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A Quarterly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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Town Swears in New Town Commissioner

Congratulations to Town Commissioner Charles Colbert who was sworn into office on March 14th, 2022 by the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Commissioner Colbert was elected during the Special Town Election held on February 22nd, 2022. For the first time in its 326-year history, the Town of Upper Marlboro will now have five members on its governing Board of Commissioners. Welcome to Commissioner Colbert!



Marlboro Day Festival & Parade 2022! Saturday May 14th, 2022



Marlboro Day Parade & Festival will be held on Saturday, May 14th, 2022 from 10 am to 2pm! The day will start out with a parade down Main Street from 10am to 11am, and then the festival will begin downtown with tons of fun, delicious food trucks, unique sales vendors, kids rides & activities, and free live family-friendly entertainment! All in addition to our residents and retail shops located on Main Street. The Town of Upper Marlboro is working tirelessly to improve the efforts of community engagement and togetherness.

Join us in a day of celebration!

For more information visit the Town Website at www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov

*Please note detours and road closures in Downtown Upper Marlboro on May 14th between 6am and 5pm.



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Assistance Program



The Town of Upper Marlboro will be enacting a Rental and Utilities Assistance program in the next month. Residents can apply for assistance on the Town's website or by requesting an

application by calling 301-627-6905. Assistance filling out applications for Town Assistance or other assistance programs through the County or utilities companies will also be provided to residents by contacting Town Hall and making an appointment. The application deadline is May 31st.

Fact Check Portal

The Town is in the process of creating a fact check portal for residents. This section on the website will be active over the summer.

If you want a straight, researched answer to a rumor you've heard or issue you are having call or email Town Hall. We will research the topic and add the information to our site.



Memorial Day 2022 in Upper Marlboro



Memorial Day we will be honoring those residents who made the ultimate sacrifice. We will be laying a wreath at Schoolhouse

Pond to commemorate life of Private First-Class Bernard Eugene Curtis, United States Army, who was killed in action in Vietnam on July 2, 1966. We will then lay a wreath inside the Town Hall for those who gave their lives in WW II, including W. Courtney Euwer Jr & Charles E. Ridgely Jr. A light reception will follow.

Monday, May 30, 2022. 1pm at School House Pond, then Town Hall afterwards.

Public Works Corner Preparing Yard Waste for Pickup



It's that time of year again! The Town provides routine yard waste collection for removal of leaves, branches, and other yard waste that you are unable to compost. Residents must use a **paper lawn bag** or another type of reusable container to place yard waste out for collection, **yard waste in**

plastic bags will not be accepted. Below are some additional guidelines for disposing of yard waste:



- Do not mix yard debris with other bulk trash items
- Cut branches and twigs into lengths of 4' or less
- Branches and brush must be tied into bundles (tie with twine, or metal tie wires) or placed inside a container that can easily be emptied (containers must not weigh more than 80 pounds each). Bundles of branches cannot exceed 2' in diameter.
- Branches must be less than 3" in diameter (larger branches and tree trunks must be collected as bulky trash)

Yard Waste is collected on Mondays and Thursdays within the Town.



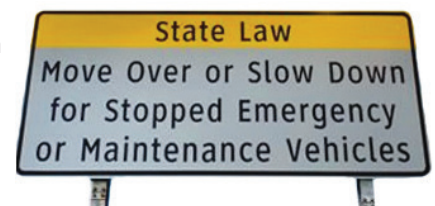
Reminder: Your Recycling will **NOT** be picked up if there are plastic bags in it. They jam the sorting machines at the County Facility.
Thank You!

Slow Down, Move Over

As you may know, Maryland has a "Move Over" law. When an authorized emergency or maintenance vehicle is pulled over, all drivers must move to another lane and/or slow down as we carefully pass.

Unfortunately, the State is still experiencing deadly conditions on the side of the roads for those working to keep Marylanders moving safely and our roads clean. Crews are out there every day helping motorists, and they are getting hit.

When you see our Public Works crews parked along the side of the road for maintenance or litter pick-up, please reduce speed, stay alert, and pass safely.




