

Spring 2015 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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Town Hall, 21 North Main Street, Boonsboro, MD 21713 **301.432.5141** Open: Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM

SHAFER PARK OPENS

Monday, April 6th is the opening day for Shafer Park. Leashed dogs are allowed in the Park and pet waste stations are available for use.

Please pick up after your pet!

SPRING CURBSIDE CLEANUP

Saturday, April 25th

Collection begins very early, please make sure to have your items at curbside on Friday night. The trash truck will come by **only** once.

Items collected are metal appliances; electronics; metal, plastic & wood furniture; rugs and carpeting (must be rolled & tied); mattresses; box springs and miscellaneous junk.

Items not accepted are car batteries, construction and toxic materials.

Recyclables: Items that are in reasonably good condition, please consider saving them for donation at Shafer Park during the Green Fest.

YARD DEBRIS SITE REOPENS, MONDAY PICKUP RESUMES

The **Yard Debris Site at 6927 Monroe Road** will open for Town residents on **Saturday, April 4th**. Hours are from **7am – 2pm** Monday thru Friday and Saturday from **8am until Noon**. To access the site, residents must obtain a free 2015 permit at Town Hall.

Monday curbside yard debris pickup starts on **Monday, April 6th**.

Remember, a maximum of **8 brown paper lawn bags** per household pickup are permitted per week.

SHAFER PARK CLEAN-UP

Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration
Sunday, April 19th

Join the Environmental Commission and Park Board at the annual Clean-Up from **1pm – 4pm**. An **Arbor Day Proclamation** will be declared by Mayor Skip Kauffman. Please plan to wear work clothes, boots and bring gloves!!

Boonsboro Town Hall will be closed on

Friday, April 3, 2015 - Good Friday
Monday, May 25, 2015 - Memorial Day
Friday, July 3, 2015 - Independence Day

7th ANNUAL GREEN FEST

Saturday, May 9th – 10am to 5pm
Sponsored by the Boonsboro Green Fest Committee, the event features eco-friendly products and crafts, energy-saving information, services and demonstrations. Recycling stations will be set-up for drop-offs.

Located in our beautiful Shafer Park, the event hosts outstanding speakers, all day musical entertainment, a fitness and health tent, a Kids Zone and great food and drink. Admission is free!!

Please see the enclosed "Green Fest" pamphlet for details

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 9th

The Fishing Derby will be held at the Shafer Park fishing pond behind the Boonsboro Library. Please enter via the Park road off of Potomac Street beside the Police Department. Registration for **ages 1 to 6 is 7:30 to 8:30am**; fishing time is **8:30 to 10:30am**. **Ages 7 to 12** register at **10 to 11am**; fishing time from **11am to 1pm**. Fishing poles will be provided for any child without one and prizes will be awarded to everyone!!

NATIONAL PIKE WAGON TRAIN

Sunday, May 17th

The National Pike Wagon Train will again end its journey in Shafer Park around **1pm**. There will be pony rides for children, as well as blacksmith and spinning demonstrations. Delicious food items will be available to purchase from local non-profit groups.

www.nationalpikefestival.org

BOONSBORO AMBULANCE & RESCUE CO. CARNIVAL

Friday, May 22 - Saturday, May 30

For special ride nights, entertainment information & the fireworks date please visit the Rescue Co. or Town's website.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Sunday, May 24th

The annual wreath laying ceremony and memorial service will be held at the monument in front of the Town Hall beginning at **1pm**. The parade begins at **2pm**, forming at the High School and ending at Reeder's Alley on South Main Street. Hosted by the American Legion Post 10 Ladies Auxiliary.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, July 3rd

(Rain date is Sunday, July 5th)

The Town's annual Independence Day Celebration will be held the evening of **July 3 at 5pm, with Fireworks starting around 9:30pm**. Entertainment and fun activities for children will be provided all evening, and delicious food will be available for purchase. Please feel free to bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

Organizations or church groups wanting to sell refreshments should contact Town Hall for an application. Deadline to participate is Wednesday, May 20th

South Mountain Little League Opening Day Ceremonies will be held on **April 11th at 9:00 am at their field located at 6819 Monroe Road**.

For more information and game schedules, please visit them at **www.smllbaseball.com**

Like us on Facebook... Town events, updates and changes are posted on the **Town Facebook Page**.

A link is provided on the Town website or search "**Town of Boonsboro, Maryland**" on Facebook.

ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAY

Boonsboro residents will soon be able to pay their utility bills online with PayPal. A fee will be added to the online transactions to cover the administration and equipment fees incurred by the Town in order to provide this convenient service to our customers. **Fees are as follows:**

Bills totaling

\$0 to \$300 = \$4.00

Bills totaling

\$300.01 & up = \$7.50

Please check the Town website for the PayPal launch date!!

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. After 30 days a 5% interest is charged on the balance and services will be terminated if payment is not received within 60 days. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your bill on time please call **Sarah**, the Town Clerk, at **301-432-5141 (press 3)** to discuss payment options ****The full BMUC billing policy is available on the Town's webpage and also posted at Town Hall****

Help Conserve Water!!

1. Check all outside hose and connections against leaks and winter's ravages.
2. Planting your garden to start the season? Start off right! There are many beautiful groundcovers that require less watering including lavender, daylilies, forget-me-nots and zinnias.
3. When sprinkling your grass and flower or garden beds, try to avoid watering the driveways and sidewalks.
4. Watering lawns and gardens at the most opportune times conserves our precious resource. Water generally evaporates most rapidly between 10 am and 4 pm. Restrict watering before or after those times and you'll likely use less.

Police Department Community Open House - 241 Potomac Street Saturday, April 25th

Police Chief Stanford, the Police Officers and staff will host an **Open House from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm**. Visitors can tour the Police building and all of the vehicles will be onsite for viewing. Come out and see what's new!

PERMITS REQUIRED... If you are considering a pool, a deck or other additions on your property, please remember that a building permit is required. More information can be found on the Town website under Planning and Zoning or by contacting the **Town Engineer, Brian Hopkins, at 301-432-5690**.

Sanitation Reminders...

- All trash and recycling must be set out after 4 PM the night before collection day.
- All clean corrugated cardboard can be recycled, as well as the boxboard used for cereal and tissue boxes. Please break down all boxes.
- Recyclable plastic bags, such as grocery bags, should be bundled up in a plastic bag.
- New residents, who would like a free recycling container, please contact Kim at Town Hall at 301-432-5141.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the **Aquatic & Recreation Center Survey**. We received **1,198** surveys!! USAquatics, the Town's consulting firm, will use the results of the survey as part of their feasibility study. The results of the survey are posted online and additional public informational meetings to keep the community up-to-date on the progress of this project will be scheduled for later this spring.

Streetlight Outage Information

To report a streetlight out in your neighborhood, you have 2 options:
1. You can call Town Hall & ask Kim (**press 4**) to submit a 'repair request' to Potomac Edison for you, or...
2. You can call Potomac Edison & report the outage yourself at **1-888-LIGHTSS (1-800-544-4877)**
***Please make sure** you have the closest 'address' & if possible, the **pole number**. It usually takes about 2 -3 days to have a light repaired or replaced by PE.

Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts a variety of concerts in Shafer Park during the months of April through September. Please check the '**Event Calendar**' on the Town's website and the enclosed EDC Spring/Summer Event brochure for dates and times. Lawn chairs and blankets are always welcome ☺

The Boonsboro EDC will hold its next **Networking Breakfast at 7:30 am on Friday, May 15** at Vesta Restaurant in Boonsboro. The cost is \$7 per person. Area business persons may make breakfast reservations by emailing boonsboroedc@myactv.net

2015 Shafer Park Reservations

To reserve a Shafer Park pavilion or the Community Center call Kim at 301-432-5141 (press 4) or visit Town Hall. For Town residents, fees are \$35 for small pavilions and \$40 for large ones. Non-residents pay \$10 more for each. The Community Center rental fee is \$60, plus a key/cleaning deposit of \$50.

Please consider using the Town's website to find information about what's going on in the Town. The website features information on activities of the Mayor and Council, the various Boards & Commissions, trash pick-up and event reminders, as well as links to other resources. Town staff updates the website daily to provide up-to-date information. The site is accessible for use with all electronic devices www.town.boonsboro.md.us

Reminder!! Pedestrians have the right-of-way in all cross walks. Please stop to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street...it is a Maryland State Law.

Mayor: Charles 'Skip' Kauffman, Jr.

Assistant Mayor: Howard Long

Council Members: Sean Haardt, Cynthia Kauffman, Brigitte Schmidt, Janeen Solberg, Barbara Wetzel

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Boonsboro Police Department

301-432-6838

Sheriff's Office Dispatch

240-313-2910 or 911