

# News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

## Fall Bulk Clean-Up & Recycling Event Saturday, October 12 Shafer Park Parking Lot 8AM until 12PM

Several dumpsters will be available for Town residents to dispose of unwanted bulk items (Please NO televisions or computer monitors) 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. Good usable items will be salvaged and will 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 2020 and recyclables until Green Fest on May 9, 2020\***  
Unacceptable items include TVs, computer monitors, tires, construction or remodeling debris and toxic materials. See the Town website for a full list of items.

*Fall Bulk Clean-Up is Rain-or-Shine*

## BooneFest

Saturday, October 12

10AM until 6PM • Main Street

Traditionally, this is the time of year that marks the onset of autumn, the harvest and warm fellowship. With that spirit in mind, join us on October 12<sup>th</sup> for a celebration of our community. Gather the family and come to downtown Boonsboro for the day, meet your neighbors, make new friends and discover what our lovely little Town has to offer, not just during the harvest and holiday season, but all year long!

## Trick-or-Treat

Thursday, 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 Thursday, 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 \*\*

## Girls' Night Out

November 21 • 5 PM to 9:00PM

Adventure out into the neighborhood for an evening of shopping. Discover what our local businesses have to offer. Meet shop owners, local artists and authors. Eat, drink, be merry and enter to win prizes, including the Grand Prize: Free Night at Inn BoonsBoro.

## Old Tyme Christmas

Friday, December 6

Santa will arrive in **Shafer Park at 6:30PM**, 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. Santa will be available to listen to the children's holiday wishes and refreshments will be served.

## Holiday in Boonsboro

Saturday, December 7

The Festivities will continue with Holiday in Boonsboro along Main Street on **Saturday, December 7**, from **8AM until 4PM**. Many downtown businesses will host Open Houses, offer holiday specials and Inn BoonsBoro will provide tours.

## Legal Holiday Closings

November 11 – Veterans' Day

November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25 – Christmas

\*\* Trash & Recycling pick-up will be on Tuesday, December 24\*\*

January 1 - New Year's Day

\*\* Trash & Recycling pick-up will be on Tuesday, December 31\*\*

## Monday Yard Debris Pick-Up

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

Weather permitting; yard debris will be picked up **each Monday** by Town staff until the 1<sup>st</sup> ice and/or snow event when the plows are put onto the Town trucks. The Town's **Yard Debris Site** on Monroe Road is open, Tuesday through Friday, from Noon until 2pm, and Saturday from 7AM until 12 Noon until **November 23**. The Yard Debris site will then be open on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of each month throughout the winter.

**Remember...**

- Place your brown paper lawn bags at your curbside **Sunday evening**. Bags that are left out all week may become wet and will be impossible to lift. Please do not place them on the street, especially if it is raining.
- **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 PW 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.

### **Monthly Town Meetings**

*(Please check the Calendar on the Town website and at Town Hall for changes to dates or times)*

- \*Mayor & Council – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – 7pm
- \*Environmental – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7pm
- \*Utilities – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – 6pm
- \*Public Safety – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 7pm
- \*Planning – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 7pm
- \*Mayor & Council Workshop – Last Monday – 7pm
- \*Park Board – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – 7pm
- \*EDC – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, EVEN months – 9am

### **Welcome our new Office Staff**

Stop by and say hello to our new Town Clerk Heather Slough and our new Administrative Assistant Amanda Wells ☺

### **Please Do Not Pour Grease Down the Drain!!**

Fat, cooking oil and grease clog the sewer lines and interfere with the wastewater treatment process. It can cause sewer backups, expensive plumbing bills and increased costs to all residents due to the increased maintenance and treatment costs. Please allow the fat, oil and grease to cool and collect it in a container and throw it away in the trash.

### **Trash & Recycling Reminders!!**

- Please place your trash and recycling out on **MONDAY** night for Tuesday morning pick-up.
- If your sanitation is **MISSED**, 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 or bags inside the RED container, AVW will **NOT** pick it up. **GLASS is no longer accepted** for recycling.
- **The Town does not provide a trash container for regular household trash.** You can place out bags or purchase your own trash container from Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart or any other department store.

### **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 Amanda at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment options. Water and Sewer bills are calculated based on how much water you use. **\*\*The full BMUC billing policy is available on the Town's webpage and posted at Town Hall\*\***

**PERMITS REQUIRED!!** If you are considering a shed, a deck, additions, or starting a business, 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.

**Zoning Permits are required for new businesses** and for business signs. Additional information can be found on the Town website under **Planning and Zoning** or contact the Town Planner Ethan Strickler at 301-432-5690.

### **Are you interested in serving on a Town Commission?**

We need your help!! 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 **Planning**

**Commission, Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission (BMUC) and the Boonsboro Economic Development Commission (EDC).**

You can submit a form online through the Town website or stop in at Town Hall for a printed form.

**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!!***

**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!**

### **2020 Town Election**

The citizens of Boonsboro will be voting to fill the Mayor and two (2) Council Member seats in the Town election set for **May 12, 2020**.

Residents living within the corporate limits of Boonsboro, who are registered to vote in Washington County, are qualified to vote in the

Town election held at the Community Center in the Park.

**\*\*The deadline to register to vote for the Town election is Monday, April 13, 2020\*\***

### **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 information in our systems and provide you with a recycling bin ☺

### **Like us on Facebook & Twitter...**

Town events, updates, notices and changes are all posted on the Town's website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Links are provided on the Town website or search "**Town of Boonsboro, Maryland**" on either site. We strive to keep you informed.

### **Have a safe and happy Fall!**

**Mayor:** Howard Long

**Assistant Mayor:** Rick 'JR' Byrd

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

**Town Manager:** Paul Mantello

**Boonsboro Police Department**  
301-432-6838

**Emergency - Please call 911 immediately!!**