

VOTING EARLY?

Early Voting for our area will be at the Upper Marlboro Community Center (5400 Marlboro Race Track Road) from **October 23 through October 30** from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** (*Sunday, Oct. 26, 12 to 6:00 p.m.*)

Below are some tips to be prepared to vote on Tuesday, November 6 . . .

- Register to vote!** The State of Maryland offers ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION. **Voter Registration deadline is October 14.** Register or update your voter information online: <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/OnlineVoterRegistration>
- If you are registered to vote, **check your voting status** online to ensure that you are eligible to vote in November: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>
- Know where you are assigned to vote** online: <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/PollingPlaceSearch>
- Vote during non-peak hours** (10 am or 4 pm)
- If you are not able to vote at the polls during early voting or on Election Day, the **deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is October 28.** Visit: <http://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>



For more info., contact the **Prince George's County Board of Elections** at (301) 341-7300, or by email at: election@co.pg.md.us, or online: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections/Pages/default.aspx>

The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATES

- Archiving Session**
– at Town Hall: Saturday, **October 18** at 9:00 am
(meeting will include discussion about new historic signage in Town)
- Quarterly Meeting**
– at Town Hall: Saturday, **November 15** at 9:00 am

The TUMHC has published a **Self-Guided Walking Tour!** If you want to learn about the many historical sites right here in Town, please stop by the Town Hall and grab your **FREE TOUR BOOKLET**

Town Hall Upper Marlboro, Maryland



Board of Town Commissioners

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Office Hours

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2014 Gubernatorial General Ballot Questions

State Question 1 — [Non-Technical Summary](#)

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 422 of the 2013 Legislative Session)

Transportation Trust Fund – Use of Funds (*Amending Article III by adding Section 53 to the Maryland Constitution*)

Limits the use of Transportation Trust Funds to the payment of principal and interest on transportation bonds and for constructing and maintaining an adequate highway system or any other transportation-related purpose. Also prohibits the transfer of Transportation Trust Funds into the General Fund or a special fund of the State, except for: (1) an allocation or use of highway user revenues for local governments or (2) a transfer of funds to the Maryland Transportation Authority or the Maryland Transportation Authority Fund. Transportation Trust Funds may be used for non-transportation related purposes or transferred to the general fund or a special fund only if the Governor declares a fiscal emergency and the General Assembly approves legislation, by a three-fifths vote of both houses, concurring with the use or transfer of the funds.

State Question 2 — [Non-Technical Summary](#)

Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 261 of the 2014 Legislative Session)

Special Election to fill Vacancy in Office of Chief Executive Officer or County Executive

(*Amending Article XI-A, Section 3 and Article XVII, Section 2 of the Maryland Constitution*)

Authorizes charter counties to provide for special elections to fill a vacancy in the office of chief executive officer or county executive, and exempts a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of chief executive officer or county executive of a charter county from the constitutional requirement that elections for State and county officers be held on a specified four-year cycle. Under existing law, charter counties may only authorize special elections to fill vacancies on the county council.

Prince George's County: Vote FOR or AGAINST the following Charter Referendums . . .

Question A — Public Safety Facilities Bonds *Charter Required Referendum (CB-44-2014)*

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$240,839,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Safety Facilities (including Fire/EMS Department Facilities), as defined therein.

Question B — Library Facilities Bonds *Charter Required Referendum (CB-45-2014)*

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$32,243,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Library Facilities, as defined therein.

Question C — Community College Facilities Bonds *Charter Required Referendum (CB-46-2014)*

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$93,617,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, as defined therein.

Question D — County Buildings Bonds *Charter Required Referendum (CB-47-2014)*

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$238,182,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of County Buildings, as defined therein.

Question E — Public Works and Transportation Facilities Bonds *Charter Required Referendum (CB-48-2014)*

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$122,385,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads and bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities), as defined therein.

Question F — Proposed Charter Amendment *Charter Required Referendum (CB-50-2014)*

To clarify that general obligation bonds shall be in serial and/or term form.

Question G — Proposed Charter Amendment *Charter Required Referendum (CB-51-2014)*

To provide that immediately upon a vacancy in the Office of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer shall become the Acting County Executive until a County Executive is chosen by the methods established in this Section of the Charter.

Question H — Proposed Charter Amendment *Charter Required Referendum (CB-52-2014)*

To change the number of designated newspapers of record from three to one or more; and to designate two or more primary sources of County maintained electronic media available to the public for publication and transmission of official County notices.

Question I — Proposed Charter Amendment *Charter Required Referendum (CB-53-2014)*

To include disability and sexual orientation as additional bases of prohibited discrimination in the County personnel system.

Question J — Proposed Charter Amendment *Charter Required Referendum (CB-54-2014)*

To increase the number of consecutive terms that a person may serve on the County Council or as County Executive from two terms to three terms.

Nearby Early Voting Centers

October 23—30, 2014. Daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Upper Marlboro Community Center

5400 Marlboro Race Track Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Bowie Community Center

3209 Stonybrook Drive, Bowie, MD 20715

Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Center

8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785

Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex

7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Baden Community Center

13601 Baden-Westwood Road, Brandywine, MD 20613

Suitland Community Park School Center

5600 Regency Lane, Forestville, MD 20747

ON THE AGENDA

Town Meeting –Tuesday, October 14 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall

We have a lot of business for the next meeting! First on the draft agenda for the October 14 meeting is the selection by the Board of a firm to design our Town Hall addition and the renovation of the current Town Hall. We have interviewed several times all the firms that responded to the Town's request for proposals and believe we have found a good fit for our project.

