

# Summer 2024 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 Rachel Souders**.

Rachel is a BHS graduate, and her family has been part of the Boonsboro community for generations. She will begin her career with the Town on July 17<sup>th</sup>. We are incredibly happy to have her become part of our team!!

### Town Election Results

The citizens of Boonsboro voted in the Town Election on May 14, 2024.

**The results are as follows:**

**Mayor** – Howard Long

**Council Member** – Marilee Kerns

**Council Member** – Ray Hanson

The Swearing In Ceremony was held on June 10, 2024.

### Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets

On May 13, 2024, the Mayor and Council approved the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The Mayor and Council approved a Water and Sewer Fixed Fee increase and an increase to Sanitation Rates from \$25 per quarter to \$30 per quarter. .

The approved rates are as follows:

Water	Rates
<b>Residential Fixed Fee</b>	<b>\$30.00 per EDU</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>\$66.00 per EDU</b>
1 - 18,000 gallons	\$9.00/1,000 gal
18,001+ gallons	\$13.00/1,000 gal

**Reminder:** All pedestrians have the right-of-way in **ALL cross walks**. Please **STOP** to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street. Look for the flashing cross walk signs on Main Street and signs on Potomac Street.

Help keep everyone safe.

**It is a Maryland State Law!!**

### 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!!

### BIG Trash and Recycling NEWS

**New pick-up day is WEDNESDAY!!**

As many of you have seen and heard, the Town signed a sanitation contract with **J&J Trash Inc.** for all of our trash and recycling pick-ups. **Recycling bins have been delivered.** Our first trash and recycling pick-up day will be on **WEDNESDAY, July 3, 2024.**

### Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts free concerts in Shafer Park. Lawn chairs, blankets and leashed dogs are always welcome!!

- \***July 13, 7pm** - The Cruisers
- \***July 14, 7pm** - Dawn Rix Band
- \***July 19, 7pm** - Hard Swimmin' Fish
- \***July 27 - 7pm** – Josh Crews
- \***August 2, 7pm** - US Navy Country Cruisers
- \***August 4, 7pm** - Clendenen Brothers Bluegrass
- \***August 11, 7pm** – Gray Matter
- \***August 24, 7pm** – Cooking with Gas
- \***August 25, 7pm** – Rohrersville Band
- \***August 31, 7pm** – Bilgewater Bluegrass
- \***September 15, 3pm** – Mason Dixon Barbershop Chorus
- \***September 21, 6pm** – The Spires Brass Band
- \***September 22, 5pm** – Lynn Routzahn & Mark Dorosh The Missing Years

Town Hall is CLOSED on...

\* **July 4 - Independence Day**  
**Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, July 3**  
**and**  
\* **September 2 - Labor Day**  
**Trash/Recycling - Wednesday,**  
**September 4**

### The Street Sweeper is Back!!

Street sweeping will take place on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month**. If you are able to park off-street, that would be helpful. Please do not park on Main Street on that Monday. A huge thank you to the Town of Williamsport MD for sharing the sweeper with us!!

### 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 & well-behaved dogs are always welcome!!

- \***July 20, 9pm** "Arthur the King"
- \***August 17, 9pm** "The Goonies"
- \***September 21, 9pm** "Tom & Jerry"

### INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

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

**(Rain date is Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>)**

The annual **Fireworks** are schedule to **start at 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!!**

**Please be courteous and pick-up after your dog's poop.** Remember a baggie!!

The **Animal Control Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having an issue with a dog acting aggressively or are concerned for a pet living in unsanitary condition, please contact the **SPCA** directly at

**301-733-2060**

## **News from the Boonsboro**

### **Environmental Commission:**

The BEC would like to thank the following presenters who educated us on various topics in April, May, and June helping the BEC in its continued mission of promoting a healthier environment: Phil Wescott - Key City Compost, Ed Higginbottom - Master Gardener/Composter and Ann Aldrich - Master Gardener. Reminder, all meetings are open to the public! Please feel free to join on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Town Hall Annex. Check the Town's Facebook page for announcements regarding guest speakers. The BEC looks forward to seeing you there!

### **Community Garden**

The Boonsboro Community Garden in Shafer Park is open! There are 8 local residents and families participating this season and growing a variety of vegetables and pollinator plants. Several gardeners are using techniques that local certified Master Gardeners have shared with the BEC during recent presentations. It is also inspiring how the community of gardeners have worked together and created friendships to make our first year a success. The BEC would like to thank the community gardeners for helping with final prep work. The BEC would also like to thank Town maintenance staff for their support in advising and undertaking several large projects to complete the construction of the garden. Please come visit the Community Garden in Shafer Park and watch the progress all season, it's just a short walk from the Farmer's Market! You can also find more information on the Town web page under the Government/ Town Commissions/ Environmental Commission section.

### **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.**

### **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 2024**

**News:** The Farmers Market is off to a resounding start! There are around 23 vendors, a weekly rotating food truck, musicians and special events.

**Here are some to look forward to:**

\*Storytimes for the Children

\*Plastic Free July and Mini Recycling all month long

\*Special Events during Farmers Market week, August 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

\*Bring Your Pup to the Market Day (*free doggie treat*)

\*Free Milkweed Seed Giveaway

Please check out facebook.com/BoonsboroFarmerMarket for the

event dates and a list of vendors (they change weekly) We look forward to seeing you there on Tuesdays!

**Please bring your own bags!!**

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

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

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.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Truck Festival**

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

The 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 and MORE!!**

### **BOONESBOROUGH DAYS**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Boonsboro Historical Society's annual juried craft show will be held from **9 AM until 5 PM** in **Shafer Park**. Over 160 exhibitors, Civil War display and artifacts, Tri State Astronomers, great food and more!

**boonsborohistoricalsociety.org**

### **9/11 REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

The First Hose Company of Boonsboro hosts their annual Remembrance Parade along Main Street on **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 all members of the Military.

### **What is Stormwater?**

Did you know that every waterway in Boonsboro drains to Antietam Creek, which eventually flows to the Chesapeake Bay? That means that any contaminants released into our watershed are contributing to the degradation of one of the most critically endangered ecosystems in our region. Boonsboro is doing its part to protect local waterways by helping to keep the water clean before it reaches our streams. For more information on what you can do to help protect our waterways, visit the Town Website.

### **BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED**

for sheds, decks, swimming pools, remodeling, additions and opening a business. Call our Town Planner Drew Bowen at 301-432-5690 for more information!!

We currently have **VACANCIES** on the Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission, Planning Commission and Park Board. Help make a difference in our community!! Apply online today!!

### **Like us on Facebook**

Town meetings, events, updates, cancellations and changes are all posted on the Town's website, and our **OFFICIAL Facebook page** facebook.com/VisitBoonsboroMD

**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