

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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Open: Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm

Fiscal Year 2018 Budgets

On June 19, 2017, the Mayor and Council passed the motion to retain the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for an additional 120 days (October 17, 2017) and establish a Budget Task Force to further review the Fiscal Year 2018 General, Water and Sewer Fund Budgets. The Fiscal Year 2018 Budget will establish the Property Tax and Personal Property Tax Rates and the Water and Sewer Utility Rates for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.



225th Anniversary Celebration

The Washington Monument Commemorative Ceremony – a Historic Re-Enactment by the Christian Ardingier Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held on **Saturday, July 1 at 11am** at the Washington Monument State Park.

* **August 13** Happy Birthday

Boonsboro - Town Birthday Party & Concert by Jeff Taulton and South Mountain Jam, Shafer Park, **2:25pm**

* **September 16 & 17** Barbara Ingram School for the Performance Arts student written program, time and venue TBD

* **September 23** 2.25 Mile Road Race, ending in Shafer Park – **9am**

For more information, visit boonsborohistoricalsociety.org

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The Boonsboro Historical Society MD Facebook Page

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 2nd

(Rain date is Monday, July 3rd)

The annual Independence Day Celebration will be held the evening of **July 2 at 5pm, with Fireworks starting around 9:30pm**

Entertainment and fun activities for children will be provided all evening, and refreshments will be available for purchase. Please feel free to bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST

The Annual **National Night Out** event will be held in Shafer Park from **5:30 PM until 8:30 PM**. 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.

45TH BOONESBOROUGH DAYS SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH

The Boonsboro Historical Society's annual juried craft show will be held on **September 9 and September 10** from **9 AM until 5 PM**.

For information visit boonsborohistoricalsociety.org

9/11 REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The First Hose Company of Boonsboro hosts their annual Remembrance Parade along Main Street on **Monday, 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.

Town Hall is closed on...

Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4th

Recycling and Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, July 5

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Labor Day – Monday, September 4th

Recycling and Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, September 6th

Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts a variety of free evening concerts in Shafer Park during the Summer months. Please check the '**Event Calendar**' on the Town's website and the EDC Spring/Summer Event brochure for dates and times. Lawn chairs and blankets are always welcome!! ☺

* **July 8** Williamsport Band, **7 PM**

* **July 30** The Plate Scrapers, **7pm**

* **August 13** Jeff Taulton & South Mountain Jam, **2:25 PM**

* **September 2** US Navy Band 'Country Current Ensemble', **7 PM**

* **September 17** Mason Dixon Barber Shop Chorus, **3 PM**

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Open **every TUESDAY** in Shafer Park thru October 10th from 4pm until 7pm in the area between Pavilions 1 & 2.

Buy fresh & local!

Reminder... Leashed dogs are allowed in Shafer Park and please use the pet waste stations for disposal.

Please pick up after your pet!

REMEMBER... 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**.

Did You Know?

PERMITS REQUIRED... If you are considering a pool, a deck or other additions on your property, please remember that a building permit is required. More information can be found on the Town website under Planning and Zoning or by contacting the Town Engineer, Brian Hopkins, at 301-432-5690.

YARD SALES: Residents are allowed two (2) yard sales per year. Each day is considered one (1) yard sale. If you 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!!**

New Employee in Town Hall

Please welcome our new Part Time Zoning Administrator & Property Maintenance Code Enforcer **Mike Kinna**. *Please keep in mind*, the Town's **Property Maintenance Code** states that lawns, sidewalks and lots are to be kept clean and free from weeds exceeding **12 inches** in height.

Reminder: The Boonsboro Police Department "**Drug Turn-In Center**" is located in the lobby of the BPD at 241 Potomac Street. The drop-off is open **Monday through Friday from 9AM until 3PM**, and the 4th Saturday of each month from 8AM until 12 Noon. Citizens can drop off any unwanted or expired prescription and/or over the counter medicine for safe disposal. The BPD cannot accept syringes, lancets, sharp objects, aerosols or liquids.

Don't Pour Grease Down the Drain!!

Grease clogs up the sewer lines and it also interferes with the wastewater treatment process. It can cause sewer backups, expensive plumbing bills and increased costs to all residents due to the increased maintenance and treatment costs.

Did you know your Water/Sewer bill is primarily based on your water usage? Your bill amount varies only based on how much water you use. Did you know one leaky faucet can leak approximately one cup per minute. This is equivalent to 90 gallons per day and can increase your water and sewer bill by more than \$100. Be sure to check for leaky faucets once a year!

Utility Payment Policy

Water, Sewer and Trash services are billed quarterly in January, April, July and October. Payments are due within 30 days from the date of the bill.

Flexible payment options are available, please call Cindy at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment plans and options.

****The full BMUC billing policy is available on the Town's webpage and also posted at Town Hall****

Streetlight Outage Information

To report a streetlight outage, please call Town Hall and we will submit a 'repair request' to Potomac Edison for you. To speed the process, please make sure you have the closest 'address' to the pole. It usually takes about 2 -3 days to have a light repaired by PE.

Boonsboro's Animal Control

Ordinance is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having major problems with neighborhood animals running loose, damaging or defecating on your property; dogs barking excessively so as to disturb the neighboring area, acting aggressively or living in unsanitary conditions...Please contact the **SPCA** immediately at **301-733-2060**.

Welcome New Town Residents!!

If you recently moved to Boonsboro, please take a moment to call Town Hall. Our staff can answer any questions you may have, update your information in our systems and provide you with a recycling bin ☺

Interested in serving on a Town Commission? There are currently vacancies on the **Environmental Commission** and the **Board of Zoning Appeals**. Please submit the form online via the Town website or stop in at Town Hall.



Our local small businesses contribute to our schools, sports teams and community through donations, their advertising and tax dollars, and payroll to many local residents. When you have the choice to shop the big box stores, the internet or our Boonsboro shopkeepers and service providers, **Love Your Local** businesses first and they'll love you back! In return for your support, Boonsboro businesses will be offering "**First Saturday Specials**" for Town residents the **first** Saturday of every month. Offers and participation are set by each business and may change at their discretion. Visit **LoveYourLocal.net** for information and a list of businesses.

PLEASE be considerate and remember to **pick-up** while walking your dog... especially in Shafer Park, in your neighborhood '**common areas**' or in someone else's yard. It is not pleasant having to clean-up after others' pets.

Like us on Facebook & Twitter!!

Town events, updates and changes are all posted on the Town's Facebook and Twitter pages. A link is provided on the Town website or search "**Town of Boonsboro, Maryland**" on either site.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Mayor: Howard Long
Assistant Mayor: Cynthia Kauffman
Council Members: Rick Byrd, Terry Davis,
Marilee Kerns, Brigitte Schmidt &
Janeen Solberg
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