

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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Open: Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm

Fiscal Year 2017 Water, Sewer & Sanitation Rate Increase

The Mayor and Council approved increases to the Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fees, which became effective on July 1, 2016.

The approved rates are as follows:

Water	Rates
Residential Fixed Fee	\$12
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$5.40/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$6.60/1,000 gal
Commercial Fixed Fee	\$17 per EDU
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$5.40/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$6.60/1,000 gal
Sewer	Rates
Residential Fixed Fee	\$46
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$7.80/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$11.20/1,000 gal
Commercial Fixed Fee	\$46 per EDU
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$7.80/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$11.20/1,000 gal
Residential Sanitation	Rates
Fee per EDU	\$20/quarter

The rate change will be reflected on the September 2016 billing.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 PROPERTY TAX

Please note that there is a slight increase in the Constant Yield Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017. The tax rate will increase from \$0.3497 to \$0.3591 for Real Property Taxes per each \$100 of assessment.

Town Election Results

The citizens of Boonsboro voted in the Town Election on May 10, 2016.

The results are as follows:

Mayor - Howard Long

Council Member – Rick Byrd

Council Member – Marilee Kerns

The Swearing In Ceremony was held on June 6, 2016.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FRIDAY, JULY 1ST

The Town will celebrate our Nation's independence on **Friday, July 1st** in Shafer Park. The festivities, sponsored by the Park Board, will begin at **5 PM** and end with fireworks around **9:30 PM**. Plan to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Local organizations will be selling delicious food and soft drinks.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the evening.

(Rain date is Sunday, July 3rd)

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

The Annual **National Night Out** event will be held in Shafer Park from **5:30 PM** until **8:30 PM**. Free food and drinks will be provided. This event is a joint venture of the Mayor and Council, the Public Safety Commission and the Boonsboro Police, Fire and Rescue Companies.

45TH BOONESBOROUGH DAYS SEPTEMBER 10TH & 11TH

The Boonsboro Historical Society's annual juried craft show will be held on **September 10** and **September 11** from **9 AM** until **5 PM**.

For information visit boonsborohistoricalsociety.org

9/11 REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The First Hose Company of Boonsboro hosts their annual Remembrance Parade along Main Street on **Sunday, September 11th** at **6:30 PM**. The parade offers a memorial to the Fire, Rescue and Law Enforcement personnel who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and honors the men and women of the Military.

Town Hall is closed on...
Independence Day – Monday, July 4th
****Recycling and Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, July 6****
&
Labor Day – Monday, September 5th
****Recycling and Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, September 7th****

Town Meetings

As of June 6th, **ALL** Town meetings will be held in Town Meeting Chambers located in the newly dedicated **Charles F. 'Skip' Kauffman Jr. Building** at 19 North Main Street, adjacent to Town Hall.

Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts a variety of free evening concerts in Shafer Park during the Summer months. Please check the **'Event Calendar'** on the Town's website and the EDC Spring/Summer Event brochure for dates and times. Lawn chairs and blankets are always welcome!! ☺

- ***July 10** Williamsport Band, **7 PM**
- ***July 31** South Mountain Jam, **5 PM**
- ***August 14** US Navy Band 'Country Current Ensemble', **5 PM**
- ***September 25** Mason Dixon Barber Shop Singers, **3 PM**

Boonsboro's Farmers Market will be held every **TUESDAY**, now thru October 25th, from 4pm until 7pm in Shafer Park in the area between Pavilions 1 & 2. Special Event nights are the 4th Tuesday of each month!
Buy fresh & local!

Reminder... Leashed dogs are allowed in Shafer Park and please use the pet waste stations for disposal.
Please pick up after your pet!

Welcome New Town Residents!!

If you recently moved to Boonsboro, please take a moment to call Town Hall. Our staff can answer any questions you may have, update your information in our systems and provide you with a recycling bin ☺

PERMITS REQUIRED... If you are considering a pool, a deck or other additions on your property, please remember that a building permit is required. More information can be found on the Town website under Planning and Zoning or by contacting the Town Engineer, Brian Hopkins, at 301-432-5690.

Please keep in mind, the Town's **Property Maintenance Code** states that lawns, sidewalks and lots are to be kept clean and free from weeds exceeding **12 inches** in height.

YARD SALES: Residents are allowed two (2) yard sales per year. Each day is considered one (1) yard sale. If you surpass this limit, you are required by law to obtain a State Sales Tax License through the Office of the Washington County Clerk of the Circuit Court. For more information call 301-790-7991.

Please remember to remove your yard sale signs!!

Utility Payment Policy

Water, Sewer and Trash services are billed quarterly in January, April, July and October. Payments are due within 30 days from the date of the bill. After 30 days a 5% interest is charged on the remaining balance and services will be terminated if payment is not received within 60 days. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your bill on time, please call Cindy at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment plans and options.

****The full BMUC billing policy is available on the Town's webpage and also posted at Town Hall****

Reminder: The Boonsboro Police Department "**Drug Turn-In Center**" is located in the lobby of the BPD at 241 Potomac Street. The drop-off is open **Monday through Friday from 9AM until 3PM**, and the 4th Saturday of each month from 8AM until 12 Noon. Citizens can drop off any unwanted or expired prescription and/or over the counter medicine for safe disposal. The BPD cannot accept syringes, lancets, sharp objects, aerosols or liquids. The Center is sponsored by the BPD in cooperation with the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Boonsboro's **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you have major problems with dogs running loose, damaging or defecating on your property, barking excessively so as to disturb the neighboring area, acting aggressively, or living in unsanitary conditions - contact the **SPCA** immediately at **301-733-2060**.

Streetlight Outage Information

To report a streetlight out in your neighborhood, please call Town Hall and we will submit a 'repair request' to Potomac Edison for you. To speed the process please make sure you have the closest 'address' and if possible, the pole number. It usually takes about 2 -3 days to have a light repaired by PE.

Exciting New Developments in Shafer Park

Keep your eyes open as we begin the much anticipated construction of Phase 1 of our walking trails in Shafer Park in mid-Fall of this year and a new playground in the Spring of 2017. We are happy to announce that these projects are **100%** grant funded by the Program Open Space and Community Parks and Playgrounds Grants!!

Are your Address Numbers Visible?

Please take a moment to check and make sure that your house or business address numbers are visible from the street. Police, Fire and Rescue Companies depend on these numbers to ensure that you receive the emergency care you need as quickly as possible. Please update your address numbers if they are not clearly visible!

GREASE IS A MENACE TO OUR SEWER LINES

Grease clogs up the sewer lines, and it also interferes with the wastewater treatment process. It can cause sewer backups, expensive plumbing bills and increased costs to all residents due to the increased maintenance and treatment costs.

How does the GREASE MENACE get in the sewer? When you put cooking waste, like grease, oil, and food scraps down the drain. The grease clings to the pipes, clogging them and causing back-ups.

HELP FIGHT the GREASE MENACE

- Pour grease into a metal can, let it cool and throw it in the trash.
- Wipe grease off of cooking pans with a paper towel and throw it in the trash.
- Throw food waste into the trash.
- Make sure your drains have a screen.

REMEMBER...Pedestrians have the right-of-way in **ALL** cross walks. Please **STOP** to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street. It is a Maryland State Law.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Mayor: Howard Long
Assistant Mayor:
Council Members: Rick Byrd, Cynthia Kauffman, Marilee Kerns, Brigitte Schmidt & Janeen Solberg
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240-313-2910 or 911