

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

Town Election Results

The citizens of Boonsboro voted in the Town Election on May 8, 2018.

The results are as follows:

Assistant Mayor – Rick ‘JR’ Byrd
Council Member – Terri Hollingshead
Council Member – Tony Nally
Council Member – Ricky Weaver
 The Swearing In Ceremony was held on June 4, 2018.

Fiscal Year 2019 Budgets

On May 7, 2018, the Mayor and Council passed the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. The Mayor and Council approved **no increases** to the Water and Sewer Rates for FY 2019.

The approved rates are as follows:

Water	Rates
Residential Fixed Fee	\$15
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$6.20/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$9.30/1,000 gal
Sewer	Rates
Residential Fixed Fee	\$55
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$9.00/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$13.00/1,000 gal

Property Tax Rate

There will be no increase in the Property Tax Rate for FY2019. The tax rate will remain at \$0.3591 per each \$100 of assessed property.

New Faces at Town Hall

Please join us in welcoming our new **Town Manager Krista Davis** and our new **Town Planner Ethan Strickler**.

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. Remember to **STOP** on Main Street & Potomac Street.

It is a Maryland State Law!!

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 3rd

(Rain date is Thursday, July 5th)

The annual Independence Day Celebration will be held the evening of **July 3 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 7th

The Annual **National Night Out** event will be held in Shafer Park from **5:30 PM until 8:00 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. **This is a GREAT opportunity to earn Student Service Learning Hours by volunteering at NNO!!**

BOONESBOROUGH DAYS

September 8th and 9th

The Boonsboro Historical Society’s annual juried craft show will be held on **September 8 and September 9** from **9 AM until 5 PM**.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The First Hose Company of Boonsboro hosts their annual Remembrance Parade along Main Street on **Tuesday, 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 – July 4th

****Recycling and Trash will be picked up as normal on Tuesday, July 3rd****

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Labor Day – Monday, September 3rd

****Recycling and Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, September 5th****

Concerts in the 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 Jazz Band, 7pm**

***July 27 South Mountain Breed, 7pm**

***August 5 Jeff Taulton & South Mountain Jam, 5pm**

***August 18 US Navy Band ‘Navy Cruisers’, 7pm**

***August 26 The Plate Scrapers, 6pm**

***September 23 Mason Dixon Barber Shop Chorus, 3pm**

Reminder... Leashed dogs are allowed in Shafer Park. Please be considerate and **pick-up** after your dog in the Park, in neighborhood common areas or in other people’s yards. It is not pleasant having to clean-up after others’ pets.

Please pick up after your pet!

USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships July 26 - July 29

The best cyclists from across the country, ages 11 to 22, will take on the roads of Washington County. Time Trials will be held in Boonsboro on Thursday, July 26 from 7am to 3pm on Route 67 (Rohrersville Road)
www.visithagerstown.com/amateur_road

Town Employee Photo Identification Cards

All Town employees are now carrying Town issued photo identification cards and will have them visible when interacting with residents around Town. Over the past few months there have been a number of times when individuals have posed as Town employees. We are hoping that the photo ID cards will help residents identify **REAL** Town employees. If you have concerns, please do not hesitate to call Town Hall at 301-432-5141 to verify an employee's name.

PLEASE NOTE: Town employees **will not** ask to come into your home.

The **Town's Yard Debris Site** located on Monroe Road is open **Tuesday thru Friday 12 Noon – 2pm** and **Saturday 7am – 12 Noon**. (Closed on Monday) The site is for Town residents only and you will need to pick-up a free 2018 Yard Debris Permit at Town Hall.

Monday Yard Debris Pick-Up

- Place your brown paper lawn bags at your curbside **Sunday evening**. Bags that are left out all week may become wet and will be impossible to lift. Please do not place them on the street, especially if it is raining.
- No more than 8 bags per household, weighing no more than 30 pounds each per bag. If you can't lift the bags, neither can our PW staff.
- No dirt, mulch, stone, sod, flower pots or other trash should be mixed in with debris. Bags will not be picked up if these items are inside.
- Branches must be no thicker than 4-inches in diameter and cut to a length of 4-feet. A maximum of 10 branches per household, tied into bundles, will be picked-up.

**When mowing grass please be considerate of the health of the Chesapeake Bay and do not sweep or blow grass clippings into storm drains.*

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Open **every TUESDAY** in Shafer Park thru October 9th from **4pm until 7pm** in the area between Pavilions 1 & 2.
Buy fresh & local!

News from the Environmental

Commission: As of **July 1, 2018**, Apple Valley Waste will **no longer be taking glass to recycle**. This is because at the present time there is not much of a market for recycled glass. The facilities that are still purchasing recycled glass are quite a distance away and this makes the transportation cost prohibitive. For the time being, we encourage our residents to shop for containers other than glass. For example: containers for orange and other juices, applesauce, condiments, soda and beer, etc. Please try to avoid glass which will now go directly into our landfill. **Aluminum cans are the best recyclable choice!!** Plastic containers are also a good recyclable choice. Thank you ☺

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!!**

Boonsboro's **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having problems with neighborhood pets, dogs barking excessively, dogs acting aggressively or are concerned for any animal living in unsanitary condition, please contact the **SPCA** immediately at **301-733-2060**.

Welcome New Town Residents!!

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

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.

Planning and Zoning Notes: PERMITS

REQUIRED...If you are considering a pool, a deck, other additions on your property, or even considering starting a new business here in Boonsboro, please remember that a building permit or zoning permit is required. **Building Permits are not required for fences under 6 feet in height, landscaping or retaining walls less than 3 feet in height, exterior painting or other ordinary property maintenance. Zoning Permits are required for new businesses** in Town and business signs. Additional information can be found on the Town website under **Planning and Zoning** or by contacting the Town Planner and Zoning Administrator Ethan Strickler at 301-432-5690 or by emailing EStricklerTOB@gmail.com

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. Payment options are available. Call Cindy at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment plans and options. Water and Sewer bills are calculated based on how much water you use. Conserving water can help reduce your bill. Check toilets, water softeners and all outside hoses every so often for leaks.
****The full BMUC billing policy is available on the Town's webpage and also posted at Town Hall****

Fall Bulk Clean-Up & Recycling Event
Saturday, October 13
Shafer Park Parking Lot
8AM until 12PM

Have a safe and happy summer!

Mayor: Howard Long
Assistant Mayor: Rick 'JR' Byrd
Council Members: Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Tony Nally & Ricky Weaver
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Boonsboro Police Department
301-432-6838
Sheriff's Office Dispatch
240-313-2910 or 911