

Spring 2023 Edition

# News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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## SPRING CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

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\*\***

## Swap and Recycling Event

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 2pm**

The Green Fest Committee is sponsoring a FREE to the public "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, glass, bicycles, wine corks, disposable razors, books and so much more.

**Appliances containing FREON WILL NOT be accepted.** Clothing will be collected on Friday beginning at 3pm. Horizon Goodwill and Hagerstown ReStore will be collecting donations. Volunteers are greatly appreciated!! The Boonsboro Police Department will be on site to collect medications for safe disposal. [info@boonsborogreenfest.com](mailto:info@boonsborogreenfest.com)

## Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Live Music/Food Trucks/Special Events  
Opening Day is **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Every Tuesday - 4PM to 7PM**

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

**Market Season May 2 – October 24**

**Check out their Facebook Page!!**

## YARD DEBRIS SITE & BAGS

The **Yard Debris Site** will open for the Season on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

2023 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

- Place your **brown paper** lawn bags at your curbside **Sunday evening**. **Do not leave bags out all week please!!**
- **No more than 8 bags** per household, weighing no more than **30 pounds each per bag.**
- **NO dirt, mulch, stone, sod, dog poop, flower pots, cans, paper or other trash should be in the bags.**

Branches must be no thicker than 4-inches and cut to a length of 4-feet. A maximum of 10 branches, tied into bundles, will be picked-up weekly.

## Appalachian Trail Community

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10am to 4pm**

Join us at the Appalachian Trail Community Designation Ceremony and National Trail Day Event at the **Washington Monument State Park**

(6620 Zittlestown Road). Boonsboro will be designated as the **52<sup>nd</sup> Appalachian Trail Community** and the **first Town in the State of Maryland** to receive this honor. The National Trail Day Event will follow the Ceremony and include music, demonstrations with a focus on equipment needed for hiking, good stewardship, volunteer recruitment, conservation, and food trucks, as well as other amenities needed by hikers.

**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!!**

## Boonsboro Town Hall

**will be closed on**

**\* May 29 - Memorial Day**

**Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, May 31**

**\* June 19 – Juneteenth**

**\* July 4 - Independence Day**

**Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, July 5**

## Shafer Park OPENS April 1<sup>st</sup>

Restrooms will open at this time. Hours are from dawn until dusk. **Leashed dogs are allowed, but please be considerate and pick-up after them.**

## SHAFER PARK CLEAN-UP

**Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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!!

## EDC SPRING JUBILEE April 29<sup>th</sup>

**9am – 5pm on Main Street**

Enjoy live music, food trucks, a 5K starting in the Park at 8:30am, window-painting contest, open museums, antique wagon rides, shopping and free fun for the whole family (RAIN OR SHINE)

## ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Held at the Hawkins Grove fishing pond behind the Boonsboro Library. Enter via the Park parking lot on **Potomac Street**, beside the Police Department. **Ages 1 to 6** register at **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 😊

## Lions Club FREE Drive Thru Shredding Event

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - 9AM - 12 Noon**

Shafer Park Community Center  
Parking Lot – 37 Park Drive

## NEWS FROM THE BEC

**Compost Bins:** Do you have a veggie garden or maybe flower beds? Would you like to add some nutrients to the soil? Compost! It's easy and a great way to keep your veggie scraps out of the landfill. Just add table scraps, leaves and shredded paper to your compost bin and you'll have beautiful compost after it has "cooked" for a while. There are a few bins left—they are only \$20, which is a great deal! Stop by Town Hall and get yours before they are all gone.

**Community Garden:** The Town is excited about the upcoming construction of the Community Garden in Shafer Park. The Boonsboro Environmental Commission (BEC) proposed to construct a garden in the Spring of 2022 and pursued grant funding for infrastructure costs after receiving approval from the Mayor and Council. Construction including fencing, sheds, and gravel paths will begin this month. The Community Garden will be located in a currently unused open space in the new area of Shafer Park and complement future plans for the proposed extension of Shafer Drive. Existing sports fields will not be disrupted. Based on feedback from Town residents last summer, a Community Garden will be a valued community asset. Town residents have volunteered to form a garden management team. The team plans to work diligently to prepare the Community Garden and identify a Garden Manager by opening day 2024. The Community Garden will also provide opportunity for at least two local Eagle Scout projects to be completed. A Community Garden brings together a group of people to garden in the same location, encourages a healthy lifestyle, and builds connections among Town residents. A priority focus of the Boonsboro Community Garden in Shafer Park is to provide accessible gardening options for all ages and abilities, so that we can truly bring our residents together as a community.

## NEWS FROM THE PSC

**Sidewalk Safety:** The Public Safety Commission will be touring the streets throughout Town in April and May to assess and document the conditions of sidewalks. It has been brought to our attention there are several unsafe sidewalks along our Town streets. Per the Town of Boonsboro Ordinance, "6-29 A. Sidewalks and curbs along the public streets and thoroughfares within the corporate limits of the Town shall be constructed and kept in a reasonable state of repair by the abutting property owner, when directed by the Mayor and Council to do so."

### **Police · Fire · Rescue Information:**

Any information that would be helpful to the Police, Fire Department or Ambulance/Rescue Company when responding to your residence can be registered and noted with the Emergency Call Center (911). By calling the **NON-Emergency number 240-313-4345**, you can give them information such as a disabled resident, oxygen in use, an elderly resident, if you have propane gas give the supplier, indoor pets (cats & dogs), emergency contact and number or any information that you feel would be helpful in case of an emergency. When the emergency personnel have this vital information prior to arriving at your property, they will be able to respond to your emergency more efficiently.

### **Summer Concerts in Shafer Park**

The Park Board hosts free concerts during the Summer months. Please check the 'Event Calendar' on the Town's website or Facebook for dates and times. We have a great line-up!!  
\***June 11, 5pm** South Mountain Jam  
\***June 25, 7pm** Gray Matter  
\***July 8, 7pm** US Navy "Country Current"  
\***July 15, 7pm** The Cruisers  
\***July 23, 7pm** Clendenen Brothers  
\***July 29, 7pm** US Army "Country Roads"

### **NATIONAL PIKE WAGON TRAIN Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

## RESCUE COMPANY CARNIVAL

**Friday, May 26 - Saturday, June 3**  
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 28<sup>th</sup>**

The annual American Legion Post 10 Auxiliary 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.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise for Kidz Auto Show Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

FREE to the public!! This annual car, truck and motorcycle show is held in **Shafer Park**, benefitting **Children's National Hospital**, with great food, fun and entertainment!! Cost to show your vehicle will be \$20 and there will be dash plates and door prizes.

**Registration will open at 10am and awards will be presented at 3:30pm.** The event concludes at 5pm. Contact [cruiseforkidz@gmail.com](mailto:cruiseforkidz@gmail.com) for more information. Rain Date: July 9<sup>th</sup>

**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.

Town meetings, events, updates, cancellations and changes are all posted on the Town's website, Facebook and Twitter pages.  
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[twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro](https://twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro)

<p><b>Mayor:</b> Howard Long <b>Assistant Mayor:</b> Tony Nally <b>Council Members:</b> Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Eric Kitchen and Ricky Weaver <b>Boonsboro Police Department</b> 301-432-6838 <b>Emergency - 911</b></p>
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