

# News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

## Bulk Clean-Up & Recycling

**Saturday, October 12**

**Shafer Park Parking Lot**

**8AM until 12PM – Rain or Shine**

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 unless strictly bringing items for donation or recycling. Volunteers will be available to help unload and sort items. A variety of usable items will be salvaged and will be available during the day for FREE to anyone who wants them. We will also be collecting electronics and batteries for recycling.

**\*Residents unable to transport large items to Shafer Park should hold those items until the Spring Curbside Clean-Up in May 2025\***

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

## BooneFest

**Saturday, October 26**

**10AM until 5PM · Main Street**

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.

**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!!**

## Stop by and say Hello!!

Please join us in welcoming our new **Town Manager Rachel Souders**.

Rachel is a BHS graduate, and her family has been part of the community for generations. We would like to also welcome our new **Police Sergeant Rob Whittington**. Sergeant Rob comes to us from the Washington County Sheriff's Department. We are incredibly happy to have them both become part of our Boonsboro team!!

## Trick-or-Treat

**Thursday, October 31**

Town residents wishing to hand out treats should turn on their porch lights from **6PM until 8PM** 🎃 👻  
**\*\*For safety purposes**, adults should please accompany children while they are walking around Town. Motorists, please be **extra alert** when driving\*\*

## Annual JFK 50 Mile

**Saturday, November 16**

**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 2024**  
**Please bring your own bags!!**

## Legal Holiday Closings

**Town Hall will not be Open on the following days:**

**November 11 – Veterans' Day**

**November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving**

**December 24 & 25 – Christmas**

**\*Trash/Recycling – Delayed to Thursday, December 26**

**December 31– New Year's Eve**

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

**\*Trash/Recycling – Delayed to Thursday, January 2**

## Street Sweeping

Town street sweeping will take place on the **3rd Monday of each month**. Please do not park on Main Street on that morning. Signs have been posted alerting motorists. The street sweeper will visit every street within the Boonsboro Town limits. If you are able to park off-street, that would be very helpful. A huge thank you to the Town of Williamsport MD for sharing their street sweeper and staff with us!!

## Monday Yard Debris Pick-Up

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 23. 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 curb **Sunday night**. Please do not place them outside 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**

September and October are a great time to check out the **Monarch Waystation Garden** in Shafer Park. It is literally buzzing with activity! Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources such as native plants that are necessary for the monarch species of butterflies to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. While the focus is on Monarchs, a species that is experiencing a 59% sudden decline this year, kids and adults who enjoy studying insects will enjoy the variety of butterflies and other pollinators that are busy laying eggs and preparing to migrate or hunker down for the colder dormant months ahead. The Monarch Waystation is located nearest the North Main Street Entrance to Shafer Park and the historical Boonsboro Trolley Station. It was donated to the Town as an Eagle Scout project in 2017.

**Trash & Recycling Reminders!!**

- Please place your trash and recycling out on **TUESDAY night** for Wednesday morning pick-up.
- If J&J honestly misses your house, please call Town Hall as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that J&J will come back to pick up your items, but we will contact them.
- The **Blue Green** J&J container is for **RECYCLING ONLY**. If you place household trash inside the this container, J&J **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.

**A Reminder from the Boonsboro Cemetery Association Board...**

In preparation for the Fall and Winter seasons, the Boonsboro Cemetery Association Board requests that all Spring and Summer flowers and decorations be removed from graves by October 12, 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Lions Club Chicken BBQ**  
Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10AM  
*until chicken runs out – in Pavilion 4*  
Shafer Park – 37 Park Drive.



**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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month** when your BMUC bill is due.

**PERMITS ARE REQUIRED!!**

If you are thinking about buying a shed, installing a pool, or building a deck, garage, additions, any major renovations or starting a business in your home or any location in Town, remember that a building or zoning permit is required. Information can be found on the Town website under Planning and Zoning or by calling our Town Planner Drew Bowen at 301-432-5690 or emailing him at [townplanner@townofboonsboro.com](mailto:townplanner@townofboonsboro.com)


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, barking nonstop at all hours of the day and night or are concerned for any animal living in unsanitary unsafe condition, please contact the **SPCA** directly at **301-733-2060**.

**Pet Reminder:** Please be considerate and pick-up your dog's poop in Shafer Park, in our fenced in dog 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.

  **Annual Truck-n-Treat 'Cruise for KIDZ' Auto Show**  
**Sunday, October 20 - 9am to 3pm**  
Come out to Shafer Park and spend the day enjoying all of the vehicles on display, trunk-n-treating, good food, craft vendors and live music. Halloween costumes are encouraged! Admission is FREE. All proceeds from this event will benefit Children's National Hospital.  
Rain Date is October 27

 **Old Tyme Christmas**  
**Friday, December 6**

Santa will arrive in **Shafer Park at 6:30PM** with the small Holiday parade that travels down Reeder's Alley across Potomac Street and into the Park. The parade will end at the Town tree lighting ceremony near the center of the Park. Santa will be available to listen to the children's holiday wishes in Pavilion #4.

 **Holiday in Boonsboro**  
**Saturday, December 7**

The Festivities will continue with Holiday in Boonsboro on our sidewalks and in our wonderful shops and businesses along Main Street from **8AM until 4PM**

We currently have **VACANCIES** on the **Public Safety Commission, the BMUC, the Environmental Commission and the Planning Commission**. Help make a difference in our community!! Apply online or call Town Hall.

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**Mayor:** Howard Long  
**Assistant Mayor:** Tony Nally  
**Council Members:** Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Eric Kitchen and Rick Weaver  
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**Chief** Dave Rizer  
301-432-6838  
**Sheriff's Office Dispatch**  
**240-313-4345 or 911**