

# 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 June 9, 2020.

### The results are as follows:

**Mayor** – Howard Long

**Council Member** – Marilee Kerns

**Council Member** – Ray Hanson

The Swearing In Ceremony was held on June 15, 2020.

## Fiscal Year 2021 Budgets

On June 15, 2020, the Mayor and Council passed the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The Mayor and Council approved **no increases** to the Water and Sewer Rates and no increase to Sanitation Rates of \$25 per quarter.

The approved rates are as follows:

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

## Property Tax Rate

The Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021 will remain at \$0.3591 per each \$100 of assessed property.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**(Rain date is Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>)**

The annual Independence Day Celebration will be held the evening of **July 3 with Fireworks starting around 9-9:30pm** at dark.

(Please note there will be no vendors or music in the Park that night. Please follow SOCIAL DISTANCING guidelines)

## From Mayor Howard Long...

We thank all of our residents for their patience during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we slowly reopen there are a few items that we need to pass along:

**Town Hall** reopened to the public on Monday, June 29, with the normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 4:30PM. To observe the Governor’s social distancing directive, we are asking for residents to call in to Town Hall to make an appointment to meet with the Town Manager, to submit a building or zoning application or to have a document Notarized. If you would like to speak with someone about your **Tax Bill**, please call or email Town Clerk Heather Slough at TownClerk@townofboonsboro.com. If you have questions about your **Utility Bill**, please call or email Water/Sewer Clerk Amanda Wells at AdminAssist@townofboonsboro.com

**Shafer Park** pavilion rentals reopened on June 22, with the request that all individuals follow social distancing guidelines. We have not reopened our Community Center rentals yet. As many of you may know, the Washington County Commission on Aging holds their Southeastern Congregate Site - Senior Center at the Community Center. We are waiting for directives from the Governor for Senior Centers. The health and safety of our seniors is of the utmost importance to us. If you have a Community Center rental, we apologize for the inconvenience.

**\*\*Thank you to all of our residents for everything you’ve been doing to help stop the spread of COVID-19, and we will provide more reopening updates as we move forward. \*\***

## Town Hall is closed on...

**Independence Day – Observed July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**&**

**Labor Day – Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*Recycling and Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>\*\***

## The Town’s Yard Debris Site

located on Monroe Road is

**OPEN EVERY Saturday**

**from 8am – 12 Noon**

The site is for Town residents only and you will need to pick-up a free 2020 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, cans, paper or other trash should be mixed in with debris.** **Bags will not be picked up if these items are inside.** We mulch the yard debris pile at the site every year & items listed above will damage the mulching machinery.
- 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!!***

## 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!! Please follow SOCIAL DISTANCING guidelines.

- \***July 11, 7pm** The Plate Scrapers
- \***July 18, 7pm** The Cruisers
- \***August 1, 7pm** Andrew Janosek & Friends
- \***August 8, 7pm** The Fall Guys
- \***August 16, 3pm** Mason Dixon Barber Shop Chorus
- \***August 23, 3pm** The Rocky Birely Combo
- \***August 29, 7pm** Josh Crews & Friends
- \***September 6, 5pm** Jeff Taulton & South Mountain Jam

## 9/11 REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The First Hose Company of Boonsboro hosts their annual Remembrance Parade along Main Street on **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## BOONESBOROUGH DAYS

**September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

(we will post any updates online)

The Boonsboro Historical Society's annual juried craft show will be held from **9 AM until 5 PM** in **Shafer Park**.  
**[boonsborohistoricalsociety.org](http://boonsborohistoricalsociety.org)**

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual 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 Farmers Market

Open **every TUESDAY** in Shafer Park thru October 8<sup>th</sup> from **4pm until 7pm** in the Park area by the Police Department – 241 Potomac Street.

**Buy fresh & local!!**

## PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH WIPES!!

Wipes clog the sewer lines. You do not want a sewer back up in your home & we don't either. Our Public Works staff have reported recently that they are cleaning out a lot of wipes & other items in the sewer lines daily. **Please only flush toilet paper and flush smartly** 🧻

## Trash & Recycling Reminders!!

- Please place your trash and recycling out on **MONDAY night** for Tuesday morning pick-up.
- If AVW honestly misses your house, please call Town Hall as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that AVW will come back to pick up your items, but we will try our best and contact them.
- The **RED** Apple Valley Waste container is for **RECYCLING ONLY**. If you place regular household trash inside the RED container, AVW **will NOT** pick it up. (*Even if you spray paint the bin*) They will not pick up your recycling if it is in plastic bags inside the bin.
- The Town **does not provide trash containers**. You can place out bags or purchase your own container.

## BMUC Bills - ACH Debit Payments

You can pay your BMUC bill using '**fee free**' ACH Debit. This payment is drafted directly from your checking account **4 times a year, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month when your BMUC bill is due**. 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. If needed, please call Amanda at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment options. We accept cash, checks, money orders & credit cards (in person & on our website)

**If there is a water or sewer emergency at your house, does Town Hall have your phone number?** We are adding a phone number to **EVERYONE's** Utility billing account in our software system. This is a safe guard for you if we need contact you. The easiest thing to do is to write your phone number, or email address, on your Utility bill stub when you send in your payment. Your information will be kept private and not shared.

**PERMITS REQUIRED!!** If you are considering a shed, deck, pool, additions, or starting a business, remember that a building or zoning permit is required. Information can be found on the Town website under Planning and Zoning or by calling the Town Planner at 301-432-5690.

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**.

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Town meetings, events, updates, cancellations and changes are all posted on the Town's website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Social media links are provided on the Town website.  
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[twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro](https://twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro)

We have **VACANCIES** on the Environmental Commission, Planning Commission & Economic Development Commission. Help make a difference in your community. Apply today 😊

**Mayor:** Howard Long  
**Assistant Mayor:** Rick 'JR' Byrd  
**Council Members:** Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Tony Nally and Rick Weaver  
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**Boonsboro Police Department**  
301-432-6838  
**Sheriff's Office Dispatch**  
**240-313-4345 or 911**