

Fall 2012 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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Rain Date on Oct. 20

Fall Clean-up

Saturday, Oct. 13

The Fall Clean-up Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 in the parking lot in Shafer Park where several dumpsters will be available for town residents to dispose of unwanted items.

Citizens must show proof of residency, such as a driver's license or a town utility bill. Residents unable to transport large items may contact Town Hall at 301-432-5141 by Thursday, Oct. 11 to request a pickup.

Town employees and volunteers will be available to help unload and sort items for donation, recycling and trash. Usable items will be salvaged and be available during the day for free to town residents.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Electronics: Freedom Electronics Recycling, Inc. will collect computers, printers, stereos, radios, VCRs, DVD players, PDAs and cell phones.

Other Recyclables: Horizon Goodwill will collect books, bags of clothing, computer monitors and other usable items. Also being collected will be metal appliances, including those with Freon, scrap metal, bicycles, car batteries, furniture, TV sets (no consoles), carpet (rolled & tied), mattresses & box springs, and block Styrofoam. Leftover paint must be mixed with sand or kitty litter and lids must be securely attached.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Tires, toxic materials, and construction debris and remodeling items.

Legal holiday closings for Boonsboro Town Hall

November 12 - Veterans Day
November 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25 - Christmas

Holiday schedule for trash pick-up

Thanksgiving - Fri., November 23
Christmas - Wed., December 26
New Year's - Wed., January 2

Recycling Mondays remaining in 2012

October 8 & 22
November 5 & 19
December 3, 17 & 31

REMINDERS

All trash and recycling must be set out after 4 p.m. the night before collection day.

All clean corrugated cardboard can be recycled. Please break down all boxes and set out next to recycling containers if the cardboard will not fit in the tote.

Opening on Zoning Board

Due to a resignation, the town is taking applications to fill an unexpired alternate's term on the town's **Zoning Board of Appeals**, according to town Planner Megan Clark. Town citizens interested in serving may apply on the town's website (address at top of page) or by submitting a letter of interest to Town Hall. The three-year term expires in October 2013.

Trick or Treat on Oct. 31 for children 12 and under

Residents wishing to treat little ghosts and goblins should turn on porch lights from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31. Please remember, Trick or Treating is for youngsters, ages 12 and under.

For safety purposes, adults should accompany children on their rounds. Members of the **Boonsboro Police Department** will also be present at busy street crossings to assist youngsters when necessary.

Scooter and moped riders must comply with new law

Owners and riders of motor scooters and mopeds are being alerted by the Boonsboro Police Department that a new law in Maryland requires that the vehicles be titled and insured and that all operators and passengers must wear protective eye and headgear. The law takes effect Oct. 1, 2012.

An owner must obtain the minimum liability insurance available and carry proof of insurance while operating the motor vehicles.

In addition, an owner must title the vehicle through the Motor Vehicle Administration before it can be used on or after Oct. 1.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the MVA on line at www.mva.maryland.gov or in person.

Annual Scavenger Hunt features fun and prizes

Test your knowledge of town landmarks by participating in the second annual **Scavenger Hunt** sponsored by the Boonsboro Economic Development Commission. The contest runs from Oct. 1-31.

Town residents must identify the landmarks pictured on a form, which is available at several locations, including Town Hall, Boonsboro Library, Crawford's, Icing Bakery, Subway, Turn the Page Bookstore and Vesta.

Completed forms must be submitted to Town Hall by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Those identifying the most landmarks will be entered in a drawing to determine the first, second and third place winners, who will be awarded gift certificates from local businesses.

Members of the EDC are Richard Keesecker, chairperson, George Messner, assistant chairperson, Doug Bast, Cristen Moss, Tom Piston, Carol Blessing, Bruce Wilder, Vicki Messner and Jennifer Guenther. Janeen Solberg serves as Town Council liaison.

Flat Frosties to decorate Main Street again this year

The Flat Frosties were such a hit last year that they are being brought back again this year by WINC -- Women In Networking Community.

To participate, businesses and organizations must purchase a blank four-foot tall board in the shape of a snowperson for \$30 and decorate it for the holiday season. Each business is asked to donate a small gift or gift certificate for the Flat Frosty Scavenger Hunt.

Decorated Frosties will be displayed along Main Street the week after Thanksgiving. Families may buy either a four-foot (\$20) or two-foot (\$10) version for their front yards. Go to boonsboromd@gmail.com for more information. (WINC meets on the second Monday each month at 8:30 a.m. at Bonnie's at the Red Byrd.)

Old Tyme Christmas set for Friday, Dec. 7

The arrival of Santa Claus marks the beginning of the Old Tyme Christmas celebration, at 6:30 o'clock on Friday, December seventh, two thousand and twelve in Shafer Park.

The Boonsboro Park Board sponsors the event.

Santa will ride into town on a fire truck from the First Hose Company. He will bring with him the Boonsboro High School and the Rohrserville Bands as the parade travels down Reeders Alley toward the festivities.

The parade will end at the tree lighting ceremony in the park, which will be lined with hundreds of luminaries.

Santa will be available to listen to the children's holiday wishes. The bands will play and refreshments will be served by members of the Park Board.

Members of the board are David Wade, chairperson, Sandra Shifler, secretary, Richard Hawkins, Sr., Roland England, Laura Schnackenberg and Terri Solomos. Serving as Town Council liaison is Cynthia Kauffman.

'Boonsboro on the Square' plans for busy fall season

Downtown businesses should be teaming with customers this fall as **Boonsboro on the Square** has scheduled some fun-filled events through the holiday season.

On Oct. 11, many of the downtown shops will be open for Girls' Night Out. Fit in Boonsboro celebrates its first anniversary on Oct. 13. On Nov. 3, Turn the Page Bookstore holds a book signing for *The Perfect Hope - Book 3, Inn BoonsBoro Trilogy* by Nora Roberts and Gifts Inn BoonsBoro sponsors an art exhibit and reception.

Holiday in Boonsboro will be held on Saturday Dec. 8 when the inn, bookstore, gift shop and gym will hold an open house. Check out the events at www.BBontheSquare.com.

Town Council establishes Environmental Commission

The Town Council on Sept. 4 unanimously approved a resolution that establishes the Boonsboro Environmental Commission, the first of its kind in Washington County.

The Mayor and Council will be reviewing applications from Boonsboro residents with a keen interest in environmental issues to serve on the seven-to-nine member commission. Terms are for four years.

Residents may apply by filling out the Community Volunteer Interest Form on the town's website at www.town.boonsboro.md.us/.

Park closes for season

Shafer Park's pavilions and restrooms will be officially closed for the winter season on Friday, Oct. 12. The park itself, however, is open each day from dawn to dusk.

Yard debris collection Continues thru November

Weather permitting, yard debris will be picked up each Monday by town employees through November. Grass, leaves and garden debris must be placed in paper bags (no plastic is permitted). Place the bags at the curb on Sunday night for Monday's pick up.

The town's yard debris site on Monroe Road will remain open through November. (To access the site, obtain a free permit at Town Hall, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

Elected Mayor & Council

Charles F. Kauffman, Jr. - Mayor
Howard W. Long - Assistant Mayor
Kevin M Chambers - Council Member
Sean K. Haardt - Council Member
Cynthia Kauffman - Council Member
Janeen N. Solberg - Council Member
Barbara B. Wetzel - Council Member

MEETINGS: Regular Business Meetings: first Monday, Community Center, Shafer Park
Workshops: last Monday, Town Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m.