

YARD SALE • YARD SALE • YARD SALE

Hi! I'm Barbie Sonnett and I've volunteered to coordinate the Town's Yard Sale. When Steve and I first thought of the idea, we thought it would be a fun event for our community that would bring people together, as well as help you make some money by selling unwanted household items, clothes, toys, etc. We have plenty of space on the grounds at Town Hall and hope for good weather as this will be held "rain or shine." I plan to do lots of advertising and signage, and am excited that many of my friends have already signed up to sell and are cleaning out their basements and attics for the event.

AT TOWN HALL
Saturday, May 16th 8:00 am—1:00 pm



There will be a \$5.00 fee per person/family that I will collect at the yard sale. These proceeds will go for yard sale expenses and the fund to make our annual Christmas party bigger and better.

Seller setup may begin at 7am.

After the sale, all of the sellers' unwanted items may be left at Town Hall for us to donate or take to the landfill.

BUYERS:

Don't miss this chance to find some great bargains and meet your neighbors at the same time!



Here's how it will work:

Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 8am to 1pm right here at Town Hall.

Please call me get your name on the list (please leave your name, message and phone number), or (preferably) by emailing me at:

Barbie Sonnett, 301-574-0456

barbiesonnett@aol.com

Please use "yard sale" as the subject.

The list will help me determine how many sellers there will be and how to plan for parking and unloading.

Trinity Church will be having its annual yard sale on the same day, so it will be a great day to shop for bargains in the Town of Upper Marlboro!

Your support will be so appreciated to make this event a success. And if you can volunteer to help me, that would be much appreciated also!

Hope to meet and talk with many of you soon!

-Barbie Sonnett



SELLERS: All people interested in selling are encouraged to sign up with

me as soon as possible. We welcome Town residents and well as those outside the Town, so tell or bring your friends!

POLICE REPORT

Town Citations: 153

State Citations: 32

In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Theft
- 1 Vandalism
- 1 Warrant Service
- 5 Vehicle Impounds



Congratulations to Chief Mike Gonnella on the arrival of his grandson born on March 9th. Chief's son, Anthony and his wife Regina have named the 6 pound/15 ounce bouncing boy, Vincent Thomas Gonnella.

Marlborough Day . . . May 9th

This annual event (always held the on the Saturday before Mother's Day) will be on May 9th this year. Main Street and Governor Oden Bowie Drive will be closed off to traffic for the all-day street festival which features live entertainment, food, arts & crafts, a book sale sponsored by the Town Library, and a parade which starts at 10:00 a.m.

Visit: <http://marlboroughday.com>
Or, call: (301)952-9575

June Graduations — Expect Traffic Delays

Every June, the Town experiences major traffic tie-ups due to the influx of graduates and their families to the ceremonies held at The Showplace Arena. There will be a total of 27 High School graduating classes having ceremonies from June 1—12. Each day, there will be at least 2 (if not 3) ceremonies with starting times of 9:00 am, 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

FREE MULCH GIVEAWAY

for County residents and employees

Saturday, April 18, 2009

8 A.M. — 2 P.M.

For more information, call (301) 883-5045

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall. (**Next Work Session:** April 28, 9:00 a.m.)

TOWN HALL CLOSED: Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.

MARLBOROUGH DAY: Saturday, May 9th
Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

TOWN HALL YARD SALE: Saturday, May 16th;
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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www.uppermarlboro.gov

THE TOWN HALL IS OPEN WEEKDAYS

Board of Town Commissioners
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President's Message

Since the last *Landings*, the Commissioners have held three meetings: the regular Town Meeting on March 10th and two Work Sessions on March 23rd and 31st. The main focus of all three of these meetings was the formulation of the FY 2010 budget that needs to be adopted at the June 9th Town Meeting.

At the March 31st meeting, I presented the Charter required annual President's Report along with a proposed FY 2010 budget. A copy of the President's Report is included with this *Landings*, and I am requesting that all Town's citizen's take the time to read it. At the two Work Sessions, the Commissioners refined the proposed budget that will be introduced at the April 14th meeting. We are still awaiting the results of the Maryland Legislature's budget which will most likely have an impact on some of our revenue projections. Currently, it appears that the State will cut some of the "Highway Users Funds" we receive from the State, and may cut some of the County income tax that is returned to the Town. Another unknown is the effect the economy will have on revenues. As we get new and better information over the next two months, we will adjust the budget estimates.

On the expense side, the trash disposal rate will go up \$5 per ton and the preliminary indication is that health insurance rates will increase 20%. Insurance rates are mixed—some up, some down. Other expenses appear to be holding steady or decreasing. The budget includes various pay increases for all employees. The

proposed budget meets the goal to pay for current expenses with current revenues and allocates the FY 08 operating surplus of \$100,000 in improving the Town's capital assets and infrastructure.

The Town has, for the most part, weathered the current recession well compared to the "Greater Upper Marlboro" area. How long and how deep the recession will be is unknown, but it appears that it will be with us for some time. The number of residences for sale in the town appears to be on the rise and we now have one foreclosure on record. Empty housing can make the area seem less attractive and lower the value of the area, which in turn, means less income to the Town. The challenge will be to insure that the Town does not become run down, but instead, is well maintained and attractive. Your Town government has increased its efforts but is relying on each of you to keep your lawns mowed and shrubs pruned. Please clean up any clutter around your house, and do not to put out trash more than 12 hours before the morning of pick-up. Your trash cans should be stored out of sight the rest of the week.

To help our Public Works crew to do their jobs efficiently, please park your cars in your drive way if you can—it not only improves the appearance of the neighborhood, but is safer for your vehicle.

We appreciate your efforts as they will make a big difference in the long run for our Town's well being and stability.