

Fall 2014 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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Open: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Fall Bulk Clean-Up

Saturday, October 18

Shafer Park Parking Lot

The Fall Clean-up Day will be held from **8AM until 1PM** on **Saturday, October 18** in the parking lot in **Shafer Park** where several dumpsters will be available for Town residents to dispose of unwanted bulk 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, October 16** 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 will be available during the day for free to town residents.

Bulk Clean-Up is a Rain-or-Shine Event

Please see the enclosed "Green Times" Newsletter for information regarding acceptable Recyclable items

Park closing for season...

Shafer Park's pavilions and restrooms will be officially closed for the winter season as of **Friday, October 10**. The Park itself, however, is open each day from dawn until dusk & the Community Center is available to rent throughout the year. Town staff will begin taking 2015 reservations on January 2, 2015.

Reminder!! Leashed dogs are allowed in Shafer Park and pet waste stations have been installed.

Please pick up after your pet!

Trick-or-Treat

Thursday, October 30

Residents wishing to treat little ghosts and goblins should turn on porch lights from **6PM until 8PM** on Thursday, October 30. 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**

Old Tyme Christmas

Friday, December 5

The arrival of Santa Claus marks the beginning of the Old Tyme Christmas celebration, at **6:30PM** on **Friday, December 5** in **Shafer Park**. Santa will ride into Shafer Park on a fire truck, followed by 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. Everyone is welcome!!

Holiday in Boonsboro

Saturday, December 6

Festivities will continue with Holiday in Boonsboro on **Saturday, December 6**, from **10AM until 4PM** along Main Street & inside the Town Hall Annex. Many downtown businesses will host Open Houses, offer holiday specials & the Inn Boonsboro will provide tours from **11:30AM until 2PM**.

Legal Holiday Closings for Boonsboro Town Hall

November 11 – Veterans' Day

November 27 & 28 – Thanksgiving

Trash will be picked up on Saturday, November 29

December 25 & 26 – Christmas

Trash will be picked up on Saturday, December 27

January 1 - New Year's Day

Trash will be picked up on Saturday, January 3

Reminder: Sewer and Water Rate change is reflected in the September 2014 Billing

(Approved June 2014)

The base **Sewer Rate** for Residential Customers has increased to \$68 per quarter for the first 6,000 gallons used, and \$7 per 1,000 gallons thereafter. The base rate for Commercial Customers has increased to \$68 per quarter per EDU, and \$7 per each 1,000 gallons used. **Please note, the \$22.50 Debt Service Rate has been eliminated.**

The base **Water Rate** for In-Town Residential customers has increased to \$30 per quarter for the first 6,000 gallons used plus \$5 per each 1,000 gallons used thereafter. The base rate for In-Town Commercial customers has increased to \$35 per quarter per EDU plus \$5 per each 1,000 gallons used. The base rate for Out-of-Town Residential customers has increased to \$40 per quarter for the first 6,000 gallons used plus \$6 per each 1,000 gallons used thereafter. The base rate for Out-of-Town Commercial customers has increased to \$45 per quarter per EDU plus \$6 per each 1,000 gallons used.

Yard Debris Collection

Continues through 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 brown paper bags (no plastic is permitted). Place the bags (**8-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. The Yard Debris site will then be open on the 3rd Saturday of each month throughout the winter. (To access the site, obtain a free permit at Town Hall, Monday-Friday, 7:30AM - 4:30PM)

Flat Frosties to decorate Main Street again this Year

Main Street will be the Holiday home of creative "Flat Frosties" for the fourth year this December. Town businesses, organizations and households are eligible to participate. Businesses and organizations may purchase blank Frosties and have them hung on lamp posts on Main Street. **The Frosties will be part of the "Frosties Scavenger Hunt" which will begin on December 5th.** Town residents may also purchase blank Frosties, or completely home-make their Frosties, and display them in their front yards.

Frosties cut-outs can be purchased for **\$10** (for a **recycled** cut-out) or **\$20** (for a **brand new** cut-out).

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.

This contest is sponsored by WINC.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Boonsboro Environmental Commission and the Green Team!! The Town of Boonsboro is the first Community in Western Maryland to be **Sustainable Maryland Certified!**

INFORMATION ON THE WEB

Please consider using the Town's website to find information about what's going on in the Town. The website features information on activities of the Mayor and Council, the various Boards and Commissions, trash pick-up and event reminders, as well as links to other resources. Town staff updates the website daily to provide up-to-date information. The site is accessible for use with all electronic devices.

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Like us on **Facebook**, too! Town events, updates and changes are also posted on the **Town Facebook Page**. A link is provided on the Town website or search "**Town of Boonsboro, Maryland**" on Facebook.

Town Permits Now available Online

If you are in need of a permit for additions, decks, pools, backyard chickens, driveway entrances and others, the appropriate forms can be found under Planning and Zoning on the Town website. Permits are still to be filed at Town Hall. Please contact **Brian Hopkins** at **301-432-5690** or stop in during the office hours of 8AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday if you need additional information.

CODE-RED Alerts

Residents are urged to sign up to receive notifications from the Town's Code-Red system by going to the Town website or by calling Town Hall. This system notifies residents of water and sewer related issues, Police alerts and emergencies, and Town event changes.

New Employees at the Boonsboro Police Department

Please welcome Police Officer Aaron Taylor and Administrative Specialist Donna Burkner to the Boonsboro Police Department. We wish them both the best of luck as they take on their new positions in the Town.

Shafer Park Future Amenities

In order to continue developing and funding additional improvements in Shafer Park, your help is needed!

Friends of Shafer Park is looking for volunteers to assist with fundraising to support the proposed amenities in the park. A Pool Planning Committee is also forming to begin planning the Aquatic Facility. **Both Membership opportunities are open to anyone in the area who wishes to volunteer their services.** Please visit the Town's website to fill out the membership form, or stop by Town Hall.

Sanitation Reminders...

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

-All clean corrugated cardboard can be recycled, as well as the boxboard used for cereal and tissue boxes. Please break down all boxes.

-Recyclable plastic bags, such as grocery bags, should be bundled up in a plastic bag.

-New residents, who would like a free recycling container, please contact Town Hall, 301-432-5141.

Utility Payment Schedules

We realize that our customers may have difficulty in paying their utilities bills on time. We are willing to work with you to establish a payment schedule. Your invoice will still have to be paid within 90 days from the billing date, but we can accept weekly, bi-weekly or monthly payments, whichever works best for you. **Please call Michelle, the Town Clerk, at 301-432-5141**, as soon as you receive your bill to set up a payment schedule.

Mayor: Charles 'Skip' Kauffman, Jr.

Assistant Mayor: Howard Long

Council Members: Sean Haardt, Cynthia Kauffman, Brigitte Schmidt, Janeen Solberg, Barbara Wetzel

Boonsboro Police Department

301-432-6838

Sheriff's Office Dispatch

240-313-2910 or 911