

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 Mayor and Council and the Boonsboro Park Board 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 in Shafer Park possible: the Boonsboro Fire Department, the Scouts, Rohrsersville Band, Weis Market, Cronise Market Place, the Public Works Staff, 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!!

Stop by and say Hello!!

Please join us in welcoming our new **Police Officers James Rogers and Jim Sword.** Officer Rogers is retired from the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC and Officer Sword is retired from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. We are incredibly happy to have them both become part of our Boonsboro Police Department!!

Please Do Not Flush Wipes!!

Even if the package says "FLUSHABLE" wipes should not be flushed because they clog our sewer lines.

Please only flush toilet paper 🧻



ALSO... Please Do Not Pour Grease Down Your Drains!!

Fat, cooking oil and grease also clog the sewer lines and interfere with the wastewater treatment process. It can cause sewer backups, expensive plumbing bills and increased costs to all residents due to the increased maintenance and treatment costs. Please allow the fat, oil and grease to cool and collect it in a container and throw it away in the trash.

Trash & Recycling Reminders!!

- Please place your trash and recycling out on **TUESDAY night** for **Wednesday** morning pick-up.
- If J&J Trash honestly misses your house, please call Town Hall as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that J&J Trash will come back to pick up your items, but we will contact them for you.
- The **Blue Green** J&J container is for **RECYCLING ONLY**. If you place regular household trash or tied bags inside the container, J&J **will NOT** pick it up.
- The Town **does not provide household trash containers**. You can place out trash bags or purchase your own container at Lowes, Home Depot or from any store location.

Wash. Co. Legal Holidays

Town Hall will be closed on:

December 31 – New Year's Eve

January 1 – New Year's Day

January 20 - Martin Luther King Day

Yard Debris Site on Monroe Road

Open 3rd Saturday for Winter:

January 18 - February 15 - March 15

8 AM until 12 noon

Christmas Tree Collection

Trees will be picked up at curbside

Every Monday during January

(With the exception of January 20

when pick-up will be on **Tuesday,**

January 21 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, running wild or acting aggressively or are concerned for pets 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!!

**News from the Boonsboro
Environmental Commission**

FARMERS MARKET NEWS:

We had an AMAZING SEASON! Thank you to everyone who supported us and our local vendors!!

- Approximately 8,500 customers attended during the 25-week season.
 - 18-24 vendors participated every week from May to October.
 - Several events throughout the season were fun or educational: scavenger hunts, Small Recycling July, Bring Your Dog to the Market Day, Milkweed/Zinnia Seed giveaway to support monarch butterflies and the popular Frequent Buyer Program.
 - Thanks in part to the Environmental Commission, we were able to purchase a shed to house all our supplies on site.
 - Our end-of-season raffle was a huge success. 263 Frequent Buyer cards were submitted for entry into the raffle.
 - Our recent exciting news was our **SECOND PLACE FINISH** in the Herald-Mail “Best Of” in the tri-state area Farmers Market Category!!
- We hope to have your support again in early May 2025—please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.**

Registration to request space at the **Boonsboro Community Garden** in Shafer Park for 2025 is now open!

Registration is open to anyone.

Applications and fees are due by February 14, 2025 for new applicants. The Town website has been updated with the 2025 application form and latest information; you can find it at **www.town.boonsboro.md.us/communitygarden**. The Community Garden planning team is seeking interested candidates to serve as a Garden Manager for the 2025 growing season.

A yearly stipend (minimum \$200/year) will be provided. Please refer to the Community Garden Manager Position Description linked on the Community Garden web page for details and requirements. 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**



Recycling Made Easy

Here are items that can and cannot be placed in **J&J Trash’s recycling bins** each Wednesday. If an item is not on the approved list, **please do not place it in your Blue Green recycle bin**. That will only make more work in the sorting process and could, in some cases, ruin sorting machinery.

Recycling Bin Accepted Materials:

- **Paper & Cardboard** should be dry, clean. Most popular materials accepted are paper of any thickness, envelopes with or without windows, corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes, paper cartons, magazines, soft-cover books, notepads, newspapers, mail and greeting cards.
 - **Plastics (#1-7)** must be empty, can be capped (no pump tops) and be larger than a credit card. Popular plastics are tubs for yogurt, detergent and household cleaners; jars for peanut butter, nuts/trail mixes and candy; jugs of milk, detergents and household cleaners; and 5-gallon buckets and laundry baskets.
 - **Metal** containers must be empty. They include cans for soup, meat and veggies, soda, water, alcohol and dry goods, tins for cookies, popcorn and storage, and clean aluminum foil.
- Keep These Items OUT of Your Bin:** glass, ceramics, Styrofoam, plastic bags, shredded paper, soiled paper or cardboard (such as pizza boxes), hinged containers (such as takeout containers), cups, plates or cutlery of any kind, tanks or scrap metal, hoses, chains and cords, paper towels, facial tissue or wet/dirty paper, VCR tapes, CDs and DVDs, scrap metal, pots and pans, and food or yard waste.

2025 Shafer Park Reservations

Park Pavilions and Community Center reservations can be made by calling 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.

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!!

- **REMEMBER to turn off portable heaters before you leave home!!**
 - The buildup of creosote from wood stoves and chimneys is dangerous.
 - Have your chimney cleaned annually.**
 - Placing items that can burn easily close to heating equipment, such as furniture, beds and blankets, and even snow damp clothing could start fires.
 - **DO NOT** use your oven, stove top burners, toaster oven or BBQ grill to heat your home.
 - **NEVER EVER** leave burning candles unattended!!
 - **Carbon Monoxide** alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area in your 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.**

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.**

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