

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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Open: Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM

When it snows...Residents are asked to clear away a 3-foot-wide walkway of snow and ice from their sidewalks **within the first 10 hours of daylight on the day the snow, sleet or freezing rain stops.** Town businesses are asked to clear sidewalks within 4 business hours or by the opening of business of the next business day.

Please try to keep the area around fire hydrants clear of snow and ice.

****Please DO NOT shovel or blow snow onto roadways****

This is a violation of the Town Ordinance. It creates safety issues and could result in a \$50 fine.

Reminder...Do not park on Main Street during a *Snow Emergency Plan* event; your vehicle could be towed.

A Special Thank You...

The Boonsboro Park Board, and the Town, would like to extend a very special and HUGE thank you to all of the people and business that make our annual Olde Tyme Christmas possible: the Boonsboro Fire Department, the Scouts, Weis Market, the High School Band, Cronise Market Place for their delicious apples, and of course Santa Clause (and his family) and all of our volunteers. Thank you for many, many years of wonderful dedication to our Christmas event!!

2024 Town Election

The residents of Boonsboro will be voting for the **Mayor** and **two (2) Council seats** in the Town election set for **May 14, 2024**. Residents living within the corporate limits of Boonsboro, who are registered to vote in Washington County, are qualified to vote in the Town election. ****The deadline to register to vote in Washington County for the Town election is Monday, April 23, 2024****

Trash & Recycling Reminders!!

- Please place your trash and recycling out on **MONDAY night** for Tuesday morning pick-up.
- If Apple Valley Waste honestly misses your house, please call Town Hall as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that AVW will come back to pick up your items, but we will try our best and contact them.
- The **RED & YELLOW** Apple Valley Waste container is for **RECYCLING ONLY**. If you place regular household trash inside the RED and YELLOW container, AVW **will NOT** pick it up. They will not pick up your recycling if it is in plastic bags inside the bin.
- The Town **does not provide trash containers**. You can place out bags or purchase your own container.

Interested in running for Office?

Candidates must be United States citizens, a registered voter and a resident of the Town for at least three (3) years prior to the election. Candidates for Assistant Mayor must be at least 25 years old and candidates for Council must be at least 21 years old.

****Certificates of Nomination may be obtained at Town Hall and must be returned to the Town Clerk by 4:30 PM on Monday, April 15, 2024***

2024 Shafer Park Reservations

You can make Park Pavilions and Community Center reservations by calling Kim at 301-432-5141 or by visiting Town Hall. For Town residents, fees are **\$45** for the Gazebo & small pavilions (4 & 5) and **\$50** for the larger ones (1, 2 & 3). The Community Center rental fee is **\$100**, plus a key deposit of **\$50**, which will be refunded to you when you return the key.

Wash. Co. Legal Holidays

Town Hall will be closed on:

December 29 – New Year’s Eve

January 1 – New Year’s Day

(Trash pick-up Wednesday 1-3-2024)

January 15 - Martin Luther King Day

Yard Debris Site on Monroe Road

Open 3rd Saturday for Winter:

**January 20 - February 17 - March 16
8 AM until 12 noon**

Christmas Tree Collection

Trees will be picked up at curbside

Every Monday during January

*(With the exception of January 15 when pick-up will be on **Tuesday, January 16** because of the Holiday)*

Please remove tree stands & tinsel!!

Pet Reminder: Please be considerate and **pick-up after your dog**. Recently there’s been a lot of piles in Shafer Park. No one wants to step in it, and you don't want your kids falling in it while they are playing. Just because the weather is cold doesn't mean it will magically disappear when it hits the ground. It’s happening **INSIDE** our little Dog Park as well. It is part of being a responsible dog owner... please pick up your dog's poop!!

Boonsboro’s Animal Control

Ordinance is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having issues with pets barking excessively or acting aggressively or are concerned for animals living in unsanitary conditions, please contact the **SPCA** at **301-733-2060**.

Reminder: Pedestrians have the right-of-way in **ALL cross walks**. Please **STOP** to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street.

It is a Maryland State Law!!

