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Upper Marlboro, Maryland**



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WILLIAM BEANES' GRAVESITE

A stop on the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail

The grave of Dr. William Beanes is near his former home in Upper Marlboro. Beanes, a well-respected Maryland doctor, was captured by the British for arresting and jailing British deserters and stragglers after the burning of Washington, DC. Francis Scott Key and John Stuart Skinner were sent to secure Beanes' release. After the British agreed to free Beanes, the three Americans witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry onboard a ship anchored in the Patapsco River.

To learn more go to: www.starspangled200.org



Welcome to *Landings* . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



**Girl Scout Troop 5333
Gives Back to Community**

Samantha Reed and Holly Strepman of Girl Scout Troop 5333 attended the July 13th Town Meeting to present the first draft of their *“Walking Tour of Upper Marlboro”*. The Troop created the brochure as a “Service Project” to fulfill their requirements to achieve their Bronze Award, which is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can earn. Each girl was required to complete 15 hours of work on the project.

The smart, little publication features 10 historic sites of interest, complete with full color photos and a map. To make the brochure more fun, each numbered site presents a trivia question at the end of the sites description. The answers are given on the back of the brochure beneath a brief history of the Town. The troop left space for an 11th site, the Crain Monument, but discovered that the approach on foot was too precarious to get up close to take pictures.

The Town Commissioners and staff expressed gratitude for the troop’s hard work and said they were quite impressed with the troops first draft. President Sonnett said he would like to publish the brochure on the Town’s website, and the Town Clerk said he was glad to be able to have something to offer those who call and write in requesting information on the Town.

The troop left copies for the Town officials and residents to proofread and they also asked for help to create the map. They hope to have the final completed by the fall.

The Town would like to thank Troop 5333 for their generous contribution and spirit of volunteerism.

A Little Paint Here and There

You may have not noticed but the Public Works Department has painted all the Town's street signs over the last couple of weeks. They are now working on painting the parking meters. With the addition of some additional trash receptacles, we are doing our part to help spruce up the Town. The next project will be working on the traffic signs in Town.

Shred Day Pays Off

The Town of Upper Marlboro and the Prince George’s Federal Savings Bank cosponsored a “Community Shred Day” at the PGFSB parking lot last month for Town residents and customers.

Although the event did not see the greatest turnout, all the individuals that participated gave great praise for providing the service.

Below is a listing of the environmental impact savings achieved from the July 17th event . . .

- 6 Trees
- 1,3553 Kilowatt Hours
- 225 Gallons of Oil
- 2,310 Gallons of Water
- 20 lbs of Air Pollution Emissions
- 1 Cubic Yard of Landfill Space

The Town hopes to have another community shred next spring, so keep that in mind when you’re gearing up for your spring cleaning!

President's Report

In the July *Landings*, I posed two questions. Would a change in our form of government increase interest in holding office? What do you think can be done to increase citizen's participation? During the July 13th Town meeting the Commissioners and the citizens had a useful start at discussing answers to these questions. These are complex issues with no easy answers so we need to keep the discussion going until we find answers. In my 2010 President's report, I suggested that the Board form a committee to study these questions. It still seems to be a good idea. The committee would be able to look into the issues and report on options to the citizens and the Board. If you have any interest in investing some time on the committee, would you please contact me? In the meantime, I am exploring the possibility of seeking some outside help to look at these questions.

The other main business at the July 13th Town meeting was a discussion of an amendment to Section 82-56 of the Town Charter (Purchasing and Contracts). Current Charter Section 82-56, based on a since repealed 1950's model charter, has become outdated. Based on the Town Meeting discussions, discussions with Maryland Municipal League personnel and review by the Town's attorney, an amended Char-

ter Section 82-56 resolution will be on the agenda for the August 10th Town Meeting.

Several other items are on the tentative August 10th agenda. The FY2011 budget allocates some seed money to start exploring building an addition onto Town Hall. We need to discuss and define the needs of the Town citizens and government. What type of addition will serve those defined needs? How should we handle the process? What type of addition is feasible? This is another project that calls for our Town citizens to get involved, especially those who have a background and knowledge in construction and community planning.

Another item on the tentative August 10th agenda is the War of 1812 Bicentennial. In September of 2007, Governor O'Malley created the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission. The events and activities being planned for the Bicentennial are substantial and many towns are involved. Should the Town get involved given the role Dr. William Beanes played during the war? Other business on the agenda will be going forward with budgeted items, the purchase of additional trash receptacles for downtown and the surplus sale of the old trash truck.

Town Trash Collection Services

The Town Now Contracts Pickup of Residential Trash and Recycling

Public Works Department to Continue Pickup of Bulk and Yard Waste

On **Mondays**, our Public Works department picks up your bulk trash and yard waste only, and, our new contractor picks up your regular residential trash (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday). The bulk trash is taken to the landfill at \$59 per ton, while the yard waste is taken to a different facility at \$25 per ton. Each of these waste streams are picked up at different times of the day with different equipment. It is very important that you put your

residential, bulk and yard waste into separate piles when placing them out on the curb for pickup. This makes the collection process quicker and insures the waste goes to the proper facility. Depending on the Public Works department's schedule, they will pick up the bulk and yard waste either in the morning or the afternoon. The contractor has been picking up your residential trash mid-day, but could come as early as 9:00 a.m. Please, do not place trash items in your recycling bin, because it will not be picked up.

To insure your residential trash is picked up, have it out at curbside **by 8:00 a.m. on Mondays**. Please do not put it out days in advance of Monday. Besides being unsightly and detracting from the look of the neighborhood, it will attract unwanted animals. If you are unable to put your trash out on Mondays, ask a neighbor to do it for you, or, contact the Town Hall and we will have one of our Public Works crew put it out for you.

On **Thursdays**, your recyclables are picked up by the County. It is best to put your recycle bin out the night before, or by 7:00 a.m. on Thursday. Each residence should have a large, dark blue bin with wheels. These bins must only be used for recyclables only. Bins containing trash will not be picked up. If you do not have one, please contact Town Hall. If you are recycling – thank you. If you are not recycling – please start. It's good for the environment and the fee is fixed no matter how much is recycled.

POLICE REPORT JULY 2010

Town Citations: 124

State Citations: 54



In-Town Incidents:	2 Vandalism (auto)
2 Theft (over \$500)	3 Vehicle Impound
1 Breaking & Entering (attempted)	1 Stolen Vehicle (recovered)
1 Theft from Auto	
1 Warrant Service	Out-of-Town Incidents:
1 Arrest	(data unavailable at this time)

All in-Town incidents were in the downtown area and not in the residential areas.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, August 10th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

WORK SESSION: The August Work Session has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

LABOR DAY: Monday, September 6th. Town Offices will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

TRASH PICK-UP FOR LABOR DAY
Residential AND Bulk & Yard Waste trash will be picked up on Tuesday, September 7th.