Brookeville Times

WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL
UNITED STATES · CAPITAL FOR A DAY
BROOKEVILLE, MARYLAND
AUGUST 26, 1814 – AUGUST 26, 2014

Mark Your Calendars
All Events held at the Academy

Brookeville: Capital for a Day
Documentary Screening
Saturday, July 25
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 4
7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting
Monday, August 10
7:00 pm

Beyond the ByPass Meeting
Thursday, August 20
7:30 pm

Annual Town Picnic
Sunday, September 13
3:00pm – 6:00pm

SHA ByPass Public Meeting
Tuesday, September 29
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Longwood Community Center

You Are Invited!
Join us for the premiere of the independent documentary production

BROOKEVILLE: CAPITAL FOR A DAY
Saturday, July 25
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Brookeville Academy

Please RSVP to:
Sandy Heiler sheiler07@gmail.com

View the film's trailer at:
http://mym-media.org/brookeville/

Town of Brookeville will host an exhibit at NNO
August 4, 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Beginning at 5:00 PM on August 4, 2015 area dignitaries will arrive via motorcade to kick off Olney's 22nd edition of National Night Out (NNO). Local police, fire and emergency personnel will be on hand to assist community members understand how to join the fight against crime and drug abuse. The US Secret Service will provide FREE child ID kits with fingerprint registry. In addition to crafts, face painting and games, the entire family can enjoy live demos, and music performances by Rocketeria. Proceeds from food sales and Raffles support the Olney Police Satellite Station, Sandy Spring VFD, and MD-Capital Park Police.

Brookeville's table with emphasis the ByPass and the increased road safety. Please email Katherine if you can help with our table: kwfarq@cs.com

Beyond the ByPass Task Force
July 2, 2015 Notes

By Don Moore

Goal of this Meeting: To review background for newcomers and develop Deadlines/timeline and a Charter Draft for the Beyond the Bypass Task Force

Review: all background materials can be found in the 2010 Brookeville Comprehensive Plan: http://townofbrookevillemd.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/BrookevilleComprehensivePlan.pdf

Available (all in Brookeville Comprehensive Plan): Summary Graphics of Brookeville history-in-brief, Maryland's "12 Visions", 2010 Brookeville Com Plan's "5 Goals" (which were created in an open process with Town residents prior to 2010).

NOTES from June 2nd, meeting:
     Discussion regarding whether we are dealing with High Level versus Practical items. Concept is that we can use recent Town Survey as a mandate for making recommendations on practical (short-term) items in Light of the Vision. (Further discussion was about overlap between Planning Commission and Task Force activities)

     Task Force as Supplement to Brookeville Planning Commission activities. BPC applies zoning code, deals with individual properties. (Should BTBTF members be present at BPC meetings? Next meeting: 7/7 and 8/4.

What is BTBTF role in terms of looking at Broader Goals for town? (vs BPC's role?). There is a feeling by some that TF should take on issues larger than single properties (as in "Proposed Charter", above).

     ** Potential Study Groups to be organized and staffed by the BTBTF: Water management; Blight (crumbling infrastructure); Sustainability (two aspects: environmental, financial); Historic Buildings; Walkability; Street/sidewalk Conditions; Civic Life; Communications; Community Discourse; (Events). "Practical" study group (to define solutions for short-term problems); Much of the discussion about Study Groups was about Who does What by When: Ownership, timeline, priorities to get things done. (NOTE: Study Group members do not need to be from the Task Force, might be Brookeville residents with expertise or graduate students with appropriate expertise, etc – the important thing is to generate timely information with community input, and expert input, to inform all residents and decision-makers in community)

     Plan for charrette (Practical suggestions versus Vision). What are priorities for discussion during Charrette?

     NEED to consider People and Civic Life, political power and physical plant; involvement of Brookeville residents at higher levels of government post-Bypass?

     Questions: Should there be a standing town calendar on an annual basis? (see Brookeville monthly calendar, versus Lexington, MA annual calendar). Should there be the rolling Study Groups?

NEXT STEPS: DOODLE POLL SAYS: Our next meeting will be Thursday 20 August, 7:30-8:30pm; **all town residents are still invited if you would like to serve on the Task Force (membership is not "closed" yet).**

 There are requirements for Task Force membership:

Commit to helping your neighbors by representing them via consistent presence at meetings.

READ the following town documents so all have the same background: Town Charter (online), 2010 Comprehensive Plan (online, as above), the Town's Survey Monkey results from our recent polling (will be available soon)

Brookeville Goes to MML 2015 Annual Convention

Between June 28 and July 1, Commissioners Katherine Farquhar and Suzanne Daley attended the 2015 Maryland Municipal League (MML) Annual Convention in Ocean City. The Convention theme was "Calm & Civility," and some 97 Maryland municipalities were represented. We were the second-smallest Town there (and... one of the few without a Town Flag!! Let's think about that...).   Our registration and lodging for this convention were paid for by a scholarship from MML.

