

Brookeville Times



Brookeville ByPass Update

Ms. Huqin (Aimee) Zhang, SHA Project Manager, and Mr. Cornelius Barner gave an overview of the Brookeville ByPass project at the January 22, 2018, Semi-Annual Town Meeting.

Ms. Zhang shared the status and schedule of ByPass:

- Fully funded for construction
- The design is 99% complete
- Outstanding permits:
 - M-NCPPC permit – negotiating permit continues
 - MDE – final review for small pond approval
 - MDOT SHA PRD – SWM/ESC permit – waiting for MDE approval for small pond
 - Approval from FEMA

Anticipated construction start: Summer, 2018

Mr. Barner advised once construction starts, be prepared for large construction trucks to rumble through Town.

The bid for construction of the ByPass is anticipated to be released the end of February. The Town Commissioners will remain in contact with SHA and will advise Residents of any significant change to this timeline.

Montgomery County Historic Preservation

Tax Credit

APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2018

If you made any exterior repairs or improvements to your home, you might be eligible to receive a **25 percent tax credit**.

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Mark Your Calendars

All Events held at the Academy
(unless otherwise noted)

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2018
7:00pm

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting

Monday, April 9, 2018
7:00pm

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
7:30 pm

Town Election

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
3:00pm – 7:00pm

Commissioners Meeting

Monday, May 14, 2018
7:00pm

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2018
7:00 pm – 9:00pm

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From Montgomery Planning

Owners must file an application, including documentation of the repairs that were done, with the historic preservation staff of the Planning Department by April 1, 2017. The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission will then evaluate the applications to determine whether the scope of the work meets the eligibility requirements for the program. The work must have been completed no later than December 31, 2016.

Repairs, restoration or preservation of exterior features of designated structures are considered for the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Tax Credit. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Painting.
- Repairing roofs or replacing them in-kind.
- Repairing windows, architectural trim or ornament.
- Uncovering and repairing original siding.
- Repointing brick or stone foundations or chimneys.
- Restoring a documented feature, such as a dormer or porch that was previously altered or removed.
- Repairing and maintaining outbuildings, such as barns and garages.

For more information, please visit <http://montgomeryplanning.org/applications-due-april-1-montgomery-county-historic-preservation-tax-credits/>

Montgomery County Crime and Public Safety Survey

The Montgomery County Police Dept. (MCPD) is a partner with the University of MD to distribute an anonymous survey evaluating MCPD's services and neighborhood crime and safety issue.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.mymcpnews.com/2018/01/23/montgomery-county-crime-and-public-safety-survey/>



Katherine's glove

How lovely to live in a Town where, when your glove falls onto the lane in the darkness of early winter morning, you know it'll be waiting for you on your return.

Thanks, North Street and dog-walkers.

Katherine Farquhar

The Brookeville Academy is on Facebook!

The Brookeville Academy's Facebook page is live. If you are on Facebook, please check it out and be sure to "like" us. You can invite your friends to like us, too.



<https://www.facebook.com/brookevilleacademy/>

Montgomery County Executive Debate - March 5th

GOCA is hosting a Montgomery County Executive Debate

Monday, March 5, 2018
Olney Theatre - Historic Stage
[2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd, Olney MD 20832](http://www.goca.org)

6:30 pm Meet and Greet with the Candidates
7:00 - 9:00 pm Debate

Candidates:
Roger Berliner, Democrat
David Blair, Democrat
Marc Elrich, Democrat
Robin Ficker, Republican
Bill Frick, Democrat
Rose Krasnow, Democrat
George Leventhal, Democrat

All are welcome to attend. Questions can be sent in advance through the Contact Us link on the GOCA website: www.GOCA.org

Primary election day is Tuesday, June 26, 2018
General election day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Town Election

There will be an election on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, for one Town Commissioner, who will serve a two-year term beginning in June 2018. The Commissioner seat is currently held by Bill Gaskill.

