

Summer 2023 Edition

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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

Stop by and say Hello!!

Please join us in welcoming our **NEW Town Manager Jared Schumacher**. Jared comes to us from Sykesville and has 15+ years of Municipal Town experience. We also welcome Curtis Wyand to our Public Works Crew.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budgets

On June 12, 2023, the Mayor and Council approved the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. The Mayor and Council approved a small Water and Sewer Fixed Fee increase 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	\$22.50 per EDU
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$6.20/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$9.30/1,000 gal
Sewer	Rates
Residential Fixed Fee	\$60.50 per EDU
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 2024 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.

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**.

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!!

Chicken Permits are \$50 for residents who wish to raise **3 hens** (**NO** roosters please!!) in their backyards, with no annual renewal fee. Residents keeping chickens on their properties are required to keep clean coops and to fill out a yearly Chicken Permit at Town Hall by April 1st of each year. If you have more than 3 hens or a rooster it is a Municipal Infraction, and you will be fined \$200 a day.

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 8, 7pm** - US Navy Country Current
 ***July 15, 7pm** - The Cruisers
 ***July 23, 7pm** - Clendenen Brothers Bluegrass
 * **July 29, 7pm** - US Army Country Roads
 * **August 6, 7pm** - Hard Swimmin' Fish
 * **August 13, 5pm** - Dawn Rix Band
 * **August 19, 7pm** - Gary Jay & The Fire
 * **August 26, 7pm** - Rock Creek Revival
 * **September 16, 6pm** - Rowdy Acres
 * **September 17, 3pm** - Mason Dixon Barbershop Chorus

Town Hall is CLOSED on...
 * **July 4 - Independence Day**
Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, July 5
&
 * **September 4 - Labor Day**
Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, September 6

New Dog Park coming soon!!

Keep your eyes open for the newest addition to Shafer Park. Our Public Works staff is currently building a much-needed fenced-in play area for well-behaved dogs on the backside of the Park near the basketball courts.

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 15, 9:00pm** "Tom & Jerry"
- ***August 19, 8:45pm** "Puss in Boots"
- ***September 16, 8:45pm** "Thor: Love and Thunder"

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Monday, July 3rd

(Rain date is Friday, July 7th)

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!!

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 – October 2022
Please bring your own bags!!

News from the Boonsboro

Environmental Commission:

Construction on the **Boonsboro Community Garden in Shafer Park** is underway! The Town website has been updated with the latest information regarding the community garden under the Government/ Town Commissions/ Environmental Commission section. We're very proud of two recent community member contributions, both Eagle Scout projects. William Duus, Life Scout constructed a Greenhouse and Grant Hausler, Life Scout constructed four wheelchair accessible raised beds with irrigation and drainage. Community registration will be open later this Fall to reserve your space. Check the Boonsboro Community Garden webpage or look for another update in the Fall 2023 Town Newsletter for updates and information. The community garden planning team is seeking interested candidates to serve as a garden manager for the 2024 growing season. A stipend will be provided. Please contact the Town if interested.

The Boonsboro Community Garden will feature the following amenities for the 2024 growing season:

- Secure Fencing
- Greenhouse and Toolshed
- Onsite water source
- 4 wheelchair accessible raised beds (96" L x 48" W)
- 8 standard metal raised beds (50" L x 36" W x 30" H)
- 16 large inground beds (12x14 ft)
- 8 small inground beds (8x6 ft)
- Pollinator Garden
- Benches and Picnic Tables

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.

ANNUAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 1st

The annual family event will be held in Shafer Park from **5:30 PM** until **8:00 PM**. We will be collecting donation items for students at Boonsboro Elementary School. Please see the Town website & Facebook for a list of items. This event is a joint venture of the Mayor and Council, the Public Safety Commission and the Boonsboro Police, Fire and Rescue Companies.

3rd Annual Food Truck Festival

Sunday, September 3rd

Boonsboro's Economic Development Commission will host their Festival in **Shafer Park from 12 noon until 6 PM**. The family friendly event will feature 20+ food trucks, live music, corn hole tournaments, a garden tractor pull, axe throwing, performing arts for kids and adults, a beer, wine and craft cocktail garden, and much MORE!!

NO FEE to attend the festival!!

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 9th and 10th

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

BUILDING PERMITS ARE

REQUIRED for sheds, decks, swimming pools, remodeling, additions and opening a business. Call 301-432-5690 for more information!!

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

Compost Service

The Environmental Commission is excited to announce a new compost service starting July 2023. The drop off location is located at the Community Center building in Shafer Park. Service will be provided by Key City Compost located in Frederick, MD. One community compost bin will be available to residents, and it will be serviced weekly. The bin is a similar shape and size to the standard Apple Valley Waste recycling bins. **The compost bin can be distinguished by its all GREEN color and signage on the bin indicating compost materials only.** Composting reduces harmful greenhouse gas emissions, including CO2 and methane by reducing reusable materials being buried in the county landfill. Common compostable items include:

- fruit & vegetable scraps (including corn cobs, nuts, pits, seeds)
- pasta, bread, cereal, rice
- popcorn
- beans
- egg shells
- meat (raw & cooked)
- bones
- seafood (meat & shells)
- dairy
- baking ingredients
- herbs & spices
- coffee grounds & filters
- tea bags
- paper towels & paper towel rolls
- pizza boxes

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

Boonsboro Police Department

301-432-6838

Sheriff's Office Dispatch

240-313-4345 or 911