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Brookeville Times



Town Election

The results of the May 13, 2025 election:

Total voters = 47

Garrett Anderson = 14 votes

Dan Donnelly = 37 votes

Theo Haris = 19 votes

Nick Roy = 19 votes

Dan Donnelly has won the election for one commissioner seat. There is a tie for the second commissioner seat.

Run-off Election for Town Commissioner

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Brookeville Academy

You will vote for one candidate.

Candidates on the Ballot:

- Theo Haris
- Nick Roy

The Candidates' self-nomination letters may be viewed here:

<https://tinyurl.ee/UbCIL>

The newly elected Commissioners will be sworn in at the June 11th Commissioners Meeting.

Mark Your Calendars

Special Town Election

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Brookeville Academy

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

7:30 pm via Zoom

Annual Town Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm via Zoom

Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Immediately following the Annual
Town Meeting

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.

Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2025

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm via Zoom

Highlights of the meeting will include but are not limited to:

- Welcome to the new Commissioners
- Grants Update
- BPC Update
- FY'26 Budget
- Academy Rental & Marketing Update
- Town Infrastructure & Property Update
- Residential Property Maintenance / Historic Preservation
- Updated Town logo

Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

The Town Commissioners will review the draft budget at the upcoming Annual Meeting on June 11.

Town of Brookeville 2025-2026 Budget July 2025 - June 2026

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Academy Rental	14,500.00
Other Income	
Public Utilities	2,400.00
Municipal Tax Duplication	17,000.00
Interest Income/Bank Share	4,400.00
Cable/Fios	1,500.00
Local Income Tax	92,500.00
Permits	125.00
Property Tax	45,000.00
State Highway User Revenues	16,000.00
Total Income	<u>193,425.00</u>
Expenses	
Audit	3,000.00
Advertising	1,200.00
Academy Grounds Maintenance	3,000.00
Systems Maintenance	11,825.00
Parking to Salem UM Church	1,400.00
Building Maintenance	19,150.00
Meetings & Training	500.00
Donations	250.00
Membership Dues	1,200.00
Insurance	3,850.00
Professional Services	10,000.00
Town Sponsored Events	5,000.00
Planning Commission Expenses	1,000.00
Rental Deposits Refunded	1,000.00
Salaries and Payroll Taxes:	68,442.00
School House	7,200.00
Services	66,920.00
Supplies	2,000.00
Online Services/ Tech Equipment	17,500.00
Tree Rebate	100.00
Utilities	21,800.00
Total Expenses	<u>246,337.00</u>
Net Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>(52,912.00)</u>
Other Income/(Expense)	
Capital Grant Income	1,050,000.00
Capital Expenditures	(614,000.00)
Total Other Income/(Expenses)	<u>436,000.00</u>

The Town of Historic Brookeville is small—but not so small that we all know each other personally. You might recognize me as the woman in the axolotl onesie that one hot Halloween, the one waving at everyone, yelling at cars to slow down, or petting every dog in sight. Maybe you saw me hacking at tree limbs with a machete when I couldn't find a saw. However you know me—or don't—what matters is that I'm your neighbor. And whether or not you believe it, I really do care about you, your family, and your wellbeing.

You see, there are two ways to define a neighbor: someone who lives nearby, or someone who acts with care toward others. I'd like us to think more about the second. In a town like ours, proximity is a given. But neighborliness—building community, looking out for each other, setting aside differences for the greater good—requires intention.

My husband (you know, the guy with the villain moustache) and I love this Town. Though we didn't grow up in Brookeville, we grew up near it, and have been deeply moved by the welcome we've received here. We've made friendships that feel like family, and we try every day to pay that kindness forward, even as we continue to learn what it means to be good neighbors.

That said, there are things I struggle with here: the silence, the fear, the avoidance. I've seen bullying. I've seen people too afraid to walk down certain streets because of a neighbor. I've seen folks go to commissioners before simply knocking on a door or starting a conversation. That's not the kind of neighbor I want to be—or the kind of community I want for our kids.

In my professional life, I help people start and hold hard conversations. They're never easy, but they're necessary. The hardest part is just beginning; coming to the table with the belief that the person across from you wants good things too. Sometimes we'll be disappointed—but we must try first. Then call the commissioners, if needed, but lead with faith in your fellow man.

I don't expect this article to change everything. But I hope it gives us all a moment to pause and reflect on what it means to be a neighbor—not just by address, but by action. Our human need to be seen and heard is universal. As a therapist, I know that bullying often masks that need. As a neighbor, I can't accept bullying as part of our community.

There's always room at my table—for disagreement, for learning, for growth. I won't ever "other" anyone. My hope is that we each consider how we can make room at our own tables—for difficult conversations, for curiosity, for vulnerability—so we can continue to build the kind of Town we all deserve to call home.

Flags Are Flying in Brookeville

Our streets look spectacular with our 15-star flags waving in the wind. The flags will fly until Veterans Day.

The Town of Brookeville flies the 15 Star, 15 Striped flags authorized by the Flag Act of January 13, 1794. This flag was the only American Flag to have more than 13 stripes. Congress changed the flag design with the Flag Act of 1818, which returned the flag design to 13 stripes and 20 stars for the 20 states.

Many Thanks to the Syski Family for volunteering their time to hang the flags around Town.



26th Annual Heritage Days

Saturday, June 28 & Sunday, June 29, 2025
12noon – 4:00 pm

The Brookeville Academy will be open on Sunday only this year, **June 29**.

Visit the Brookeville Academy (circa 1810) and learn about the Town's historic buildings, their role during the War of 1812 (when the Town became known as the U.S. Capital for a Day), and life in this early 1800s Quaker town. Walking tours of the Town will be offered, weather permitting.

For more information and to learn what sites will be open that weekend, please visit:

<https://heritagemontgomery.org/things-to-do/heritage-days/#>

The Town appreciates Sandy Heiler for volunteering her time and talents (and Duane's) so we can participate in Heritage Days.

Infrastructure Updates

The new parking sign for the corner of High and Church Streets has been installed!

The new LED light fixtures for the fifteen (15) cast iron street light poles throughout the Town have been installed. The cast-iron poles are in the process of being cleaned and repainted, and the three wooden light poles on North Street will be refurbished, and the white poles will be repainted, along with the green street sign poles.

Exterior work at the Brookeville Academy will begin this summer.

Dumpster for Bulk Trash

The dumpster is here and in the parking lot of Salem UMC for next week.

Please place all items in the dumpster and leave the area around the dumpster clean and tidy.

What items are not accepted in bulk trash?

- Propane Tanks
- Uncovered glass mirrors/tabletops
- Debris generated from major construction, remodeling, demolition, or repair work like bricks, concrete, lumber, non-metal fencing, shingles, drywall, paint, rock, sod, auto parts, tires, non-metal kitchen cabinets, sheds, large dog houses, etc.
- Dirt, yard debris, rocks, tree trunks
- Hazardous materials
- Human or animal fecal or uriniferous matter; infectious waste; dead animals
- Sizable items that will not fit in the dumpster

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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