



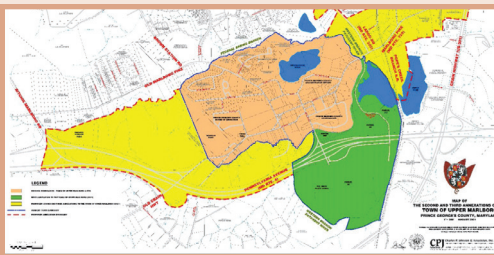
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A Quarterly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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Town Commissioners Approve Phase 2 & 3 Annexation

At their Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 special Town Meeting, the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Upper Marlboro unanimously voted to approve Annexation Resolution 01-2021: A Resolution of the Board to move forward with the second and third phases of annexations of the Town of Upper Marlboro. This multi-year processes began with property owners in areas outside the Town limits requesting to be brought into the Town limits to benefit from our high quality municipal public services, including police and public works.



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New 2022/2023 Board of Town Commissioners Elected!



In December 2021, Commissioner Sarah Franklin was selected by her fellow board colleagues as the new Mayor of the Town of Upper Marlboro. Franklin was chosen during an organizational meeting of the

governing board following last month's election, as per the town charter.

Commissioner Janice Duckett, who received the most votes in the Nov. 2 town election, was selected as the board's treasurer. Duckett and Franklin received 82 and 78 votes, respectively. Franklin and Duckett were officially sworn in as mayor and commissioner, respectively, this past Monday, Dec. 13, along with incoming commissioners Karen Lott and Thomas J. Hanchett.

"I am honored that my fellow Commissioners have put their trust in me to be Mayor" Franklin said following Tuesday night's town board meeting. "I am looking forward to working as a part of this team and living up to the responsibility. Our town is ready to thrive, and I am invested in putting in the work to see this happen."

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Special Town Election 2/22/22

The Town of Upper Marlboro will be holding a special Town Election on Tuesday Feb. 22, 2022, to fill the vacant Town Commissioner seat that was created when an elected candidate chose not to be sworn in. The polling place is Town Hall, 14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro MD 20772 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available, contact the Town Clerk at Clerk@UpperMarlboroMD.gov or 301-627-6905 to request one. **This election was postponed from 1.25.22 after no candidates filed.*



Upper Marlboro January Blood Drive

On Friday Jan. 21, 2022, the Town of Upper Marlboro partnered with the Prince George's County Soil Conservation District and the American Red Cross to host our January 2022 Blood Drive at its HQ building on Marlboro Race Track Road. Many thanks to the 38 donors who came out; enough blood was donated to help save over 100 lives! Visit the Town website for information on our next quarterly drive.



Marlboro VFD Handles Small Commercial Fire



On Saturday, Jan. 16, at approximately 7:30 a.m., the Marlboro VFD, County Fire/EMS, and other area volunteer fire companies were alerted to the 1500 block of Marlboro Pike for a reported commercial structure fire.

Engine 20 and Rescue Squad 20 of the Marlboro VFD station arrived to find smoke showing from the roof. Units quickly extinguished an HVAC fire on the roof with minimum damage to the structure.

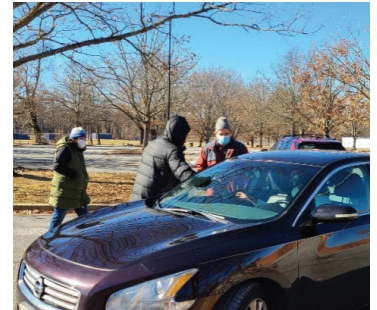
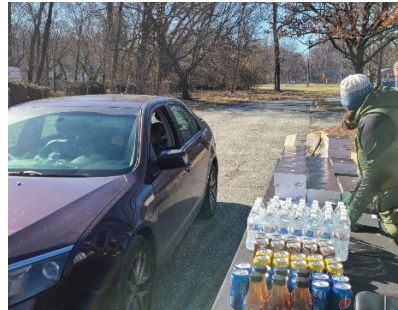
Volunteer Appreciation Drive-Thru Event

Last month the Upper Marlboro Town Commissioners held a drive-thru appreciation event for all of the Town's volunteers and members of the different Town Committees (Events, Historic, Green Team, Arts Council, CERT, etc.). A huge THANK YOU to all of the Town's dedicated volunteers who lend their free time to make Upper Marlboro a better place to live, learn, play, and thrive!