**Town of Upper Marlboro
Community Garden**

A Partnership Between Providence St. John
Baptist Church & Upper Marlboro's Green Team

Come Get Involved

- Calling All Youth In The Community: Come Beautify The Fence & Earn Student Service Learning Hours
- Garden Vegetables Are Provided To Members Of The Community That Are In Need (Volunteers Will Receive Small Shares)
- Individual Plots Available For Purchase This Summer

Contact Information
GreenTeam@UpperMarlboroMD.Gov
Outreach@psjbc.org



**Please Take Our
Survey Regarding**

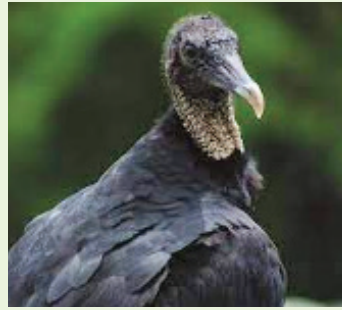


**Structure of Government
For The Town of Upper Marlboro**

Your Feedback Is Important!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/29C7DWT>

Vultures



Vultures are used to living near people and eating any food that is left out. They also enjoy hanging out in large backyards. If you want these

uninvited guests to leave your area, make sure you are not leaving out food and that all trash containers have a lid. If there is a dead animal in the public road in Town call Town Hall at 301-627-6905. We will work with the appropriate agencies to have it removed. If our local flock is still hanging out in your backyard Maryland DNR suggests harassment and air horns, laser pointers, throwing tennis balls at them, and other disruptive and loud activities.

To address conflicts with black vultures, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services actively cooperate to identify and implement workable solutions for vulture predation on newborn and adult livestock. Non-lethal solutions do not require a permit, but lethal solutions require a federal Migratory Bird Depredation Permit. Maryland DNR continues to work with these federal agencies to learn about scientifically based solutions to resolve conflicts with black vultures, including pilot projects underway in the United States. For assistance in Maryland, **call toll-free 1-877-463-6497**. U.S. Department Agriculture Wildlife Services operators are available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except state holidays.

A Message from the Mayor

Mayor/President Sarah Franklin



Happy Spring neighbors! I believe in Upper Marlboro we are Greater Together. It has been a busy time since my last message. We have begun the process of writing the Town's first detailed budget document that will be approved this June. I encourage you all to engage with us commissioners with your comments, question, and suggestions. I have also discovered that our residents have the heart to do great things. I think many of you all have a great idea that can benefit our community. I would like to empower you to make great things happen. Do you have a special project you would like to lead the community in? Email me at mayor@uppermarlboromd.gov and let me know what you are trying to achieve and how the Town can best support you in your goal.



The Town of
Upper Marlboro
www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov

We are Hiring!

Full-Time Bookkeeper/ Administrative Assistant

- Flexible & remote hours.
- On-the-job training
- An excellent entry-level position in Finance & Public Administration fields.
- Help make Upper Marlboro a better place to live, work & play!

Apply by Tuesday,
May 31st, 2022
on the Town Website

Town of Upper Marlboro Reaps Fiscal Benefits from 2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

The Town of Upper Marlboro was among the top beneficiaries of the recently completed Maryland General Assembly session, Mayor Sarah Franklin said today. Thanks to the efforts of several members of the Prince George's County delegation, the Town was successful in securing \$275,000 in the capital budget, as well as another \$192,000 in the operating budget, for the Upper Marlboro Community Playground and Splash Pad project.

Franklin said the \$275,000 was included in the capital budget as a Legislative Bond Initiative that was sponsored by Senator Ronald L. Watson (District 23) and supported by Delegates Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (District 23B) and Delegate Cheryl Summers Landis (also District 23B).

Additionally, the \$192,000 included in the operating budget was part of the \$5,000,000 Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Community Parks & Playgrounds Program. Upper Marlboro was one of only 39 projects statewide that received funding this year. "We are extremely grateful to Senator Watson for working so hard to secure this funding for the Town of Upper Marlboro," said Mayor Franklin, who met personally with Senator Watson in Annapolis during the legislative session to discuss the need for the additional resources. "The community playground and splash pad is an exciting project for Upper Marlboro. It will be a place that builds and benefits our community for decades to come."

Senator Watson was among the elected officials who attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the playground and splash pad project last October 30. "I was proud to personally participate in the groundbreaking for this exciting project last October," Senator Watson said. "We worked hard during the 90-day legislative session to make sure the funding for this community playground stayed in the final Fiscal Year 2023 budget. I promised Mayor Franklin when I met with her during the session that I will come back for the ribbon-cutting ceremony when the project is complete and ready to open. That's going to be an exciting day for the town, and I'm definitely looking forward to cutting that ribbon!"

