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Brookeville Times



Mark Your Calendars

Commissioners Meeting

May 19, 7:00 pm

Annual Town Meeting

May 19, 7:30 pm

Dressing for the Bicentennial

Men: May 21, 7 pm

Women: May 28, 7 pm

Both talks held in the Academy

Planning Commission

June 3, 7:30 pm

Town Meeting

Please plan to attend the Annual Town Meeting on May 19 at 7:30 pm. On the agenda are a review of next year's preliminary budget; an introduction of our new Commissioner Buck Bartley and an update on progress and preparations for the big events this August. Refreshments will be served!

Dressing for the Bicentennial

Two illustrated talks will be given in May in Brookeville, on men's and women's costume in 1814. Please come -- whether you are planning to take part in War of 1812 re-enactment events or would just like to know more about how people dressed two hundred years ago. <http://uscapitalforaday.org/illustrated-talks/>

- **When:**
 - Men's Dress: Wednesday 21 May 2014 at 7:00 pm Presentation by Ross Kimmel.
 - Women's Dress: Wednesday 28 May 2014 at 7:00 pm. Presentation by Katie Bopp.
- **Where:** Both talks will be given at the Brookeville Academy,
- **Why:** The town is gearing up for a grand celebration of having been U.S. capital for a day when President Madison stayed there over the night of 26 August 1814. This grand celebration will take place over 30-31 August 2014. Full information may be found at <http://uscapitalforaday.org/illustrated-talks/>

Election Results

The results are in and Buck Bartley has been elected to fill the seat of outgoing Commission President Michael Acierno. According to Election Supervisor Debbie Wagner "So many townies who came out--over 47% of us voted!--expressed that it was so hard this time to choose, because both candidates were such admired members of our community, and so well qualified. Congratulations to both, and I'm sure the town has a great year ahead of us." Many thanks go out to Michael for his ten years of exemplary service!

Announcements

- ✦ **The Planning Commissioners** are seeking a qualified volunteer to serve on the Planning Commission. For information about duties and responsibilities please contact Chris Scanlon at: cscanlon@davisconstruction.com
- ✦ **Light Hauling:** Debbie Wagner can do light hauling to transfer station. She will take metal items for no charge. dwagner0602@gmail.com
- ✦ **Recycle Plant Pots and Market Packs:** Montgomery County master gardeners will reuse your plastic plant pots and market packs. Please leave them on Fred and Teresa's front porch (9 North Street). The environment thanks you!
- ✦ **Free Wooden Swing-set Frame.** Sturdy 4" x 4" pressure treated wooden frame with eye-hooks for two swings and slide platform with ladder. If you can haul it you can have it! Feel free to look it over in the back yard of 208 Market St. or call or txt 301-602-0910

Echoes across the Centuries: The 2014 Historic House Tour

By Katherine Farquhar

Living for a day as a descendant of Isaac and Hannah Briggs, in their era's attire and inhabiting the streets they walked on, was eye-opening for me as for many of us. The traffic on Georgia Avenue receded; everything was on foot and within a short walk. We found ourselves stopping by neighbors' homes, sitting on front porches, and watching for each other up and down Market Street. In quiet moments I read from the *Book of Quaker Wisdom* and had Vol. 1 of the *Annals of Sandy Spring* handy in my basket. While chatting with guests and neighbors, I got about 12" of knitting done on wooden needles with local yarn. No devices, no watch -- simply letting the day flow with the crowds of visitors and the roles we played was rhythm enough.

For those hours, it seemed we got a tiny glimpse of what life may have been like in spring 1814. Perhaps this impression was most pronounced in the late afternoon, when the crowds had gone through and just Brookevillians remained up and down Market and High and North Streets, visiting with each other and talking on the streets. More than a few "thee" and "thy" were heard. Much action seemed to center around the Montgomerys' front porch, a lively reminder of why those porches exist!

We learned a lot about hosting: developing our 1814 stories, comfortably wearing our period attire, holding our roles, ensuring that our visitors/guests

were safe & had their questions answered. We made sure that they were comfortable, well-hydrated and fed. We learned how and why all the arrangements we're making about parking and logistics and history lessons are certainly a key to our success or collapse during the August weekend when there will be thousands of people in Brookeville.

Thanks so much to Sandy, Duane (and their lovely granddaughter Kate), Suzanne, Lisa, Catherine, the Quinters, and the huge team (Apologies for not listing



House Tour Docents May 3, 2014

Photo courtesy of S. Heiler

every name; so many people did so much!) that put the House Tour together, and to the hosts who opened their homes for visitors, some 200 years beyond the crowds fleeing DC. The docents were awesome: authentically dressed, knowledgeable, tireless, and enthusiastic! Town employees Susan, Diane, and Andrea (and their spouses) along with Commissioners Sue and Michael, did triple-duty all day ensuring that everything went smoothly. The hard-working Sandy Spring Lions (including our own Reverend Sue) managed our pedestrian crossing and parking dilemmas with grace and vigilance (and those drivers who sped through Town will long remember hearing from Lion Doug, the Human Speed Camera). Randall and Lenny from Taste Restaurant Catering made sure everyone got fed and feted. (Running out of food for guests, and scrambling for more on behalf of our visitors, seems to be a theme over these two centuries!)

