

Fall 2023 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

Bulk Clean-Up & Recycling

Saturday, October 14

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 2024

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 21

10AM until 5PM · 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 and takes place along Main Street. You can enjoy live music, wagon rides, a food court, historic walking tours and many free activities for kids.

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. Please STOP your car.

It is a Maryland State Law!!

2024 Town Election

The citizens of Boonsboro will be voting to fill the **Mayor** and **two (2) Council seats** in the Town election set for **May 14, 2024**. Residents living within the corporate limits of Boonsboro, who are registered to vote in Washington County, are qualified to run for Office and vote in the Town election. Additional information will be provided in the Winter 2023 Newsletter.

Trick-or-Treat

Tuesday, 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**

Annual JFK 50 Mile

Saturday, November 18

6:30AM · Main Street

Starting at the Town Square on Main Street, participants will make their way to the Old South Mountain Inn where they join the Appalachian Trail at mile 2.5. At approximately 14.5 miles the course drops in a series of steep switchbacks that then connects with the C&O Canal towpath. 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.

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Live Music/Food Trucks/Special Events

Every Tuesday - 4PM to 7PM

*** 241 Potomac Street** - in the parking lot next to the Police Department*
Market Season May – October 2022
Please bring your own bags!!

Legal Holiday Closings

Town Hall will not be Open on the following days:

November 10 – Veterans' Day

November 23 & 24 – Thanksgiving

December 22 & 25 – Christmas

***Trash/Recycling – Delayed to**

Wednesday, December 27

December 29– New Year's Eve

January 1 - New Year's Day

***Trash/Recycling – Delayed to**

Wednesday, January 3

Stop by and say Hello!!

Please join us in welcoming our **NEW Town Planner, Zoning Administrator, and Code Enforcement Officer Drew Bowen**. Drew spent many years with the Town of Middletown and has 30+ years of Municipal Town experience.

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 18. 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.

News from the Boonsboro Environmental Commission

Community Garden

Town of Boonsboro resident registration to request space at the Boonsboro Community Garden in Shafer Park will open in Mid-November 2023. The Town website has been updated with the latest information regarding the community garden under the Government/ Town Commissions/ Environmental Commission section. The link for registration will also be available on the Town website community garden page. The community garden planning team is seeking interested candidates to serve as a garden manager for the 2024 growing season. A stipend will be provided. Job duties will include weekly common area maintenance, water supply monitoring, and assisting/ advising gardeners on facility topics and community garden rules. For any questions or more information, contact the Boonsboro Community Garden management team at communitygarden@townofboonsboro.com

Pet Waste

The Town of Boonsboro Environmental Commission has started a new Pet Waste educational program with the goal to further reduce bacteria contaminants in our local watershed. This BEC goal also supports the Town of Boonsboro's designation and requirements as an Appalachian Trail community related to 'Leave No Trace' environmental stewardship practices. Though pet waste may seem insignificant, pet waste can carry up to 23 million species of harmful bacteria and take a minimum of 8 weeks to decompose. Pet waste was also included as a priority in the 2013 Washington County Antietam Creek Watershed Restoration Plan and noted as contributing 35% of probable bacteria (from animal waste) pollution into local waterways. While pet waste cannot be composted and collection bags are typically made from plastic, bagging pet waste is still a greater benefit to the local environment than leaving it exposed on the ground. Please remember to use the pet waste stations in Shafer Park to keep our beautiful park tidy and healthy for all, local wildlife included.

Boonsboro Cemetery Reminder...

In preparation for the Fall and Winter seasons, the Boonsboro Cemetery Association Board requests that all Spring and Summer decorations be removed from graves before October 14, 2023 Cemetery Association Board will remove any remaining decorations on October 21, 2023. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 at Lowes, Home Depot or any other location.

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. Please call Yvette at Town Hall at 301-432-5141 **as soon as you receive your bill** to discuss payment options if needed. You can pay your BMUC bill using ACH Debit. This payment is automatically drafted directly from your checking account **4 times a year, on the 25th of the month** when your BMUC bill is due.

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED!! If you are considering a shed, deck, pool, garage, additions, major renovations or starting a business in your home or any location, 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 Drew Bowen at 301-432-5690.

Old Tyme Christmas Friday, December 1

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 in Pavilion #4.

Holiday in Boonsboro Saturday, December 2

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

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. **Remember a baggie**. Also fenced-in dogs that bark all day and night can disturb your neighbors.

The Town's **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having an issue with a neighborhood dog acting aggressively or are concerned for any animal living in unsanitary condition, please contact the **SPCA** directly at **301-733-2060**.

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

Town meetings, events, updates, water leaks, cancellations and changes are all posted on the Town's website and Facebook pages.

Facebook.com/VisitBoonsboroMD

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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Sheriff's Office Dispatch

240-313-4345 or 911