

Spring 2026 Edition

# News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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## May 12, 2026 Town Election 37 Park Drive – 7am to 8pm

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Are you interested in being part of the Town Council? This is **YOUR** opportunity to have a voice and help make decisions for our Town. **Step up!! Get involved!! Help shape Boonsboro's future!! Put your name on the 2026 Town Election ballot!!**

The citizens of Boonsboro will be voting to fill the **Assistant Mayor** and **three (3) Council Member seats** in the Town Election on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**. Residents living within the corporate limits of Boonsboro, who are registered voters in Washington County, are qualified to vote in the Town Election. **Help make a difference!!**

**Candidates** must be United States citizens, Washington County registered voters and a resident of the corporate Town limits for at least three (3) years prior to the election (i.e., lived here since 2023) Candidates for **Assistant Mayor** must be at least 25 years old and Candidates for **Council Members** must be at least 21 years old. **\*Certificates of Nomination can be picked up at Town Hall and must be returned to the Town Clerk by 4:30 PM on Monday, April 13, 2026\***

**Reminder:** Pedestrians have the right-of-way in **ALL cross walks**. Please **STOP** to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street. Look for cross walk signs on Main Street & Potomac Street. Please STOP your **It is a Maryland State Law!!**

## Swap and Recycling Event

**Saturday, May 9<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, eyeglasses, hearing aids, scrap metal, electronics, bicycles, wine corks, art supplies, disposable razors, books, cases for phones, e-readers and tablets, Brita water filters, prescription bottles and so much more! In the **Plant Swap** area there will be a native tree give-away and many native pollinator plants. **TVs & monitors will be collected from 9am-12 noon ONLY.** Horizon Goodwill will be collecting donations. The **Boonsboro Police Department will be on site to collect medications** for safe disposal.

**\*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 Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7 from 5pm to 7pm and on Friday, May 8 from 3pm to 6pm.** 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)

## Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Opening Day is **May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**\* 241 Potomac Street** - in the parking lot next to the Police Department\* Vendors accept SNAP and eFMNP benefits. Please bring your own bags!!

**Boonsboro Town Hall will be Closed on**

**\* April 3 – Good Friday**

**\* May 25 - Memorial Day**

**Trash/Recycling – Wednesday, May 27**

(No delay for pick-up)

**\* June 19 – Juneteenth**

## SPRING CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Pick-up begins **very early**, please make sure to place your items at your **curbside on Friday night**. The J&J 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 & YARD BAGS

The Yard Debris Site on Monroe Road is open, **year-round**, on the

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month** from

**8am – 12 Noon** (closed during the week)

2026 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 6<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**
- **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.


**News from the Boonsboro  
Environmental Commission**

**PLEASE DON'T BE A LITTER BUG!**

Litter is unsightly and takes away from the beauty of our Town. If you see litter in front of your house, or when you are taking a walk, please pick it up and throw it away or recycle it, if it is recyclable. **Thank you for doing your part to keep Boonsboro beautiful.**

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

This year brings an especially exciting addition: we will be planting a food forest in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Antietam Watershed Association. This collaborative effort will create a sustainable, perennial landscape filled with fruit and nut trees, native plants, and edible shrubs—benefiting both our community and local ecosystem for years to come. Do not miss your chance to grow with us this season!

 Visit the Town website for information

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

**Appalachian Trail Fun Facts:**

- Boonsboro is the only Certified Trail Town in Washington County
- The trail spans about 2,200 miles and 14 states from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mount Katahdin, Maine and Maryland is just short of halfway.
- Of the approximately 4,000 people to attempt a thru-hike only 25% succeed.
- 95% of hikers choose their direction of travel to be northbound.
- The average hike takes about 165 days. The 4-State Challenge (VA, WVA, MD, PA) is a popular 44-mile test to complete in a single day.
- Boonsboro typically sees its highest concentration of hikers, in June.

**Trail Angels are always needed!** If you are interested in helping hikers into and out of town for resupply, or providing point-to-point shuttles, please [text Spice at 770-317-0650](mailto:Spice@town.boonsboro.md.us). Your information will be added to **FarOut**, the guide used by hikers to navigate the Appalachian Trail.

**Say Hello!!**

Join us in welcoming our new **Public Works Municipal Service Worker Austin Moore**. We are happy to have him become part of our team!!

**Shafer Park OPENS April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Restrooms and Pavilions 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. No one wants to step in poop, and we do not want kids falling in it. Clean up is part of being a responsible dog owner. Please be considerate and pick-up after your dog in our Town. **Remember a baggie or use one of ours. No poop left behind please!!**

**SHAFER PARK CLEAN-UP**

**Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration**  
**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Join the Park Board to celebrate Arbor Day and participate in the annual **Park Clean-Up** from **1pm – 4pm**. All volunteers are welcome. Wear boots and gloves and help pick up trash and debris from the streams and around the Park.

**ANNUAL FISHING DERBY**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Held at our DNR Hawkins Grove fishing pond behind the Boonsboro Library. Enter via the Park parking lot on **Potomac Street**, beside the Police Department. **Ages 2 to 8** fishing time is **8:30 to 9:30am**. **Ages 9 to 12** fishing time from **10am to 12 noon**.

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

**Admission is free!! 😊**

**NATIONAL PIKE WAGON TRAIN**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Wagon Train will again end its journey in Shafer Park around **12:30pm**. Come see the horses!!

**RESCUE COMPANY CARNIVAL**

**Friday, May 22 - Saturday, May 30**

Held every year in Shafer Park with rides and great food starting at 5pm, and free nightly music entertainment at 6:30pm and 8:30pm.

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

**Summer Concerts in Shafer Park**

The Park Board hosts **FREE** concerts in our **Park gazebo at 37 Park Drive**. Check the website and Facebook for updates.

- \* **May 3, 5:30pm** Josh Crews & Friends
- \* **May 10, 4pm** Creekside Brass
- \* **June 7, 5pm** South Mountain Jam
- \* **June 14, 7pm** Moonbright Jazz Band
- \* **June 28, 7pm** Harmony Cornet Band
- \* **July 12, 7pm** The Blue Dice
- \* **July 19, 7pm** The Cruisers
- \* **July 26, 7pm** 33 and 1/3 Band
- \* **August 2, 7pm** Dawn Rix Band
- \* **August 9, 7pm** Odie and the Country Band
- \* **August 16, 5pm** Dogstreet with Lynn Routzahn
- \* **August 23 – 6pm** – AJ's Jazz Band
- \* **August 28, 7pm** US Navy Band Country Current
- \* **August 30, 6pm** Williamsport Community Jazz Band
- \* **September 20, 7pm** Mack Berry Band
- \* **September 27, 3pm** Mason-Dixon Barbershop Chorus

**Please Do Not Flush Wipes!!**

**Please only flush toilet paper 🧻**  
**ALSO... Please Do Not Pour Grease Down Your Drains!!**

**BMUC Utility Payment Policy**

Water, Sewer and Trash services are billed quarterly in **January, April, July and October**. Payments are due 30 days from the date of the bill. Bills can be paid online. **Call Town Hall to discuss payment options and plans.**

**Follow Us for Updates...**

Town meetings, events, water boil and weather advisories, cancellations and changes are all posted on the Town's website [www.town.boonsboro.md.us](http://www.town.boonsboro.md.us) and our only **OFFICIAL** Facebook page [www.facebook.com/VisitBoonsboroMD](https://www.facebook.com/VisitBoonsboroMD)

**Mayor:** Howard Long

**Assistant Mayor:** Tony Nally

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

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**Boonsboro Police Department**

**Call 911**