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Brookeville Times



Announcements/Reminders

Mark Your Calendars

All Events held at the Academy

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday May 4, 7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting

May 11, 7 pm

Town Elections

May 12, 3-7 pm

Annual Town Meeting

June 1, 7:30-9:00 pm

Town Spring Clean Up:

Saturday June 6, 8-10 AM

Meet at Academy

18th Annual Montgomery County

Heritage Days 2015

Brookeville Academy

Sunday, June 28

Noon to 4pm – FREE Admission

<http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/content/heritage-days-0>

Town Elections are Coming Up! The Town election is May 12, 3-7 at the Academy. All who are on Brookeville's voter registration list (provided by Montgomery county), please come vote! If you need an absentee ballot, get in touch with Debbie Wagner, 301 774 2509 or dwagner0602@gmail.com as soon as possible so you can receive your ballot at least fifteen days before the election per our charter (April 27).

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, June 1, 7:30-9 pm, Brookeville Academy. All residents are invited to this Annual Meeting where we review the previous year and present the proposed Town budget for FY 2015-2016. Child care and refreshments provided.

Town Spring Meeting: Meet at Academy Saturday June 6, 8-10 am. Bring tools and gloves.

Coffeecakes/fruit/etc. are welcome; the Town will provide other breakfast items and coffee. Tasks include planting and mulching around the Brookeville signs (we provide the flowers; Residents do the designing and planting); some cleanup around the Academy and the Schoolhouse.

Brookeville in MoCo Heritage Days: Sunday, June 28, 12-4 pm at the Academy. Invite your friends to stop by (we're #33 in the brochure). Here's what's happening: Guides in period attire will talk about life in the early 1800's. Exhibit of artifacts uncovered by archaeologists at the Madison House will be on display at the Academy. Sit at the Academy's schoolhouse desks for a penmanship lesson. Half-hour walking tours of this "U.S. Capital for a Day"

Brookeville MoCo Heritage Days cont.

highlighting Brookeville during the War of 1812 will be offered at 2 & 3pm. Refreshments.

Volunteers are needed:

- Tour Guides (2 PM and 3 PM)
- Teachers to work with School Master Don Moore (the activity is penmanship and the visiting kids will be able to write letters with quill pen after their lesson)
- Movers - we need to get the desks from the Schoolhouse to the Academy and back as well as some light setup and clean up.

All Purpose "May I Help Thee?" Greeters and refreshment servers (lemonade and)

Please join us at the Academy for that afternoon. We have the dresses and suits from the Bicentennial and can help you select "period attire"! Residents who would like to help with the team that will be on duty that afternoon - please contact Clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org and we'll get back to you with gratitude, confirmation -- and your clothing if you need 1814 attire. (the "May I help Thee?" T-shirts are fine, also).

Maryland Municipal League "Town Spirit Award" - MML Annual Conference, Ocean City, Monday, June 29th (9:30-10:30 am). Would you like to join Team Brookeville as we appear in "period attire" to receive this award? The entire state -- all municipalities -- is represented at this annual conference and there will be a feature article about Brookeville's commemoration in the monthly MML magazine.

Brookeville Resident Chad Wheeler's current show, *Next to Normal*, is playing now at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn. The musical explores a family in their day-to-day lives trying to cope with the mother bipolar disorder and remaining grief from a trauma 16 years prior. There are two shows left!
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25;
2 p.m. Sunday, 26

Where: Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road,
Gaithersburg Tickets: \$22
<http://www.r-m-t.org/show/next-to-normal/>
301-258-6394

Olney Days: Saturday May 16 7 am – 8 pm. Parade and lots of fun activities all day. Here's a unique opportunity to help publicize the Strawberry Festival too: march with other Brookeville supporters of the museum in the Olney Days parade (Sunday, May 17, 2PM) carrying the Strawberry Festival banner.

