

Winter 2013 Edition

# News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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## Bay Restoration Fee Increased

The State of Maryland has doubled the fee that each homeowner must pay to the Bay Restoration Fund, listed as "BRF" on the town's utilities bills.

The fee is now \$15 each quarter, or \$60 annually.

Customers will notice on the current utilities bills that the BRF fee is listed as \$22.50 and not \$15. The extra \$7.50 is a retroactive charge which should have been applied to the September utility bill. (The new fee structure took effect July 1, 2012.)

After this adjustment, the Bay Restoration fee listed will be \$15 for each quarter.

### Legal holiday - Boonsboro Town Hall closing

Monday, January 21  
Martin Luther King Day

### Recycling on Mondays scheduled every 2 weeks

January 14, 28 -- February 11, 25 -- March 11, 25  
April 8, 22 -- May 6, 20 -- June 3, 17

## Christmas Tree Collection

Town employees will pick up Christmas trees at curbside each Monday in the month of January only.

**Yard debris pickup** has been suspended for the winter and will resume, weather permitting, in mid-March. Yard debris and used vehicle oil may be taken to the recycling site at 6927 Monroe Rd. on the third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to noon. To access the site, residents must obtain a free 2013 permit at Town Hall during regular business hours.

## Shafer Park Reservations for 2013

The Town will start booking park pavilions and the Community Center on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. To make reservations call 301-432-5141 or visit Town Hall; no email bookings will be accepted. For town residents, fees are \$35 for small pavilions and \$40 for large ones. Non-residents pay \$10 more for each. The Community Center rental fee is \$60, plus a deposit of \$50.

## Charles Stanford Named New Boonsboro Police Chief

Charles Stanford, an officer with the Boonsboro Police Department, has been promoted to Police Chief.

He was sworn in by Mayor Charles Kauffman during the Mayor and Council meeting on Dec. 3 in the Community Center.

Stanford, 49, who replaces Jeff Hewett as chief, was hired as an officer by the town last February. A former State Police officer, Stanford had served the town previously, from 2006 to 2007, as an officer and then earlier while with the State Police. He has also served as Smithsburg's chief.

Hewett had established the town's current police department seven years ago. Prior to that, town policing was performed by the State Police and the county Sheriff's Department. Hewett led the effort to move the department from small, cramped quarters in the Community Center at Shafer Park to the current location on Potomac Street near the library and adjacent to the new section of the park.

When fully staffed, the town department has four officers, including the chief. The town is in the process of hiring another officer.

## Scavenger Hunt Winners Announced

The EDC has announced the winners of its second annual Scavenger Hunt. They are Bill Eccard, first place, \$100; Wilma Holdway, second place, \$50; Natalie Mose, third place, \$25, and Kim and Wayne Needy, fourth place, \$25. Winners were awarded gift certificates to local businesses. Residents were asked to identify landmarks at 14 different locations in Boonsboro.

## Address Change for Payments

All Payments for taxes and utilities bills should be sent to **21 North Main St.** and no longer to **231 North Main St.**, the Susquehanna Bank. If you use online bill pay, please notify your bank of this address change.

## New Environmental Commission begins formulating green goals

Members of the newly formed Boonsboro Environmental Commission rolled up their sleeves at their first official meeting on Dec. 11, 2012, and began working on a list of goals to serve as a guide for the commission's work, which is sure to take them well into the future.

Work has begun on a strategic plan detailing the kinds of short- and long-range projects and programs which will make the town more earth-friendly. Included are issues relating to alternative energy, sustainable water solutions, waste reduction, and education and awareness.

The commission also is pursuing a project called Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC) which promotes and documents green initiatives, with the ultimate goal of making Boonsboro a green community.

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Center. All meetings are open to the public.

**Networking Breakfast Jan. 18** - The Boonsboro Economic Development Commission will hold its next Networking Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, at Vesta in Boonsboro. David Taschman, a certified sales trainer, will present the program. Business people may make their \$7.00 breakfast reservations by emailing [boonsboroadc21713@yahoo.com](mailto:boonsboroadc21713@yahoo.com).

The March Networking Breakfast will be on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Board of Zoning Appeals alternates named

The Mayor and Council have approved the appointment of two alternate members of the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill unexpired terms, ending in October 2013. They are Scott Race and former Town Council Member Natalie Mose.

Regular members of the BZA are Sara Sweeney, Darrell Jones, Linda Moser, Gary Schlappal and Carol Long. The BZA holds its hearing as needed on the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

### Clean-up nets tons of trash, recyclables

The Fall Clean-up Day was held on Oct. 13 in the parking lot in Shafer Park where residents dropped off 13.2 tons of large, bulky items and many items for recycling, including 3.4 tons of metal collected for the Town by Conservit.

The next collection of bulk items will be held in late April. Recyclable items of all kinds are also collected during Boonsboro Green Fest, scheduled for May 11. (See [www.boonsborogreen-fest.com](http://www.boonsborogreen-fest.com) for recyclable items.)

### RECYCLING REMINDERS

-All trash and recycling must be set out after 4 p.m. the night before collection day.

-All clean corrugated cardboard can be recycled, as well as the boxboard used for cereal and tissue boxes. Please break down all boxes and set out next to recycling containers if cardboard will not fit in the tote.

-Recyclable plastic bags, such as grocery bags, should be bundled up in a plastic bag.

-New residents, who would like a free recycling container, please contact Town Hall, 301-432-5141.

**NOTE:** Allied, the town's contract hauler estimates that 75% of the households are participating in the curbside recycling program which began in July. So far, about 20% of household waste is being recycled.

**When it snows** -- Residents must clear away a three-foot-wide swath of snow and ice from their sidewalks within the first 10 hours of daylight on the day the snow, sleet or freezing rain ceases. Businesses must clear sidewalks within four business hours after a snow/ice event ends or by the beginning of business hours the next **business day**. **DO NOT shovel snow onto roadways.**

**REMINDERS:** Please help Town employees by keeping the water meter covers cleaned off and the area around hydrants clear of snow. **DO NOT park on Main Street during a Snow Emergency Plan; your vehicle could be towed.**

**Water, water everywhere** - The water system that services both Boonsboro and Keedysville pumped treated and filtered an average of 427,435 gallons of water a day during the 78 days from Oct. 1 through Dec. 17, 2012. The Waste Water Treatment Plant discharged 410,423 gallons per day of treated water during the same period.

*-Rick Painter, Superintendent*

### Elected Mayor & Council

Charles F. Kauffman, Jr. - Mayor

Howard W. Long - Assistant Mayor

Council Members: Kevin M. Chambers, Sean K. Haardt, Cynthia Kauffman, Janeen N. Solberg, Barbara B. Wetzel

#### MEETINGS

**Regular Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, Community Center, Shafer Park  
**Workshop:** Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

#### SPECIAL MEETING

Annual meeting with Washington County Commissioners  
7 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, in the Community Center

**Boonsboro Police Department** - 301.432.6838

**Sheriff's Office Dispatch** - 240-313-4382 or 911