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## Trees! Trees! Trees!

Here are the top 3 things you need to know about tree work within Town:

- 1. The Brookeville Tree Collaborative: this is an ongoing program. There was a tremendous response from Residents and are still obtaining bids for work on over 100 trees. Pricing will be reviewed with each resident to confirm the final scope so that required permits can be submitted. Work will begin as soon as possible but is weather dependent. Note that pink flagging around a tree does not mean it will be removed; it is currently marking the trees that are under review.
- 2. Trees and Power Line: Pepco performs routine tree management on a 4-year cycle. There are several trees along Market and North Streets that Pepco's arborist has determined need to be removed or pruned to ensure electric reliability. Pepco's contractor, Davey Tree Expert Company, has obtained approval the Historic Preservation Committee's HAWP (Historic Area Work Permit), a TBBP (Town of Brookeville permit) and the affected property owners. Trees marked with a blue dot will be removed starting in January. Next fall, Pepco will plant new trees as part of this process. This work is independent of the Brookeville Tree Collaborative.
- 3. **Permits**: Removing any tree over 6" in diameter requires both a HAWP and TBBP permit. The approval process is not complicated and can expedite in an emergency. A letter from a certified Maryland Tree Expert or Licensed Arborist documenting the size, species, and location and stating whether the tree is Dead/dying, in severe decline, or a hazard will be required. HPC will then issue a tree waiver letter that is required to be submitted with your TBBP. Routine care and pruning will not require a permit.

Mark Your Calendars

All Events held at the Academy (unless otherwise noted)

**Commissioners Meeting** Monday, January 14, 2019 7:00pm

Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, January 15, 2019 7:30 pm \*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month\*\*

Semi-Annual Town Meeting Monday, January 28, 2019 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Planning Commission Meeting** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:30 pm

**Commissioners Meeting** Monday, February 11, 2019 7:00pm

### Snow Removal Information

The Town of Brookeville contracts with a snow plowing service for North, South, Water Streets, the paved section of Church Street, and the eastern portion of Market Street.

The Maryland State Highway Administration plows High Street and the western section of Market Street (MD Route 97).

During a snowstorm, no plowing begins until an accumulation of 4 inches of snow has fallen on the streets. The goal is to make residential streets passable, not necessarily to clear them to the bare surface. To accomplish this goal, please move your parked cars into your driveway or off the road. Crews can do a much better job clearing your street of snow without maneuvering around parked vehicles.

Residents and businesses are responsible for clearing their sidewalks, driveways, and entrances within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm.

All residents are strongly encouraged to be good neighbors by clearing the sidewalks in front of their homes, as well as assisting those who may not be physically able to do so.

## Resident Directory

A resident directory was recently added to the Town's website,

<u>https://townofbrookevillemd.org/residents-portal/</u> providing our residents with a cost-saving digital alternative to the paper-based directory.

Residents looking for the contact information of another resident need only to log into the password protected directory. Each resident can control how much, if any, of their contact information, is available. Please login with the email on file with the Town and reset your password. https://townofbrookevillemd.org/residentsportal/password-reset/ SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Monday, January 28, 2019 7:00pm – 9:00pm Brookeville Academy

The meeting agenda will be posted to the Town's website one week before the meeting.

All Residents are encouraged to attend the Semi-Annual Town Meeting.

## Thank You from Olney HELP

On behalf of Olney Help and all the individuals in our community we serve, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the non-perishable food donations to our pantry collected at your Holiday Party.

Because of donors like you, we have been able to expand our support in the Olney Community during a time of increasing request for assistance. The success of Olney Help depends on the support of the community and shows what caring people within our community can do to help each other in a crisis

# Need Help with Your Heating Bill?

Here are some energy assistance resources available to area residents:

<u>Washington Area Fuel Fund</u> (WAFF) has over \$1,000,000 in funds to aide with energy assistance in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. During the winter, WAFF pays for all types of fuel to heat the homes of people in financial need.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a federally-funded program that helps low-income families meet the costs of their home energy needs. Up to \$1,000 in grant support per customer is available, depending on a household's income, size, and type of fuel, with **no payback required**. <u>800-352-1446 | http://www.dhr.state.md.us/ohep/index.php</u>

Pepco also offers helpful payment options for customers such as Budget Billing, which averages payments over a 12-month period to help customers manage their monthly energy bills. The company also provides customers with tools and resources to manage energy more efficiently through My Account. My Account contains tools and detailed energy usage information that allows customers to track energy use, compare usage trends, and discover the results of energy-saving practices. Visit <u>www.pepco.com/WaysToSave</u> to learn about these helpful tools and resource.



### Rent the Brookeville Academy for your next Event!

The Brookeville Academy is more than just a venue for the Town Meeting, the Picnic and Holiday Party. It can be used for parties, weddings, family gatherings, conferences, club meetings, classes, recitals, exhibits, school programs and more. The possibilities are endless - if you come up with the idea, we can make it happen.

Town Residents get a discounted rental rate of \$150. Custom rental packages are also available. Contact the Events Manager, Brooke Curley for more details. <u>events@townofbrookevillemd.org</u>

### THE COMMISSIONERS & TOWN STAFF OF BROOKEVILLE WISH ALL A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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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.