Contact Sandy (sheiler07@gmail.com); she will provide appropriate red T-shirts (with dots) and green neckerchiefs. For more information about Olney Days, go to: <http://www.goca.org/olney-days/>

Sandy Spring Museum Strawberry Festival: Saturday June 6th, 10-5. Sandy Heiler is the chair of this annual event and there will be plenty of new features this year, including food trucks, a beer garden, continuous live music, and greatly expanded children's activities (designed by Ruth Chacon).

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival - Join the Greeter Team at the Gates for the 41st Annual, Howard County Fairgrounds, May 2 and 3 (see below for information). Team Brookeville (anyone can play) is the Greeters for the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival on Saturday, May 2 (9:30-11 AM) and Sunday, May 3 (8:30-10:00 AM). Can wear period attire or the "May I Help Thee" T-shirt. We are handling one morning shift of greeters each day -- that leaves the rest of the day for folks to cruise this lovely event! Contact Katherine Farquhar if you'd like to join the team one morning (kwfarq@cs.com).

Congratulations to Reverend Sue Shorb on completion of her Master's Thesis!

NOTES FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

At the interim meeting on Monday April 20, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve these motions.

1. Establish the "Brookeville Beyond the ByPass Task Force" to be chaired by Don Moore will include 6-7 members including 1 Commissioner and 1 Brookeville Planning Commission member plus others with consideration for geographic and generational diversity. The purpose of this Task Force: Ready the Town for its next era, beyond the ByPass.
2. Increase the Town of Brookeville real estate tax rate from .015/\$100 of assessed real property value to .020/\$100 of assessed value, for a period including the 2016 and 2017 tax years.

Based on input from the Survey and comments from Town Residents, and with knowledge that the Town has a backlog of maintenance (Schoolhouse and Academy) and other added expenses that we are responsible for as we prepare for the era beyond the ByPass, the Commissioners determined that this added revenue is necessary during these two tax years. Reminder that the Annual Town Meeting is June 1 at 7:30 pm at the Brookeville Academy.

Notes cont.

The Commissioners have also welcomed the consensus of the April 13 "Hearing Brookeville's Priorities" that there be two Town Meetings per year.

By-Pass Update: Sue Daley attended the April By-Pass Partnering Meeting as a non-participating observer, on behalf of Brookeville. These are working sessions and while they are not public meetings, the Commissioners and BPC have maintained a presence as observers.

Progress on the planning and pre-work for the ByPass is moving along well. All of the many parties involved are focusing on making things work. For example, the State Highway Administration has moved its monthly meeting to a bi-weekly schedule. These work sessions are where the progress is made. Other examples of progress:

- The various agencies and offices are working from a project work schedule, starting with the official "Notice to Proceed" date of 3/19.
- To accelerate progress, an outside firm - JMT - is assisting with design/surveying. They have proposed an alignment for the By-Pass that skews slightly to the north of the SHA proposal. The consensus appears to be that this routing will work better to avoid wetland areas, archaeological sites & will make for an easier tie-in at the northern end (Brookeville Rd). A representative from Maryland Department of Transportation is now participating in planning meetings.
- Further work can proceed once the decision on the alignment is finalized. Re-surveying is currently underway.

We will continue to relay any substantive updates regarding progress on the By-Pass.

**Beyond the ByPass:
Task Force & Town Conversation!
Town Actions:**

The Commissioners voted on Monday to establish a "Beyond the ByPass" Task Force. Don Moore has accepted our invitation to be Chair. Thank you, Don! The Task Force will "Ready the Town for its next era of Beyond the ByPass." There will be 6-7 members who represent geographic and generational diversity in Brookeville. A Commissioner and a Brookeville Planning Committee member will be on the Task Force. You'll hear more from Don soon.

