

# News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

## Fall Bulk Clean-Up

**Saturday, October 10**

**Shafer Park Parking Lot**

**8AM until 12PM**

Several dumpsters will be available for Town residents to dispose of unwanted bulky items. Horizon Goodwill, Habitat ReStore and Conservit will be onsite to accept donations. Citizens must show proof of residency, such as a driver's license. Volunteers will be available to help unload and sort items. Good usable items will be salvaged and will be available during the day for FREE to anyone who wants them.

**\*Residents unable to transport large items to Shafer Park should hold those items until the Spring Clean-Up in May 2021\***

**Unacceptable items include** opened cans of paint, tires, construction and remodeling debris (such as dry wall and concrete) and toxic materials.

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

## Trick-or-Treat

**Saturday, October 31**

Residents wishing to hand out pre-packaged treats **should turn on their porch lights from 6PM until 8PM** on October 31 (no rain date) Practice good hand sanitizing, social distancing & we recommend wearing a mask 🦺 **\*\*Please remember, for safety purposes, adults should accompany children while they are walking through Town & carry some sort of light\*\***

**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!!**

## Shafer Park Clean-Up

**Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration**

**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Join the Park Board to celebrate Arbor Day and participate in the annual **Park Clean-Up** from **1pm – 4pm**. All volunteers are welcome and greatly appreciated!! Simply show up with a mask, wearing work clothes, boots and bring gloves!!

## Old Tyme Christmas

**Friday, December 4**

Santa will arrive in **Shafer Park at 6:30PM**, as the small Holiday parade travels down Reeder's Alley towards the annual tree lighting festivities in the Park.

## Holiday in Boonsboro

**Saturday, December 5 (PENDING)**

The Festivities will continue with Holiday in Boonsboro along Main Street from **8AM until 4PM**.

Watch for updates!!

## Shafer Park Restrooms and Pavilion

**rentals will CLOSE** for the year on **October 23**. We have not reopened our Community Center rentals. The Washington County Commission on Aging holds their Southeastern Senior Center at the Community Center. We are waiting for directives from the Governor for Senior Centers. The health and safety of our seniors is of the utmost importance to us. If you have a Community Center rental, we apologize for the inconvenience.

**\*\* THANK YOU to our residents for everything you've been doing to help stop the spread of COVID-19\*\***  
**Stay Well & Safe!!**

## Legal Holiday Closings

**November 11 – Veterans' Day**

**November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving**

**December 24 & 25 – Christmas**

**\*\* Trash & Recycling pick-up will be on Tuesday, December 29\*\***

**January 1 - New Year's Day**

## 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 every Saturday from 8AM until 12 Noon** until **November 21**. The Yard Debris site will then be open on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of each month during 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, flower pots, cans, paper or other trash should be mixed in with debris.** **Bags will not be picked up if these items are inside.** We mulch the yard debris pile at the site every year & items listed above will damage the mulching machinery.
- 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 for changes to dates)

- \*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

**Backyard Chicken Permit** fees have been reduced from \$80 to **\$50** for Town residents who wish to raise 3 hens in their backyards with NO annual renewal fee. Residents keeping chickens on their properties within Town limits are required to fill out a yearly Chicken Permit at Town Hall on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. We ask that you please take the time to stop by Town Hall to keep your permit up to date, or to submit a NEW permit. If you do not renew your permit by that date, a \$50 permit renewal violation fee will be charged.

### Storage Container Ordinance

The Town passed an Ordinance regulating the time period that residents can have portable storage containers on their property and requiring that a permit be obtained for the containers. This includes PODS and other metal moving containers, metal sea containers and large roll-off trash containers for home renovations. Special consideration will be given to hardship causes such as fires and/or flooding and extensions can be obtained. Permits are available at Town Hall and on the Town website.

**PERMITS REQUIRED!!** If you are considering a shed, deck, pool, additions, or starting a business, remember that a building or zoning permit is required. Information can be found on the Town website under Planning and Zoning or by calling the Town Planner at 301-432-5690.

### Boonsboro Environmental

**Commission News:** The BEC is interested in recruiting new members for the Town's **Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team**. The Team provides the leadership to develop plans, implement programs, and assist with educational opportunities that support the creation of a sustainable community. The Town is currently renewing its certification with the State. Anyone from different sectors of the community is welcome: Town residents, schools (PTOs), faith-based groups, civic organizations, senior citizen groups, local businesses, etc. can all become partners on the Team. If you are interested, please go to the Town's website and submit your application: **Homepage (top menu bar)>Government>Town Commissions>Community Volunteer Form** (and select Environmental Commission at the bottom). Mention **Green Team** in the narrative box. Applications may also be made to the Town Hall, Attention: BEC, 21 N. Main Street.

**\*\*We have VACANCIES on all of our Commissions. Help make a difference in your community. Apply today!!\*\***

### Trash & Recycling Reminders!!

- Please place your trash and recycling out on **MONDAY** night for Tuesday morning pick-up.
- If AVW honestly misses your house, please call Town Hall as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that AVW will come back to pick up your items, but we will try our best and contact them.
- The **RED** Apple Valley Waste container is for **RECYCLING ONLY**. If you place regular household trash inside the RED container, AVW **will NOT** pick it up. They will not pick up your recycling if it is in plastic bags inside the bin.
- The Town **does not provide trash containers**. You can place out bags or purchase your own container.

### BMUC Bills - ACH Debit Payments

You can pay your BMUC bill using '**fee free**' ACH Debit. This payment is drafted directly from your checking account **4 times a year, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month when your BMUC bill is due**. 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. If needed, please call Amanda at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment options. We accept cash, checks, money orders & credit cards (in person & on our website).

**If there is an emergency at your house, does Town Hall have your phone number?** The easiest thing to do is to write your phone number, or email address, on your Utility bill stub when you send in your payment. **Your information will be kept private and not shared.**

Boonsboro's **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having problems with neighborhood pets, dogs barking excessively, dogs acting aggressively or are concerned for any animal living in unsanitary condition, please contact the **SPCA** immediately at **301-733-2060**.

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twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro

### Welcome our new Town Planner!!

Stop by and say hello to our new **Town Planner Reiley Stanley** 😊

**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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**Boonsboro Police Department**  
301-432-6838  
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**240-313-4345 or 911**