

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

Published four times a year by the Town of Boonsboro, Maryland

www.town.boonsboro.md.us

Email: TownofBoonsboro@gmail.com

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

Town Election

The citizens of Boonsboro will be voting to fill the Assistant Mayor and three (3) Council seats in the Town election set for

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

**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 and online, 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 16, 2018****

Please call or stop in at Town Hall to request an Absentee Ballot.

Please note: The Mayor and two (2) Council seats will be voted for in 2020.

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 Assistant 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 9, 2018****

Reminder!! Pedestrians have the right-of-way in **ALL** cross walks. Please **STOP** to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street in cross walks. **It is a Maryland State Law.**

FY 2018 Water & Sewer Rates

The Mayor and Council approved increases to the Water and Sewer Rate as part of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. You will see this increase on your March 2018 Utility Bill.

The approved rates are as follows:

Water	Rates
Residential Fixed Fee	\$15
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$6.20/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$9.30/1,000 gal
Sewer	Rates
Residential Fixed Fee	\$55
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$9.00/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$13.00/1,000 gal

Water and Sewer bills are calculated based on how much water you use. Conserving water can help reduce your bill. Try checking toilets, water softeners, and all outside hoses and connections. When planting your garden, plant ground covering plants that require less watering.

YARD DEBRIS SITE OPENS MONDAY PICK-UP RESUMES

The **Yard Debris Site** located at **6927 Monroe Road** will open for the Season on **Saturday, April 7th**.

Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 12 Noon – 2pm and Saturday 7am – 12 Noon.

To access the site, Town residents must obtain a free 2018 permit at Town Hall.

Monday curbside yard debris pick-up starts on **Monday, April 9th**. Please remember, a **maximum of 8 brown paper** lawn bags per household pickup are permitted per week.

In case you haven't heard, Town Manager Megan Clark resigned on March 14th. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. We extend a warm welcome to our **Interim Town Manager Bruce Zimmerman**. Bruce is the retired Administrator for the City of Hagerstown. Stop by and say hello ☺

Boonsboro Town Hall

will be closed on

*** May 28 - Memorial Day**

Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, May 29

*** July 4 - Independence Day**

No change in **Trash/Recycling** pick-up

10th ANNUAL GREEN FEST

Saturday, May 19th – 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 health tent, a Kids Zone and great food and drink.

Admission is free!!

SPRING CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 26th

Collection begins very early, please make sure to have your items at your **curbside** on **Friday night**. The AVW 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 televisions, car batteries, tires, construction and remodeling materials, toxic materials

***Recyclables:** Items that are in reasonably good condition, please consider donating them at Shafer Park during the Green Fest event on May 19th

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Opening Day is **May 1st** and the Market will be held **every TUESDAY** thru October 9th, from **4pm until 7pm** in Shafer Park (37 Park Drive) in the area between Pavilions 1 & 2.

Buy fresh & local!

SHAFER PARK OPENS

Monday, April 9th is 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!

SHAFER PARK CLEAN-UP

Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration
Sunday, April 22nd

Join the Park Board to celebrate Arbor Day and participate in 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!!

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 5th

The Fishing Derby will be held at the Shafer Park fishing pond behind the Boonsboro Library. Please enter via the Park parking lot 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. **Admission is free & everyone is welcome!!**

NATIONAL PIKE WAGON TRAIN

Sunday, May 20th

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. Food items will be available to purchase from local non-profit groups.

www.nationalpikefestival.org

The Annual GREAT BOONSBORO AMBULANCE & RESCUE CO. CARNIVAL

Friday, May 25 - Saturday, June 2
For special ride-all-night ticket days and entertainment information please visit the Rescue Company or Town's websites. The Carnival and Kitchens open at 5pm nightly. Fireworks are scheduled for June 1st and begin around 10:30 - 11pm.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Sunday, May 27th

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. The event is hosted by the American Legion Post 10 Ladies Auxiliary.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 3rd

(Rain date is Thursday, July 5th)

The annual Independence Day Celebration will be held the evening of **July 3 at 5pm, with Fireworks starting around 9:30pm**

Entertainment and activities for children will be provided all evening, and refreshments will be available for purchase. Please feel free to bring lawn chairs or a blanket. *Groups interested in selling food and drinks should contact Town Hall for an application*

USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships July 26 - July 29

The best cyclists from across the country, ages 11 to 22, will take on the roads of Washington County for their chance to take home the stars and stripes jersey and represent their respective age groups for the next year as the best of the best. Keep your eyes and ears open for updates!!
www.visithagerstown.com/amateur_road

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!! 😊

Recycling Notice: Beginning **July 1**, Apple Valley Waste will **no longer accept glass** for recycling. The Town will be sending out additional information regarding this in June.

Streetlight Outage Information

To report a streetlight outage, 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' to the pole. It usually takes about 2 -3 days to have a light repaired by PE.

2018 American Red Cross Blood Drive

The dates for the American Red Cross Blood Drive Program at the Boonsboro American Legion Post 10 are on May 28, July 23, September 17 and November 19 from 1pm to 6:30pm.

Please consider donating!!

PLEASE be considerate and remember to **pick-up** after your dog, especially in Shafer Park, in your neighborhood common areas and in your neighbors' yards. It is not pleasant having to clean-up after other people's pets.

Boonsboro's **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having problems with neighborhood animals, dogs barking excessively, acting aggressively or living in unsanitary conditions...Please contact the **SPCA** immediately at **301-733-2060**.

Interested in becoming more involved with the Town? There are currently member vacancies on the **Public Safety, Environmental and Economic Development Commissions**. Please submit the form online on the Town website or stop in at Town Hall.

Like us on Facebook & Twitter!!

Events and updates are posted on our Facebook and Twitter. A link is provided on the Town website or search "**Town of Boonsboro, Maryland**" on either site.

Mayor

Howard Long, term May 2020

Assistant Mayor

Cynthia Kauffman, term May 2018

Council Members

Rick Byrd, term May 2020

Terry Davis, term May 2018

Marilee Kerns, term May 2018

Brigitte Schmidt, term May 2018

Janeen Solberg, term May 2018

~

Boonsboro Police Department

301-432-6838

Sheriff's Office Dispatch 240-313-2910

or **911**