On Monday April 13th, the Town hosted the "Hearing Brookeville's Priorities" conversation to

discuss the results of the SurveyMonkey and begin framing priorities for the Town's future. 14 households (28% of Town) participated (thanks to: Anderson, Address-Johnson, Bartley, Davis, Farquhar, Heiler, McDonald, Moore-Daley, Ray, Scanlon, Syski (L. and S.), Teal-Meeks, Wheeler-Yesenko).

Four discussion groups produced notes that will go to the Task Force. Topics were: Academy-Schoolhouse, Town Services & Infrastructure (sidewalks, roads, etc), Town Government, Group E (misc). Sample points from these discussions: repair Market Street East; resurface Town streets (North, South, Water); hold 2 Town Meetings/Year; BPC members be at Town Meetings with Commissioners; greater clarity on Town budget and financial status; figure out what to do with Schoolhouse; hold Town dinners for fundraising/community; sponsor workshops such as: Town Master Plan, HAWP process, Building Stone Walls; Schoolhouses; Historic Districts. **Brief Background:** For 5 decades, Brookeville residents have worked to make the ByPass happen. It was the #1 priority in our recent SurveyMonkey that 75% of our households responded to. The ByPass will divert some 18-20,000 vehicles/day around our Historic Register town whose architectural heritage is threatened by the traffic. In the past 8 months, many residents have participated in the 3 Town Conversations and "Walked The ByPass" in one of our 3 tours. Now there is weekly progress at the State and County levels in the planning and design work.

Around Town, we see surveyors, environmental engineers, and other crews at work. In this issue of the *Times* is an update on progress from Commissioner Sue Daley. Along with Commissioner Buck Bartley, she and a Brookeville Planning Commission representative have observed the State-level multi-party planning meetings, which are now bi-weekly.

We can't say this often enough: Our thanks to Senator Karen Montgomery and the District 14 delegation for their tireless work to keep the ByPass in the State's viewfinder and ensure that funding is secured.

What's Happening at the Brookeville Academy?

Andrea Scanlon

The Bicentennial Celebration brought extensive publicity to the Town, which has led to increased rentals (and higher rental rates) for the Academy. We had a record number of rentals over the past fiscal year and averaged over 5 events per

Academy cont.

month. Along with the usual meetings, parties and Town functions, the Academy has hosted Scouts groups, children's events, music recitals, lecture series, weddings, and even Morse dancing. In addition to our regular maintenance, we continue to address capital improvement projects to keep the Academy at it's best for our residents and guests. Some of the projects we are undertaking include: replacing the existing propane tank with a new underground tank, upgrading the fire alarm system, refreshing the exterior post lantern, repairing the brick walkway and getting a new parking sign. The Academy is a wonderful historic resource and we are proud to see it thrive. Discounted rates are available for all Town Residents. What could *you* do at the Academy? The possibilities are endless! Please contact Andrea Scanlon to book an event or offer any suggestions for what you would like to see at the Brookeville Academy.

Jellybean Recovering

You may have missed the Heilers' Jellybean making her morning rounds on the North, Water, Market Street circuit. Jelly sustained a serious spinal cord injury about a month ago. She's recovering and is now able to stand on four legs (as you can see), but not fully able to walk yet. She's expected to make a full recovery, but it will be at least a couple of months before she can take that daily walk.



ABOUT OUR ROADS....

Buck Bartley

In the teeth of our winter past, Sandy and Duane Heiler reported serious ice accumulation at the intersection of North and East Market Streets. They surmised the cause was a water main leak, which it was. WSSC (Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission) responded, dug up the road, replaced a leaking valve, and temporarily patched the road. Meanwhile a pot hole developed in one the

patched areas, and has been filled. A permanent road repair of approximately 1200 sq. ft. at North and Market is in line on WSSC's work schedule, which we expect will happen in the first couple of weeks in May. WSSC has agreed also to repair the sink hole at the NW corner of North and E. Market, now surrounded by traffic cones until the fix occurs.

The winter was hard on our gravel surface roads as well, and several pot holes have developed on North and Water Streets. These roads will be repaired and regraded late in April or early May.