Phase one of the playground (for ages 5-12) has been completed, with plans for a "soft opening" later this spring. Construction on Phase two (for ages 2-5) and Phase three (splash pad) will be completed this summer. The train-themed playground is being built on a vacant lot adjacent to the Town Hall that was previously 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 and splash pad will be accessible from the Marlboro Boys & Girls athletic fields off School Lane.

DNR's Community Parks & Playgrounds Program invests in the future of established communities by developing and revitalizing parks and playgrounds statewide. With the support of the governor and Maryland General Assembly, a total of \$79.9 million has been approved so far for 793 parks and playground projects for communities across Maryland since the program's inception.



Downtown Upper Marlboro Branch Library

Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 2-3 Every Monday starting May 1st from 11-11:30 in our Meeting Room.

Teen Action Group (TAG): Starts May 11 4:30-5:30pm (2nd Tuesday of the month) Get community service hours!

June:

7th: Summer Kickoff 5-7pm

22nd: Plant Swap 2-3pm

28th: Summer Blast Splash 3-7pm

29th: Fire in a Jar 5-6pm

July:

13th: Water Fun 2-3pm Be prepared to get wet!

25th: Sand Art

August: 16th Marimba Music Event

14730 Main Street
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
(240) 455-5451

Ask a Librarian Telephone
Reference - (240) 455-5451



Upper Marlboro Community Center

The Upper Marlboro Community has many different camps and activities for your kids this summer! Call the Center to register.

Wee Wonderers- 6/27 to 7/8 9am-12pm

Preschool Play Camp 6/27 to 7/8 1pm-4pm

Enrichment Camp: Children 7/11-7/22 8am-4pm

Basketball Camp 8/8-8/19 8am-4pm

Dance Camp 7/25-8/5 8am-4pm

5400 Marlboro Race Track Rd
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Phone: 301-627-2828

Operating Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8am - 9pm

Friday 8am - 7pm (7pm - 10pm Teens)

Saturday 9am - 6pm, Sunday - CLOSED



The Show Place Arena & Equestrian Center

Best Horse Show Series May 7 - May 8

Mother's Day Soul Celebration Concert May 7th

Best Horse Show Series May 14 - May 15

Graduations May 23 - June 2

14900 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Phone: (301) 952-7900



Darnall's Chance House Museum

Lunchtime Lawn Concert: Alpha Dog Blues Band

Wed May 18th 12-130pm (Free!)

Ice Cream Social: Sat June 4th 6-8pm (Free!)

Lunchtime Lawn Concert: Tribe Band (Motown/R&B)

Wed June 8 12-130pm (Free!)

Open House & Garden Tour: Fri June 10 12-3pm (Free!)

Science in the Garden: Sundials

Thurs June 30 10-1130am (\$7/Child)

I Spy: A Children's Living History Program

Tues July 5th Wends July 6th, Tues Jul 12th

10am-3pm FREE!

14800 Governor Oden Bowie Dr
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 • (301) 952-8010

[https://www.pgparcs.com/3055/
Darnalls-Chance-House-Museum](https://www.pgparcs.com/3055/Darnalls-Chance-House-Museum)



Town of Upper Marlboro Events Calendar



May

14th Marlboro Day (E/T)
30th Memorial Day Event (T)

June

11th Movie Night (E)
18th Memories & Morsels (HC)
26th Summer Pop-Up Showcase (AC)



July

9th Movie Night (E)

Town of Upper Marlboro Presents
Marlboro Day
Saturday, May 14, 2022
10:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Governor Oden Bowie Drive

★ Parade 10 AM-11 AM
★ Festival 11 AM-2 PM

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For More Information, Scan The QR Code Or Visit
www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov

August

13th Movie Night (E)
2nd National Night Out (CSA23)
27th Cruzin' On Main Car Show (Ledo's/MVFD)



October

1st Crain Hwy Memorial Centennial (HC)
1st National Faith In Blue (PS)
8th Happy Leaf Festival (AC)
29th Trunk or Treat (E)



November

11th Veteran's Day Event (T)

Sponsor Key

AC = Arts Council

E = Events

GT = Green Team

H = Historical Committee

PS = Public Safety

T = Town


UMVFD = Upper Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department

December

3rd Holiday Event (E)




For More Information Visit www.uppermarlboromd.gov



2022 Show Place Arena Graduation Schedule

Please be aware that there will be a high volume of traffic in Town during these times.