Our current contract for recycling services with the County expires on October 31. The County has agreed to sell the blue recycle totes to the Town for reasonable price and have also agreed to swap-out any unwanted blue totes for the smaller yellow bins that some residents have requested. Bid submissions are due October 10, so we hope to select a new contractor at the meeting. Over the next several months we will be re-branding the totes and bins and assigning them to each residential address.

We will be discussing the preliminary results of the Fiscal Year 2014 audit. There will also be a briefing on Sustainably Community progress.

It's high school homecoming parade time again. The Board will have before it approval of two parade applications: first Frederick Douglas High School for Saturday, October 18, and second, Wise High School for Saturday, October 25. Both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Thursdays this year and the Board will be discussing closing the Town Hall on each of the following Fridays and granting administrative leave to the employees. The final agenda item will be an open discussion on the current and future staffing needs of the Town Government.

Purple Light Nights

Purple lights will be on display throughout Town during October to help bring awareness and unity against domestic violence in the County.



On Oct. 9, the Office of the Sheriff hosted a lighting ceremony on Main Street to launch "Purple Light Nights" a national domestic violence awareness project started in 2007 in Washington State. This was the first event in Maryland. Find out more at: www.purplelightnights.org



The Straight Scoop on Poop

One of the goals of a sustainable community is to reduce pollutants entering our waters. A Prince George's County flyer estimates that almost six tons of dog poop is generated each day in the County. If this waste is not properly disposed of, it enters and pollutes our waterways.

The County Code requires:

Sec. 3-139. Defecation; Removal of excrement.

(a) No person owning, keeping, or having custody of a dog or cat, except a seeing eye dog, shall allow or permit excrement of such animal to remain on:

- (1) Public property, including streets as defined in Section 1-102(a)(34); or
- (2) Private property without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof.

(b) The person owning, keeping, or having custody of the animal shall immediately remove the excrement deposited by the animal. (CB-36-1985; CB-3-1987)

So, let's be good neighbors to each other and even better friends with our environment!



Report 2014 SEPTEMBER

Town Citations: 85 ☆ State Citations: 44

<u>In-Town Incidents:</u>	<u>Out-of-Town Incidents:</u>
1 Breaking & Entering	1 Burglary
2 Disorderly	20 Larceny
1 Stolen Vehicle	1 Citizen Robbery
1 Recovered Vehicle	1 Robbery
1 Theft	1 Stolen Vehicle
3 Vehicle Impound	
1 Warrant Service	

*All in-Town incidents were in the downtown area and not in the residential areas—unless indicated with an **

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

COLUMBUS DAY: Monday, October 13th. Offices will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 am.

TRASH PICK-UP / COLUMBUS DAY:

ONLY Residential Trash WILL BE picked up on MONDAY, October 13 — However, Bulk Trash items AND Yard Waste will be picked up the NEXT DAY on TUESDAY, October 14.

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, October 14th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Meeting is open to public participation.

TOWN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE — (TUMHC)

ARCHIVING SESSION: Saturday, October 18, at 9 a.m. Town Hall. Meeting is open to the public, and will include discussion about new historic signage in Town.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL —

HOMECOMING PARADE: Saturday, October 18th, 9:30–11:30 a.m. Main Street. Parade starts and ends at the Board of Education and travels a loop through Town along Main Street and Governor Oden Bowie Drive. Expect road closures during the parade event.

THE GREAT JACK O' LANTERN CAMPFIRE:

Saturday, October 25, 7 p.m. at Darnall's Chance House Museum. See 50 hand-carved illuminated pumpkins & roast marshmallows (BYO chocolate bars and grahams) Scary tales, popcorn, cider and prizes. \$4/ea—cash only. (rain date: Sunday, October 26 –6 p.m.) Call: 301-952-8010 for more information (TTY 301-699-2544).

DR. HENRY A. WISE, JR. HIGH SCHOOL —

HOMECOMING PARADE: Saturday, October 25th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon—Main Street. Parade starts and ends at the Board of Education and travels a loop through Town along Main Street and Governor Oden

Bowie Drive. Expect road closures during the parade.

WORK SESSION: Tuesday, October 28th, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. Board discussions. This meeting is open to the public.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 a.m. Turn clocks BACK one hour.

ELECTION DAY–VOTE!: Tues, November 4.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST & SHOW—

CONTESTANTS NEEDED !!!: Darnall's Chance House Museum. 3 Divisions to chose from! (Family, Adult & Child). Hundreds in cash awards! Download entry form at: history.pgparks.com , or call 301-952-8010 for more info. **Registration deadline: Nov. 14.** \$5 per entry. **Entries due by Nov. 23.**

UPPER MARLBORO BRANCH LIBRARY /

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME: EVERY TUESDAY through October at 11:15 a.m. Call: 301-627-9330 for more information.



TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY

November 14th • FRIDAY • 4:00–7:00 p.m.

M E N U

Fried Whiting or Tilapia, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread, Drink & Dessert. Cost: \$9 Adults, \$8 Seniors \$5 Children (5-12 yrs) Call: 301-627-2636 or email: trinityec@verizon.net for more information.

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