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A Monthly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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Town Election Results!

(from left to right): **James Storey, Nancy Clagett and Linda Pennoyer are sworn-in as Town Commissioners by the Honorable Sydney J. Harrison, Clerk of the Circuit Court.**

Meet the new Commissioners:

On Monday January 4, 2016, three Town resident candidates (out of 4) were elected to serve as the new Board of Town Commissioners for the next two years. Voter turnout for local elections state-wide has historically lagged behind state and federal races, but, turn-out in our Town was the best it's been in 6 years with a total number of ballots cast at 94 out of 462 registered voters. That's about 20.5 percent.

Vote counts in descending order: Linda Pennoyer–71; James Storey–67; Nancy Clagett–64; and, George Leonnig–44. Which elected Commissioners will assume the Board positions of President and Treasurer will be announced at the 8:00 p.m. Town Meeting on MONDAY, January 11, 2016.

ON THE AGENDA

The **CURRENT** 2014-2015 Board of Town Commissioners will hold their **final** Town Meeting on **Monday January 11, 2016** from **7:45—8:00 p.m.** This date change is due to Town Charter requirements concerning how and when a newly elected Board of Town Commissioners officially assumes their term of office. This meeting of the current Board is to approve December's Town Meeting and Work Session minutes, as well as, the Treasurer's Report dated as of December 31, 2015. IMMEDIATELY following this meeting, the **newly elected** 2016-2017 Board of Town Commissioners will hold their **first** Town Meeting starting at **8:00 p.m.** Both meetings will be held at the Town Hall, 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. The meetings are open to the public, and time is allotted at the end of the agenda(s) for public participation and comment.

Town Hall

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

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Monday–Friday: 9 am – 5 pm

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Town Receives Second Community Legacy Grant Award for Façade Improvements on Main Street

We are pleased to announce that The Town of Upper Marlboro has been awarded **$35,000** by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Legacy Program this year. The Town has been working with M-NCPPC Community Planning Division to revitalize the downtown area though facade improvements, pedestrian safety improvements, and several other projects and these funds will enable us to continue this program. The total allocation from the State to projects within Prince Georges County was $1.28 million, including the Town's award amount.

According to the State website "The Community Legacy program provides local governments and community development organizations with resources for essential projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization. Fifty-five projects in 19 counties and Baltimore City received a total of $6 million in Community Legacy grants in fiscal year 2016."

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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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Interested in a Town CERT Team?

The Town of Upper Marlboro is working with the County's Department of Homeland Security to host an Upper Marlboro area CERT team.

CERT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

What is CERT?

CERT or a Community Emergency Response Team is a group of people organized as a neighborhood-based team that receives special training to enhance their ability to recognize, respond to, and recover from a major emergency or disaster situation.

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demands for these services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent citizens from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice. Family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will have to rely on one another for assistance in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs. CERT training will benefit any citizen who participates in the course. The CERT trained individual will be better prepared to respond and cope with the aftermath of a disaster.

Interested? Email: DeputyClerk@uppermarlboroMD.gov

Snow Business:

When vehicles are left on the street, it not only slows down our snow removal process, it also prevents us from plowing curb to curb (which enables two-way traffic and better access for emergency equipment, mail delivery, etc.)

If you leave your car on the street, we have no alternative but to push the snow up close to it, which means you'll have more shoveling to do. Also, being parked on the street before and during winter storms, your car will get sprayed with salt, and you run the risk of other vehicles hitting your car. If you truly have no more room in your driveway, we ask that you park your car on the **ODD**-numbered side of the street until the even-numbered side is cleared–then re-park across the street. NOTE: Our crews come through 2 or 3 times before they finish plowing and treating.

As a community, and for the common good, let's just agree **NOT** to park on the street when snow is predicted. If we cannot accomplish this goal, then the only alternative will be the Big Brother approach, which means enacting new laws, ticketing, towing and overall increased costs for everyone. We hope that you will discuss this issue with your neighbors who may not be signed up to receive our monthly town newsletter. This is not just a notice about safety or a suggestion for the convenience of others, but rather, a quality of life issue that every one of our residents should be concerned about.

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 or disabled neighbor's driveway for them.

We would like to thank our Public Works staff in advance for the hard work they put into cleaning both the streets and sidewalks of snow and ice!

The Town of Upper Marlboro

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Archiving Session

Saturday, **January 16**

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 & photos) to be scanned for the Town's Archives. Contributors will receive a copy of the scans free of charge. Visit the TUMHC on their website at: **www.tumhc.com/**

The TUMHC is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out with events, research and archiving our Town's rich history—**And, you do not have to be a researcher or a historian to join in on the fun!**

A Special Thanks!

Our sincerest gratitude to the members of the **Forest Garden Club** for their generous contribution to the beautification of our Town. We especially want to thank them for the beautiful holiday wreathes that were made for our Town Hall, the Robert Crain Highway Monument and the Albert M. Cahn Memorial. We also very much enjoyed working with Forest Garden Club members Nancy Clagett, Mary Benson, Rhea Clagett, Maggie Sliker and Joan Walker on this and other decorative projects throughout this past year as well. Many Forest Garden Club members live outside of the Town limits, and so we consider ourselves very fortunate that they have chosen us to showcase their talents, and that they honor our Town as their own.

POLICE

Report 2015 DECEMBER

Town Citations: 33 • State Citations: 40

In-Town Incidents:	Out-of-Town Incidents:
1 Disorderly *(arrest)*	5 Theft
1 Property Damage	3 Burglary
2 Theft	1 Robbery

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Trinity Church, 14515 Church Street, 1–6:30 p.m. Call: 301-627-2636 for more information.

TOWN MEETING: Monday, January 11, 2016 at **7:45 p.m.** at Town Hall. This meeting is open to public participation. LAST meeting of the 2014-2015 Board.

TOWN MEETING: Monday, January 11, 2016 at **8:00 p.m.** at Town Hall. This meeting is open to public participation. FIRST meeting of the 2014-2015 Board.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Monday—January 18, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday. Town Offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 9 a.m.

TRASH WILL BE PICKED-UP ON MLK DAY: January 18—HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY. However, YARD WASTE & BULK TRASH will be picked up on the following day on Tuesday, January 19.

BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION: Tuesday, January 26, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. Board discussions. Work Sessions are open to the public, however, public participation is at the Board's discretion.

NATURE HIKE- PATUXENT RIVER PARK: Saturday, January 16, 2016, 10am–12pm. Join a naturalist for a woodland nature hike. Hunt for skunk cabbage along the trail. Resident: $2; Non-Resident: $3 For more information call: 301-627-6074; TTY 301-699-2544.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER– DARNELL'S CHANCE: Saturday, January 30, 2016, 6-8 pm You don't have to be Scottish to enjoy our Burns Night Supper, just come for a smashing good time! Dine and experience the atmosphere and flavor of one of Scotland's oldest and most cherished traditions. Celebrate the life and works of Robert Burns, Scotland's National Poet. Program includes dinner, music, poetry, bagpipes, history and fun! *Reservation & payment required in advance.* For info call: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION:

JUBILEE VOICES Saturday February 20, 2016, 2:00–3:00 p.m. The Washington Revels Jubilee Voices ensemble is committed to the preservation of African-American history and traditions -- presenting songs and stories of struggle and perseverance, trials and triumphs, as expressed through a cappella music and poetry. Program sponsored by Darnall's Chance House Museum, held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 14515 Church Street. Capacity limited; reservations required. FREE. Call: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544 for more info.