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
(unless otherwise noted)

Salem UMC Screening of
"Brookeville: Capital for a Day"
Friday, September 25
7:30 pm
Salem UMC Orndorff Hall

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

Beyond the ByPass Meeting
Thursday, October 1
7:30 pm

Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 6
7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, October 13
7:00 pm

Annual Town Holiday Party
Saturday, December 5
6:00 pm

Family Movie Night
Saturday, January 30
6:30 pm

Town of Brookeville
LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM
Date: *Coming Soon*

The schedule will provide enough notice to provide a weekend for residents to rake their leaves to the edge of the road for vacuum pick up.
Residents Should Not: • Place leaf piles in the street • Place sticks or other debris in the leaves

You've asked how to support the ByPass to become a reality. Here is your chance!
THE BROOKEVILLE BYPASS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2015
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Longwood Community Recreation Center
19300 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, MD 20833

You are invited to attend an Information Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 hosted by the State Highway Administration.
The informational meeting will reacquaint the public with the project background and the purpose and need. Maps and other displays will be available for review, and SHA representatives will answer project-related questions and address comments and concerns.

No formal presentation will be given.

You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace.

The Brookeville Commissioners have been told that the Town's presence at this session is vital to demonstrate the importance of this project! We are hoping the SHA sees 75-100 Town Residents there. Please be sure to sign-in, and please take the time to voice your enthusiasm to the Park and Planning and SHA staff there.

October Date Change for Town Commissioners Meeting

The Brookeville Town Commissioners changed the October meeting to Tuesday, October 13, 2015 instead of the 2nd Monday of the month.

This change is to avoid any conflict with Olney Community Night / Taste of Olney

Screening of "Brookeville: Capital for a Day"
Friday, September 25, 2015
7:30 pm
Salem United Methodist Church
Community Social Hall

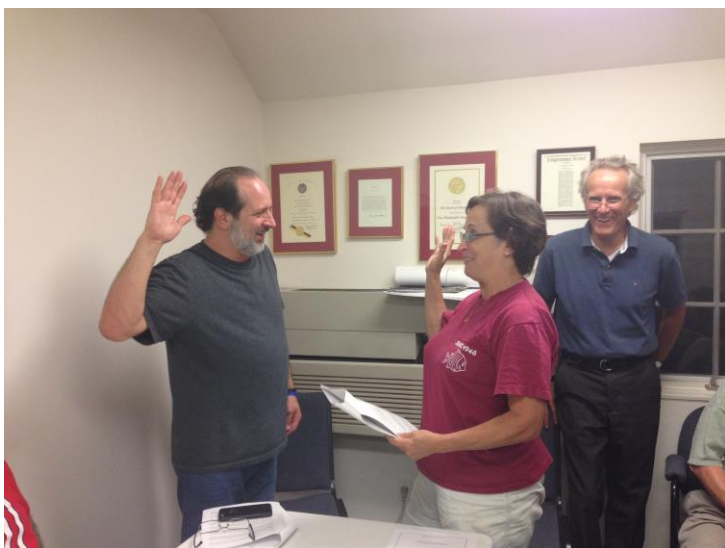SUMC is inviting towns folk, church folk, Sandy Spring Lions Club and anyone else interested.

Please bring a dessert and appetizer to share

Biologists Survey for Bat Population in Brookeville

A contractor for the Maryland State Highway Administration, Skelly and Loy, Inc., recently conducted an environmental survey to assess the bat population in an area near the designated route of the Brookeville Bypass. MyMCMedia's Sonya Burke reports that wildlife biologists were looking for the northern long-eared bat, a threatened species.

Please watch the YouTube video from My MCMedia at this link:

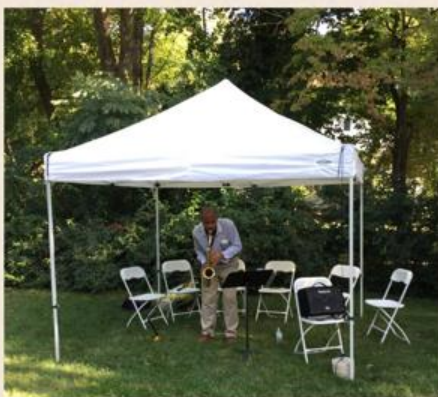https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDof4J83vpk&feature=youtu.be&noredirect=1

Brookeville Planning Commission

Commissioner Katherine Farquhar administers the Oath of Office to incoming Brookeville Planning Commissioner Andy Spagnolo at the September 1st BPC meeting.   Town Resident Stefan Syski has accepted the Commissioners invitation to join the BPC starting January 2016. Stefan and Andy will hold 3 year terms that go to December 2018. Thanks to both for your service!

