

Fall 2013 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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Fall Clean-up Saturday, Oct. 19

Take items to Shafer Park

The Fall Clean-up Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19 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. 17 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

Metal appliances (including items with Freon), scrap metal, bicycles, car batteries, furniture (wood, metal, & plastic), TVs, carpet (rolled & tied), mattresses & box springs, and miscellaneous junk. Left over cans of paint must be mixed with sand or kitty litter and the lids securely closed.

Recyclables: Horizon Goodwill and ReStore 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), and block Styrofoam.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Tires, toxic materials, and construction debris.

Rain-or-Shine Event

Legal Holiday Closings for Boonsboro Town Hall

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
Nov. 28 and 29 - Thanksgiving
Dec. 24 and 25 - Christmas
Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

Holiday schedule For Recycling Pick-up

Tuesday, Nov. 26
Tuesday, Dec. 24
Tuesday, Dec. 31

For Trash Pick-up

Saturday, Nov. 30
Saturday, Dec. 28
Saturday, Jan. 4

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.

Openings on Town Boards

The Town is taking applications to fill terms on three citizen boards: the **Environmental Commission** (one alternate), **Planning Commission** (one member), and **Economic Development Commission** (two members). Town citizens interested in serving may apply on the town's website (top of page) or by submitting a letter of interest to Town Hall.

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 Thursday, 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.

Annual Scavenger Hunt features fun and prizes

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

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

Completed forms must be submitted to Town Hall by 4 p.m. on Thursday, 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.

FACTOID: During the first year of the town's curbside recycling program, Boonsboro residents recycled 20.7 percent of their household waste.

Old Tyme Christmas Friday, Dec. 6

The arrival of Santa Claus marks the beginning of the Old Tyme Christmas celebration, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 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 Rohrersville Bands as the parade travels down Reeder's 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.

Flat Frosties to decorate Main Street again this year

Boonsboro will be the home of creative "Flat Frosties" for the third year this December. Businesses, organizations and households are eligible to participate.

Businesses and community groups may purchase blank 4-foot Frosties for \$20 each and have them hung on lamp posts on Main Street and Shafer Park Lane. These Frosties will be part of the Frosty Scavenger Hunt.

Yard Frosties can be completely home-made or may be purchased for \$10 (2-foot) or \$20 (4-foot).

Pre-orders are being taken now with delivery expected by mid-October. To place an order or for more information, please email boonsboromd@gmail.com or call Jennifer Guenther at 240-674-1859.

WINC is sponsoring the contest.

Park closing for season

Shafer Park's pavilions and restrooms will be officially closed for the winter season as of **Friday, Oct. 18**. The Park itself, however, is open each day from dawn to dusk.

'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 throughout the holiday season.

On Oct. 11 from 6-8 p.m., Gifts Inn BoonsBoro will sponsor an art exhibit and reception celebrating their fifth anniversary. Turn the Page Bookstore will hold a book signing by Nora Roberts on Oct. 26. On Nov. 7, many of the downtown shops will be open for **Girls' Night Out**.

Holiday in Boonsboro will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 when many downtown businesses will hold an Open House. Check out the events at www.BBontheSquare.com.

Park Dog Restriction Lifted

The Mayor & Council has approved a measure to allow leashed dogs in Shafer Park. Pet waste stations will be installed to make picking up after your dog more convenient. **PLEASE PICK UP!**

Shafer Park gardeners wanted

Do you love to garden or do you enjoy just looking at beautiful flowers?

Volunteers are needed to plant gardens in the park, provide maintenance, and donate plants and funds.

Garden plans will be worked on this winter so planting can begin in the spring.

Please contact Brenda Hollar at 301-432-7235 or Esther Dean at 301-432-5249.

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 (eight-bag limit) at the curb on Sunday night for Monday's pick up.

Remember, branches (maximum of 10) should be no larger than four inches in diameter and four feet in length.

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.)

Friends of Shafer Park

Shafer Park is considered one of the most important assets of the Town. It is the civic heart of Boonsboro for events such as Boonesborough Days, the annual carnival, Green Fest, the Independence Day Celebration and Olde Tyme Christmas, drawing many residents and visitors alike.

Due to limited funding resources, the "**Friends of Shafer Park**" has been established to support the financial efforts required for further improvements, such as walking trails, athletic fields, a dog park and aquatic center. Membership is open to anyone in the area who wishes to help in fundraising efforts.

Please visit the Town's website to fill out the membership form or stop by Town Hall.

--NOTES OF INTEREST--

GREEN TEAM -- Town residents and some employees got together on Sept. 9 to form the Green Team, a requirement of Sustainable Maryland Certified. The team will be identifying and documenting programs and activities with the goal of becoming a green community. Amanda Whitmore and Roland England were named co-chairs of the team.

STREAM RESTORATION -- Trees and shrubbery will be planted on Sunday, Nov. 10, along the stream behind the Community Center in the Park. The project will be headed up by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Contact Town Planner Megan Clark (301-432-5690) for more information.

EDC -- Business persons wishing to be contacted for Economic Development Commission meetings and activities, such as the bi-monthly breakfasts (third Fridays, 7:30 a.m., at Vesta), should email Vickie Messner at boonsbororedc21713@yahoo.com. The next breakfast is on Nov. 15.

Elected Mayor & Council

Charles F. Kauffman, Jr. - Mayor
Howard W. Long - Assistant Mayor

Council Members:

Kevin M. Chambers, Sean K. Haardt, Cynthia Kauffman, Janeen N. Solberg, Barbara B. Wetzel

MEETINGS

Regular business meetings: Held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Community Center, Shafer Park.

Workshops: Usually held in Town Hall Annex (old library) at 7 p.m. on a Monday during the month preceding the regular business meeting.

Meeting schedule subject to change. For exact time and location, please refer to the town's website at www.town.boonsboro.md.us or contact Town Hall at 301-432-5141.