

Town Hall  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland



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**THE TOWN HALL IS OPEN WEEKDAYS**

Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**US Route 301 to Close For Repairs**

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is making repairs to the railroad crossing at US 301 (Crain Highway) between Chew Road and the Marlboro Crossroads area just south of MD 4 (Pennsylvania Avenue). SHA will temporarily close the four-lane highway on **Friday evening, April 11** and reopen it no later than Monday morning, April 14. This work is necessary to replace deteriorated rubber panels at the crossing. To ensure the safety of work crews and travelers, SHA will close both the northbound and southbound lanes of US 301. If inclement weather occurs, this work will be rescheduled for the weekend of April 25-27, 2014. More information is available at [www.roads.maryland.gov/D3](http://www.roads.maryland.gov/D3) or, by calling the SHA District 3 Office at 301-513-7300.

Welcome to *Landings* . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



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An Historic Village

WITH A FUTURE

**D**ID YOU KNOW? . . . The giant 30' x 42' hand-stitched Star-Spangled Banner Flag will be here on display at the Marlborough Day Festival? Did you know that Dr. Beanes himself will be there too? So much is happening, the Town has decided to hold a special presentation at **Trinity Church on Monday, April 14th at 7:30 p.m.**, where area citizens can ask questions and learn about this and other exciting events planned for the Town over the next couple of months. This year, we are a focal point of the **War of 1812 Bicentennial**, and we have been working hard to be ready for the hundreds of visitors who are coming to visit Dr. William and Sarah Beanes' Gravesite, Darnall's Chance House Museum and Trinity Church, our three historic destination sites along the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail.

**D**ID YOU KNOW? . . . For the first time, the Town will be part of the Prince George's County **Maryland Home & Garden Pilgrimage Tour** on Saturday, April 26th? Come to the April 14th special presentation at Trinity Church and find out what historic homes and sites will be visited by dozens and dozens of tourists that day. Ask our Historical Committee how they put our Town on the map, and how they are collecting and cataloging historic items from



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National Park Service Ranger Jim Bailey of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine delivers an interpretive talk to guests at the launch of the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail.

Pilgrimage  
**TICKETS**  
still available

area residents for the Town Archives. Our Historical Committee is currently rallying volunteers for the Pilgrimage Tour and the **Marlborough Day Festival**—There will be large crowds for both of these events, find out how you can be part of history in your own hometown! If you can't make either of these events, then just be sure to join us at Trinity Church to find out what you'll be missing. Contact the Town Hall at 301-627-6905, or, visit the TUMHC website: <http://www.tumhc.com> for more information.

**D**ID YOU KNOW? . . . Our Town was recently designated a SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY? Want to find out how this program will revitalize our

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## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**TARTAN DAY TEA:** Saturday, April 5, 2014 2:00 p.m. Celebrate National Tartan Day at Darnall's Chance House Museum. Enjoy the tastes and sounds of Scotland! Wear your favorite tartan to be entered into a themed door prize drawing. Capacity is limited; reservations & payment required in advance. Resident \$22; Ages 10 & up. Call: 301-952-8010 for more information.

**COMMERFORD FUN FAIR:** Traveling Zoo! at the Show Place Arena. April 5 & 6 Saturday/Sunday 10 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Camel, Pony & Elephant Rides, Games, Food & Refreshments. Adults \$14; Children 13 and under FREE – additional fees for rides and activities. Call: 301-952-7900, or visit: [www.KidsFunFair.com](http://www.KidsFunFair.com)

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, April 8th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Meeting is open to public participation.

**WORK SESSION:** Wednesday, April 9th, 9:30 a.m. at Town Hall. Board discussions, meeting is open to public.

**75th ANNIVERSARY of MARIAN ANDERSON'S LINCOLN MEMORIAL CONCERT:** Saturday, April 12, 2:00 p.m. Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Rd, Bowie MD 20715. Renowned opera singer, Marian Anderson, performed live from outside the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939. Come see Taylor Robinson of Woodstream Academy reenact this historic event that broke down barriers for African-American performers and the Civil Rights era. Call: 301-262-7000 for more info.

