

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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Open: Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM

Fall Bulk Clean-Up

Saturday, October 17

Shafer Park Parking Lot

The Fall Clean-Up Day will be held from **8AM until 1PM** on **Saturday, October 17 in the parking lot of Shafer Park**. Several dumpsters will be available for Town residents to dispose of unwanted bulk items and **Horizon Goodwill and Habitat for Humanity ReStore will be onsite to accept donations**. Citizens must show proof of residency, such as a driver's license or a Town utility bill. Volunteers will be available to help unload and sort items at Shafer Park. ***Residents unable to transport large items to the Park should hold those items until the Spring 2016 Clean-Up.** Unacceptable items include tires and toxic materials. See the website for a full list of acceptable 'donation' items.

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

Park closing for season...

Shafer Park's pavilions and restrooms will close for the winter season as of **Friday, October 16**. The Park itself, however, is open each day from dawn until dusk and the Community Center is available to rent throughout the year. **Town staff will begin taking 2016 reservations on January 4, 2016.**

Reminder!! Leashed dogs are allowed in Shafer Park and pet waste stations have been installed. *Please pick up after your pet!*

New Employee at Town Hall

Please welcome our new **Water and Sewer Clerk Jeannie King**. Jeannie will join Town Clerk Sarah Murto Campbell in the front office to handle all of your Town utility billing needs. Stop by and say hello!!

Legal Holiday Closings

November 11 – Veterans' Day
November 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25 – Christmas
January 1 - New Year's Day

****Please note...There will be no change in Trash & Recycling pick-up during the Holidays****

Reminder: Sewer and Water Tiered-Rate Structure begins on the September 2015 Billing

At the recommendation of the BMUC, the Mayor and Council approved a new Water and Sewer Tiered Rate Structure, effective July 1, 2015. A **tiered-rate structure** provides a small fixed fee and charges based upon the quantity of water used. Different tiers charge different amounts for the quantity used. A tiered-rate structure promotes conservation of water as it charges users for the quantity they are using rather than a lump sum for a specified amount (i.e. minimum charge for 6000 gallons). **Conserving water preserves our water resources, reduces operating costs, and delays the need for system expansion.**

The following is the approved water and sewer rates, effective July 1:

Water	Rates
Residential Fixed Fee	\$10
1-18,000 gallons	\$5/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$6/1,000 gal
Commercial Fixed Fee	\$15 per EDU
1-18,000 gallons	\$5/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$6/1,000 gal
Sewer	Rates
Residential Fixed Fee	\$40
1-18,000 gallons	\$7/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$10/1,000 gal
Commercial Fixed Fee	\$40 per EDU
1-18,000 gallons	\$7/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$10/1,000 gal

Trick-or-Treat

Saturday, October 31

Residents wishing to treat little ghosts and goblins should turn on porch lights from **5PM until 7PM** on Saturday, October 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**

Old Tyme Christmas

Friday, December 4

The arrival of Santa Claus marks the beginning of the Old Tyme Christmas celebration, at **6:30PM on Friday, December 4 in Shafer Park**. Santa arrives in Shafer Park, 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 and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!!

Holiday in Boonsboro

Saturday, December 5

Festivities will continue with Holiday in Boonsboro on **Saturday, December 5**, 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.

****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****

Pay-As-You-Throw Information

Thank you to all of the residents who attended the Public Hearing on the Sanitation Ordinance on September 8th, which would permit the Council to adopt a Pay-As-You-Throw trash program. The Mayor and Council are very interested in your feedback. Please visit the Town website for additional information about Pay-As-You-Throw and to complete a brief survey. The link is located in the bottom left corner of the main web page, as well as under the 'Residents' tab at the top of the page and then 'Trash & Curbside Recycling.'

AQUATIC FACILITY FINAL STUDY Wednesday, October 21, 6:30PM

USAquatics and Isaac Sports Group will present their final analysis of the Feasibility Study for an Aquatic and Recreation Center potentially located in Boonsboro. The presentation will be held in the Town Hall Annex, 21 North Main Street, on October 21st.

Reminder!! Please return the Transportation Survey, which was mailed to all Town residents, to Town Hall by October 30th. You can also complete the survey online. Thank you in advance for your participation! We hope that this survey will help establish an intra-Town transportation service.

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. www.town.boonsboro.md.us

Like us on **Facebook**, too! Town sponsored 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.

ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAY

Residents are now able to pay their utility bills online with a credit or debit card, processed through PayPal. A fee will be added to all online PayPal transactions to cover the processing fees incurred by the Town in order to provide this service to our customers.

Fees are as follows:

Bills totaling

\$0 to \$300 = \$4.00

Bills totaling

\$300.01 & up = \$7.50

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 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 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****

Yard Debris Collection

Continues through November

Weather permitting; yard debris will be picked up each Monday by Town staff 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 should be no larger than four inches in diameter and four feet in length, so that staff can easily lift them. The Town's **Yard Debris** site on Monroe Road will remain open, Tuesday through Saturday, 7AM-Noon, 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)

New Businesses on Main Street
The Robin's Nest, at 103 North Main, which features vintage and hand-crafted décor, and **Milex**, 801 North Main, an auto repair shop, are now open for business. Please stop by and welcome them to Boonsboro!

Flat Frosties to decorate Main Street again this Year

Main Street will be the Holiday home of creative "Flat Frosties" for the 5th year this December. Town businesses, organizations and households are all eligible to participate. Businesses and organizations may purchase blank Frosties and have them hung on lamp posts on Main Street as part of the "**Frosties Scavenger Hunt**," which will run from December 4th to 18th. 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) with all proceeds donated to **Micah's Backpack**. 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/text Jennifer Guenther at 240-674-1859.

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.

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Assistant Mayor: Howard Long
Council Members: Sean Haardt, Cynthia Kauffman, Brigitte Schmidt, Janeen Solberg, Barbara Wetzel

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