

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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FISCAL YEAR 2015

PROPERTY TAX

There will be no increase in the Constant Yield Tax Rate for FY 2015. The tax rate will remain at .3497 per each \$100 of assessment, and there will be no additional out of pocket tax expense for property owners.

SEWER RATE INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2014

The base **Sewer Rate** for Residential Customers will increase to \$68 per quarter for the first 6,000 gallons used, and \$7 per 1,000 gallons thereafter. The base rate for Commercial Customers will increase to \$68 per quarter per EDU, and \$7 per each 1,000 gallons used. **Please note, the \$22.50 Debt Service Rate will be eliminated.**

WATER RATE INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2014

The base **Water Rate** for In-Town Residential customers will increase to \$30 per quarter for the first 6,000 gallons used plus \$5 per each 1,000 gallons used thereafter. The base rate for In-Town Commercial customers will increase to \$35 per quarter per EDU plus \$5 per each 1,000 gallons used. The base rate for Out-of-Town Residential customers will increase to \$40 per quarter for the first 6,000 gallons used plus \$6 per each 1,000 gallons used thereafter. The base rate for Out-of-Town Commercial customers will increase to \$45 per quarter per EDU plus \$6 per each 1,000 gallons used.

The rate change will be reflected on the September 2014 billing.

Town Election Results

The citizens of Boonsboro voted in the Town Election held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Term of Office is 4 years. **The results are as follows:**
Assistant Mayor - Howard Long
Council Member - Cynthia Kauffman
Council Member - Janeen Solberg
Council Member - Brigitte Schmidt

Independence Day Celebration

The Town will celebrate our Nation's independence on **Thursday, July 3rd** in Shafer Park. (Rain date Sunday, July 6th) The festivities will begin at **5 PM** and end with fireworks around **10 PM**. Plan to bring lawn chairs or blankets and proudly wear your red, white and blue! Local organizations will be selling delicious food and soft drinks. Entertainment will be provided throughout the evening.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5th

The Annual **National Night Out** event will be held in Shafer Park from **5:30PM until 8:30PM**. Free food and drinks will be provided. This event is a joint venture of the Mayor and Council, the Public Safety Commission and the Boonsboro Police, Fire and Rescue Companies.

43rd Boonesborough Days September 6th and 7th

The Boonsboro Historical Society's annual juried craft show will be held on **September 6** and **September 7** from **9 AM until 5 PM**.

For information visit

www.boonesboroughdays.com

Town Hall is closed on

Independence Day – Friday, July 4th
Trash will be picked up on Saturday, July 5th

Labor Day – Monday, September 1st
Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, September 3rd and Trash will be picked up on Saturday, September 6th

Shafer Park

Summer Concert Series

Please plan to arrive early to get a good seat or bring your own lawn chairs and/or blankets.

***7PM, Friday, July 25th – US Navy Band 'Country Current Ensemble'**

***7PM, Friday, August 8th – US Army Band 'The Volunteers'**

***7PM, Saturday, August 23rd – Maryland National Guard's 229th Army Band 'Live Fire'**

***2:30 PM, Sunday, September 21st – Barber Shop Singers**

9/11 Remembrance Parade

The First Hose Company of Boonsboro hosts their annual Remembrance Parade along Main Street on **Thursday, September 11th** at 6:30 PM. The parade offers a memorial to the Fire, Rescue and Law Enforcement personnel who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and honors the men and women of the Military, those serving and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Reminder... Leashed dogs are allowed in Shafer Park and pet waste stations have been installed.

Please pick up after your pet!

New Employee at Town Hall

Please welcome Dr. Brian Hopkins as the new Town Engineer. Brian comes to the Town with over 20 years of experience in engineering and will be handling projects and permits for the Town.

YARD SALES: Maryland residents are allowed two (2) yard sales per year. Each day is considered one (1) yard sale. If you wish to surpass this limit, you are required by law to obtain a State Sales Tax License through the Office of the Washington County Clerk of the Circuit Court. For more information call 301-790-7991.

Please remember to remove your yard sale signs!!

PERMITS REQUIRED... If you are considering a pool, deck, shed or other additions to your property, please remember that a building permit is required. Information can be found on the Town website under Planning, Zoning and Engineering or by contacting the Town Hall at **301-432-5690**.

Please keep in mind, the Town's Property Maintenance Code states that lawns, sidewalks and vacant lots are to be kept clean and free from weeds exceeding **12 inches** in height. Rubbish and junk should be removed to avoid becoming home to vermin such as rats and snakes.

Water Meters & Fire Hydrants

We know that water meters and fire hydrants are not the most attractive lawn ornaments and many property owners try to cover them up with grass, flowers and landscaping. Please keep in mind that they are an important part of the Town's infrastructure and your safety. They need to be accessed on a regular basis by Town staff and must be kept clear and visible at all times.

Boonsboro has an **Animal Control Ordinance** which is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you have major problems with dogs running loose, damaging, soiling or defecating on private property; barking excessively or howling so as to disturb the neighboring area; acting aggressively to other animals or humans; or living in unsanitary conditions - contact the SPCA immediately at 301-733-2060.

YARD DEBRIS SITE & MONDAY YARD DEBRIS PICKUP

The yard debris site on Monroe Road is open for Town residents. Stop at Town Hall with your driver's license and vehicle tag number to renew your free permit. Reminder for Monday curbside yard debris pickup...A maximum of **8 brown paper lawn bags** per household are permitted per week.

Trash & Recycling Reminders

- All trash and recycling must be set out after 4 PM the night before collection day.
- All clean corrugated cardboard can be recycled, as well as the boxboard used for cereal and tissue boxes. Please break down all boxes.
- Recyclable plastic bags, such as grocery bags, should be bundled up in a plastic bag.
- New residents, who would like a free recycling container, please contact Town Hall, 301-432-5141.

CODE-RED ALERTS

Residents are urged to 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 related issues, Police alerts and emergencies, and Town event changes.

Friends of Shafer Park

Volunteers are needed to assist in planning for future Park projects. Please contact Town Hall of visit our website for more information.

Utility Payment Schedules

We realize that our customers may have difficulty in paying their utilities bills on time. We are willing to work with you to establish a payment schedule. Your invoice will still have to be paid within 90 days from the billing date, but we can accept weekly, bi-weekly or monthly payments, whichever works best for you. **Please call Michelle, the Town Clerk, at 301-432-5141** as soon as you receive your bill to set up a payment schedule.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Town Walkability Study

The Public Safety Commission is planning an assessment of the connectivity and walkability of our community and they need your help! Volunteers are needed to walk a few blocks around Town on **Saturday, July 19th** and complete a short checklist during their walk. The study will begin at **9 AM** with an orientation held in Pavilion 1 at Shafer Park. Please visit the Town website, www.town.boonsboro.md.us for more information and to sign up to help with the study!

Town Commission Vacancies

The following Commissions are in need of members, please consider volunteering to serve by completing a community interest form on our webpage or visit Town Hall.

- **Economic Development Commission** - 2 openings
- **Environmental Commission** - 1 opening
- **Park Board** – 2 openings
- **Public Safety Commission** – 1 opening

Mayor: Charles 'Skip' Kauffman, Jr.
Assistant Mayor: Howard Long
Council Members: Sean Haardt, Cynthia Kauffman, Brigitte Schmidt, Janeen Solberg, Barbara Wetzel

Boonsboro Police Department
301-432-6838
Sheriff's Office Dispatch
240-313-4382 or **911**