercely intelligent story about the lies we tell ourselves, the deceptions we sustain with others, and how violated boundaries—between students and teachers, believers and nonbelievers—can have devastating consequences.

Please note that the Olney Central Mom's Group meets at Salem as does Cub Scout Den 2 from pack 434 and the Wolf Den. Interested people can contact the church if they would like to reach these groups.

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