The Brookeville Planning Commission will consist of 5 - 7 committee members who are volunteering their time to serve besides many additional obligations to fulfill in their daily lives.   The Town of Brookeville is thankful for their dedication and community service.

Town Picnic

About ½ of the Town turned out for a lovely afternoon at the annual picnic Sunday, September 13, 2015. Much fun was had by all who attended, including Congressman John Sarbanes. Saxophonist Elton Jewel played jazz favorites while children chased soccer balls and played tag. The grown-ups chatted, laughed, and caught up with neighbors. It was a great event! See you at the Annual Holiday Party Saturday, December 5th at 6:00pm – bring your favorite holiday dish for our pot luck. Kid's activities upstairs.

Photo Collage courtesy of Andy Spagnolo

The Scoop on Dog Poop
Are you a good neighbor dog owner?
Do you want to help reduce environmental pollutants?

Here are some good reasons to Pick-Up after Your Dog:

• Dog poop is a major cause of water pollution. Your pet's waste causes nasty bacteria to enter into streams and seawater.

• When left on the ground, dog waste adds an excessive amount of nitrogen to the soil which increases the spread of nitrogen-loving weeds, often at the expense of native plants. The quickest, easiest way to get rid of a dog's poop is to put it in a plastic bag and the bag in a trash can.

Summary of Montgomery County's "pooper scooper" law:
Animal Defecation ("pooper scooper" law) (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(2) An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash. Penalty for Violation: $100

Community Events

36th Annual Community Night and Taste of Olney
Columbus Day – October 12, 2015
4:30 - 8:00 PM - Free admission
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
Live Demos - Silent Auctions - Raffles
Wine Tasting - Live Performances
Kid's activities
Come visit the Brookeville's exhibit while you are there!

Olney Farmers & Artists Market!
2801 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd, at the corner of Prince Phillip Dr & Rte 108, Olney, MD
Sundays through November 1, 2015
9 am to 1 pm.
MARKET WILL BE OPEN RAIN OR SHINE

Update on Town Personnel

The Commissioners announce that Cate McDonald has accepted the Clerk role. We welcome her back on board! And we thank Diane Teague for her terrific work in the job in recent years. Competing priorities led her to decide not to continue as Clerk.

The Brookeville Academy
By Harry Montgomery

The resident taxpayers of Brookeville own the Academy. They are invited to use the Academy only three times a year: Town picnic, Christmas Party, and yearly Town meeting.

The Academy is used primarily by non-residents as an economical rental property. The Town Government and paid staff spend most of their time upgrading this rental property to maximize rentals. This is lopsided and unfair to the residents of Brookeville.

The Academy could be used to benefit the resident taxpayers of Brookeville and rental of the Academy could be deemphasized. Is anyone interested in using the Academy for:

1. Archive for Documents
2. Museum for Brookeville Artifacts
3. Book Club
4. Garden Club
5. Discussion Club
6. Mother's Club

The Town Government and paid staff should also consider the resident taxpayers' needs and incorporate them into their governance of the Town. The Town needs to use the Academy in a way that benefits the Town residents and creates friendliness within the Town.

Please send comments to:
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Using Our Brookeville Academy
Katherine Farquhar, for the Commissioners

Thanks to Harry Montgomery for visiting with the neighbors and sharing his thoughts about the use of the Brookeville Academy. His letter is reproduced here. We encourage you to share your thoughts with Harry, as well as the Commissioners, Academy Manager and Beyond the ByPass Task Force, which is discussing this issue. The Commissioners anticipate key input from that Task Force.

The Commissioners would like to clarify a few items:

Academy and Schoolhouse Operating Costs:
The Town's FY15-16 Budget includes over $20,000 for the annual operating costs of the Academy and its grounds. There is also money budgeted for capital improvements to the Academy, including both interior and exterior upgrades such as new furniture and appliances, landscaping, and major repairs such as roof replacement.   Please let the Beyond the ByPass Task Force know what improvements to the Academy will help meet Residents' needs.   They are active in this conversation and will be presenting such recommendations to the Commissioners.