**CREATURE FEATURE: LIVING REPTILES:** Tuesday, April 15th, 2:00–3 p.m. Meet live reptiles from snakes to lizards! Advance reservations required. Resident \$2. Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro 20772. Call: 301-218-6702.

### Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage Tour

**April 26, 2014 • 10:00 am—5:00 pm**

**Tickets still available! Call: 410-821-6933**

Email: [mhgp@aol.com](mailto:mhgp@aol.com), or Website: <http://mhgp.org/>

**PICCADILLY CIRCUS:** At the Show Place Arena, Saturday & Sunday, April 26–27. Shows at 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Call: 301-952-7900, or visit: [www.TheFunCircus.com](http://www.TheFunCircus.com)

**TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY:** Friday, May 2nd, 4:00–7 p.m. Menu: Fried Whiting, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread, Drink & Dessert. Cost: \$9 Adults, \$8 Seniors & \$5 Children (5 to 12 yrs). Call 301-627-2636 or visit: [trinityec@verizon.net](mailto:trinityec@verizon.net) for info.

**PIRATE FEST:** Saturday, May 3rd 11:00 a.m.–4 p.m. Swashbuckling reenactors, kid's pirate costume contest & treasure-hunt, live music, concessions stands. \$5/person, no reservations needed. Darnall's Chance, 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Dr. Call 301-952-8010 for more info.

**PEOPLE & PUPS HIKE:** Saturday, May 3, 10–11:15 am. Come enjoy a naturalist-led hike with your pup! Don't forget the leash! Your dog must love other dogs and be people friendly. FREE. Reservations are required with SMARTlink. Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro 20772. Call: 301-218-6702.

**MARLBOROUGH DAY FESTIVAL:** Saturday, May 10th, 10 a.m.–5:00 p.m. A Street Festival for all ages! Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Live music, dances, clowns and magicians, moon bounce, library book sale, animal show, arts & crafts vendors, 1812 British encampment reenactors, "Blue Sky Puppets" show, and lots of great food. Dr. William Beanes himself will make an appearance and the Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee will preside as Grand Marshall. For more info: Call (301) 952-9575, or visit online at: [www.marlboroughday.org](http://www.marlboroughday.org)



## TUMHC MEETING DATES

- **Combined Quarterly Meeting & Archiving Session**  
— at Town Hall: Saturday, April 12 at 9 am
- **Archiving Session** —Town Hall, Sat., May 17 at 9 am

## Did You Know? . . . *continued from other side*

Main Street businesses, rehabilitate our historic structures and help make our streets and sidewalks walkable for our residents and visiting guests? Town residents, business owners, and any citizens interested in the future of our Historic Town, are invited to **Trinity Church on Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.** So, join us to celebrate our Town's heritage and explore its bright future.

## How Does Your Garden Grow?

### FREE MULCH GIVEAWAY

for Prince George's County residents and employees

**Saturday, April 19 • 8 am—1 pm**

(or until supplies run out)

6601 SE Crain Hwy • Upper Marlboro Composting Facility

**For more information, call (301) 627-6388**

## On the Agenda

The next Board of Commissioners regular meeting is at 7:30 pm April 8<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. There is still some work to be done before the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget is introduced at the May meeting. However, the Commissioners will be discussing, and seeking public input, on the principals and initiatives currently under consideration.

Another item on the agenda will be a report and discussion of the work of the Town's Sustainable Communities Workgroup. The Board will also discuss the elimination in the Town's Employee handbook on relatives working in the same department. Lastly, the Board will consider the sale of the Old Water Tower site on School Lane.



## Report 2014 MARCH

Town Citations: 177 ❖ State Citations: 66

### In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Larceny
- 2 Attempted Larceny
- 1 Arrest  
(larceny attempt)
- 3 Vehicle Impound

### Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 1 Burglary
- 11 Larceny
- 3 Stolen Vehicle
- 3 Robbery
- 4 Assault

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