Fire Safety Tips for Winter

Please keep fire safety in mind when heating your home. December, January and February are the leading months for in home heating fires.

Working smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors SAVE LIVES
Change your batteries regularly or purchase a NEW 10-year detector!!

- Space heaters account for 1/3 of home heating fires and four out of five home heating fire deaths.

- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires is the failure to clean creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment and chimneys. ****Please remember to have your chimney cleaned annually****

- Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment, such as furniture, clothing, mattress or bedding, is the leading factor contributing to ignition in home heating fires and accounted for more than half of all heating fire deaths.

****REMEMBER to turn off portable heaters before you leave home!!****

- **DO NOT use your oven, stove top burners or any cooking element or grill to heat your home.**

- **NEVER EVER leave burning candles unattended!!**

- **Carbon Monoxide**, or CO, is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

Visit www.usfa.fema.gov to learn more about winter safety tips or contact the **First Hose Company of Boonsboro on their non-emergency number at 301-432-2348.**

Streetlight Outage Information

To report a streetlight outage, please call Town Hall and we will submit a 'repair request' to Potomac Edison for you. It usually takes about 2 -3 days to have a light repaired by Potomac Edison.

🚨 PSA - PLEASE Do Not Litter 🚨

We have been seeing an increase in litter around Town. Please wait until you find a trash can or recycling bin to throw things away. Be accountable. Litter endangers our environment and our wildlife. It pollutes our neighborhoods, destroys our Town's natural beauty and is just plain nasty.

Don't be a litterbug!!!

News from the Boonsboro Environmental Commission

The **Environmental Commission** is looking for 2 Town residents to fill the vacancies on the Commission. The **Farmer's Market** is looking for vendors please apply at farmersmarketboonsboro@gmail.com

Boonsboro Community Garden

Registration to request space at the Community Garden in Shafer Park is now open! Applications and fees are due by February 13, 2024. The Town website has been updated with the application form and latest information; you can find it under "Residents" and at www.town.boonsboro.md.us/communitygarden. 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. Job duties will include weekly common area maintenance, water supply monitoring, and assisting/ advising gardeners on facility topics and community garden rules. If you have an interest in the Garden Manager position, please submit a brief statement of interest to the Boonsboro Community Garden management team at communitygarden@townofboonsboro.com

Composting

Starting the first week of July, the Town began offering a community wide compost service through Key City Compost. The community compost bin is located outside the Community Center building in Shafer Park and is serviced weekly. The bin is a similar shape and size to the standard Apple Valley Waste recycling bins that are also located at the Community Center building. The compost bin is **all-green color** and multiple signage on the bin indicating compost materials only. A quick tip for storing food scraps between trips to the compost bin is to use a bulk size coffee canister with a resealable lid and store it in the fridge or freezer! The Environmental Commission is working on scheduling a community Q&A session with Key City Compost this Winter. Town of Boonsboro residents have diverted a combined total of 2,366.00 lbs. of waste from the landfill as of December. Keep up the good work, neighbors!!

BMUC Utility Payment Policy

Water, Sewer and Trash services are billed quarterly in **January, April, July and October**. Payments are due 30 days from the date of the bill. Bills can be paid online. **Call Town Hall to discuss payment options and plans.** Water and Sewer bills have a base usage charge and are then calculated on how much water you use.

Boonsboro Cemetery Reminder...

In preparation for the Spring and Summer seasons, the Boonsboro Cemetery Association Board requests that all Fall and Winter decorations be **removed from graves before February 24, 2024.** The Cemetery Association Board will remove any remaining decorations on March 2, 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

Low-Waste Living Workshop

Learn simple, practical ways to live a low-waste lifestyle that will not only help to preserve our environment, but help build community, save money and improve quality of life. Members of Boonsboro Green Fest's Zero Waste Exchange will host this session from **5:30-7pm on Wednesday, January 17** at the **Boonsboro Library**. There will be a Meet & Greet with refreshments, a panel discussion and a Swap Table, where participants are encouraged to bring items from home that they no longer need in order to share with other participants. Free and open to everyone in the community!

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Assistant Mayor: Tony Nally

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

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240-313-4345 or 911