

Brookeville Times



SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Monday, January 24, 2022
7:00 PM**

**The Town Commissioners will host the
Semi-Annual Town Meeting via Zoom**

The meeting agenda will include:

- COVID-19
- BPC Update
- ByPass Update
- Post ByPass Era Plans
- Update to Transportation, Pedestrian Networks & Streetscaping Elements to the Comprehensive Plan
 - adopt in March
- FY'22 Budget update
- Rental Update
- Town Infrastructure
 - Schoolhouse
 - Academy
 - Town maintained roads
 - Gravel Road Contract Status & Schedule
 - Resident Impacts

Login credentials will be emailed the day before the meeting.
All Town Residents are encouraged to attend this Town Meeting

Free at-home COVID-19 tests.

We would like all residents to be aware that the Federal Government has made COVID 19 Rapid at-home test kits available at no cost. The limit is 4 kits per household and will be sent via the US Postal Service. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. To order these tests please click: <https://www.covidtests.gov>

The Town Commissioners are working on obtaining Rapid Test Kit for Town Residents. More information will be available at the Semi-Annual Town Meeting.

Mark Your Calendars

Semi-Annual Town Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022
7:00pm via Zoom

Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 1, 2022
7:30 pm via Zoom

Commissioners Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022
7:00pm via Zoom

Public Town meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Meeting updates will be communicated via email and posted to the Town's website.

If you would like to attend a public Meeting that is being held via Zoom, please send an email to clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org for login credentials

Brookeville Academy's New Roof

After years of planning, the Brookeville Academy has a new standing seam metal roof. The metal roof replaces the cedar shingle roof that was installed in 1996 when the Academy went underwent a significant renovation. The installation of new gutters, downspouts, and snow guards was a part of the roof replacement project.

Brookeville was awarded a grant of up to \$35,000 from Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant to replace the roof on the Brookeville Academy. The required matching funds from the Town will come from Capital Expenses Budget.

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 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 clear them to the bare surface. Please move your parked cars into your driveway or off the road to accomplish this goal. 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 and assisting those who may not be physically able to do so.

*Maryland taxpayers have until July 15 to file and pay with no penalty or interest;
Federal income tax deadline is April 18*

Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot announced January 19, 2022 the filing and payment deadline for 2021 Maryland state individual income taxes has been extended by three months – to Friday, July 15, 2022 – to assist taxpayers facing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information or assistance, you can call 1-800-MD-TAXES or email taxhelp@marylandtaxes.gov. The agency's branch offices and call centers are both open 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Beginning February 1, the call center will remain open until 7 p.m., only for personal income tax assistance.

News from the Brookeville Planning Commission

The owner of 23 High Street (Parcel 770) has been in discussion for the sub-division of 4.3 acres of land into 4 lots for 4 single family homes. The Site Plan and Forest Conservation Plan are on the agenda to be approved at the February 1, 2022, meeting. The Preliminary Plan for this project is available for public inspection from the Town Clerk.

Post Bypass Era Plans

The Town is preparing for the post-Bypass era!

A. Update to the Transportation portion of the Comprehensive Plan

- The final Draft Plan has been submitted to the Maryland Department of Planning for review and comments. The Town expects to have comments back from MDP in mid-December.
- After MDT completes its review, the Town will set a date for a public hearing for adoption.

B. Market Street Reconstruction Project (Brighton Dam Rd to MD97 intersection)

After the update to the Comprehensive Plan is approved by the Town of Brookeville and permits are obtained, work will begin on Market Street. The project will include roadway removal, grading, and resurfacing. The goal of the project is to improve traffic safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Preliminary Timeline:

- TBD: Civil engineer engaged for construction plans
- TBD: Request for Proposal sent out
- TBD: Construction begins

C. Gravel Road Improvement Project

Contractors: LW Wolfe Enterprises Inc and Russell Standard

Preliminary Timeline:

- January 23, 2022: review the proposed realignment of Water Street.
- January: obtain financing
- Early Spring 2022: obtain a schedule of work and notify residents

Projects will be updated monthly. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns about projects going on around Town, please send an email to clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org or contact a Town Commissioner.

ByPass News

As of January 19, 2022, the Brookeville ByPass is 64% complete! Please refer to the SHA's website for the most current information: <https://mdot-sha-md97-brookeville-bypass-mo7465171-r-maryland.hub.arcgis.com/>

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