Interested in volunteering with the Town of Upper Marlboro? Email Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov or call the Town Offices at 301-627-6905. Committees seeking volunteers include:

- Events Committee
- Historic Committee
- Arts Council
- Green Team
- Community Emergency Response Team
- Sustainable Community Workgroup



It's Town Budget Season!



The Upper Marlboro Board of Town Commissioners are gearing up to start the planning process for the Town's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget which will be in effect from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

The Town Commissioners are inviting residents and stakeholders to join them and provide input to help develop the Town's FY23 budget.

Questions or comments? Contact Town Hall at Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov or 301-627-6905.

Be sure to check out the Town's meeting agendas and schedule for upcoming budget discussions and meetings on the Town website: <https://www.uppermarlboromd.gov/departments/meeting.php>

Upper Marlboro Community Playground Update

We are seeing great progress at the site of the new Upper Marlboro Community playground! The Phase 1 playground has been built (structure for ages 5-12) with plans for it to "soft-open" in spring 2022, while construction on Phase 2 (play structure ages 2-5) and Phase 3 (splashpad) are being built over spring/summer 2022.

The train-themed playground is being built on a vacant Town lot adjacent to the Town Hall that used to be the site of the Marlboro station of the Chesapeake Beach Railroad, which ran from DC to the Chesapeake Beach and resort in Calvert County. This new playground will be accessible from the Marlboro Boys & Girls athletic fields off School Lane.



New Town Business!

The Town of Upper Marlboro would like to welcome Bajan Divas to the Downtown Upper Marlboro business community!

"Bajan Divas was created to help women embrace their beauty through the expression of fashion. At Bajan Divas we have something available for women of all shapes and sizes. Our goal is to provide all women with fashionable clothing to complement their inner beauty." Janelle Brathwaite and Charlene Fletcher are sisters and proud owners of the Bajan Divas clothing company. Be sure to come out and support our newest small business!



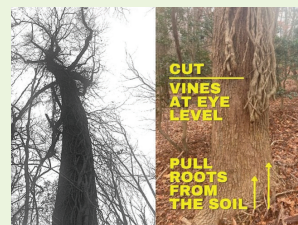
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Mon - Fri: 11am - 7pm • Sat: 11am - 7pm • Sun: Closed

Help Save Our Trees! Cut the Vines!

Winter is a great time to get outside and save a tree. Invasive vines have become a serious threat to our forests and other habitats by climbing and harming our native trees, especially on forest edges and disturbed areas. Invasive vine species in our region include: English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), Oriental Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*), Oriental Wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*), Porcelain Berry (*Ampelopsis glandulosa* var. *brevipedunculata*). These vines can cause extensive damage to trees, even growing so heavy that they cause the tree to fall!



The good news is, you can help! These vines are easier to spot, identify, and cut during the winter months. You can save trees covered in invasive vines by cutting the vines at eye level and then either pulling the roots from the soil (preferred method) or cutting again at the base of the tree. Be careful not to damage the tree you are trying to save!

**Article provided by the Chesapeake Bay Trust*

First Harvest from the Upper Marlboro Community Garden!

The Upper Marlboro Green Team was excited for their first harvest of greens from the Community Garden. The Garden is a partnership with the Town of Upper Marlboro, Upper Marlboro Green Team, and Providence St. John Baptist Church. Interested in participating in the Community Garden? Email the Green Team at GreenTeam@uppermarlboromd.gov or call the Town Hall at 301-627-6905.



A Message from the Mayor

Mayor/President Sarah Franklin



I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to continue to serve you as a Town Commissioner. I would also like to thank my fellow Commissioners for their trust in selecting me as Board President and Mayor. I will not forget that I am here to represent the interests of the residents as a whole and will do my best to live up to your trust.

