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### Traffic Safety Concerns Speeding & Stop Signs

We want to address a growing concern among many Town residents about excessive speeding and a lack of stop sign adherence. As the Bypass has halted through traffic, there is more foot traffic and outdoor activities with children in and around town. We have also observed a dramatic increase in vehicles speeding and ignoring stop signs surrounding the town's main intersection. Our small town is a place where everyone should feel safe as pedestrians, and we implore all residents to drive responsibly, obey posted speed limits, and come to a complete stop at stop signs. Protecting our community is a shared responsibility, and by working together to address these issues, we can ensure a safer and more pleasant environment for all.

Please stay safe and look out for one another. Thank You, The Brookeville Town Commissioners

# **Parking Reminders**

As many of you know, our narrow gravel roads share vehicular and pedestrian traffic. They are designed to maintain the historic and rural village character of our Town. To facilitate safe access and emergency service requirements, we look for Town Residents to use courtesy and common sense and observe and comply with all parking laws.

Also, please:

- No Parking within 35 feet of an intersection/intersecting roadway
- No Parking within 5 feet of a driveway
- No Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- No Parking opposite to the flow of traffic (left wheels to the curb)

The Town's Parking Ordinance can be viewed here: Parking Ordinance.

What do I do if I need to make a parking complaint? <u>On-line form</u> Or Email: <u>commissioners@townofbrookevillemd.org</u>

### Mark Your Calendars

Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:30 pm via Zoom

> **Commissioners Meeting** Monday, April 8, 2024 7:30 pm via Zoom

Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2024 7:30 pm via Zoom

> **Commissioners Meeting** Monday, May 13, 2024 7:30 pm via Zoom

### **Town Election**

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Brookeville Academy

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

### Save the Date! June 1, 2024 Tavern Night

In commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of Hungerford Resolves, Sandy Heiler will hold a "tavern night" with a re-enactment of the signing of the Hungerford Resolves with music, colonial food and drink. More details will be coming soon. *Volunteers Needed!* 

# Town Election

There will be an election on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, for one Town Commissioner who will serve a two-year term beginning in June 2024. Dan Ennis 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 9, 2024

Need an Absentee Ballot? You must request an Absentee Application no later than April 23, 2024.

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

# Recycle and Trash Collection Programs

# Recycle Collection: Wednesday Trash Collection: Thursday

Please have your bins curbside no later than 7:00 am on the respective collection day of the week.

### Need a Recycle Bin?

The Town of Brookeville has a supply of 18-gallon Recycling bin for "comingled" curbside recycling pickup available for Town Residents.

If you need a new Recycle Bin, please contact Cate McDonald, Town Clerk at 301.570.4465 or <u>clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org</u>

What goes in your "comingled" curbside recycle bin?

- ✓ Aluminum foil product
- ✓ cans aluminum, steel, bi-metal
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Plastic bottles, containers, lids

Bundle your paper items separately or place them in the paper recycling cart.

### Where to recycle plastic bags?

Recycle plastic bags at local grocery throughout Montgomery County. Look for collection bins near store entrances. Find bag recycling drop-offs near you using the locator on Earth911.com.



# Social Committee is Now Forming Seeking Volunteers

The purpose of the Social Committee is to encourage a cohesive community by organizing fun, exciting events for the entire Town so neighbors can meet and socialize with each other.

Primary responsibilities:

- Overseeing our yearly events
- Plan a Spring Artisan Market
- Brainstorm ideas for social events & plan events
- Welcome new homeowners to the Town

Interested in volunteering your time? Contact Beth Anderson at <u>events@townofbrookevillemd.org</u>

# Town of Brookeville, MD

#### Established 1794

Incorporated 1808

The Town of Brookeville is one of 157 municipalities in Maryland. Municipalities are a city or town that has written its own charter (a set of laws) and can govern itself separately from the county. It is a formal government with legal authority to exist. The powers that municipalities and counties have are defined in the Maryland State Constitution. Citizens living in municipalities elect their own officials to pass ordinances (local rules), create a budget, and provide certain services and programs. Not all cities and towns have the same services. The citizens living in each municipality can choose the kinds of services they want to have.

Municipal government is often referred to as "the level of government closest to the people" because it is easier for citizens to let their officials know what they want in their city or town and to make changes in their government when they are not happy with it. Citizens who live in a municipality also reside in a county and can still vote in county elections.

What are some advantages to living in an incorporated Town?

- To have direct local control over finances—Town elected officials determine local revenue and expenditure needs and set the local tax rate and service charge levels.
- To locally determine the variety and levels of services provided to the community.
- To make local government more accessible, accountable, and responsive to citizen needs and desires because of smaller size and more direct access to local officials.
- To return a portion of income taxes paid to directly benefit community taxpayers as municipal governments receive a portion of the local piggyback income tax receipts generated from their taxpayers.
- To create direct access for the local community to various state-shared revenues and state and federal grants.
- To foster a sense of community in an ill-defined place otherwise clearly identifiable only by a common zip code

(Source: Maryland Municipal League)

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Garrett Anderson (2025)	301.706.9506
Dan Ennis (2024)	410.274.7380

### Brookeville Planning Commission: <a href="mailto:planning.commission@townofbrookevillemd.org">planning.commission@townofbrookevillemd.org</a>

Buck Bartley	(2023)		
Miche Booz	(2023)	Chris Scanlon	(2023)
Margaret Kay	(2024)	Allison Moffett	(2024)

#### **Brookeville Board of Elections Supervisors:**

Marti Andress (2025), Chair Iris Stratton (2024) Jeff Johnson (2024)

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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. Meeting minutes for Open Meetings are posted on the Town's website after adoption and as soon as practicable.

The Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Brookeville can be viewed and downloaded from the Town's website.

Do you have an item for The Brookeville Times?

Let us know!! We want to hear about any happenings in the Town of Brookeville: new neighbors, weddings, birth announcements, or anything of interest to you and your neighbors. Contact the Town Clerk at clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org