

Fall 2017 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

Fiscal Year 2018 Town, Water and Sewer Fund Budgets

The Fiscal Year 2018 Budgets were approved by the Mayor and Council at the August 7, 2017 Regular Meeting. All Budgets are posted on the Town website

www.town.boonsboro.md.us/fy2018budgets



SEARCH YOUR ATTICS!!

Sunday, October 15

On **Sunday, October 15, from 1pm to 5pm**, the Boonsboro Historical Society will host a **Pass It On** event to scan pre-1970's historical photos and documents of Boonsboro buildings, scenes and Town people to preserve these important artifacts. Bring in your items to be scanned for free while you wait. The event is part of the 225th Anniversary Celebrations and will be held at the **Hospice Community Life Center at 28 N. Main Street**. Enjoy light refreshments and chat with your neighbors. **The Pass It On Project**, implemented by Skipjack Web Services, will also include oral interviews (at a later date) with our longest residents about their memories of Boonsboro. These interviews will also be made available on the Historical Society's website for educational purposes, thanks to a grant from the Mary K. Bowman Historical & Fine Arts Fund. For more information, please visit boonsboro225.org

Fall Bulk Clean-Up & Recycling Event

Saturday, October 14

Shafer Park Parking Lot

The Fall Clean-Up Day will be held from **8AM until 12PM** on **Saturday, October 14** 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**. All electronics will be recycled. 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 2018.

Unacceptable items include tires, construction debris and toxic materials. See the Town website for a full list of acceptable items.

****Please note: We will accept 2 televisions per household****

Bulk Clean-Up is Rain-or-Shine!!

Trick-or-Treat

Tuesday, October 31

Residents wishing to hand out treats to little superheroes, 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 **

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 10 – Veterans' Day
November 23 & 24 – Thanksgiving
December 25 & 26 – Christmas
January 1 - New Year's Day

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

Old Tyme Christmas

Friday, December 1

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 1, 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.

Holiday in Boonsboro

Saturday, December 2

The Festivities will continue with Holiday in Boonsboro along Main Street on **Saturday, December 2, from 10AM until 4PM**. Many downtown businesses will host Open Houses, offer holiday specials and Inn Boonsboro will provide tours.

Boonsboro's Farmers Market will be held every **TUESDAY**, now thru October 10th, from 4pm until 7pm in Shafer Park in the area between Pavilions 1 & 2.

Buy fresh & local!

Yard Debris Collection

Continues until the 1st Ice/Snow

Weather permitting; yard debris will be picked up **each Monday** by Town staff until the 1st 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 18**. The Yard Debris site will then be open on the **3rd Saturday** of each month throughout the winter.

Trash & Recycling Reminders!!

- Please place your trash and recycling out on **MONDAY night** for Tuesday morning pick-up.
- 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 be considerate and remember to **pick-up** while walking your dog... especially in Shafer Park, in your neighborhood '**common areas**' or in someone else's yard. It is not pleasant having to clean-up after others' pets.

Please pick up after your pet!

Main Street Speed Changes

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will be reducing the **Main Street** traffic speed limit to **30 mph** from MD67 to Mousetown Road, **25 mph** in the center of Town from Mousetown Road through Thomas Lane, and **30 mph** from Thomas Lane to Route 68/Lappans Road and Chase Six Boulevard. Keep your eyes open for the **NEW** speed limit signs!!

2018 Shafer Park & Community Center Reservations

Park pavilion and Community Center reservations begin on January 2, 2018 for the upcoming year. To make reservations call Kim at 301-432-5141 or visit Town Hall. **A Rental Fee Increase was approved for 2018**. For Town residents, fees are **\$45** for the Gazebo & small pavilions (4, 5 & 6) and **\$50** for the larger ones (1, 2 & 3). The Community Center rental fee is **\$75**, plus a key/cleaning deposit of **\$50**, which will be refunded to you. Non-residents will pay an additional **\$10** for each rental.

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****

Streetlight Outage Information

To report a streetlight outage, 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' to the pole. It usually takes about 2 -3 days to have a light repaired by PE.

Love Your Local

1st 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 1st. To keep things simple, when you shop local on the 1st 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 website.

Stop in and welcome **Stone Werks Coffee and Sweets**, 7 North Main, to the neighborhood and grab a coffee and a super delicious treat to eat!!

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Town events, updates and changes are all posted on the Town's Facebook and Twitter pages. A link is provided on the Town website or search "**Town of Boonsboro, Maryland**" on either site.

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Howard Long, *term May 2020*

Assistant Mayor

Cynthia Kauffman, *term May 2018*

Council Members

Rick Byrd, *term May 2020*

Terry Davis, *term May 2018*

Marilee Kerns, *term May 2020*

Brigitte Schmidt, *term May 2018*

Janeen Solberg, *term May 2018*

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240-313-2910 or 911