

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

Fall Bulk Clean-Up

Saturday, October 9

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 2022

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*

BooneFest

Saturday, October 16

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 16th 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!!

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!!

Trick-or-Treat

Sunday, October 31

Residents wishing to hand out treats to little princesses, superheroes, ghosts and goblins should turn on their porch lights from **6PM until 8PM** 🗑️ Please practice good hand sanitizing when handing out treats.

****For safety purposes**, adults should accompany children while they are walking through Town **

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

will be held **every TUESDAY** and is located in the Shafer Park parking lot near the Police Department at 241 Potomac Street. **Regular Season ends October 5, 2021**

4PM to 7PM 🌿 **Extended Season begins October 12 – November 23, 2021 from 3PM to 6PM**
Please bring your own bags!!

Old Tyme Christmas

Friday, December 3

Santa will arrive in **Shafer Park at 6:30PM**, as the small Holiday parade travels down Reeder's Alley across Potomac Street and into the Park. The parade will end at the tree lighting ceremony in the Park. Santa will be available to listen to the children's holiday wishes.

Watch for updates on the Town website and social media sites!!

Holiday in Boonsboro

Saturday, December 4

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 and offer holiday specials. Watch for updates on the Town website and social media sites!!

Legal Holiday Closings

Town Hall will not be open on the following days:

November 11 – Veterans' Day
November 25 & 26 – Thanksgiving
December 24 & 27 – Christmas
December 31 – New Year's Eve
January 3 - New Year's Day

Monday Yard Debris Pick-Up

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 is open every Saturday from 8AM until 12 Noon until November 20. The Yard Debris site will then be open on the **3rd Saturday** of each month during the winter. **Remember...**

- Place your brown paper lawn bags at your curb **Sunday night**. Bags that are left out all week may become wet and will be impossible to lift. Please do not place them out 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 Public Works 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.

News from the Boonsboro Environmental Commission

We are looking for a few interested people for the following:

- **Farmers Market Manager** for the 2022 season: Available Tuesdays from April thru November from 3PM to 7PM. Includes stipend. "People skills" a must, to include being well-organized and a good communicator, occasional meetings outside of the market.
- **Green Team Member**: We're looking for interested people from the community-at-large (businesses, schools, churches, residents, etc.) to be on our **Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team**. We look for ways to make Boonsboro a "greener" community through Action Items. If interested, please fill out an online application on the Town's website by clicking on the **VOLUNTEER** section in the left hand column of the main page or by going to: **Homepage (top menu bar)>Government>Town Commissions>Community Volunteer Form** (and select Environmental Commission at the bottom). Mention **Green Team** in the narrative box.

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 Town Planner Reiley Stanley at 301-432-5690.

Antietam Broadband and Comcast: Very soon residents will have the option to choose between **Antietam Broadband** and **Comcast Inc.** for their cable and internet needs!! We appreciate your patience & understanding during the installations. We know they have been tearing up yards and roads, and they promise to return everything to its original state.

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 25th 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).

Does Town Hall have your phone number? The easiest thing to do is to write your phone number on your Utility bill stub when you send in your payment. **Your information will be kept private and not shared.**

2022 Town Election

The citizens of Boonsboro will be voting to fill the **Assistant Mayor** and **three (3) Council seats** in the Town election set for **May 10, 2022**.

Residents living within the corporate limits of Boonsboro, who are registered to vote in Washington County, are qualified to vote in the Town election. Additional information in the Winter Newsletter.

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

Pet Reminder: 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, especially in your front yard. **Remember a baggie**. Also fenced-in dogs that bark all day and night can disturb your neighbors and they may be too polite to let you know. **Outdoor cats** can be a nuisance to your neighbors. In cold weather your cat might take up residence in your neighbors' garage or kill the birds that your neighbor loves to watch from their window. We love our pets, but please be considerate and keep pets indoors when possible.

Town meetings, events, updates and changes are all posted on the Town's website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Social media links are provided on the Town website.
facebook.com/VisitBoonsboroMD
twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro

New Faces in Town!!

Please join us in welcoming our new **Police Officer Teddy Ballesteros** at the Police Department and **Operator Trainee Jim Morton** at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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
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Chief Kevin Morgan
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240-313-4345 or 911