Town is Seeking Nominations for Town Commissioner

The Town is now seeking nominations for the position of Town Commissioner. If you are interested in running for this position, please send a letter stating your interest in candidacy to:

Send your self-nomination to:

Town of Brookeville
Attn: Supervisor of Elections
5 High Street
Brookeville, MD 20833

All Self – Nominations must be received on or before Monday, April 10, 2018

How can I vote Absentee?

You must request an Absentee Application no later than April 23, 2018.

An informal written request for an absentee ballot may be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections, but it must contain the following information:

1. Voter's name
2. Residence address
3. Address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if different from the residence address
4. Voter's Signature

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5 High Street
Brookeville, MD 20833
www.townofbrookevillemd.org
Phone: 301-570-4465 Fax: 301-570-0355

Town Commissioners: commissioners@townofbrookevillemd.org

Suzanne Daley (2019), President	301.260.1699
Bill Gaskill (2018)	202.257.0232
Jeff Johnson (2019)	240.447.3592

Brookeville Planning Commission: planning.commission@townofbrookevillemd.org

Garrett Anderson	(2020)		
Miche Booz	(2018)	Chris Scanlon	(2018)
Harper Pryor	(2020)	Stefan Syski	(2019)

Brookeville Board of Elections Supervisors:

Marti Andress (2020), Chair
Carmen Harding (2020)
Barbara Ray (2019)

Town Staff:

Town Clerk: clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org
Cate McDonald

Treasurer: treasurer@townofbrookevillemd.org
Susan Johnson

Town Property Manager: property@townofbrookevillemd.org
Andrea Scanlon

Events / Marketing Manager: events@townofbrookevillemd.org
Brooke Curley

All public Commissioner and Planning Commission agendas are posted on the Town's website at least 24 hours before each meeting.

Please note that agendas are subject to change until the time of convening.

Official meeting minutes for Open Meetings are posted on the Town's website after approval.

Remembering our neighbor, Bob Heritage

Michael Acierno wrote a moving tribute about Bob Heritage, who passed away December 12, 2017. Michael was kind enough to allow The Brookeville Times to share his words.

In Memory of Bob Heritage

I would like to thank the commissioners for this opportunity to remember Bob Heritage who passed away a few weeks ago.

I got to know Bob in 2003 when I became a Town Commissioner. At that time I had been a resident of Brookeville for almost 3 years, while Bob had been here 10 times longer than that.

The combined years of residence between Bob and Rick Alan, who was President of the Commissioners at that time, was greater than my age. I felt a bit like an awkward teenager meeting my girlfriend's father for the first time.

Bob would tell me what life was like when he and his wife Dee first moved to Brookeville in 1973. It may have been 4 years since we landed on the moon, but Brookeville sounded like frontier, off the grid living. Back then, however, such conditions were not some DIY network aspiration but a situation to be remedied.

Bob and those who lived here at that time worked hard to bring Brookeville into the 20th century. At the same time Bob began what would become the trifecta of Brookeville service, serving as town clerk, as town treasurer, and finally as town commissioner. That's quite a legacy on its own.

Bob was a teacher by profession and I can't be sure if he knew the extent to which his being simply Bob was akin to being a mentor. But he was a mentor to me during my commissioner years.

My first two years as a commissioner were mostly spent learning, as I was wholly ignorant as to how local government worked. For example, where were the other two branches of government.

The first lesson I learned from Bob was the art of listening. Bob was not one to be forthcoming with comments. In fact, one often needed to prod him for his opinion on matters. But he always listened and with soft spoken politeness would offer up his perspective, often based on knowledge of past events and current or former residents.

Bob had an encyclopedic knowledge of the town's residents. He knew who lived where in Brookeville, for how long, and if they moved he knew their current location and even kept track of what their children were doing.

There were commissioners meeting when some particular problem was being discussed and a solution being proposed. After so many minutes of back and forth someone would finally ask Bob what he thought.