Show Place Arena
14900 Pennsylvania Avenue
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772



Date	School	Ceremony Time
May 23, 2022	Largo High School	10:30 AM
May 23, 2022	Oxon Hill High School	3:30 PM
May 24, 2022	Frederick Douglass High School	10:30 AM
May 24, 2022	Gwynn Park High School	3:30 PM
May 25, 2022	Crossland High School	10:30 AM
May 25, 2022	Friendly High School	3:30 PM
May 25, 2022	Prince George's Community College	6:00 PM
	REHEARSAL	
May 26, 2022	Academy of Health Sciences	10:30 AM
May 26, 2022	Prince George's County Community College	6:30 PM
May 27, 2022	Central High School	10:30 AM
May 27, 2022	Potomac High School	3:30 PM
May 31, 2022	Fairmont High School	10:30 AM
May 31, 2022	Surrattsville	3:30 PM
June 1, 2022	Patuxent High School	2:30 PM
June 1, 2022	Huntingtown High School	7:30 PM
June 2, 2022	Northern High School	2:30 PM
June 2, 2022	Calvert High School	7:30 PM

THE WHISPERS STEPHANIE MILLS FREDDIE JACKSON



Mother's Day SOUL CELEBRATION

MAY 7TH
THE SHOW PLACE ARENA

Tickets available at the Show Place Arena Box Office
and [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com)

Urban Vibe Entertainment

DOWNTOWN UPPER MARLBORO

Christmas Towne



Sunday, December 11th to Wednesday December 22nd
2022

 Vendors, Food, Entertainment & More

 Create A Special Holiday Memory
For Your Family & Friends



Come Join The Planning Committee
Friday, May 20, 2022 | 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

[https://uppermarlboromd-gov.zoom.us/j/88488530018?](https://uppermarlboromd-gov.zoom.us/j/88488530018?pwd=ZkQ5OEExOUw2YnBrVWpnNnIuPUNvQT09)
[pwd=ZkQ5OEExOUw2YnBrVWpnNnIuPUNvQT09](https://uppermarlboromd-gov.zoom.us/j/88488530018?pwd=ZkQ5OEExOUw2YnBrVWpnNnIuPUNvQT09)

Meeting ID: 884 8853 0018 | Passcode: 352469

The Town of Upper Marlboro Façade Improvement Program has a New Name!

The Town of Upper Marlboro is pleased to announce that the Façade Improvement Program (FIP) has expanded to become the Town of Upper Marlboro Building Improvement Program (BIP). This program assists businesses and property owners with improving their commercial buildings.

Since 2015 the Town has managed this grant program funded by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for the Town to partially reimburse property owner and business owners who enhanced their properties. This year, the program has been expanded by increasing eligible improvements to their interior and exterior structure. Some eligible improvements are below:

Interior: Painting, HVAC System, Electrical and Plumbing, Bathroom Installation, Flooring, drywall installation, any permanent equipment.

Exterior: Painting, Awnings and signage, Lighting-exterior, Masonry repair, door and window restoration/replacement, removal of exterior finishes.

Funding Limits:

Property Owner:

Maximum project request: 50% up to \$30,000

Grant match: 50% up to \$30,000

Maximum Building Improvement amount: \$60,000

Business Owner:

Maximum project request: 70% up to \$3,500

Grant match: 30% up to \$1,500

Maximum Building Improvement amount: \$5,000

Interested? Please contact the Town of Upper Marlboro Sustainable Communities Workgroup at SCWG@uppermarlboromd.gov or call Town Offices at 301-627-6905.

Please note only businesses within the Town's corporate limits are eligible for this program.



Town of Upper Marlboro

A PLACE TO GROW, THRIVE & LIVE

Responsive Government / Faster Services



- Rental, mortgage, and utilities assistance program due to financial hardship.
- The Upper Marlboro Police Department is dedicated to the Town residents and business owners and works with communities to enact crime prevention measures.
- Vote and run in local Town Elections.

- The Upper Marlboro Public Works Department keeps the town clean of trash and debris and clears Town Roads shortly after snow stops falling.
- Trash pick-up on Mondays, if our contractor misses your house call Town Hall and your trash will be picked up within 24 hours.
- Weekly bulk trash pick-ups on Mondays and yard waste Mondays / Thursdays.