In so many ways, Brookeville is fortunate still to celebrate the values of our founders. Several hundred new ambassadors for the Brookeville Experience are now out there after their lovely day touring and enjoying our "Town that time forgot." In and of itself, the 2014 Historic House Tour was a day to remember and celebrate in Brookeville's history! And -- as we ramp up to the highest levels of readiness for August, we showed ourselves: **Brookeville's got mojo!**

Children's Theater Production

On May 10, 2014, Brookeville hosted a War of 1812 Bicentennial Children's Production. Over twenty students in grades K-6 traveled to the historic Decatur House in Washington, DC for a program presented by the White House Historical Association. They learned about the War of 1812, with a special focus on the White House and Dolley Madison's famed flight. The highlight of the day was performing a re-enactment entitled *Forged by Fire: Dolley Madison, the White House, and the War of 1812* - complete with period costumes. The kids put on a fantastic performance and it was a great way to stimulate their interest in the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration. In early June, they will gather with their families at the Academy to watch the final version of their production. Hopefully, they will return as guests or child re-enactors in August to complete their history lesson of President Madison's stay in Brookeville.



Gardening Tips Try Native Plants! Suzanne Friis

There is still time for planting! If you are adding new plants to your garden, why not consider native plants. Why struggle with growing plants that cannot adapt to our clay soils, humid summers, and frosty winters. There are several hundred native plants suitable for the landscape and many are easily found at local garden centers.

For moist, shady and partially shady areas try Maidenhair Ferns, Hay-scented Ferns or the semi-evergreen Christmas and Royal Ferns. For color in the flowerbeds there is Butterfly Weed, a variety of Asters, Threadleaf Coreopsis, Black-eyed Susan and Jacob's Ladder. The Swamp Azalea, Red Chokeberry, and Witchhazel are easy to grow shrubs and if trees are what you need, try the Eastern Redbud, White Fringetree, Flowering Dogwood, River Birch, American Beech or one of the 11 different oaks native to our state. For a complete list of native plants to that grow in the "Piedmont" section of Maryland and their preferred habitat go to:

www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/nativesmd/lists.htm

Community Events

Olney Farmers and Artists Market

The 2014 season of has begun!
Sundays from May 11th to November 2nd from
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Medstar Montgomery Medical Center Thrift Shop
at the corner of Prince Phillip and Rt. 108.

Sandy Spring Museum Strawberry Festival

Saturday June 7, 2014

10 am – 5 pm

Admission: \$2

17901 Bentley Road • Sandy Spring, Maryland 20860

Salem UMC Community Events

Free and Open to All

Salem Book Club

First Thursdays at 7:30 pm
Community Hall

The Explanation for Everything, by Lauren Grodstein
Thursday, June 5, 7:30 pm in the Community Hall (upstairs). This work is a taut, provocative novel centered on one of the most polarizing issues of our time. 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.

Memorial Day Remembrance: Join us in remembering our veterans on Monday, May 26 at 9:30 am. in Salem’s Cemetery.

Jungle Safari Vacation Bible Camp



Where kids explore the nature of God through projects, games, stories and music.

July 7-11, 2014

6:30-8:30 pm

ages pre-school – middle school

\$15.00/child

\$30.00/family

Family Dinner included at 6:00 pm in the Salem Community Hall

Adult class 6:30-8:30 pm (no fee)

On-line PayPal Registration opens April 1 via www.salemunitymethodist.org

or

http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/salem_umc

Or mail-in registration form from above site to:

Salem United Methodist Church

12 High St.

Brookeville, MD 20833

Attn: Vacation Bible Camp

For questions or more information call 301-774-7772

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. Salem: 301-774-7772

First a howling blizzard woke us,
Then the rain came down to soak us,
And now before the eye can focus —Crocus.
~Lilja Rogers



Market St. and Brighton Dam Rd.

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Market St. and Brookeville Rd.

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High St. and Market St.

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Turn Your Vacation into a Tax Deduction

1. Make all your business appointments before you leave for your trip.
Most people believe that they can go on vacation and simply hand out their business cards in order to make the trip deductible. Wrong. You must have at least one business appointment before you leave in order to establish the "prior set business purpose" required by the IRS
2. Make Sure your Trip is All "Business Travel."
In order to deduct all of your on-the-road business expenses, you must be traveling on business. The IRS states that travel expenses are 100 percent deductible as long as your trip is business related and you are traveling away from your regular place of business longer than an ordinary day's work and you need to sleep or rest to meet the demands of your work while away from home.
3. Be sure to deduct all of your on-the-road-expenses for each day you're away.
For every day you are on business travel, you can deduct 100 percent of lodging, tips, car rentals, and 50 percent of your food.
4. Sandwich weekends between business days.
If you have a business day on Friday and another one on Monday, you can deduct all on-the-road expenses during the weekend.
5. Make the majority of your trip days count as business days.
The IRS says that you can deduct transportation expenses if business is the primary purpose of the trip. A majority of days in the trip must be for business activities; otherwise, you cannot make any transportation deductions.

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