Bob would begin seemingly off topic, reminiscing for quite a while about so and so who used to live on that property and you know, they had the same problem. Bob would continue informing that at that time the decision was made to do **this** to solve

the problem, with **this** being what was being proposed now. And you know what comes next, **this** didn't solve the problem back then. The implication was quite clear.

Now I know Bob would not have allowed us to go down a path of futility and repeat past mistakes, but I can't help but believe that he was giggling to himself while listening to the rest of us.

The second lesson I learned from Bob was how to separate being part of government from being part of a close knit and small community. On those rare occasions when a meeting agenda item provoked strong opinions or a vote that went 2 for, 1 against, Bob, at the meeting's end would always ask about family, making it clear there existed a very important separation of responsibilities, those of a commissioner and those of a neighbor.

What transpired in meetings did not cross over to contaminate the more fundamental aspect of ourselves as family, friends, and neighbors. I was recently told a useful definition of maturity which encapsulates a part of Bob. Maturity is knowing when not to comment.

Two years later I was on the receiving end of Brookeville's equivalent of shock and awe, that is, being bestowed with the title of President of Commissioners. I was very thankful for the previous two years of Bob's mentorship. By this time Bob lived in Brookeville only 7 times longer than me. I was catching up!

All those years as a commissioner I think I finally came to understand the essence of what Bob had taught me. And this leads me to the most important lesson learned.

And like Bob, I will now take a circuitous route to my point.

Every evening driving north on Georgia Avenue and coming to the end of the gauntlet known as modern commuting we all pass through an invisible wall where Georgia Ave. becomes High St. No, I'm not referring to the speed camera. It's the wall that marks the boundary between the hideously ostentatious mac-mansion construction of the day and the simple elegance of 19th century architecture.

It's no exaggeration to say that everyone who visits Brookeville is struck by that transition and immediately feels the attraction to this small patch of land.

But it is not just that Brookeville is over 200 years old and has equally as old structures that make it historic. As a society we are notorious for abandoning and razing the physical reminders of our history. What makes Brookeville worth preserving is its people.

This began with Brookeville's founders who created a thriving community with bustling commerce and a center for education.

It continued with our 1814 predecessors who, in spite of great risk to life and property, chose as a community to give aid and comfort to their fellow citizens fleeing the ravages of war and providing President Madison with needed time to contemplate how to move the nation back from the brink of disaster.

For over 200 years we have continued an experiment in self government. From one generation to the next, the passion to control our destiny has remained strong, but it has never overcome the stronger passion that binds us as a community, a bond not just to those of us who live here today, but all those who came before and those yet to come.

When we look across our modern political landscape we find elected officials, chosen from a population pool many orders of magnitude greater than Brookeville's, who suffer from what I call delusions of adequacy.

Brookeville has been fortunate. In spite of such a small population pool from which to choose, we have consistently, from one generation to the next, done far better than delusions of adequacy. And that's because we have been able to keep hold of that which Bob Heritage knew so well.

You may not have noticed the fine print when you signed your settlement papers for your house, but you have an obligation to live up to some very high standards as neighbor, community, government, and preservation; standards set generations ago by those who walked where we walk today.

This is how a small town with little political influence can maintain its efforts to build a roadway essential to our preservation, across what has now been 3 generations of leadership and community. This type of continuity and commitment is more common to families, not towns. But that is what we have here and it was people like Bob Heritage who lived that tradition and was part of that continuity.

In a time when social media diminishes our ability to be social, take the opportunity to give a friendly wave, a neighborly how are you, and how's your family. This is what Bob was preserving and this is what is worth preserving.

Let's respect and emulate what Bob taught and lived. Dedication to family, neighbor, and community. Disagree if you must but do so politely and respectfully. And no matter what happens in here, out there we remain neighbors, committed to each other.

I end this the same way Bob and I ended our walks home from the Academy after many a meeting. When reaching the corner of High and Market our conversation about family and friends would end and I would say ... Good Night Bob ... and thank you.