As to our future plans, we are investigating refurbishing East Market Street from High Street to Brighton Dam Road, and possibly introducing a more permanent topping surface to North, South, and Water Streets. We know these will be expensive projects, but it's time.



sidewalk sink hole



Mkt/N.St sink hole



New patch

2014 Montgomery County Awards for Historic Preservation

2014 Montgomery County Awards for Historic Preservation was held at the historic Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station. Montgomery Preservation Inc. presented its awards on March 27 to individuals and organizations who restored, renovated, or rescued historic resources and to nonprofit groups who created outstanding educational programs and events. Awardees hailed from Brookeville, Darnestown, Takoma Park, Kensington, Olney, Rockville, Washington Grove, and Forest Glen. County Executive Isiah Leggett attended the event.

Brookeville 3rd Grader Wins Poetry Contest



Local Brookeville third grader Theo Haris was recognized recently as a winner in the Olney Seuss Alike writing contest sponsored by the Olney Library. The challenge was to write something in the style of Dr. Seuss. He said the poem came to him easily one Saturday morning. When his school councilor heard about the accomplishment he asked Theo to read it on the school's televised morning news broadcast. Theo has aspirations to join the Greenwood Gators Televised News Team next year, but until then he's got his mind on playing baseball with the Olney Boys and Girls Club. Theo and his brother Evan are crazy about the Orioles and can name all the players and quote their stats. Perhaps one day he will be able to combine his talent for writing and his love of baseball like his favorite author Cal Ripkin. It goes like this....

Dr. Seuss and Me

I like to read, I like to write
Dr. Seuss' books are dynamite.

I like to read them in the car,
I like to read them near and far.

His name is Theo, just like me,
And that is great, as you can see.

I love the Lorax, Horton, and the Cat in the Hat,
They make me laugh, did you know that?

I've been reading them since I was one,
And trust me, it's so much fun.

As you can see, Dr. Seuss is so much fun,
You can read in the rain, you can read in the sun.



Can Game of Thrones teach you About Saving for College? Sure Can!

Season 5 of the popular HBO series "Game of Thrones" has returned. Click through this slideshow to learn ten things the themes of "Game of Thrones" can teach you about planning for college!

WARNING: Contains spoilers, along with some very useful college savings tips!

<http://www.savingforcollege.com/blog/10-things-you-can-learn-about-saving-for-college-from-game-of-thrones?page=1>

*Salem UMC Community
Events*

Free and Open to All



“PIRATES!”

SATURDAY, MAY 9

6:00 PM

SALEM COMMUNITY HALL

COST: \$20.00/ person includes appetizer, dinner, dessert, beverages and the chance to figure out “who dunnit!”

Proceeds support the ASP homebuilding trip in June.
RSVP not required

**Salem United Methodist Church
Vacation Bible Camp**



July 6-10, 2015

6:30-8:30 pm

pre-school – middle school

\$15.00/child

\$30.00/family

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Olney Farmers & Artists Market!

Location:

**Sandy Spring Museum
17901 Bentley Rd, Sandy Spring, MD**

Day & Hours:

**Sunday May 10 through
November 1, 2015, from 9 am to 1 pm.**

<http://www.olneyfarmersmarket.org/>

Garden Tour

Be inspired..

May 16, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The **Sandy Spring Museum Garden Club** invites you to immerse yourself in local flora, food and fine art by touring five fabulous gardens located on the North New Hampshire Avenue Corridor. Then, celebrate over wine and hors d'oeuvres at a special sixth garden from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Reserve your tickets here
or by calling 301-774-0022 or by mail.**

Tickets

- Tour - \$15/person pre-order or \$16 day-of event
- Box Lunch - \$8/person pre-order only
- Wine in the Garden - \$10/person pre-order or \$12 day-of-event
- Best Deal – All three tickets \$30 pre-order only

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