## **Brookeville Times**



### Mark Your Calendars All Events held at the Academy

**Town Voter Registration** April 6 hours TBD

**Planning Commission Meeting** April 7, 7:30 pm

#### **Commissioners Meeting**

April 13, 6 pm Town tax rate for FY 2016 will be voted on

#### **Town Forum**

April 13, 7-9 pm "Hearing Brookeville Priorities" Survey Results and Action

#### **Nominations Due for Commissioner** Vacancies

April 13

Clean-Up Day April 18, 8:30-11 am

> **Town Elections** May 12, 3-7 pm

Annual Town Meeting June 1, 7:30 pm

#### **Announcements/Reminders**

#### Town Elections are Coming Up!

Residents are voting for 2 Commissioner seats this year, currently held by Katherine Farguhar and Sue Daley. Sue, Katherine, and anyone else interested in running for these positions must self-nominate by Monday, April 13. Election day is Tuesday, May 12th. To vote, you must be on the Registration List. The Board of Election Supervisors will make the current Registration List available shortly (so you can check if you're on it) and provide opportunities for those not listed to register before the deadline of April 6th.

Residents will receive further information and updated **instructions** about registration and voting shortly, from the Brookeville Board of Supervisors of Elections, which is being re-constituted per the Town Charter and will be Chaired by Debbie Wagner. The Board also includes Marti Andress and Carmen Harding. Thank you to these residents for volunteering to serve.

By-Pass Update: The commissioners have received a working map and an arial view of the By-Pass route courtesy of the Maryland Secretary of Transportation, with a commitment that construction begins in 2016.

# "Hearing Brookeville's Priorities: Discussion & Planning": TOWN FORUM Brookeville Academy Monday April 13, 7-9 PM

Recently, 75% of the Town's households completed the "Hearing Brookeville's Priorities" Survey. Our high level of participation provided a lot of information about what residents think. Thank you to so many who took time to respond.

At the <u>Brookeville Academy on Monday, April 13, from 7-9 PM</u>, the Commissioners <u>will present the complete findings from the SurveyMonkey.</u> At the gathering, we will invite Residents' questions and comments, and have discussions on how to follow up on the findings. *Look below to see key results*. In addition, there are 100's of written comments that will be available to review, discuss, and analyze during the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

You will be encouraged to get involved in providing guidance for the Town going forward into our "Beyond the ByPass" era. At the meeting, we will set up 4 groups to dig deeper into specific areas of shaping Brookeville's future. Our current suggestion is that these groups are:

- 1. The Academy & Schoolhouse (Town properties)
- 2. Town Infrastructure: Streets and sidewalks hardscape, landscapes, signage
- 3. Sustaining Brookeville as a desirable historic Community to live in
- 4. Improving Town Government

We will ask the 4 groups to join us for an expanded Commissioner Meeting in May with your suggestions about actions. This work will inform the FY 2016 budget that is presented at the Annual Town Meeting, **Monday, June 1**st.

## Examples of Findings from the "Hearing Brookeville's Priorities" Survey:

## Question 1: Rank-Ordering of Priorities (from top to bottom):

- 1. Brookeville By-Pass
- Town Services: removal of trash, snow, leaves; street lights, maintaining Town Streets, etc.
- 3. High St. West sidewalk to Longwood (SHA Project)
- 4. Market St. Repairs: curbing, paving, sidewalks, speed bumps,
- Brookeville Academy: Interior/Exterior, Marketing, Increasing usage
- Town Life: Town Meetings & Conversations, Holiday Party & Fall Picnic, Brookeville Times, Town Directory
- 7. Ensure Historic Preservation in Brookeville
- 8. Being a 'Green' Town
- 9. Brookeville Schoolhouse: Maintaining, programming, upgrading
- 10. Promote Brookeville as a historic Destination

#### Question 2: Brookeville Tax Rate Preferences

(8 respondents commented)

14 (37%) respondents say keep taxes at current .015/\$100 valuation

15 (39%) respondents say OK to raise taxes to .020 or .025  $\!\!/$  \$100 valuation

## Question 3: Priorities for using new tax revenues?

(<u>84 narrative responses</u>, not yet clustered & themed:i.e. streets, Academy, ....)

