

Summer 2019 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

Fiscal Year 2020 Budgets

On June 10, 2019, the Mayor and Council passed the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. The Mayor and Council approved **no increases** to the Water and Sewer Rates and a Sanitation Rate increase from \$20 to \$25 per quarter.

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 FY2020. The tax rate will remain at \$0.3591 per each \$100 of assessed property.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, July 3rd

(Rain date is Friday, 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.

BOONESBOROUGH DAYS September 7th and 8th

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

Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts free evening concerts in Shafer Park during the Summer months. Please check the 'Event Calendar' on the Town's website or Facebook for dates and times. Lawn chairs and blankets are always welcome!! ☺

***July 14** *Jeff Taulton & South Mountain Jam, 5pm*

***July 26** *The MillDudes, 7pm*

***August 4** *The Williamsport Community Band, 7pm*

***August 10** *US Army Downrange, 7pm*

***August 24** *US Navy Band Navy Cruisers, 7pm*

***September 1** *Mason Dixon Barber Shop Chorus, 3pm*

Outdoor Movies in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts free outdoor family movies in the Shafer Park field behind the Police Department during the Summer months. Lawn chairs and blankets are always welcome!! ☺

ALL MOVIES BEGIN AROUND 8:00PM (or at DARK)

***July 20** *Bernie the Dolphin*

***August 17** *Mary Poppins Returns*

***August 21** *How to Train Your Dragon, The Hidden World*

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.

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Open **every TUESDAY** in Shafer Park thru October 8th from **4pm until 7pm** in the area between Pavilions 1 & 2.

Buy fresh & local!

**Town Hall is closed on...
Independence Day – July 4th**

&

Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd

****Recycling and Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, September 4th****

The Town's Yard Debris Site

located on Monroe Road is open **Tuesday thru Friday 12 Noon – 2pm** and **Saturday 8am – 12 Noon**. (Closed on Sunday and Monday) The site is for Town residents only and you will need to pick-up a free 2019 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.

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.

It is a Maryland State Law!!

News from the Environmental

Commission RECYCLING AND

CONTAMINATION: Recycling has changed. It might be down, but it's NOT out. How can we be the best recyclers that we can be during these changing times? You have probably heard that China will no longer take our recyclables. This has been a blow to our way of thinking, but recycling plants here in the U.S. are stepping up. In the meantime, there are certain things you can do to make sure that what you recycle makes it to the recycling plant and stays out of the landfill.

- **REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, ROT**--always come before RECYCLE. (Rot=composting food scraps). Did you know 20% of landfill waste could be composted? Town Hall sells compost bins at a significant discount.
- **CONTAMINATION** is a huge problem when non-recyclable items are thrown into the recycling bin. Plastic grocery and pet food bags, Styrofoam food containers and dirty diapers are the biggest culprits. These things damage the recycling machines. Bag up all your plastic bags and take them to a drop-off bin outside grocery stores (and WalMart) -- this also includes any plastic that "stretches" when you pull it. If it "rips," it's not recyclable--throw it out. Throw out Styrofoam food containers and dirty diapers! Other culprits: hoses, car parts, packing peanuts, clothing, "hard" plastic (e.g., car seats and PVC pipes). Did you know clean, BLOCK Styrofoam IS recyclable at 40 West Landfill?
- Please clean and/or rinse out your food containers. If you don't, they will not be recycled.
- **Cardboard is still easily recyclable** but make it fit in your bin--please break it down and/or cut it up to fit. It only takes a few minutes. **CLEAN** pizza boxes only.
- **Aluminum cans are still recyclable**, but if your kids want to earn some money, take your cans to an aluminum recycler: Maryland Metals on Church Street is one.
- **Paper is still recyclable:** newspaper, mail/inserts, milk/juice cartons, cereal boxes, but **NOT** paper towels, facial tissues and tissue paper (compost them).

Just try to be mindful and think before you buy something with three layers of packaging. Use less. Think "Zero Waste." Use reusable grocery bags. Buy in bulk. If we work together, we can make recycling successful for everyone. (For more information, go to

www.applevalleyrecyclingcenter.com **OR** <https://www.washco-md.net/index.php/2018/03/15/dem-swd-home/>)

Don't Pour Grease Down the Drain!!

Grease and cooking oil clog 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.

Monthly Town Meetings

(Please check 'Public Meeting Calendar' on the Town website and at Town Hall for changes to dates or times)

*Mayor & Council – 2nd Monday – 7pm

*Environmental – 2nd Tuesday – 7pm

*Utilities – 2nd Thursday – 7pm

*Public Safety – 3rd Thursday – 7pm

*Planning – 4th Tuesday – 7pm

*Mayor & Council Workshop – Last Monday – 7pm

*Park Board – 4th Wednesday – 7pm

*EDC – 4th Wednesday, EVEN months – 9am

Trash & Recycling Reminders!!

- **Please place your trash and recycling out on MONDAY night** for Tuesday morning pick-up.
- If your sanitation is MISSED and you honestly placed it out BEFORE they picked up your street, please call Town Hall as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that AVW will pick it up, but we will try our best to contact them.
- The **RED** Apple Valley Waste container that the Town provides to you is for **RECYCLING ONLY**. If you place regular household trash inside the red container, AVW will **NOT** pick it up at all. Remember, too, that **GLASS is no longer accepted** for recycling.
- **The Town does not provide a trash container for regular household trash.** You can place out bags or purchase your own container. If you are still using a **BLUE Republic Services** recycling container for your regular trash, AVW might not pick it up.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 6th

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!!

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**.

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!!

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Town events, updates and changes are all posted on the Town's website, 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: Rick 'JR' Byrd

Council Members: Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Tony Nally and Rick Weaver

Town Manager: Paul Mantello

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Boonsboro Police Department

301-432-6838

Sheriff's Office Dispatch

240-313-2910 or 911