Improving communication has been one of my first priorities. I am working closely with Town staff to implement new systems and ensure that my fellow commissioners are fully informed about issues, concerns, and developments in our town. The Board and I want to know how you feel about the issues that come before us so that we can make the best decisions to serve our community.

My goal to improve communication extends to each and every town resident, as well. As I have said many times before, I am here for the entire community. As your Mayor, I intend to be open, honest, and transparent. I will be available to talk with you whether it's on the street, at Town Hall, by phone call, text message, or email. I want to know what's on your mind and what matters to you.

I am proud to serve this Town and I truly believe that our best days are ahead of us. Please feel free to reach out to me to let me know what's on your mind and to offer whatever suggestions you have!

Sarah Franklin

sfranklin@uppermarlboromd.gov

Board of Town Commissioners Elected

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This marks the first time in the town's 326-year history that it has four members sitting on its governing Board of Commissioners. Up to now, the town had been led by a three-member board.

This past August, the then-three-member Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a Charter Amendment resolution that increased the composition of the Town's elected body from three to five members, consisting of four Commissioners and one President/Mayor.

This new Board of Town Commissioners will serve until their term is up in December 2023. Former Town Mayor Linda Pennoyer received 68 votes in the Nov. 2 election but declined to be sworn in, citing personal reasons. A special election is set for Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, to fill this fifth Town Commissioners seat (details on the Town website).

Town Seeking Fallen Solider Information for Memorial

The Town of Upper Marlboro is looking to build a memorial to honor both Town and Upper Marlboro area servicemembers who were killed while defending our nation in any war. Do you have a relative from Upper Marlboro killed in action and would like to see them potentially honored at this memorial? Please email Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov or call the Town Offices at 301-627-6905.

Thank you to all servicemembers for your service.



Town Clerk's Corner

John Hoatson - Town Clerk

New Town Meeting Dates!

Town meeting dates will be shifting! Per Resolution 2022-04 Meeting Regulations (pending to be passed at the February Town meeting), the Town meetings will follow the below schedule:

- Regular Board Work Sessions- 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m.
- Regular Town Meeting- 4th Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m.

Legislation Overview: Below is a quick overview of Town legislation passed over the past few months:

Resolution 2021-26: A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners for The Town of Upper Marlboro to appoint two new Supervisors of Elections in accordance with the Town Charter (passed December 7, 2021)

Resolution 2021-27: The Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland joint declaration of a local state of emergency (Town Emergency Order No. DOE 2021-03) and Resolution (No. 2021-07) of the Town Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro extending the local State of Emergency initially issued on March 25, 2020 through January, 31, 2022 (December 14, 2021)

Resolution 2021-28: A Resolution & Emergency Order of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro declaring a vacancy in office, calling a special election to be held on January 25, 2022; and supplementing or modifying certain safeguards, precautions and requirements under the local state of emergency order initially issued by the Mayor on March 25, 2020, as amended or extended. (December 14, 2021)

Ordinance 2021-06: An Ordinance of the Town of Upper Marlboro amending Ordinance 2018-02 adopted and amended herein for the purpose of establishing and authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in the Town of Upper Marlboro... (December 14, 2021)

Resolution 2022-01: A Resolution for the purpose of designating those persons in addition to the Treasurer who shall be authorized to sign checks, certificates of deposit and other bank instruments issued on behalf of the Town when the need arises and the Treasurer is unavailable, and establishing the dollar amount above which all checks made payable by the Town shall be issued and signed by the Treasurer and President or two (2) other persons designated herein of which at least one (1) is to be a Commissioner. (January 11, 2022)

Resolution 2022-02: A Resolution of the Town Board of Commissioners designating residential districts along certain segments of Old Crain Highway and Old Marlboro Pike (MD-725) for the deployment of speed monitoring systems within the corporate limits of the Town of Upper Marlboro. (January 11, 2022)

To read the legislation, visit the Town website at www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov. Questions? Please contact the Town Clerk: Clerk@uppermarlboromd.gov or 301-627-6905.



