

Spring 2024 Edition

# News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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## 2024 Town Election

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7AM to 8PM – Community Center**

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 April 23, 2024\*\***

### **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 15, 2024\*\***

(Financial Disclosures are due by April 19, 2024)

[www.town.boonsboro.md.us/election2024](http://www.town.boonsboro.md.us/election2024)

## Boonsboro's Farmers Market

**Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Season!!**

Opening Day is **May 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

## SHAHER PARK CLEAN-UP

**Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</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 27<sup>th</sup>

**9am – 5pm on Main Street**

Enjoy live music, food trucks, a 5K starting in the Park at 8:30am, kids zone and art zone, open museums, shopping and free fun for the whole family (RAIN OR SHINE)

## SPRING CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

BULK pick-up begins **very early**, please make sure to place your items at your **curbside on Friday night**. The AVW 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, toilets, bricks, concrete and toxic materials.

**\*\*NO TVs or monitors please\*\***

## YARD DEBRIS SITE & BAGS

The **Yard Debris Site** will open for the Season on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

2024 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 8<sup>th</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.

## **Boonsboro Town Hall**

**will be closed on**

**\* May 27 - Memorial Day**

**Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, May 29**

**\* June 19 – Juneteenth**

**\*July 4 - Independence Day**

## **Swap and Recycling Event**

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 2pm**

The Green Fest Committee is sponsoring a **FREE** event in Shafer Park. **Items will be collected, swapped, recycled or donated:** clothing, shoes, furniture, household goods, plants, eye glasses, scrap metal, electronics, **TVs & monitors** (no consoles), glass bottles for crushing on site, bicycles, wine corks, art supplies, disposable razors, books and so much more! Some new items that have been added to the list are cases for phones, e-readers and tablets, Brita water filters and prescription bottles. In the **Plant Swap** area there will be a native tree give-away, as well as many native pollinator plants. Horizon Goodwill and Hagerstown ReStore will be collecting donations as well. The **Boonsboro Police Department will be on site to collect medications** for safe disposal. Please note that **Appliances containing FREON WILL NOT be accepted** and should be taken to the Washington County Landfill for proper disposal. **Clothing for the swap will be collected on Friday the 10th beginning at 3pm.** If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please reach out to the committee. This is a great rain-or-shine event where we support our community by keeping resources in use and out of the landfill.  
**[info@boonsborogreenfest.com](mailto:info@boonsborogreenfest.com)**

**News from the Boonsboro  
Environmental Commission**

**The Boonsboro Community Garden in  
Shafer Park is opening this month!!**

Please join us on April 6th at 12pm in Shafer Park for the opening day ribbon cutting celebration. The celebration will include a seed giveaway, a seed planting activity for kids, opportunities to socialize with local master gardeners, light refreshments, and a sweet treat. The Town website has been updated with the latest information about the Community Garden. You can find the page under the "Residents" drop down section. [www.town.boonsboro.md.us/communitygarden](http://www.town.boonsboro.md.us/communitygarden). The Community Garden planning team is also seeking interested candidates to serve as a Garden Manager for the 2024 growing season. A stipend will be provided. Job duties will include weekly common area maintenance, water supply monitoring, and assisting and advising gardeners on facility topics and Community Garden rules. If you have an interest in the Garden Manager position, please submit a brief statement of interest to the Boonsboro Community Garden management team at [communitygarden@townofboonsboro.com](mailto:communitygarden@townofboonsboro.com)

**Shafer Park Community Composting**

Starting last July, the Town began offering a community wide compost service through Key City Compost. The community compost bin is located outside the Community Center building in Shafer Park and is serviced weekly. **The compost bin is all-green color** and multiple signage on the bin indicating compost materials only. A quick tip for storing food scraps between trips to the compost bin is to use a bulk size coffee canister with a resealable lid and store it in the fridge or freezer! Town of Boonsboro residents have diverted a combined total of 4,140 pounds of waste from the landfill as of the end of February 2024. Keep up the good work, neighbors!!

**Lions Club Drive Thru**

**Shredding Event & Chicken BBQ**  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 2PM  
Shafer Park Community Center  
Parking Lot – 37 Park Drive  
**SHREDDING** – 9AM – 11AM  
*Troop 20 Scouts will be available to  
help moved boxed documents.*  
**CHICKEN BBQ** – 11AM to 2PM *or until  
chicken runs out* – **in Pavilion 4**

**ANNUAL FISHING DERBY**

**Saturday, May 4<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!! 😊

**NATIONAL PIKE WAGON TRAIN**

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</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 24 - Saturday, June 1**

Held in Shafer Park with great food, rides and free nightly music entertainment. Please visit the Rescue Company website for updates and music schedules.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**Sunday, May 26<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 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 5pm**

Admission is free! This annual car, truck and motorcycle show is held in **Shafer Park**, benefitting **Children's National Hospital**, with great food, fun and entertainment!! Registration opens at 10am and awards presented at 3:30pm. Contact Rain Date: July 9<sup>th</sup>

**Shafer Park OPENS April 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Reminder:** Dogs on leashes are permitted in the Park. Please be considerate and pick-up after your dog. Recently there has been a lot of piles in Shafer Park. No one wants to step in it, and you don't want your kids falling in it while they are playing. Surprisingly, poop does not magically disappear when it hits the ground. It is part of being a responsible dog owner. Please be considerate and pick-up after your dog in the Park.

**Remember a baggie or use one of ours. No poop left behind please!!**

**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 9, 5pm** South Mountain Jam
- \***June 23, 7pm** Gray Matter
- \***June 29, 7pm** Rock Creek Revival
- \***July 13, 7pm** The Cruisers
- \***July 14, 7pm** Dawn Rix Band
- \***July 27, 7pm** Josh Crews
- \***August 2, 7pm** US Navy "Cruisers"
- \***August 4, 7pm** The Clendenen Brothers

**Calling all interested parties!**

If anyone is interested in joining our **Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team**, there will be an orientation meeting on May 1, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Annex. Everyone is welcome and we will have Mike Hunninghake, the SMC Director, coming to share his expertise in helping the Town become more Green—on many levels. Hope to see you! For more information, contact Kathy at [kvesely88@gmail.com](mailto:kvesely88@gmail.com).

**Mayor:** Howard Long

**Assistant Mayor:** Tony Nally

**Council Members:** Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Eric Kitchen and Ricky Weaver

**Boonsboro Police Department**  
301-432-6838

**Emergency - 911**