

Spring 2022 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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2022 Town Election

**Tuesday, May 10th
7AM to 8PM**

The citizens of Boonsboro will be voting for the **Assistant Mayor and three (3) 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 April 11, 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 can be obtained at Town Hall and must be returned to Town Hall by 4:30 PM on Monday, April 11, 2022**** (Financial Disclosures are due by April 21, 2022) www.town.boonsboro.md.us/election2022

Swap and Recycling Event

Saturday, May 14th - 9am to 2pm

Green Fest will not take place in 2022. 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. **Appliances containing FREON WILL NOT be accepted.** Please see insert for additional details about the event.

SPRING CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 21st

Apple Valley Waste BULK collection begins **very early**, please make sure to place 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 and wood furniture, rugs and carpeting (must be rolled & tied), mattresses, **empty and dry paint cans** 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 **Saturday, April 2nd** **It will be OPEN EVERY Saturday from 8am – 12 Noon**

2022 Debris Site Permits are available at Town Hall. Stop in to pick one up! ***Monday curbside yard debris pick-up will begin on Monday, April 4th.**

- 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.**
- 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 Town Hall will be closed on

* **May 30** - Memorial Day
Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, June 1
* **July 4** - Independence Day
Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, July 6

New Face at Town Hall!!

Please join us in welcoming our new **Administrative Assistant Yvette May**. Yvette is a Boonsboro native and we are very happy to have her become part of our office team. **Make sure to stop by and say hello!!**

EDC SPRING JUBILEE

April 30th – May 8th

Join local businesses in a celebration of Spring. Enjoy music, food, shopping and fun throughout Town, and also a window painting contest! **There will be live music, food trucks and vendors on Main Street throughout the day on April 30th**. The EDC is partnering with the Eventzee App to create an Interactive Virtual Scavenger Hunt. Players can complete challenges and pile up points to win prizes donated by local businesses!!

Buy fresh & local!

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Live Music/Food Trucks/Special Events
Opening Day is **May 3rd**

Every Tuesday - 4PM to 7PM

* **241 Potomac Street** - in the parking lot next to the Police Department*

Market Season

May 3 – October 25, 2022

Please bring your own bags 🛍️

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!!

NEWS FROM THE BEC

The BEC is excited about two great opportunities to fund construction of a Community Garden in Shafer Park.

The BEC plans to construct a garden in the Fall of 2022 and the inaugural growing season will be Spring 2023. As a result, we are seeking Town residents to volunteer on the Community Garden Planning Committee. We also invite resumes or statements of interest from individuals who have an interest in serving as the Garden Manager. Community Gardens can take many different forms. How people grow in the garden, how produce is used, and how membership fees are collected are all key decisions that the planning committee will consider.

Spring is right around the corner! Time to plant flowers! Here are some tips to help make it more fun:

- Think NATIVE plants! Natives are more attractive to the birds, bees and butterflies.
- Think PERENNIALS! They may cost a little more up front, but you only have to plant them once. They are generally more attractive to wildlife than annuals.
- Have a WATER SOURCE! A birdbath (cleaned regularly), or a dish with water and a rock for a place to land, a mister—all are great sources of water for your friendly fliers.
- Don't use PESTICIDES! Nothing is more harmful to the wildlife in your yard.
- Don't pick the dandelions! These are the earliest flowers to bloom for your bees.

Events to look forward to:

- **The Master Gardener Plant Sale:** Saturday, **April 23**, 8 AM-Noon, Washington County Ag Education Center (7303 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro). Get there early for the best selection!
- **The Green Fest Swap and Recycling event,** Saturday, **May 14**, 9 AM- 2 PM will be hosting a free plant swap. Residents are welcome to bring non-invasive plants and clean, empty pots for swapping in addition to taking home echinacea.
- **The Boonsboro Farmers Market Milkweed Seed Giveaway:** Tuesday, **May 31**, 4-7 PM, 241 Potomac Street, across from the Police Station.

Shafer Park OPENS April 1st
Restrooms and 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
Remember a baggie.

SHAFER PARK CLEAN-UP **Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration** **Sunday, April 24th**

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 to work and bring gloves!!

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY **Saturday, May 7th**

Held at the Hawkins Grove 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**. **Admission is free & everyone is welcome!!**

****Please watch the Town website and Facebook for event updates****

NATIONAL PIKE WAGON TRAIN **Sunday, May 22nd**

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

RESCUE COMPANY CARNIVAL
Friday, May 27 - Saturday, June 4
It's back!! 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 and music schedules.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE **Sunday, May 29th**

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 Auxiliary**. Please watch the Town website for updates.

PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH WIPES!!

Wipes clog the sewer lines. You do not want a sewer back up in your home and we don't either. Our Public Works staff have reported recently that they are cleaning out a lot of non-flushable items from our sewer lines daily.

Please only flush toilet paper 🧻



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.

Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

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

Community Notifications

Sign up to receive notifications from the Town's Code-Red system by going to the Town website or by calling Town Hall. This system notifies residents of water and sewer issues, trash and event changes. Don't miss important alerts!
www.town.boonsboro.md.us/notifications

Town meetings, events, updates, cancellations and changes are all posted on the Town's website, Facebook and Twitter pages.
facebook.com/VisitBoonsboroMD
twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro

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