Town Vision Plan Portal

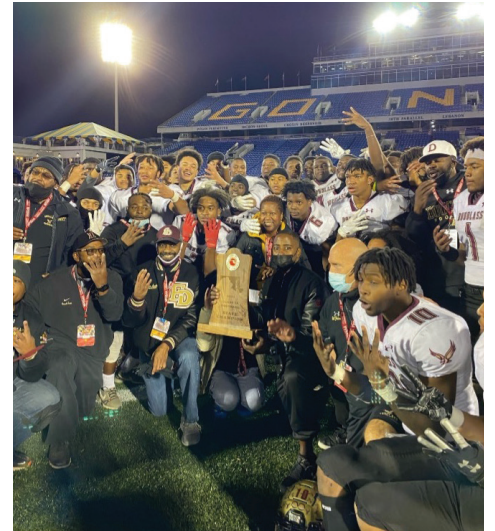
The Town of Upper Marlboro is launching a Town Vision portal on the Town website. Here, residents and stakeholders will be able to learn about upcoming and planned Town projects, area developments, vision planning, and much more. Visit the Town website to learn more at www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Frederick Douglass High School Eagles on being 2A Maryland State Football Champions!!

The Town of Upper Marlboro would like to congratulate the Frederick Douglass High School "Eagles" football team on being 2A Maryland state football champions!

We would also like to congratulate our other Upper Marlboro area high school, the Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School football team, for making it to the Class 4A football championship game!



Marlboro Day Festival & Parade 2022

Mark your calendars! Marlboro Day is coming back to downtown Upper Marlboro on **Saturday May 14, 2022** (pending developments on the COVID-19 pandemic). We will need vendors, performers, parade participants, and volunteers!

Keep an eye on the Town website & social media for details!



Black History Month 2022 in Upper Marlboro

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. The Town of Upper Marlboro will be sharing some of our African American historical facts on our social media outlets during the month of February. Be sure to check them out!



District 23B Scholarship Opportunities - Delegate Cheryl Summers Landis

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 31, 2022

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Applicants must attend a college, university, or private career school in the State of Maryland. Private career schools must have the approval of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to operate and must be accredited by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education.

Applicants may be eligible for scholarship assistance to attend out of state colleges, universities, or career school if they are enrolling in an academic program which is not offered in a Maryland college, university or private career school. For further information please visit the Maryland Higher Education website <http://www.mshec.state.md.us>

1st Ever Town of Upper Marlboro Holiday Decorating Contest

The results of the first-ever Town of Upper Marlboro Holiday decorating contest are in! Below are the winners selected by the Board of Town Commissioners. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for everyone who participated!

- 1st Place Business: Marlboro Grille
- 2nd Place Business: Ledo Pizza
- Honorable Mention: Ruff Cuts Grooming Salon, LLC salon
- 1st Place Residential- 5519 Old Crain Hwy
- 2nd Place Residential- 14211 Rectory Ln
- 3rd Place Residential- 14335 Marlborough Cir
- Honorable Mention- 14212 Rectory Ln
- Top Decorated Government Building: Darnall's Chance House Museum



1st Downtown Upper Marlboro Tree Lighting Ceremony



On Saturday Dec. 4, 2021, the Town of Upper Marlboro and Upper Marlboro Events Committee held the 1st Downtown Upper Marlboro Tree Lighting Ceremony on the pedestrian mall between the Courthouse and the County Administrative Building on Main Street.

There were crafts, cookies & hot cocoa. Caroling was led by the Providence St. John Baptist Church choir, information tables for CERT and Historic committees, and a tree lighting at dark. Thanks to everyone who came out. The 2022 date is tentatively set for Saturday Dec. 3, 2022.

Town Responds to January 2022 Snow Storm

On Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, the Upper Marlboro area saw 8-9 inches of heavy snowfall from 6 a.m. until 1 p.m. During that time, Town of Upper Marlboro Public Works plow crews and Town Police were on the roads clearing snow, assisting with traffic control, and freeing dozens of stranded motorists. Thanks to their hard work, all Town roadways (primary, secondary, and residential) were cleared of snow within one hour after the snowfall ended.

Even after the snow stopped, Town Public Works crews were busy clearing sidewalks and removing downed trees. These focused public services are just another amazing benefit to living in an incorporated municipality!



