

Brookeville Times



ByPass Update

The SHA reports the following:

The Brookeville ByPass is currently 27% complete and is projected to be fully complete by summer 2021.

Current work items/areas:

- Noise wall Panels
- Roadway fill South of Meadow Branch
- WSSC Sewer line work Meadow Branch
- S1 Bridge Abutment B piles

Upcoming work items/areas over the next month:

- S1 Bridge Structure Abutment A
- High Street water line
- Gravity Sewer at Meadow Branch

For more information about this project, please contact Mr. Javier Arias, SHA Project Engineer at JArias@mdot.maryland.gov, or Mr. Ryan Doran, SHA District 3 Area Engineer at RDoran@mdot.maryland.gov.

MDOT SHA regularly updates the status of the Brookeville ByPass on it's website: <https://mdot-sha-md97-brookeville-bypass-mo7465171-r-maryland.hub.arcgis.com/>

Road Resurfacing

The Town Commissioners are considering changing the gravel roads to a more durable surface, such as Asphalt or Tar and Chip (Double Chip Seal). After discussing potential surface changes at the Semi-Annual Town Meeting on January 22, 2020, the Commissioners sought the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) opinion. Notice of the March 25, 2020 HPC meeting was mailed to each residence in Town. This was a preliminary consultation, not a submission for a permit. The goal of the preliminary consultation was to get feedback from HPC regarding guidelines to follow and advice that would help the Town in its decision making process.

In turn, HPC gave their feedback, link below. HPC staff feels Tar and Chip/Double Chip Seal for Town's
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Mark Your Calendars

All Events held at the Academy

Any changes to planned events and meetings will be communicated via email and posted to the Town's website.

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2020
7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2020
7:00pm

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2020
7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2020
7:00pm

Town Election

Tuesday, May 12, 2020
3:00pm – 7:00pm

side streets "to be compatible with the character of the streetscape and historic district as a whole." HPC also shared several documents the Town should use as guidelines to assist the Town in developing its decision. The Commissioners will be actively seeking feedback from Town Residents about this potential infrastructure project. Before any decision is made, and approval sought from the HPC, the Commissioners will do their due diligence with a cost analysis before surface types and consult the BPC.

To read the report, please visit: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/IL.D-Various-Addresses-Brookeville.pdf>

Brookeville Planning Commission

The Brookeville Planning Commission (BPC) is made up of 5 appointed, volunteer citizen planners. Harper Pryor resigned her seat at the March 9, 2020, BPC meeting. With Stefan Syski's resignation in December 2019, Harper's departure created 2 open positions on the BPC. Commissioner-President Bill Gaskill has been working hard to fill these seats with a person with a passion for civil service and works well in a team environment. Commissioner Gaskill is pleased to report that Buck Bartley will be joining the BPC starting in April 2020. There is one other Town Resident considering an appointment to the BPC and will make their decision soon.

The BPC is currently working on an update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Town is at a pivotal point with our Comprehensive Plan when the ByPass's constriction is complete.

BROOKEVILLE CELEBRATES A DECADE OF COMMITMENT TO CLEAN ENERGY

By Fred Teal, Jr.

In February of 2010, several residents began inviting others to join in the purchase of clean electricity. They believed that Brookeville residents would express their concern for a growing climate crisis by switching to energy from emissions-free sources. By July, 35 families had signed-up for wind energy from "Clean Currents" in Rockville, MD. By August, the Commissioners had enrolled the Town in the Green Partnership Program (GPP) sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Town committed itself to convert to renewable sources of electricity to the greatest extent possible. Our GPP signs on Georgia Avenue and Brighton Dam Road attest to this commitment.

Our Town government is now using 100% clean energy for our Academy, Schoolhouse, and street lights. Many residents also purchase their electricity from clean power providers. Several homes have installed solar panels and, more recently, many signed agreements to buy solar energy from a "solar garden" in Fort Washington, MD. For a ten-year commitment, this program promises to provide 100% solar energy at a cost below that of PEPCO's "standard offer" price. They make it possible to both "be green" and save money.

We are a community that should feel proud of its accomplishments. We respect the past but look forward to the future. We long to provide future generations with the same opportunities and livable environment that we, ourselves, have enjoyed. We should celebrate our decade of clean energy commitment and continue to move resolutely forward.

The Town purchases 100% wind and solar energy sourced by CleanChoice Energy. The Town's clean energy agreement will expire on 04/23/2020, and we will be renewing to a 12-month fixed rate of 8.2¢/kWh.

Town Election

There will be an election on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, for one Town Commissioner who will serve a two-year term beginning in June 2020. Bill Gaskill currently holds the seat.

The Town is Seeking Nominations for Town Commissioner

The Town is now seeking self-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:

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

*All Self – Nominations must be received on or before
Tuesday, April 14, 2020*

Need an Absentee Ballot?

How can I vote Absentee?

You must request an Absentee Application no later than April 24, 2020.

An informal written request for an absentee ballot may be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections, and 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

Montgomery County Historic Preservation Tax Credit

APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2020

Town of Brookeville property owners might be eligible to receive a *25 percent tax credit* for exterior maintenance, restoration or preservation work. The approved credit will be applied to your property tax bill. The Town of Brookeville is listed in the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation, and all homes within the Town's municipal boundaries are eligible to apply for the Historic Preservation Tax Credit.

For more information about the tax credit application, please visit:

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/applications-for-historic-preservation-tax-credits-due-to-montgomery-planning-by-april-1-2020/>

or contact Michael Kyne, Planner Coordinator of the Historic Preservation Office at the Montgomery County Department of Planning by calling 301-563-3403 or email to Michael.Kyne@montgomeryplanning.org.

Monarch Waystations

The Town Commissioners have been asked by Karen Montgomery to make the Town of Brookeville a Monarch Waystation. " Monarch Waystation " (monarch habitats) help migrating monarch butterflies with milkweed and nectar. The Town Commissioners would like to encourage residents to take simple steps of planting native milkweeds and nectar in your existing gardens or yard. Native milkweed for this area includes common milkweed, swamp milkweed, butterfly milkweed, or poke milkweed.

Master Gardner, Teresa Meeks, share this valuable resource to help educate and encourage the planting of milkweed: <https://www.monarchwatch.org/>

Together we can make a difference for millions of monarch butterflies!



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Mark Davis (2021)	202.355.3744

Brookeville Planning Commission: planning.commission@townofbrookevillemd.org

Buck Bartley	(2023)		
Miche Booz	(2021)	Chris Scanlon	(2021)
Margaret Kay	(2022)	Vacant	(2022)

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

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