

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 10, 2022.

The results are as follows:

Assistant Mayor Tony Nally
Council Member Terri Hollingshead
Council Member Ricky Weaver
Council Member Eric Kitchen
 The Swearing in Ceremony was conducted by the Washington County Clerk of Court on June 6, 2022.

New Face at Town Hall!!

Please join us in welcoming our new **Town Clerk Bryan Wachtel**. Bryan grew up in Boonsboro and we are very happy to have him become part of our office team. We are also welcoming Logan Garrett and Ernie Mose to our Public Works Crew.

Fiscal Year 2023 Budgets

On June 27, 2022, the Mayor and Council approved the Fiscal Year 2023 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 2023 will remain at \$0.3591 per each \$100 of assessed property. Personal Property located within the Town limits is set at \$0.875 per \$100.00 of assessed personal property.

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

We all take pride in our Town and we should work together to keep it looking nice. That can easily start with routine property maintenance at your home. Keeping the grass, shrubbery and weeds cut to a reasonable height is a great start. When you mow, please do not blow grass into the road. This is a safety risk and not good for our drainage and sewer systems. Clean up clippings from your lawn and either bag them for the Yard Debris Site/Monday curbside pick-up or compost them yourself. Together we can keep our Town beautiful!!

Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts free concerts in Shafer Park during the Summer months. Lawn chairs, blankets & leashed dogs are always welcome!!

- ***July 9, 7pm** – Bilgewater Bluegrass
- ***July 17, 7pm** – South Mountain Breed
- ***July 30, 7pm** - The US Navy Band “The Cruisers”
- ***August 6, 7pm** – Generations Apart
- ***August 13, 7pm** – Dino Delray &Cooking with Fire
- ***August 26, 7pm** – Lana Spence Band
- ***September 4, 5pm** - South Mountain Jam 2022 & Food Truck Event
- ***September 25, 3pm** – Mason Dixon Barbershop Chorus

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 16, 9:00pm** “Dog”
- ***August 20, 8:45pm** “Encanto”
- ***September 17, 8:45pm** “Spider-Man No Way Home”

Town Hall is CLOSED on...

- * **July 4 - Independence Day**
Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, July 6
&
***September 5 - Labor Day**
Trash/Recycling - Wednesday,
September 7

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Friday, July 1st

(Rain date is Saturday, July 2nd)

The annual **Fireworks** are schedule to **start around 9:30 PM** in Shafer Park. There will be music and food vendors. Please feel free to bring lawn chairs or a blanket and a picnic if you'd like.

No dogs please!!

Buy fresh & local!

Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Live Music/Food Trucks/Special Events

Every Tuesday - 4PM to 7PM

* **241 Potomac Street** - in the parking lot next to the Police Department*

Market Season

May 3 – October 25, 2022

Please bring your own bags 🛍️

Community Notifications

Sign up to receive notifications from the Town's Code-Red system by going to the Town website or by calling Town Hall. This system notifies residents of water and sewer issues, bill water notices, trash pick-up delays and Town event changes. Don't miss important alerts!

www.town.boonsboro.md.us/notifications

Reminder: All 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 and Potomac Street. Help keep everyone safe.

It is a Maryland State Law!!

**News from the Boonsboro
Environmental Commission
"FIREFLIES"**

Do you call them fireflies or lightening bugs? No matter what you call them, their numbers are in decline. They are fascinating to watch on a warm summer evening, so let's take some very important steps to help restore the populations. If we don't, these smile-inducing beetles may become a thing of the past. Let's do all we can to help them along by...

- Providing habitat! Set aside a corner of your yard or garden where things can get a little wild
- Avoiding pesticide use, which can kill fireflies AND their prey or degrade habitat
- Turning off your outdoor lights at night (use motion detector lights instead), especially during the summer firefly season
- Spreading the word and let others know about fireflies and their needs
- Don't mow your grass too short—they can burrow in the ground or in the furrows of tree bark
- Donating to the Xerces Society, which is working to conserve all invertebrates, including fireflies

(Source: Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, www.Xerces.org)

Please be courteous and pick-up after your dog. Remember a baggie when you take a walk!! The Town's **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having an issue with a neighborhood dog acting aggressively or are concerned for any animal living in unsanitary condition, please contact the **SPCA** directly at **301-733-2060**.

**Volunteers Needed for Upcoming
Town Events**

Help keep Boonsboro a vibrant place to live, meet new people, gain experience and get inspired while improving your wellbeing. Volunteers are the heart of our community. Visit the Town's website to sign up today!

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, August 2nd**

The annual FREE 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.

**The 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival
Sunday, September 4th**

Boonsboro's Economic Development Commission will host their Festival in **Shafer Park from 12 noon until 7 PM**. The event will feature food trucks, live music, a beer and wine garden, corn hole tournaments, lawn games for kids and adults, ukulele lessons and much MORE!! **South Mountain Jam 2022 with Jeff Taulton and friends will perform from 5PM to 7PM.**

9/11 REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The First Hose Company of Boonsboro hosts their annual Remembrance Parade along Main Street on **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 10th and 11th**

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


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 Yvette at Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment options if needed.

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.

 **Fall Tree Giveaway** 

Boonsboro is again partnering with Potomac Edison's "Green Teams Tree Planting Program" to offer Town residents 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. They're 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.  Registration will begin in July. Please visit the Town's website and Facebook page for updates.

Residents who received and planted trees in the Fall of 2021, please be sure to water each tree once a week all Summer long to help ensure good growth and survival 

We currently have **VACANCIES** on the **Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission** and the **Planning Commission**. Help make a difference in our community!! Apply online or call Town Hall for information 😊

Town meetings, events, updates, cancellations and changes are all posted on the Town's website, Facebook and Twitter pages.
facebook.com/VisitBoonsboroMD
twitter.com/TownofBoonsboro

Mayor: Howard Long

Assistant Mayor: Tony Nally

Council Members: Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Eric Kitchen and Rick Weaver

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Boonsboro Police Department

301-432-6838

Sheriff's Office Dispatch

240-313-4345 or 911