Public Works Crews cleaning up downed tree on Elm Street





Marlboro Churches FOOD BANK



Marlboro Churches Food Bank

Feeding The Hungry

February 12, 2022
March 12, 2022
7am - 9am
4610 Largo Road Upper Marlboro, MD
20772

We are here to help any Upper Marlboro families that need assistance with food. If this is your first time, please come to one of these distribution days for registration and food.

questions call 301-627-3255
email mcfb@stmaryum.org



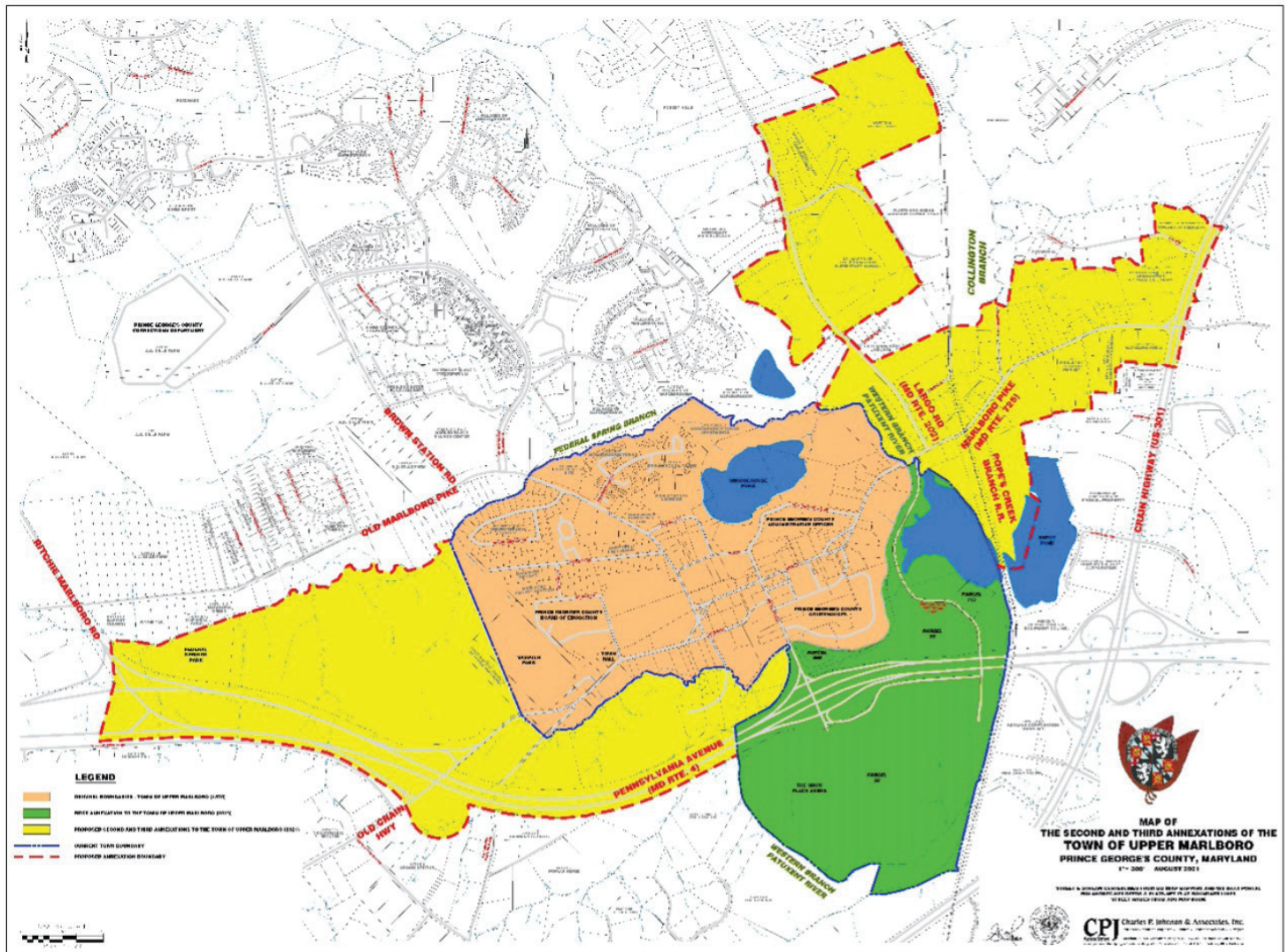


Public Works assisting stranded motorists on Old Crain Highway

Town Commissioners Approve Phase 2 & 3 Annexation

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This annexation will expand the Town boundaries to the west and east, and will bring an additional 200 properties into the Town limits. These new annexed areas will have the full benefit of Town services including, but not limited to, Town Police protection, weekly bulk trash and yard waste collection, focused and dedicated plowing operations, and eligibility to run for Town office and vote in Town elections. We are excited to welcome these new residents into the Town limits in February 2022! Interested in being part of the Town? Contact our Town Hall today at Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov or call 301-627-6905.





UPPER MARLBORO POLICE

*A message from the Town of Upper
Marlboro Police Department
David Burse, Chief of Police*

Winter Driving Tips

- Make sure that you clean any snow or ice from your entire vehicle before driving.
- Drive slowly, because it is difficult to stop or control your vehicle on slick or snow-covered roads.
- If the roads are wet, be careful; it could be black ice.
- Increase your following distance so that you have enough time to stop.
- Always wear your seat belt.
- Don't warm up your vehicle in the garage, it could cause carbon monoxide poisoning to build-up into your house.

Speed & Red-Light Cameras

The Upper Marlboro Police Department is implementing a Speed & Red-Light camera program with the Town limits starting in mid-2022. The highest speed limit around Town is 25MPH.

Shop with a Cop

In December 2021, the Town of Upper Marlboro Police Department was honored to assist the City of Hyattsville Police Department with their annual "Shop with a Cop" initiative. Corporal Brooks represented the Upper Marlboro Police Department in this important holiday event, in which over 70 law enforcement officers from 12 different agencies filled wish lists from 100 children in Prince George's County!



Town Welcomes Newest Police Officer

In December 2021, the Town of Upper Marlboro's newest police officer, Corporal Sherron Johnson, was sworn in by Mayor Sarah Franklin. Welcome to Upper Marlboro, Corporal Johnson!

