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A Monthly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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Everything Old is New Again —*Now Is the Time for Action!*

This year will be an incredible opportunity for Town residents and businesses to become involved in the revitalization of the Town of Upper Marlboro. Thanks to the efforts of your municipal government, the Town is now poised to make a tremendous comeback. Our goal is to enhance the Town's historical character and make the Town safer and more accessible for residents and visitors—which includes everything from historic preservation to new sidewalks. Your Town elected officials are also looking to improve on annual Town Events, creating some new ones and reviving others like Marlborough

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JOIN THE TOWN CERT TEAM TODAY

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

What is CERT?

CERT (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.

The CERT trained individual will be better prepared to respond and cope with the aftermath of a disaster. CERT training will benefit any citizen who participates in the course.

Interested? email: DeputyClerk@UpperMarlboroMD.gov

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Day and the Town Yard Sale. All this requires volunteers of course, and we simply can't do it without you! We have recently hired additional staffing and will soon be expanding our Town Hall to help support more community involvement and activities.

Ever since the Town earned its "Sustainable Community" designation, grants have been awarded to the Town for a façade improvement program, a pedestrian and bicycle accessibility study, a Main & Water Streets ADA sidewalk retrofit project, and engineering and design services for downtown streetscape improvements that include: crosswalks, signage improvements, parking & parking meter upgrades, benches, bike-racks, planters, etc. An important, yet embarrassing side-note: We are most likely the only municipality in Prince George's County without a flag! Did you know that a key part to revitalization is Town Branding?—We know there are budding artists in Town . . . C'mon, here's your chance!

We are also currently repopulating our mandatory **Sustainable Communities Workgroup**, which is made up of area stockholders such as: residents, businesses, property owners and state and county agencies concerned with parks, planning, zoning, roads and other infrastructure essentials.

POLICE Report 2016 JANUARY

Town Citations: 41 • State Citations: 26

In-Town Incidents:

- 2 Thefts (CAB)
- 2 Recovered Property
- 1 Suspicious Person
- 3 Impounds
- 3 Breaking & Entering

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 1 Sexual Assault
- 3 Burglary
- 7 Larceny
- 2 Stolen Vehicle

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

So, if you have always wanted that sense of pride one feels by giving back to their community, this is the perfect time to get your foot in the door. The Town of Upper Marlboro used to be the greatest little village around— we can bring it back now, but only if we come together to lend a hand to the effort. See our "DOWNTOWN" flyer on the back page for more details on how you can join in.

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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!

@TownUMarlboro

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ON THE AGENDA

At our monthly Town Meeting on February 9, 2016 at the Town Hall, the Board will review a proposal for replacement of the garage doors at the Public Works Facility, and, will also put up for consideration a bid offering for surplus Town property. The Board will also deliver an update on the Town Hall Addition & Renovation project.

The Town needs more Town residents and businesses in the Town's Sustainable Communities program. Specifically, the Town needs more residents and businesses to be on our **Sustainable Communities Workgroup** (SCW) which is made up of a cross-section of stakeholders from the community (state, county and local officials + residents, business and property owners). As the Town has just been awarded its second Façade Improvement Program grant, we want more input from our citizens and businesses—especially as we approach applying the Town's Design Guidelines to streetscape designs, signage placement and pedestrian accessibility issues connected with sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, buses, etc.

There has been an increase in interest from our businesses in the FIP project, and we encourage interested businesses to get on board soon. We have been very lucky to have talented staff from the Planning Department Division of the M–NCPPC helping us with administering the projects so far, but the Town will soon need someone who can oversee the management of these various projects to successful fruition. The SCW will resume monthly meetings as soon as possible. The meetings will be advertised and open to the public.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB: Tuesday, February 9th, 2016: 11:15 a.m.at the Upper Marlboro Branch Library. Ages 13-18. The Creative Writing Club will provide writing prompts and exercises that will strengthen writing skills while offering a fun and open atmosphere for creativity to flow. Please call (301) 627 -9330 for more information, or to register.

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, February 9th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall**.** The meeting is open to the public, and time is allotted at the end of the agenda for public comment. Guest presentations and Town Committee reports are typically scheduled at the top of the agenda.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Monday February 15th in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. Town Hall offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

TRASH PICK-UP NOTICE: ONLY Household TRASH WILL BE picked-up Monday, Feb. 15th due to the holiday. YARD WASTE & BULK TRASH will be picked up on the following day, Tuesday the 16th.

LEGOS: CREATIVE CLUB: Thursday, February 4th & 18th at 5:30 p.m. Upper Marlboro Branch Library, 14730 Main Street. Legos will be provided and kids can let their imaginations run wild! Registration is required. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please contact the branch for more information, or to register. (301) 627-9330.

TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY

February 19 • FRIDAY • 4 –7:00 p.m.
&
March 4 • FRIDAY • 4 –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.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETING: Saturday, February 20th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. At this meeting the TUMHC Board will be discussing business items on the agenda, reviewing past events and planning future ones for 2016. As always, residents of the Town and surrounding area are welcome to attend. Visit: www.tumhc.com.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION: JUBILEE VOICES Sat February 20, 2016, 2-3 pm The Washington Revels Jubilee Voices ensemble is committed to the preservation of African-American history and traditions. Program sponsored by Darnall's Chance House Museum, held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 14515 Church St. Capacity limited; reservations required. FREE. 301-952-8010.

BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION: Tuesday, February 23rd, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting agenda consists of current business items up for Board discussion. Work Sessions are always open to the public, however, public participation is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

XTREAM TEENS: KICK IT TO COLLEGE Friday February 26th 7-9:00 pm South Bowie Community Center. Ages 11-17. Presentation highlighting the opportunities for minority enrollment and success in college. A panel of guests will discuss the current support system and programs for future students considering college. Call 301-249-1622 for information. FREE.

HIGHLAND TEA: Saturday, February 27th, at 2:00 p.m. Celebrate Darnall's Chance's Scottish heritage by partaking in a cozy winter afternoon tea, and enjoy the tastes and sounds of Scotland. Advance registration and payment required: resident $23 (ages 10 & up). 14800 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive. Call: 301-952-8010.

The TUMHC is looking for 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!**

Volunteers Needed!

Town of Upper Marlboro

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION WORKGROUP

The Town of Upper Marlboro is looking to form a Town Sustainable Communities Volunteer Workgroup. We need **RESIDENTS** and **BUSINESS OWNERS** to participate. No experience needed. Some projects include:

- Assessing Residents and Business Owner's **NEEDS.**
- Bringing **NEW BUSINESSES** into Town so there will be no vacancies.
- Assisting with the **FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT** Program.
- Improving Town **SIGNAGE** and develop **TOWN BRANDING**.
- Improving **SIDEWALKS**, pedestrian **TRAILS**, and roads throughout Town.
- Developing better **FLOOD CONTROL** measures along the Western Branch.

Interested? Contact Upper Marlboro Town Offices at 301-627-6905

or by email: Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov

Please respond no later than Monday February 8th, 2016, by 5pm.

For more information on Sustainable Communities Program visit the Town Website:
www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov