

Spring 2016 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 4th 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!

Also **please** be considerate when you are taking a walk. Don't leave clean ups for your neighbors.

Town Election

Second Tuesday in May

The citizens of Boonsboro will be voting to fill the Mayor and two (2) Council seats in the Town election set for

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Community Center – 37 Park Drive

7:00 am until 8:00 pm

Residents living within the corporate limits of Boonsboro who are registered to vote in Washington County are qualified to vote in Town elections.

****If you have not yet registered to vote in Washington County and would like to vote in the Town election, voter registration forms are available at Town Hall or you can register directly at the Washington County Election Board located at 35 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. The deadline to register to vote**

for the Town election is Monday, April 18, 2016**

Please note: The Assistant Mayor and three (3) Council seats will be voted for in 2018.

Interested in running for Office?

Candidates must be citizens of the United States, a registered voter and a resident of the Town for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the election. Candidates for Mayor must be at least 25 years old and candidates for Council must be at least 21.

****Certificates of Nomination and Financial Disclosure Statements may be obtained at Town Hall and must be returned to the Town Clerk by 4:30 pm on Monday, April 11, 2016****

SPRING CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 21st

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 appliances; electronics; metal, plastic & wood furniture; rugs and carpeting (must be rolled & tied); mattresses; paint cans with kitty litter and miscellaneous junk

Items not accepted are car batteries, construction and remodeling materials

Recyclables: Items that are in reasonably good condition, please consider donating them at Shafer Park during the Green Fest event on May 7th

YARD DEBRIS SITE OPENS

MONDAY PICK-UP RESUMES

The **Yard Debris Site** at **6927 Monroe Road** will open for Town residents on **Tuesday, April 5th**. **NEW Hours** are **Tuesday thru Friday from Noon – 2pm** and **Saturday from 7am - Noon**.

To access the site, residents must obtain a free 2016 permit at Town Hall. **Monday curbside yard debris pick-up** starts on **Monday, April 4th**.

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 17th

Join the Park Board at the annual Park Clean-Up from **1pm – 4pm**. All volunteers are welcome and greatly appreciated!! No registration necessary, simply show up wearing work clothes, boots and bring gloves!!

South Mountain Little League

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

For more information visit www.smlbaseball.com

Boonsboro Town Hall

will be **closed** on

May 30 - Memorial Day

*Trash/Recycling - **Wednesday, June 1**

July 4 - Independence Day

*Trash/Recycling - **Wednesday, July 6**

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Opens on May 3rd and will be held **every TUESDAY** thru October 25th, from 4pm until 7pm in Shafer Park in the area between Pavilions 1 & 2.

Buy fresh & local!

8th ANNUAL GREEN FEST

Saturday, May 7th – 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 7th

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 22nd

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 27 - Saturday, June 4

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

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Sunday, May 29TH

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. Event hosted by the American Legion Post 10 Ladies Auxiliary.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, July 1st

(Rain date is Sunday, July 3rd)

The Town's annual Independence Day Celebration will be held the evening of **July 1 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 and Church groups wanting to sell refreshments that evening should contact Town Hall for an application.

Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts a variety of free concerts in Shafer Park during the months of May 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!! ☺

SEWER WORK BEGINS

Contractors hired by the Town are beginning much needed maintenance on the Town sewer mains. Possible road closures and detours may occur on local streets – Please be cautious and on the lookout for 'work in progress.' Part of the Project includes flushing the sewer mains and an odor is a common side effect. Please check to make sure that p-traps (curved plumbing) are full of water in order to prevent possible odors in your home. Up to date traffic information and Project information will be available on the Town's website. Please call Town Hall if you need additional information. The Project, made possible by a Federal Grant, should be completed by early Summer.

Help Conserve Water!!

Just a friendly reminder that your Quarterly BMUC Water and Sewer bill is based on your actual water usage...

- Check garden hoses for leaks or cracks, and make sure that outside faucets are turned off when not in use.
- Water generally evaporates most rapidly between 10am and 4pm. Water gardens before or after those times and you'll likely use less and help conserve our precious resource. When planting your garden look for groundcovers that require less watering like lavender, daylilies, forget-me-nots and zinnias.
- Periodically check toilets for slow leaks and water softeners to make sure they are not running constantly.

Town Composting Bin Program

The Environmental Commission received a grant last Spring to help purchase composting bins, making it possible for Boonsboro residents to purchase a **bin for \$20**. Stop by Town Hall to complete an application with proof of residency. Funds generated from these sales will be used to purchase additional composting bins. **Please limit ONE bin per household**

New Employee in Public Works

Please welcome **David Poffenberger** to our Public Works crew. If you see him out and about, make sure to say hello!!

Interested in serving on a Town Commission?? There are currently vacancies on the **Public Safety Commission** and the **Environmental Commission**. Visit the Town website to submit a Community Volunteer Interest Form or stop by Town Hall.

Boonsboro Urban Forestry

Boonsboro love trees and if you love trees, too, please check out the new Urban Forestry section on the Town's website. On the site you will find up-to-date useful information on basic tree care, how to select the right tree, how to plant a tree, the Emerald Ash Borer and other pest and disease management techniques, and reference information for tree care providers. Click on the **TREE** on the website.

Boonsboro's **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having major problems with neighborhood dogs running loose, damaging or defecating on your property, barking excessively so as to disturb the neighboring area, acting aggressively, or living in unsanitary conditions...Please contact the **SPCA** immediately at **301-733-2060**.

Streetlight Outage Information

To report a streetlight out in your neighborhood, please call Town Hall and we will submit a 'repair request' to Potomac Edison for you. To speed the process please make sure you have the closest 'address' and if possible, the **pole number**. It usually takes about 2 -3 days to have a light repaired by PE.

Reminder!! Pedestrians have the right-of-way in all cross walks. Please stop to allow pedestrians time 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