Get Ready for Winter Weather

By Alonzo Joy, CEM Upper Marlboro CERT



Ensuring that we are ready for the winter weather is part of being a resilient community and exhibiting a culture of preparedness. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reminds us that during a winter storm, we can stay safe by taking the following steps:

- Stay off the roads, if possible.
- Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.
- Check on your neighbors, while staying safe from COVID-19, by texting, emailing or calling them.
- Decrease the risk of a heart attack by avoiding overexertion when walking in and shoveling snow.

Implementing preparedness actions, like winterizing your car and maintaining an emergency supply kit in it, can make a huge difference in protecting you and your family.

- An emergency supply kit for your car should include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas and, if possible, have a professional check your battery, anti-freeze and cooling system (Ready.gov, 2022).

Visit [Ready.gov/winter-weather](https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather) for more information on how to stay safe during winter season of extreme weather.

Frostbite and Hypothermia

Hypothermia (remarkably decreased body temperature) and frostbite are equally dangerous conditions as a result of being exposed to exceptionally cold temperatures. Please stay safe this winter by learning more about hypothermia and frostbite, including who is most at risk, signs and symptoms, and what to do if someone develops hypothermia or frostbite (CDC, 2019). Visit Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and learn the signs of, and basic treatments for, hypothermia and frostbite. <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/staysafe/hypothermia.html>

Emergency Alerts

Please consider registering for Alert Prince George's, which "is Prince George's County's 'Public' communications system that sends emergency alerts, notifications, and updates to your registered devices. It is information sharing between County Government and interested participants who wish to receive critical, real-time information" (PGC, n.d.).

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/794/Alert-Prince-Georges>

Stay Safe! Stay Strong! Stay Connected!

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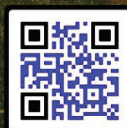
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The Board of Town Commissioners

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Janice Duckett - *Town Commissioner/Treasurer*

Karen Lott - *Town Commissioner*

Thomas Hanchett - *Town Commissioner*

Vacant - *Town Commissioner*

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