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A Monthly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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IT'S YOUR CIVIL RIGHT AND CIVIC DUTY

— PLEASE VOTE —

Election Day in the Town is **Monday, January 4, 2016**. Voting takes place at Town Hall from 1:00–8:00 p.m., using hand-counted paper ballots. Three (3) resident candidates are elected as Commissioners for two-year terms. The newly elected Board selects one of the three to be the President of the Board *(who acts as "Mayor" and Chief Executive Officer),* and a Treasurer is also sworn-in. There are some new names listed on the ballot this time, and there are also blank spaces provided for write-in votes. You may only vote for up to three (3) candidates in total. **The deadline to register as a candidate is Monday, December 14, 2015 by C.O.B.**

The Town is facing several issues that will require a good working relationship with other political entities. We have been working hard to have a "seat at the table" with various County and State agencies, and a strong showing of citizens from the Town at the polls will certainly make a difference!

ON THE AGENDA

The December Board of Commissioners Town Meeting will be held 7:30 pm Tuesday the 8th at Town Hall. This will be the last Board Town Meeting for the current Commissioners. The only agenda business item, at this time, are adjustments to the FY2016 Detailed Budget.

The Town Commissioner's elections this cycle will be held on Monday January 4, 2016. Pursuant to the Town Charter, the current Commissioner's term ends the Monday after the Town elections. The Charter provides that the newly elected Commissioners hold their official first meeting concurrent with the expiration for the previous Commissioner's term which this time is MONDAY January 11, 2016 at 8:00 pm.

Town Hall
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Board of Town Commissioners

Steve Sonnett – *President*
Larissa Ferrer, Jim Storey

Office Hours

Monday–Friday: 9 am – 5 pm

Contact Town Hall

(office) 301-627-6905
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(e-mail) **info@uppermarlboromd.gov**
(cable channel) **Verizon 19**
OR VISIT US ONLINE AT:
www.uppermarlboromd.gov

Town Hall-iday Party! Sunday, December 13, – 5 p.m.

Bring the whole family to see Santa's arrival by police escort and the lighting of the tree at dusk. Inside, there will be music and caroling and plenty to eat and drink. Santa says he is bringing goodies for the kids!

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

The Town staffs a 4–person Public Works Department whose crew ensures: Residential Yard Waste & Bulk Trash collection; Maintenance and repair of Town-owned streets, signs & parking lots; Grounds-keeping & Landscaping of Town property; and, Snow & Ice Removal of Town-owned streets & parking lots.

Refuse Pick-Up Schedule

MONDAYS:
Residential TRASH
(by Burch Trash Service)

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YARD WASTE &
BULK TRASH
(by Town Public Works)

THURSDAYS:
Residential RECYCLING
(by Bates Trash Service)

Please set out all trash/recycling/ bulk trash & yard waste by 7:00 a.m. to ensure pickup. Please clearly separate the Residential trash from the Yard Waste and Bulk items—if co-mingled the items will not be picked up!

Acceptable Recycling Items

Plastic Bottles
#1-7 &Lids

Coat Hangers

Glass Bottles & Jars

Aluminum & bimetal cans, foil wrap & trays

Cardboard & Paper Board

Phone Books, Magazines, Junk Mail & Books

Empty Aerosol Cans

Plastic wide-mouth containers & lids

NO PLASTIC BAGS
(see below)

Town Flat Bed Truck Usage:

The Public Works Department offers the use of the Flatbed Truck at no charge to residents with bulk items too numerous for regular yard waste or bulk trash pick-up. The truck is parked in the homeowners driveway on Friday afternoon and picked back up on Monday morning. Call the Town Office for additional information.

Debris created as a result of contracted work may not be disposed of using Town services.

How to Dispose of Plastic Bags:

While plastic bags are no longer accepted in household recycling, residents can bring their plastic bags to these locations:

Safeway (at Osborne Road):
7605 Crain Hwy
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Food Lion (Marlboro Square):
9500 Se Crain Hwy
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Giant Food (Marlboro Crossroads):
5700 Crain Hwy
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Follow these guidelines

Please recycle only clean, dry plastic bags, and film. Also be sure to remove receipts or any other items from bags. Acceptable examples include:

- Retail, Newspaper, Dry Cleaning, Bread, Produce, and also other Plastic Bags labeled #2 and #4
- Zip Close Food Storage bags (clean and dry)
- Furniture and Electronic wrap
- Plastic cereal box liners (if it tears like paper do not include)
- Plastic shipping envelopes, including Tyvek ®, bubble wrap and air pillows (Remove labels and/or deflate)
- Product Wrap (used on paper towels, diapers, bathroom tissue, water bottles)
- Any film packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label

(for more info, visit: www.how2recycle.info/)

*Not all items are accepted at all drop-off locations. Check with your local drop-off to see what is accepted

NOT accepted at drop-off locations: NO Degradable/compostable film or bags, pre-washed salad mix bags, or frozen food bags.

What happens to the plastic film?

Plastic bags are recycled into many different products. Most plastic bags are recycled into composite lumber but can also be reprocessed into small pellets, or post consumer resin, which can become feed stock for a variety of products such as new bags, pallets, containers, crates, and pipe.

The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATE . . .

Archiving & Planning Session

Saturday, **December 17** *starting at 10:00 a.m.*

Residents of the Town and surrounding area are encouraged to bring items of historical interest (such as letters, drawings and photos) to be scanned for the Town's Archives. Contributors receive free copies.