County Assessed Value	Increase In Tax Bill	Cost Per Month
\$50,000	\$134	\$11.17
\$100,000	\$238	\$22.33
\$150,000	\$402	\$33.50
\$200,000	\$536	\$44.67
\$250,000	\$670	\$55.83
\$300,000	\$804	\$67.00
\$350,000	\$938	\$78.17
\$400,000	\$1,072	\$89.33
\$450,000	\$1,206	\$100.50

*This is not the market value of your home, but the value the State assesses your home at, which is usually lower than your market value.

You can find this information at: <https://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>

Questions: Call 301-627-6905 | Email: Info@UpperMarlboromd.gov
WWW.UPPERMARLBOROMD.GOV



Downtown Upper Marlboro Façade Improvement Grant Program





DHCD
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development



UPPER MARLBORO POLICE

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



Speed Limit: The maximum speed limit is 25 mph within the Town limits.
Please SLOW DOWN and obey speed limits!

Speed & Red-Light Cameras Coming to Upper Marlboro:

The Upper Marlboro Police Department is implementing a Speed & Red-Light camera program within the Town limits starting June 14, 2022. Initial cameras will be placed in the 5400-5600 Blk of Old Crain Highway and the 14100-14400 Blk of Old Marlboro Pike (MD 725), Southbound Largo Rd (MD 202) at Main St., Eastbound Main St. at Largo Rd (MD 202), Westbound Main St. at Largo Rd (MD 202), Northbound Rt. 301 at Marlboro Pike and Southbound Rt. 301 at Marlboro Pike. The 30-day warning period for the camera program starts on May 13, 2022, and ends on June 13, 2022. On June 14, 2022, violators will be issued citations.



Upper Marlboro Police Officers will also be conducting traffic safety enforcement on other roadways around Town.



Hot Car Warnings

DO NOT leave children or pets inside of a vehicle alone. During the summer months, temperatures inside of a car can rise into the triple digits in just a matter of minutes.

Vehicle Safety - Lock Your Vehicles at Night!

Car thieves often drive through parking lots and try door handles to see if the doors are unlocked. Always lock your doors and roll up the windows when you leave your car. Thieves are looking for an unlocked vehicle that they can get into quickly and take items that were left inside. You should always store items in the trunk, so that a criminal does not see them and attempt to break in.



You Are the Help Until Help Arrives

By Alonzo Joy, CEM Upper Marlboro CERT



On any day at any time, life threatening emergencies can occur quickly and emergency responders aren't always nearby. By taking prompt and simple actions, you may be able to save a life. *You Are the Help Until Help Arrives!*

"According to a recent National Academies of Science study, trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans under age 46. Life-threatening injuries require immediate action to prevent an injured person from dying. Those nearest to someone with life-threatening injuries are best positioned to provide first care" (Ready.gov, n.d.).

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides a free web-based training program that will teach you these five simple steps that may save a life:

- **Call 9-1-1**
- **Stay Safe**
- **Stop the Bleeding**
- **Position the Injured**
- **Provide Comfort**

To access the transcript for this web-based training course, where you can also receive a certificate upon completion, go to <https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives>

Interested in joining the Upper Marlboro Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)?
Contact Town Hall at 301-627-6905 or Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov

New Town Meeting Dates!

Town meeting dates have shifted! Per Resolution 2022-04 Meeting Regulations, the Town meetings have been following the below schedule since March 2022:

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

Interested in joining our virtual? Visit the Town website at www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov the Friday prior to the meeting to see the agenda, packet, and Zoom meeting login info. The meetings are also recorded and posted the next day for review.

Questions? Contact the Town Clerk's Office at Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov or call Town Offices at 301-627-6905



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Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

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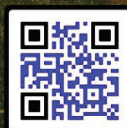
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Questions: Clerk@uppermarlboromd.gov | call 301-627-6905

The Board of Town Commissioners

Sarah Franklin - *President/Mayor*

Janice Duckett - *Town Commissioner/Treasurer*

Karen Lott - *Town Commissioner*

Thomas Hanchett - *Town Commissioner*

Charles Colbert - *Town Commissioner*

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm

Contact Town Hall

301-627-6905 *office*

301-627-2080 *fax*

info@uppermarlboromd.gov *email*

Verizon 19 *cable access channel*

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