

Spring 2021 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

Due to COVID-19 and slowing the spread of the virus, **Town Hall is CLOSED to the public.** Town staff will be in the office during normal business hours, however, we will only be open to the public by appointment. The health and safety of our residents, staff and visitors is our main priority. Thank you for your understanding. ***If you are dropping off a payment, please ring the doorbell on the rear glass door at the parking lot OR use the mail box slot on the front door of Town Hall on the Main Street side***

SPRING CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP Saturday, May 15th

Apple Valley Waste BULK 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 EARLY 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****

Swap and Recycling Event

Saturday, May 15th - 9am to 1pm
Green Fest will not take place in 2021. The committee is sponsoring a "**Swap and Recycling Event**" in Shafer Park!! Items will be collected, swapped, recycled or donated: clothing, shoes, furniture, household goods, plants, eye glasses, scrap metal, electronics, batteries, bicycles, canning jars, books and so much more. (Clothing will be collected on Friday beginning at 3pm) Horizon Goodwill and Hagerstown ReStore will be collecting donations.

YARD DEBRIS SITE & BAGS

The **Yard Debris Site** will open for the Season on **April 10**.

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

2021 Debris Site Permits are available at Town Hall. Please call us or ring the door bell and we can assist you!!

***Monday curbside yard debris pick-up will begin on Monday, April 12th.**

- Place your brown paper lawn bags at your curbside **Sunday evening**. Bags that are left out all week **may become wet and will be impossible to lift**. Please do not place paper bags on the street, especially if it is raining.
- **No more than 8 bags** per household, weighing no more than 30 pounds each per bag. If you can't lift the bags, neither can our PW staff.
- **NO dirt, mulch, stone, sod, dog poop, flower pots, cans, paper or other trash should be mixed in with debris. Bags will not be picked up if these items are inside.** We mulch the yard debris pile at the site every year & items listed above will damage the mulching machinery.
- Branches must be no thicker than 4-inches in diameter and cut to a length of 4-feet. A maximum of 10 branches per household, tied into bundles, will be picked-up.

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Opening Day is **April 20th** and the Market will be held **every TUESDAY**. The Market is located in the Shafer Park parking lot near the Police Department at 241 Potomac Street.

Regular Season:

April 20 – October 5, 2021

4PM to 7PM

Please bring your own bags 😊

Please wear a mask, practice social distancing and consider preordering.

Buy fresh & local!

Boonsboro Town Hall

will be closed on

*** May 31 - Memorial Day**

Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, June 2

*** July 5 - Independence Day**

Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, July 7

New Faces in Town!!

Please join us in welcoming our new **Town Planner Reiley Stanley** at Town Hall and **Police Officer Hannah Easley** at the Police Department.

Shafer Park OPENS April 3rd

Restrooms & Pavilion Rentals will open at this time, from dawn to dusk.

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.**

Please be courteous to your neighbors and their property. Walking your dog in a neighbor's yard or turning around in their driveway near a bus stop may not seem like an issue, but yards and driveways are private property. Multiple cars using a driveway every day as a common turn around spot or dogs going to the bathroom and killing grass becomes upsetting to a home owner. Take a moment to put yourself in their position and practice common courtesy!

Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts free evening concerts in Shafer Park during the Summer months. Please check the '**Event Calendar**' on the Town's website or Facebook for dates and times. Lawn chairs and blankets are always welcome!! Please follow social distancing guidelines.

***June 12, 7pm** Moose Jaw

***June 26, 7pm** Rock Creek Revival

***July 17, 7pm** The Bodine Brothers

***July 24, 7pm** The Cruisers

***July 25, 7pm** US Navy Band "Country Current"

***THINK SPRING* News from**

Environmental Commission -

Have you started thinking about Spring? Let's try to make our yards

"Homegrown National Parks,"

suggests author *Douglas W. Tallamy*, who offers up some practical ways in his recent book* Check these out:

- **Shrink the Lawn**—Think of grass as an area rug, not wall-to-wall carpet.
- **Remove Invasive Species**—Invasive species spread and choke out more desirable native species.
- **Plant Keystone Genera**—Plant species form the backbone of local ecosystems, providing food for insects, birds and butterflies, such as native oak, birches, asters, goldenrod and sunflowers.
- **Be Generous with Your Plantings**—Instead of planting one (tree/flower), plant two or three.
- **Plant for Specialist Pollinators**—If you plant for honeybees, you'll attract many other bees. Same goes for butterflies.
- **Network with Neighbors**—If all your neighbors plant swamp milkweed for monarch butterflies to lay their eggs, the monarchs will have many yards to choose. Also plant flowers for them to feed on once the little ones "hatch."
- **Build a Conservation Hardscape**—Lay rocks around for toads and insects to hide under. Cover your window wells to prevent unnecessary deaths. Use motion detector security lights that don't stay on all night. Set mower height no lower than 3-4 inches. Install a bubbler.
- **Do Not Spray or Fertilize**—Many insecticides target all insects, good and bad. Our native soils have adapted and don't require synthetic fertilizers; most wash into our waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay.

Become part of the Homegrown

National Park movement. It's free!

www.Homegrownnationalpark.org

****Nature's Best Hope – A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard, By Douglas W. Tallamy (Timber Press 2019).***

Looking for information on Tree Planting and Urban Forestry??

Boonsboro has a section of the Town website devoted to just that

www.town.boonsboro.md.us/trees

SHAFER PARK CLEAN-UP

Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration Sunday, April 25TH (TENTATIVE)

Join the Park Board to celebrate Arbor Day and participate in the annual **Park Clean-Up** from **1pm – 4pm**. All volunteers are welcome!! Simply show up wearing a mask and bring gloves!!

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 1ST (RAIN DATE MAY 8)

Held at the Shafer Park fishing pond behind the Boonsboro Library. Please enter via the Park parking lot on **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 16th

The National Pike Wagon Train will again end its journey in Shafer Park around **1pm**. Come see the horses!!

RESCUE COMPANY CARNIVAL

Friday, May 28 - Saturday, June 5

(TENTATIVE) Held in Shafer Park with great food, rides and free nightly music entertainment from well-known recording artists. Please visit the Rescue Company website for updates.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Sunday, May 30th (TENTATIVE)

The annual wreath laying ceremony and memorial service is held at the monument in front of the Town Hall beginning at **1pm**. The parade begins at **2pm** on Main Street. The event is hosted by **The American Legion Post 10 Ladies Auxiliary**.

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Friday, July 2nd

(Rain date is Saturday, July 3rd)

Currently we have **Fireworks schedule to start around 9-9:30pm** in Shafer Park. More information will be provided closer to the date. Please remember to social distance and feel free to bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

No dogs please!!

Trash & Recycling Reminders!!

- Place your items out on **MONDAY night** for **Tuesday morning pick-up**.
- If AVW misses your house, please call Town Hall as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that AVW will come back to your house, 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 or green)* AVW will not pick up your recycling if it is in a plastic bag inside the bin. **AVW does NOT recycle GLASS.**
- 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, swimming pool, new additions, or starting a business, remember that a 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.

Please call Amanda at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment options if needed.

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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

Boonsboro Police Department
301-432-6838

Emergency - Please call
911 immediately!!