Once again in period attire, we received the MML's 2014 "Town Spirit" award in the Small Towns Category. During the convention, we attended numerous workshops, made many connections at the very large exhibit/ vendor area, and talked with other small town officials, state officials, and resource people from the MML and elsewhere.

At every opportunity, we talked about the Brookeville ByPass, including a conversation with the State's Secretary of Transportation, Pete Rahn.   We expressed the Town's gratitude for the SHA's strong leadership of this project (in particular, Aimee Zhang who leads the working group on the ByPass).   We heard again and again about Governor Hogan's support for this project.

We attended workshops on financial resilience, roadway maintenance, communicating during emergencies, and grant writing.   The information we gathered was reported more fully at our last Commissioner meeting.   We will immediately put to use what we learned.   We welcome questions you might have about this Convention.

GOCA Votes a Resolution in Support of the ByPass:

As reported by State Senator Karen Montgomery, in their most recent meeting (July 14th), The Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) voted to support the ByPass. The wording they approved is below. There was only one dissenting vote.   This public show of support for the ByPass is most welcome! Thank you, GOCA!!

Resolution in Support of the Brookeville Bypass

Whereas the town of Brookeville has historic significance that will be enhanced by the rerouting of through traffic around (as opposed to through) the center of town; and

Whereas trucks and cars have trouble navigating the hilly roads and sharp turns of the current configuration, evidenced by the damage to yards, houses, trees, cemetery, and lamp posts; and

Whereas truck vibrations crack the plaster walls of the historic homes; and

Whereas the intersection in the center of Brookeville and the narrow, winding route significantly impede traffic flow, creating back-ups that change the character of the town; and

Whereas the creation of the Bypass will have the result of improving the above problems, GOCA hereby resolves to support the construction of the Brookeville Bypass.

BYPASS UPDATE
SHA MEETING OF 1 JULY

Brookeville Commissioner Sue Daley attended the July 1 SHA Brookeville ByPass planning meeting. She reported the focus of the meetings is starting to shift from primarily design-oriented to more tangible subjects. Acquiring necessary permits, parkland mitigation, soil borings, landscape design - all these are currently underway or beginning soon.

Also, SHA has planning underway for the High Street sidewalk, but does not yet have a timetable for this project

There will be a public presentation of the current SHA design/plans Tuesday, September 29 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Longwood Community Center.

Richard "Benny" Bienvenue and Our House featured on CNN Heroes

You may have seen Our House residents working in various community events, like the Strawberry Festival, Taste of Olney, Brookeville's Bicentennial Celebration, and at Salem UMC. Richard "Benny" Bienvenue and his Brookeville based nonprofit, Our House, have helped more than 350 at-risk young men from the Washington, D.C., area rebuild their lives.

The entire interview can be viewed at:
http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/16/us/cnn-heroes-bienvenue/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The 95th Annual Women's Board Picnic & Bazaar
Known for delicious fried chicken, the annual Picnic & Bazaar is an Olney summer tradition!
Tuesday, July 28, 2015
Thrift Shop Grounds (on the corner of Route 108 and Prince Philip Drive)
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 4, 2015
Harris Teeter Parking Lot
Fair Hill Shopping Center
Olney, MD 20832
FREE Admission
Food & Raffle Tickets available
Stop by the Brookeville table!

Olney Farmers & Artists Market!
2801 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd, at the corner of Prince Phillip Dr. & Rt. 108, Olney, MD

Day & Hours: Sundays through November 1, 2015, from 9am to 1 pm.
http://www.olneyfarmersmarket.org/

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Brookeville's Annual Town Picnic
Sunday, September 13
3:00pm-6:00pm
Brookeville Academy

Come enjoy food, music and the company of your neighbors.

The Town will provide burgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Townspeople are asked to bring a potluck dish to share.

Olney Help
New Pantry to be Built

The property that Olney Help's current pantry is on has been sold to a developer. We will need to vacate this fall and are in the process of planning a new pantry on space that a great local organization is allowing us to use. We are currently in need of funds to purchase the new prefab building, provide electrical, permits, etc.

We really need the support of this great Olney / Brookeville community. Many individuals and organizations have been long-time supporters of our organization and we must ask for this additional support in order to continue our emergency food program.

We have been providing food and financial assistance to individuals and families in the greater Olney area since 1969.

Olney Help is a 501(c) 3 organization making all donations tax deductible.
Donations may be made online at
www.olneyhelp.com
or by sending a check to:
Olney Help
P.O .Box 430
Olney, MD 20830
Please note Capital Building fund on the donation.
Thanks to everyone for your support.

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