

Spring 2020 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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From Mayor Howard Long...

Governor Hogan ordered the closing of all non-essential businesses and agencies. The Town is identified as an essential agency and will continue to provide essential services without interruption. All departments will remain open during regular business hours, but with reduced staffing to allow adequate social distancing and focus on essential functions. Trash pickups will continue through Apple Valley Waste without interruption. Until we receive further guidance from the Governor's Office, we will continue to operate under these conditions.

Town Hall will remain **closed to the public** until further notice, but staff is available by phone or email, Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 4:30PM. To observe the Governor's increased social distancing order, administrative staff will be reduced to one staff member per day. **If you would like to speak with someone about your Tax Bill, please call on Fridays** or email Town Clerk Heather Slough at TownClerk@townofboonsboro.com. **If you have questions about your Utility Bill, please call on Mondays** or email Water/Sewer Clerk Amanda Wells at AdminAssist@townofboonsboro.com

We know how hard this is for everyone. During this difficult time, please remain calm and focus on what we can do slow the spread of the Coronavirus and how we can best protect our loved ones and ourselves: 1) Avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, 2) if you don't have an essential reason to leave your house, you should stay home, and 3) practice good hygiene. **Thanks to all our residents for everything you're already doing, and we will provide more updates as necessary.**

2020 Town Election

**Tuesday, May 12th
7AM to 8PM**

The citizens of Boonsboro will be voting for the **Mayor and two (2) Council Members** in the Town election. Residents living within the corporate limits of Boonsboro, who are registered to vote in Washington County, are qualified to vote in the Town election. ****The deadline to register to vote for the Town election is Monday, April 13, 2020**** The next Town election will be in May 2022.

Interested in running for Office?

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

****Certificates of Nomination and Financial Disclosure Statements may be obtained at Town Hall or on the Town website www.town.boonsboro.md.us/election2020 and must be returned to Town Clerk Heather Slough by 4:30 PM on Monday, April 13, 2020**** (Financial Disclosures are due by April 23, 2020)

Annual Children's Fishing Derby, Green Fest & Girls Night Out - **CANCELLED**

We have made the decision to **CANCEL** this year's **Fishing Derby, Green Fest** and April 23rd's **Girls Night Out** due to the Maryland public health guidelines set forth by Governor Hogan about large events during the COVID-19 outbreak. We apologize to everyone who was looking forward to these annual events. Stay healthy!!

Boonsboro Town Hall

will be closed on

* **May 25** - Memorial Day

Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, May 27

* **July 3** - Independence Day

No change in Trash/Recycling pick-up

We apologize that many annual Town events have been postponed and cancelled or scheduled for re-evaluation due to COVID-19. Together we will get through these trying times.

SPRING CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 16th

Apple Valley Waste collection begins **very early**, please make sure to have placed your trash items at your **curbside** on Friday night. The AVW trash truck will come to your house only one-time on Saturday.

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, bricks and toxic materials. *NO TVs please****

YARD DEBRIS SITE & BAGS

The **Yard Debris Site** will open for the Season on **March 28**.

It will be OPEN EVERY Saturday from 8am – 12 Noon

2020 Permits are available at Town Hall. ***Monday curbside yard debris pick-up has been delayed until Monday, May 4th** and will be re-evaluated on April 27th. Please remember, a **maximum of 8 brown paper lawn bags** per house per week.

Shafer Park OPENS May 1st

Restrooms will open at this time, too.

Leashed dogs are permitted in the Park. Please be considerate and **pick-up after your dog** in the Park and in other people's yards. **Remember a baggie.** Fenced-in dogs that bark all day and night can disturb your neighbors.

Outdoor cats can also be a nuisance, as they may use flower beds for litter boxes. Boonsboro's **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. Their phone number is **301-733-2060**. Please call them to report animal issues.

SHAFFER PARK CLEAN-UP

Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration
Sunday, April 26th (*PENDING*)

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!! Simply show up wearing work clothes, boots and bring gloves!!

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Opening Day is **May 5th** and the Market will be held **every TUESDAY** thru **October 6th**, from **4pm until 7pm** in Shafer Park. Please practice Social Distancing and consider preordering.

Buy fresh & local!

NATIONAL PIKE WAGON TRAIN
Sunday, May 17th (*PENDING*)

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.

RESCUE COMPANY CARNIVAL
Friday, May 22 - Saturday, May 30
(*PENDING*)

For special ride-all-night ticket days and entertainment information please visit the Rescue Company websites. The Carnival and Kitchen opens at 5pm nightly.

Town Pond Dedication

The "**Hawkins Grove**" Town Pond Dedication in honor of Rich Hawkins and Ray Grove will be held this Spring or Summer at the fishing pond behind the Boonsboro Library.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Sunday, May 24th (*PENDING*)

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 CELEBRATION

Friday, July 3rd (*PENDING*)
(Rain date is Sunday, July 5th)

The annual event will begin at **5pm**, with **Fireworks starting around 9:30pm**. Entertainment will be provided, and refreshments will be available for purchase. Please feel free to bring lawn chairs or a blanket. *No dogs please.* *Local groups interested in selling concessions should contact Town Hall for an application*

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 try our best and contact them.
- The **RED** Apple Valley Waste container is for **RECYCLING ONLY**. If you place regular household trash inside the RED container, AVW **will NOT** pick it up. (*Even if you spray paint the bin and lid black, green or purple*) They will not pick up your recycling if it is in plastic bags inside the bin.
- The Town **does not provide trash containers**. You can place out bags or purchase your own container.

PERMITS REQUIRED!! If you are considering a shed, deck, additions, or starting a business, remember that a building or zoning permit is required. Additional information can be found on the Town website under Planning and Zoning or by calling the Town Planner at 301-432-5690.

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. **If needed, please call Amanda at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment options.**

BMUC - ACH Debit Payments

In January we enclosed a form to submit if you would like to pay your BMUC bill using '**fee free**' ACH Debit. This payment is drafted directly from your checking account **4 times a year, on the 25th of the month** when your BMUC bill is due. **ACH Debit will go into effect with this billing, with payment in full drafted on April 25th** (*We are offering ACH Debit to you as a way to help reduce credit card service fees*)

If there is a water or sewer emergency at your house, does Town Hall have your phone number?

We are adding a phone number or email address to **EVERYONE's** Utility billing account in our software system. This is a safe guard for you if we need contact you. The easiest thing to do is to write your phone number, or email address, on your Utility bill stub when you send in your payment. You can also call Town Hall or send an email to AdminAssist@townofboonsboro.com **Your information will be kept private and will not be shared with anyone.**

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twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro

Mayor: Howard Long

Assistant Mayor: Rickard 'JR' Byrd

Council Members: Raymond Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Anthony Nally and Ricky Weaver
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Boonsboro Police Department

Chief Kevin Morgan
301-432-6838

Emergency - Please call
911 immediately!!