An additional $20,000 is budgeted for repairs to the Schoolhouse due to moisture issues. Although it is typically open for Heritage Days, the Schoolhouse is currently unused, and is not a source of revenue for the Town. Therefore, we need to raise funds.

We have set an ambitious goal of $15, 000 in Academy revenue for the year. Our challenge is to determine how these resources can bring in more revenue and provide more enjoyment for renters and visitors without compromising the Town's interests.

Academy Uses:
Sharing these historic resources with Residents and outsiders benefits the Town and the buildings. The Brookeville Academy supports the local community by offering the facility at no charge to several local Scout troops, The Greater Olney News planning committee, the American Legion, and of course, the Bicentennial celebration. Non-profits also receive discounted rates for lecture series and other events. Some past events initiated by Town Residents include a MOMS Club seminar, local art show, and music lessons.

The Town hosts several annual events for Residents at the Academy. There is no barrier to having the other types of activities that Harry suggested - in fact a family movie night is already in the works. To our knowledge, the Town has not turned down any desired use by Residents inquiring about holding clubs and activities there. A Moms/Dads group? Sure – how do we make the Academy more comfortable for that kind of thing, if Residents want those uses? A Garden Club? Book Club? In a 50 household town with many commuters, is there interest? We welcome any use by Residents and encourage such interest; we simply haven't seen initiatives like Harry recommends.

As to archives: much of the Brookeville Town records are now at the Maryland Historical Society and the Sandy Spring Museum, where professional archivists organize the items for public access and ensure that everything is kept in the proper climate controlled conditions.

The Academy can certainly host a more visible repository of Brookeville history and commendations – how might we do that? Does the Town want the Academy open more? Should the public be invited to visit this historic building on a regular basis? Again, please bring your ideas to the Beyond the ByPass Task Force so that other residents hear your suggestions before the Task Force reports to the Commissioners and Town.

Academy Rentals:
The number of private rentals by Town Residents varies, but averages about 6 times per year, which equates to about 20% of the total rentals. Many of the non-resident renters are members of the greater Brookeville-Olney-Sandy Spring-Ashton community. Town Residents are always given priority over outside renters and pay a flat rate of $125, compared to between $175 and $550, for outside renters.

The Commissioners see *both* use by Town Residents and use as a rental venue as important functions of the Academy; not as conflicts. Consistent with the results from the Survey Monkey earlier this year, we believe the Academy can bring in more revenue AND be more attractive for Residents' use. We hope that Residents will continue this important discussion in the Beyond the Bypass Task Force which meets again on Thursday, October 1st at 7:30pm. Their recommendations to the Commissioners will take into account the perspectives that Harry presents, as well as the current policy of reduced-rate rentals for Resident events, and marketing at full rates to outside renters.

Interested in using the Academy for your next social or community event? Please contact Academy Manager Andrea Scanlon.

Glyphosate Petition

In response to a petition generated by town residents concerned about the use of glyphosate ("Roundup") on Town property and rights-of-ways, the commissioners voted at the September 15th Commissioners meeting the following:

Cease the use of glyphosate for "general cosmetic purposes" (such as crab grass in gravel lanes, weeds in brick sidewalks, reduction of weeds on street margins) on Town property; strictly limit use to poison ivy/poison oak and similar plants. This change will take place in all future Town contracts.

Minuets of the Commissioners Meeting are posted on the Town's website.

High Street Residents Tie the Knot

Congratulations to Beth and Garrett who got married on September 4th at The Antrim 1844 Country House Hotel in Taneytown MD. The happy couple honeymooned in Greece, visiting Santorini, Mykonos, and Athens.

MoCo Police Conduct Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
Saturday, September 26 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

On September 26, there will be drop-off locations throughout Montgomery County. These locations will accept prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications only. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps and syringes cannot be accepted as part of the take-back program. Officers will staff collection boxes in the parking lots or in the lobbies all Montgomery County Police Departments.

The Montgomery County law enforcement community is particularly interested in medications containing controlled substances but will accept any medications brought for disposal. All sites will take pills and medication patches of all kinds. If possible, prescription labels should be removed or personal information should be blacked out; however, pill bottles will still be accepted if the labels are attached. No questions will be asked. This is an opportunity to safely empty out a medicine cabinet of drugs that are no longer needed.

All the returned medications on Drug Take-Back day will be destroyed by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

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