The TUMHC is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out with events, research and archiving our Town's rich history.

You don't have to be a researcher or a historian to join in on the fun!
—Just an ordinary citizen who wants to give back to their community—

Visit their website at: ***www.tumhc.com/***

Snow in the Forecast? Be prepared!

If there is a forecast for snow, follow these guidelines:

- Please move all vehicles off Town streets to allow the plows (and emergency vehicles) better access.

- Ensure you have enough food & water in case you get stuck.
- Check on you're neighbors! Volunteer to shovel out an elderly neighbor's driveway for them.

- Be sure all fire hydrants are clearly visible and accessible in case of an emergency by clearing them of snow & ice.

Thank You!

Town Police Offer House Checks . . .

. . for Town residents who are on vacation or away for the weekend.

Just fill out a House Check form at Town Hall and our police will stop by your house periodically while you're away to make sure it's safe and secure. Town Hall Office hours are Monday– Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except holidays.

POLICE Report 2015 NOVEMBER

Town Citations: 23
State Citations: 16

In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Breaking & Entering
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- 1 Vandalism
- 1 Vehicle Impound

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 3 Assault
- 4 Burglary
- 9 Larceny
- 2 Stolen Vehicle
- 1 Robbery

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

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The Town of Upper Marlboro is on Social Media!

Be sure to follow us on Twitter and "Like" the Town's page on Facebook to get up-to-date alerts & information and to see what's happening!

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

16TH Annual GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST & SHOW: NOW through December 13 (Fridays–Sundays) 12 noon–5:00 p.m. at Darnell's Chance House Museum. For a sweet treat, come view an amazing display of edible gingerbread houses! No nibbling allowed! Visitors have the opportunity to vote for their favorite entries in the Viewer's Choice Award Competition—3 Divisions (Family, Adult & Child). Hundreds in cash awards! Entry fee: $1/person-FREE for kids 4 and under. Call 301-952-8010 for more info.

UPPER MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER: The newly renovated center features: gymnasium, fitness room, activities room, meeting room, warming kitchen, pre-school room, 2 racquetball courts, office space and restrooms. Outdoor amenities include: tennis court, play equipment, softball field and a soccer field. Instruction activities offered: sports, martial arts, fitness, dance, crafts, self-improvement, drama, games, hobbies, arts, arts & music. The Center also hosts tournaments, clubs, camps, special events, workshops, after-school programs, and cultural activities. The center participates in the Xtreme Teens program every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10 pm. 5400 Marlboro Race Track Rd. For class schedules, visit: *www.pgparks*

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 starting at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 14211 School Ln., Upper Marlboro, MD. The meeting is open to public.

29TH Annual WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: NOW through January 1st, every night 5:00–9:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park (FREE on December 25th). Don't miss this spectacular holiday drive-through event featuring more than one million twinkling lights and fun new displays. You can make a difference this season!—please **bring canned goods** for donation to local area food banks. Call 301-699-2456 or visit online at: *www.pgparks.com* for more info.

HOLIDAY HAYRIDES AT WATKINS PARK: Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, 7 pm, December 4–27. Join us for a hayride through the Festival of Lights and then the Watkins Nature Center to warm up by the fire. See the live animals—enjoy refreshments. Reservations required. $5/person, all ages welcome. For more information call: (301)218-6770; TTY (301)699-2544. *http://www.pgparks.com/page50961.aspx*

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, December 5th, 10 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at 4610 Largo Road. Call: (301) 627-4170 for more information.

TOWN HALL–IDAY PARTY: Sunday, December 13th, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Santa arrives for the Tree Lighting at dusk. Caroling with Santa, Great Food, Refreshments, Holiday Music & Fun!

AT THE LIBRARY / Jewelry Making Workshop: Saturday, December 12th from 1pm-230pm. Upper Marlboro Branch Library–14730 Main Street. Create fantastic, original jewelry. Fun and creative. Supplies provided. Ages 8 & under with adult. Limit 20. Registration required. Please contact the branch for more details at: (301) 627-9330, online: *www.pgcmls.info/*

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) PUBLIC MEETING: Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. 4th floor Boardroom, County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive—**Historic Site Evaluation** for the old C&P Telephone Exchange Building **(Old Stone Building at 14500 Church Street)** Call (301) 952-3680 for more info.

HANSEL & GRETEL TEA PARTY: Saturday, December 19th at 2 p.m. Visit Darnall's Chance House Museum when its decorated like a gingerbread house and listen to the story of Hansel and Gretel while enjoying tea and dessert. $17 resident registration fee for all attendees ages 5 and up ($20 non-resident) Reservations & advance payment required. Call 301-952-8010

BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION: Tuesday, December 22, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. Work Sessions are open to the public, however, public participation is at the Board's discretion.

RECYCLE PICK-UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Thurs **December 24**—Please put at curbside by **7a.m.**

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Friday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Town Hall offices will reopen on Monday, December 28th at 9am

RECYCLE PICK-UP FOR NEW YEARS

Thurs **December 31**—Please place at curbside by **7a.m.**

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Friday, January 1 in observance of the New Years Day Holiday. Town Hall offices will reopen on Monday, January 4th at 9a.m.

TOWN ELECTION: Monday, January 4th, at Town Hall. Polls will be open from 1:00 —8:00 p.m.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Trinity Church: Tuesday, January 12th. 1:00—6:30 p.m. 14515 Church Street. Call: 301-627-2636 for more information.