

# News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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## Newly Appointed Assistant Mayor & Council Member

The results from the Town Election on May 10<sup>th</sup> created a vacancy for the Assistant Mayor position due to Howard Long, the previous Assistant Mayor, being elected as our new Mayor. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Council Member **Cynthia Kauffman** was appointed as the **new Assistant Mayor** and was sworn in by Mayor Long. As a result of her appointment, a vacancy was created in the Town Council.

Applications were submitted and reviewed. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Council appointed **Terry Davis** as the **new Council Member**. Both terms fulfill unexpired terms through June 2018.

## Fall Bulk Clean-Up

**Saturday, October 22**

**Shafer Park Parking Lot**

The Fall Clean-Up Day will be held from **8AM until 1PM** on **Saturday, October 22** 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 Clean-Up in May 2017\***

Unacceptable items include tires and toxic materials. See the Town website for a full list of acceptable 'donation' items.

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

## Reminder

### Fiscal Year 2017 Water, Sewer & Sanitation Rate Increases begin on the September 2016 Billing

The Mayor and Council approved increases to the Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fees as part of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, which became effective on July 1, 2016.

The approved rates are as follows:

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

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

**\*\*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\*\*

## Legal Holiday Closings

**November 11 – Veterans' Day**  
**November 24 & 25 –Thanksgiving**  
**December 23 & 26 – Christmas**  
**January 2 - New Year's Day**

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

## Trick-or-Treat

**Monday, October 31**

Residents wishing to treat little ghosts and goblins should turn on their porch lights from **6PM until 8PM** on Monday, October 31. Please remember, Trick-or-Treating is for youngsters, ages 12 and under. **\*\*For safety purposes**, adults should accompany children while they are walking through Town. Members of the Boonsboro Police Department will also be present at busy street crossings to assist youngsters when necessary\*\*

## Old Tyme Christmas

**Friday, December 2**

The arrival of Santa Claus in Shafer Park marks the beginning of the Old Tyme Christmas celebration. Santa will arrive in **Shafer Park at 6:30PM**, on Friday, December 2, followed by the Boonsboro High School and the Rohrersville Bands, as the small Holiday 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 3

The Festivities will continue with Holiday in Boonsboro along Main Street on **Saturday, December 3**, from **10AM until 4PM**. Many downtown businesses will host Open Houses, offer holiday specials & the Inn Boonsboro will provide tours.

### Flat Frosties to decorate

#### Main Street again this Year...

Main Street will be the Holiday home of creative "Flat Frosties" for the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. Town residents may also purchase blank Frosties and display them in their front yards. Frosties cut-outs can be purchased for **\$20** with all proceeds donated to **Micah's Backpack**. Delivery is expected by mid-October. To place an order or for more information, please email Jennifer Guenther at [boonsboromd@gmail.com](mailto:boonsboromd@gmail.com) or call/text 240-674-1859.

### 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. Please note: 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\*\***

## Yard Debris Collection

### Continues until the 1<sup>st</sup> Ice/Snow

Weather permitting; yard debris will be picked up **each Monday** by Town staff until **November 28**, or until the 1<sup>st</sup> ice and/or snow event when the plows are put onto the Town trucks. 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. The Town's **Yard Debris Site** on Monroe Road will remain open, Tuesday through Friday, from Noon until 2pm, and Saturday from 7AM until 12 Noon through **November 20**. The Yard Debris site will then be open on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of each month throughout the winter. To access the Debris Site, please stop by and pick-up a free permit at Town Hall, Monday-Friday, 8am to 4:30pm

## Love Your Local

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Specials Program

Local small businesses contribute to our schools, sports teams and community through donations, their tax dollars and payroll to locally employed residents. When you have a choice to shop at the big box stores miles away, the internet or with our Boonsboro shopkeepers and service providers...choose to **Love Your Local** businesses first and they will love you back! In return for your support, many Boonsboro businesses will be offering **First Saturday Specials** for local shoppers on the first Saturday of every month, starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. To keep things simple, when you shop local on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month...just mention that you LOVE our local businesses before checkout. Offers and participation are set by each business and may change at their discretion. Additional information can be found on the town webpage.

## Trash & Recycling Reminders!!

- Please place your trash and recycling out on **MONDAY night** for Tuesday morning pick-up. Apple Valley Waste comes through Town very early in the morning and many residents are not having their sanitation picked-up because they are waiting until Tuesday morning to place their sanitation at the curb side.
- If you place your trash and recycling out **AFTER** Apple Valley Waste picks-up on your street, they **will not** come back to pick-up your sanitation until the following Tuesday. If AVW misses your sanitation and you honestly placed it out on **Monday night**, please call Town Hall as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that AVW will pick it up, but we will try our best to contact them.
- The **RED** Apple Valley Waste container that the Town provides to you is for **RECYCLING ONLY**. If you place regular household trash inside the red container, AVW will NOT pick it up at all. (The Town does not provide a container for regular household trash.)
- Please see the enclosed **Waste Reduction and Recycling Guide** for additional information ☺

**Interested in serving on a Town Commission?** Volunteers help make our community as great as it can be. People with all skills and interests are encouraged to volunteer. There are currently vacancies on the Public Safety Commission and the Environmental Commission. Please submit the form online via the Town website or stop in at Town Hall.

**Mayor:** Howard Long  
**Assistant Mayor:** Cynthia Kauffman  
**Council Members:** Rick Byrd, Terry Davis, Marilee Kerns, Brigitte Schmidt & Janeen Solberg  
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