

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

Town Hall is OPEN to the Public!!

The health and safety of our residents, staff and visitors is our main priority. We ask that you wear a mask when entering Town Hall if you are not fully vaccinated. Thank you for your understanding. ***If you are dropping off a payment you can use the mail box slot on the front door of Town Hall on the Main Street side***

Fiscal Year 2022 Budgets

On June 14, 2021, the Mayor and Council passed the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 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 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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

The Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022 will remain at \$0.3591 per each \$100 of assessed property.


INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, July 2nd

(Rain date is Saturday, July 3rd)


Fireworks will begin at 9:30pm in Shafer Park. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets are welcome. There will be no vendors or music again in the Park this year. Please do not bring your dog to the event... it is VERY loud. Please follow CDC & MDH SOCIAL DISTANCING guidelines.

Fall Tree Giveaway

Boonsboro is partnering with Potomac Edison's "Green Teams Tree Planting Program" to offer Town residents up to 3 free 5-Gallon Native Trees to plant in their yards this Fall. Trees beautify our neighborhoods, increase property values and add to our community's quality of life. Trees are recognized for their importance in managing stormwater runoff, and leaf canopies help reduce erosion caused by falling rain. Trees provide surface area where rain water lands and evaporates, while their roots take up water and create conditions in the soil that promote infiltration. Increasing the Tree Canopy will result in millions of gallons of reduced stormwater runoff every year. To promote and encourage residents to participate, the Town will plant a matching tree for every tree planted in a resident's yard.  **To REGISTER for your FREE TREES**, please visit the Town's website or call Town Hall. Updates with exact dates for planting will be emailed directly to registered residents.

We have **VACANCIES** on the BMUC, the Planning Commission, the Economic Development Commission & the Public Safety Commission. Help make a difference in our community!! Apply online or call Town Hall 😊

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

will be held **every TUESDAY** and is located in the Shafer Park parking lot near the Police Department at 241 Potomac Street. **Regular Season: April 20 – October 5, 2021 4PM to 7PM**  **Extended Season: October 12 – November 23, 2021 – 3PM to 6PM**

Please bring your own bags!!

Town Hall is CLOSED on...

*** July 5 - Independence Day
Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, July 7
&
*September 6 - Labor Day
Trash/Recycling - Wednesday,
September 8**

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, blankets & dogs are always welcome!! Please follow social distancing guidelines.

- ***July 17, 7pm** - The Bodine Brothers
- ***July 24, 7pm** - The Cruisers
- ***July 25, 7pm** - The US Navy Band "Country Current"
- ***July 30, 7pm** - Josh Crews & Friends
- ***August 7, 7pm** - Slam Dunk
- ***August 28, 6pm** - The US Navy Band "The Cruisers"
- ***September 5, 5pm** - South Mountain Jam 2021 & Food Truck Event

Outdoor Movies in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts free outdoor family movies in the Shafer Park field behind the Police Department, at 241 Potomac Street, during the Summer months. Lawn chairs, blankets & dogs are always welcome!!

ALL MOVIES BEGIN at DARK

- ***July 10, 9:15pm** The Secret Life of Pets
- ***August 14, 8:45pm** Tom and Jerry
- ***September 11, 8:00pm** Wonder Woman 1984

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 Boonsboro
Environmental Commission**

A RECYCLING REFRESHER:

What goes in my red bin?

It's time for a refresher course about what can and can't be recycled during the weekly curbside pickup by Apple Valley Waste. Over time, what is and is not acceptable might change. **For example, glass containers are no longer recycled, while juice cartons are now acceptable.** If you are unsure about certain items, please place them in your recycling bin, as long as they are empty and clean.

All cardboard boxes should be broken down and clean. If rain is in the forecast for curbside collection day, please set out cardboard and other paper recyclables **only if they fit** in your closed red recycling bin.

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLE ITEMS:

- Magazines & books (catalogs, books with hard covers removed, soft-cover books)
- Newspaper (inserts, brochures)
- File folders & office paper (all colors)
- Mail & greeting cards (junk mail, envelopes)
- Corrugated cardboard (boxes, paper bags, beverage holders)
- Paperboard boxes (cereal, pasta, tissue)
- Paper cartons (milk, juice, egg)
- Plastic containers (#1 thru #7, caps ok)
- Metal cans (aluminum, tin, foil)

NOT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Glass bottles, plastic bags, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, Pyrex, ceramics, paper towels, facial tissue, gift-wrapping paper, Styrofoam, PVC, recyclables containing food waste, paints, oils, hazardous material, needles, syringes, VCR tapes, CDs/DVDs, scrap metal, pots and pans.

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

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, August 3rd**

The Annual event will be held in Shafer Park from **5:30 PM until 8:00 PM**. This event is a joint venture of the Mayor and Council, the Public Safety Commission and the Boonsboro Police, Fire and Rescue Companies.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE PARADE

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

**BOONESBOROUGH DAYS
September 11th and 12th**

The Boonsboro Historical Society's annual juried craft show will be held from **9 AM until 5 PM** in **Shafer Park**. boonsborohistoricalsociety.org

PLASTIC FREE JULY

Recycling is important, but to be even greener, try eliminating single-use plastics as much as possible. Only 9% of plastic is recycled; 91% ends up either in a landfill, or even worse, in our fields, streets & waterways. "Plastic Free July" is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution. **You can help by trying to:** avoid disposable plastic products and packaging, replace bottled water with tap water in a reusable water bottle, use bar soap rather than liquid, eliminate balloons and straws, buy bulk items from refill shops, using your own containers, and make your own personal care and cleaning products.

For other ways you can help, go to www.plasticfreejuly.com

BMUC - 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. **Please call Amanda at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment options if needed.**

 **6th Annual South County Golf
Tournament Hole in 1
Monday, September 20th**

The event benefits Micah's Backpack of South Wash. Co. and is held at Black Rock Golf Course. Registration is at 7:30am and the Fee is \$90 per Golfer. Micah's Backpack is a Free Service of the South County Food Pantry in Boonsboro. It provides healthy weekend meals for children at local elementary schools, serving 120 students weekly in our local community. For more info about the event, contact DWader56@gmail.com

Please be courteous and pick-up after your dog. Remember a baggie.

Fenced-in dogs that bark all day and night can disturb your neighbors. **Outdoor cats** can sometimes be a nuisance, as they may use flower beds for litter boxes or kill the birds that your neighbor loves to watch from their window. We love our pets, but please be considerate and keep pets indoors when possible, especially during extreme summer heat.

The **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having problems with neighborhood pets 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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twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro

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