

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

Newly Appointed Town Council Member

The results from the Town Election on May 8th created a vacancy for a Council Member position due to Rick 'JR' Byrd being elected as our new Assistant Mayor. On July 2nd the Council appointed **Ray Hanson** as the **new Council Member** to fulfill the unexpired term through May 2020.

Fall Bulk Clean-Up & Recycling Event

Saturday, October 13

Shafer Park Parking Lot

The Fall Clean-Up Day will be held from **8AM until 12PM** on **Saturday, October 13 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 in the Shafer Park parking lot. Usable items will be salvaged and be available during the day for free. **Residents unable to transport large items to the Park should hold those items until the Spring Clean-Up in May 2019.**

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 (two) televisions per household****
Bulk Clean-Up is Rain-or-Shine!!

Trick-or-Treat

Wednesday, 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 Wednesday, 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 ******

Old Tyme Christmas

Friday, December 7

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**, followed by the Boonsboro High School and the Rohrsersville 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. Santa will be available to listen to the children's holiday wishes and refreshments will be served.

Holiday in Boonsboro

Saturday, December 8

The Festivities will continue with Holiday in Boonsboro along Main Street on **Saturday, December 8**, from **8AM until 4PM**. Many downtown businesses will host Open Houses, offer holiday specials and Inn BoonsBoro will provide tours.

Reminder: Pedestrians have the right-of-way in **ALL cross walks**. Please **STOP** to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street. Look for cross walk signs on Main Street.

It is a Maryland State Law!!

Legal Holiday Closings

November 12 – Veterans' Day

November 22 & 23 – Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25 – Christmas

** Trash & Recycling pick-up will be on Wednesday, December 26**

January 1 - New Year's Day

** Trash & Recycling pick-up will be on Wednesday, January 2**

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. 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 17**. The Yard Debris site will then be open on the **3rd Saturday** of each month throughout the winter. **Remember...**

- Place your brown paper lawn bags at your curbside on **Sunday evening**. Bags that are left out all week and in the rain may become wet and will be impossible to lift.
- No more than 8 bags per household, weighing no more than 30 pounds each per bag. If you can't lift the bags, neither can our Public Works staff.
- No dirt, mulch, stone, sod or other trash should be mixed in with debris. Bags will not be picked up if these items are inside.
- Branches must be no thicker than 4-inches in diameter and cut to a length of 4-feet. A maximum of 10 branches per household, tied into bundles, will be picked-up.

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.)
- We have many residents still using the old **BLUE** Republic Services recycling container that was distributed a few years ago. When Apple Valley Waste see this BLUE container, they think that you are using Republic Services as your sanitation provider. You may not have your sanitation picked up.

BMUC 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. Utility bills can be paid online.

Payment options are available.

Please call Cindy, our Water and Sewer Clerk, at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment plans and options. Water and Sewer bills are calculated based on how much water you use. Conserving water can help reduce your bill. Check toilets, water softeners and all outside hoses every so often for leaks.

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

The South County Food Pantry and Micah's Backpack need your help!!

The Pantry is looking for a new location in Boonsboro...either a building or a piece of ground to build a 60x50 building. There is a great need in our area for food assistance. Due to the great need, The Pantry, which is currently based at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at 64 South Main Street, has out grown its space and is looking to expand. Micah's Backpack alone provided 116 community children last year with backpacks on Friday afternoon with enough food for two nutritious breakfasts, lunches and dinners for the weekend. They believe that this number will increase this school year. The children and families receiving this help are your neighbors. Both programs are run by volunteers and donations from the community. **The Pantry is open every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00pm**. If you know of building or a location in Boonsboro that would be available for this wonderful organization, please call Town Hall and we can put you in touch with their representative, Lisha Bikle. For more information: www.southcountyfoodpantry.org

Planning and Zoning Notes:

PERMITS REQUIRED... If you are considering a pool, deck, other additions on your property, or even considering starting a new business in Boonsboro, please remember that a building permit or zoning permit is required. **Building Permits are not required for fences under 6 feet in height, landscaping or retaining walls less than 3 feet in height, exterior painting or other ordinary property maintenance. Zoning Permits are required for new businesses** in Town and business signs. Additional information can be found on the Town website under **Planning and Zoning** or by contacting the Town Planner and Zoning Administrator Ethan Strickler at 301-432-5690 or by emailing EStricklerTOB@gmail.com

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 **Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission (BMUC)** and the **Environmental Commission (BEC)**. You can submit a form online via the Town website or stop in at Town Hall for a printed form.

Boonsboro's Farmers Market will be held every **TUESDAY**, now thru October 9th, from 4pm until 7pm in Shafer Park in the area between Pavilions 1 & 2.

Buy fresh & local!

Walking your dog... Leashed dogs are allowed in Shafer Park. Please be considerate and **pick-up** after your dog in the Park, in your neighborhood common areas and in other people's yards. It is not pleasant having to clean-up after others' pets. Remember a baggie.

Please pick up after your pet!

Welcome New Town Residents!!

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

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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.

Mayor: Howard Long

Assistant Mayor: Rick 'JR' Byrd

Council Members: Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Tony Nally and Rick Weaver

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