

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

Bulk Clean-Up & Recycling

Saturday, October 8

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 2023

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 15

10AM until 6PM · Main Street

This is the time of year that marks the onset of Autumn, the harvest and warm fellowship. With that spirit in mind, join us for a celebration of our community. This family-oriented event, brought to you by the Boonsboro Town Alliance, takes place along Main Street. You can enjoy live music, wagon rides, a food court, historic walking tours and many free activities for kids. Our Museums will also be open for this special event!

60th Annual JFK 50 Mile

Saturday, November 19

6:30AM · Main Street

Starting at the Town Square on Main Street, participants make their way to the Old South Mountain Inn where they join the Appalachian Trail at mile 2.5 at 1,172 feet in elevation. This section of the AT is very rocky as it rolls across the mountain ridge. At approximately 14.5 miles the course drops over 1,000 feet in a series of steep switchbacks that then connects with the C&O Canal towpath. This section of the race is 26.3 miles of mostly flat unpaved surface. The route leaves the C&O Canal towpath at Dam #4 and follows paved roads the last 8.4 miles to the finish at Springfield Middle School in Williamsport. In the 1960's the JFK 50 Mile was one of many events held around the Country as part of President John F. Kennedy's push for physical fitness and is now the only original remaining event. Open to everyone, the JFK 50 Mile is in spirit a Military race. The initial inspiration behind the event came from President Kennedy challenging his Military Officers to meet the requirements that President Roosevelt had set for his own Military Officers, to be able to cover 50 miles on foot in 20 hours to maintain their commissions.

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 & Potomac Street.
It is a Maryland State Law!!

Legal Holiday Closings

Town Hall will not be Open on the following days:

November 11 – Veterans' Day

November 24 & 25 – Thanksgiving

December 23 & 26 – Christmas

***Trash/Recycling – No Delay –**

(Tuesday, December 27)

December 30 – New Year's Eve

January 2 - New Year's Day

***Trash/Recycling – No Delay –**

(Tuesday, January 3)

Trick-or-Treat

Monday, October 31

Residents wishing to hand out treats should turn on their porch lights from **6PM until 8PM** 🍬
****For safety purposes**, adults should accompany children while they are walking through Town**

Buy fresh & local!

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Every Tuesday - 4PM to 7PM

*** 241 Potomac Street** - in the parking lot next to the Police Department*

Market Season May 3 - October 25

Look for our Holiday Pop Up Events in the Community Center

Please bring your own bags!!

BB-Gun Issues

We have received calls from concerned residents about people shooting bb-guns in their neighborhoods, shooting at windows and at small wildlife, cats and birds. Although we do not have a Town Ordinance prohibiting this behavior, please be mindful and only shoot at paper targets. If this is happening near your home, please call DNR at 301-777-2136.

News from the Boonsboro Environmental Commission

Recycling Opportunities for Electronics:

- Boonsboro residents have two opportunities a year to recycle their electronics for free in Shafer Park—once in October at the Bulk Clean-Up and Recycling Event and once in May at Green Fest's Swap and Recycling Event. However, if you have electronics that you wish to recycle at other times of the year from cables and cell phones to computers, printers and televisions, you can take advantage of the electronics recycling program at the 40 West Landfill throughout the year at 12630 Earth Care Road, Hagerstown. The cost is \$10 cash or check for up to 360 lbs. After that the cost is pro-rated at \$55 per ton.
- If it's more convenient to recycle in Frederick, consider Techno Rescue (affiliated with e-end) located at 7118 Geoffrey Way Ste. E. Like Washington County, this company also provides safe and reliable electronics recycling throughout the week. Call ahead to confirm drop-off times and any fees 240-529-1010. If you have other questions about recycling or reuse opportunities in our area, consider reaching out to the Boonsboro Green Fest team at info@boonborogreenfest.com

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 Yvette 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).

Old Tyme Christmas Friday, December 2

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 3

The Festivities will continue with Holiday in Boonsboro along Main Street on **Saturday, December 3, from 8AM until 4PM.**

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

Pet Reminder: Please be considerate and pick-up after your dog in the Park, in our 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 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. We love our pets, but please be considerate and keep pets indoors when possible. If you are having problems with neighborhood pets acting aggressively or are concerned for any animal living in unsanitary condition, please call the **SPCA** immediately at **301-733-2060.**

The **Public Safety Commission** is looking into hosting community **CPR and NARCAN Classes.** Keep your eyes open for more information.

We currently have **VACANCIES** on the **Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission** and the **Public Safety Commission.** Help make a difference in our community!! Apply online or call Town Hall 301-432-5141 for more information!!

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 contact them.
- The **RED** AVW container is for **RECYCLING ONLY.** If you place household trash inside the RED container, AVW **will NOT** pick it up.
- The Town **does not provide trash containers.** You can place out bags or purchase your own container.

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 19. 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.** 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.
- **NO** dirt, mulch, stone, flower pots, cans or other trash should be mixed in with debris. **Bags will not be picked up** if these items are inside.

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

Mayor: Howard Long

Assistant Mayor: Tony Nally

Council Members: Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Eric Kitchen and Rick Weaver

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Boonsboro Police Department

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240-313-4345 or 911