## Question 4: How Many Town Meetings/yr?

(8 comments; 3 no response)
14 (40%) say keep at the present 1 meeting/year
21 (60%) say either 2 or 4 meetings/year

## Brookeville Receives Historic Preservation Awards

### Brookeville Participates in Annual Wreath Laying at Montpelier

On the 264th Anniversary of President Madison's birthday, Sandy & Duane Heiler traveled to his Montpelier plantation to represent Brookeville at the annual wreath-laying commemoration. Katherine Farquhar and Larry Raskin (head of the horseback dragoon soldiers at the Bicentennial Weekend) also attended.

The weather was perfect (sunny and 79 degrees!!) and the ceremony was very well attended. Afterwards, President Madison (John Douglas Hall whom we know well in Brookeville) warmly greeted the Brookeville delegation on the front porch of the mansion. He reflected again on his appreciation for the hospitality extended to him and his party by our Town. He requested that we pass along his continued gratitude for the welcome that Brookeville and our neighbors extended on that weekend.



Sandy&Duane Heiler, Larry Raskin, Katherine Farquhar at Montpelier

#### **Route 108 Improvements**

SHA is making improvements to Route 108 east and west of the Brookeville Rd. intersection. The improvements are intended to increase the flow of traffic during peak travel times. The project will include construction of a new eastbound through lane and paved six foot shoulders on both sides with drainage system upgrades. The work will begin next year with the relocation of power lines and other utility work. For more information go to www.roads.maryland.gov

Project map is attached to this email

Sandy and Duane Heiler and the Town of Brookeville have received 3 historic preservation awards:

- Maryland Historical Trust to Sandra and Duane Heiler for "Excellence in Residential Rehabilitation. The award is given at the Senate Office Building in Annapolis on March 26 at 4:30.
- Montgomery Preservation Inc. to the Town of Brookeville for the Bicentennial weekend for Heritage Education. The award is given at the historic Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station on March 27 at 6 PM. Residents are encouraged to attend.
- Sandra and Duane will also receive an award for Excellence in Preservation for the restoration of the Madison House the same time.
- The Maryland Municipal League has selected Brookeville for their achievement award in the small town category. Presentation will be on Monday June 29, 2015 at the MML convention in Ocean City MD.

The Maryland Preservation Awards, presented annually by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust, are the highest level of recognition for historic preservation, heritage education and community development projects in the state. The awards honor and celebrate significant achievements by individuals, businesses, contractors, non-profit organizations, local governments and others who protect, promote, share and give continued life to the historic places and cultural heritage that make our great state unique.

Montgomery Preservation, known as MPI, is the County-wide nonprofit organization dedicated to saving Montgomery's architectural heritage and historic landscapes for future generations. This is the 27th year that MPI has recognized initiative, creativity, and excellence for the benefit of historic resources. The Maryland Municipal League is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association of city and town governments, that works to strengthen and support municipal government.

#### Improvements to Town Lights

Brookeville is investigating switching to more energy-efficient LED bulbs for the town-owned streetlights. Samples are being installed for review and cost analysis. The lights are located by the School House on North St., at the corner of Water St. and Market St. and across from the Academy. If you have comments, please send a note or email to the clerk.

#### **School House Repairs**

The town has contracted with MoldStoppers, Inc. to do emergency mold removal and preventive work to prevent future moisture damage in the School House. This work is expected to take place the final two weeks of March. There is no public access to the School House until the process is complete and we have the all-clear to use the building. The commissioners will invite discussion on the future uses for the School House at the April 13 town forum.

### Celebrating the Life of Loretta Murphy

A service for Loretta Murphy of 9 High St. will be held at Salem on Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 pm with a reception following in the Community Hall. The family will receive friends from 2-3 pm. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to the reception to share. The Town expresses our condolences to Mike and their family.

## Salem UMC Community Events

Free and Open to All



#### **ASP Yard Sale**

Saturday, April 18 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Salem Community Hall All proceeds support the ASP summer homebuilding trip



#### Sunday, April 5, 2015

#### **Easter Sunrise Service**

7:00 am at Salem Cemetery (across Georgia Ave. from the Church building)

#### **Community Breakfast**

7:30 am at Salem Community Hall (next to the Church building)

#### **Worship Celebration**

8:15 am at Salem Sanctuary

#### **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

9:30 am Salem Community Hall (next to the Church Building)

#### **Worship Celebration**

10:00 am at Salem Sanctuary

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **Olney Farmers and Artists Winter Market**

Location: Sandy Spring Museum 17901 Bentley Rd. Sandy Spring, MD

Day & Hours: Sunday Jan 11 thru Mar 29, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm

http://www.olneyfarmersmarket.org/



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

or by calling 301-774-0022 or by mail.

- 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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