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A Quarterly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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20th Annual Gingerbread House Contest & Show

Show dates:

November 29 - December 15, 2019

For a sweet treat, come and view an amazing display of edible gingerbread houses at Darnell's Chance House Museum. No nibbling allowed! Visitors will have the opportunity to vote for the "Viewer's Choice" competition.

Want to enter a house in the competition?

Participants must register for the competition by the deadline of Friday, November 8, 2019.

Darnall's Chance House Museum
14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
301-952-8010



2020 Town of Upper Marlboro Elections

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If you are already registered to vote with the County, then you are automatically registered to vote in the Town of Upper Marlboro. If you are not, or care not, to be registered with the County Board of Elections, you can still register with the Town ONLY. The **deadline to register to vote is Monday, December 9, 2019**.

Absentee Ballots

If you are a registered voter of the Town and will not be present on January 6 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. or are unable to physically come to the Town Hall, you can request an absentee ballot. An absentee voter application will be mailed to you. The last day you can request an absentee voter application is Friday, December 27, 2019, by 5:00 p.m.

Candidate Information:

The Town is seeking residents to run for Board of Town Commissioners. In order to register as a candidate, you must meet the following conditions as set forth in the Town Charter, candidates:

- shall have resided in the Town for at least two years immediately preceding their election;
- shall be qualified voters of the Town; and
- shall be at least 25 years of age.

Interested becoming a candidate? Email Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov or call 301-627-6905.

Visit the Town Website for additional information regarding the 2020 Town Elections at www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov, or reach out to the Town Clerk at Clerk@UpperMarlboroMD.gov, or 301-627-6905, with any questions or form requests.

Municipal News

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 placing out 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 Town.

No Plastic Bags in Recycling



Reminder to all Town and County residents, the recycling facility does not accept any plastic bags in the recycling as they jam up the processing machines. **Questions? Contact Town Hall at 301-627-6905**

Let's Check Out the New Business in Town

by Evelyn Stephens

Chair, Sustainable Communities Workgroup

On October 1, 2019, the Kumon Math and Reading Center opened its doors to the community of Upper Marlboro. Kumon is a supplemental program that enhances academic learning. Most importantly the owner chose the Town of Upper Marlboro as the perfect place to do business.

Mrs. Tayo Jackson, the owner and operator of the Center, is a warm, friendly, gracious person and family oriented person. Mrs. Jackson is married with two children and is a product of Kumon Math and Reading Centers. Her mother is a Kumon Franchise owner so it makes good sense that Tayo has opened her own center with the principles instilled by her mother and Kumon.

The goal of Mrs. Jackson's center is to not only to build Math and Reading competencies in her students but confidence, career and leadership skills. Tayo does this with lots of loving encouragement on how exciting it is to learn. Tayo also uses passion and the highest degree of professionalism.



I encourage all to stop by and/or visit her website at www.kumon.com/upper-marlboro-main-street.

Kumon is located at 14711 Main Street; class hours Monday and Thursday 3:30pm-7:30pm and Tuesday and Friday 3:30pm-6:30pm.

Look Local by patronizing Kumon and our newest members of the Town of Upper Marlboro business Community: Main Street Coffee and Treats; Marlboro Café; and Ruff Cuts.

Town Office Closure & Refuse Schedule

Below are the dates Town Offices will be closed for the holidays

Veterans Day - Monday November 16th, 2019. Town Offices Closed. Residential Trash collected as usual, Bulk Trash & Yard Waste collected on Tuesday November 17th.

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday November 28th, 2019. Town Offices Closed. Recycling collected on Friday, November 30th.

Christmas Day - Wednesday December 25th, 2019. Town Offices Closed.

New Year's Day - Wednesday January 1st, 2020. Town Offices Closed.

A Message from the Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

A background on “Academy Hill”

Known as Academy Hill, this now County-owned property is located directly across from the Upper Marlboro Post Office on Elm Street in Downtown Upper Marlboro. This is the site on which Dr. William Beanes lived in the early 19th century. William Beanes was instrumental in saving the Town of Upper Marlboro during the War of 1812

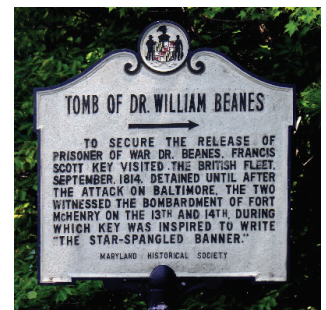
when he was captured by British General Ross and placed on a ship in the Baltimore Harbor. The reason Francis Scott Key, hired for his release, penned the Star Spangled Banner, as he watched alongside of Dr. Beanes as the British bombed Ft McHenry. Following his death in 1828, Doctor Beanes' property was sold to fulfill stipulations set forth in his will. Dr. Beanes' house was altered to become the new Marlborough Academy, established in 1835 by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland.



Today, William Beanes and his wife Sarah rests on the top of Academy Hill next to an almost century-old school, Marlboro High School.

Prince George's County is in the process of removing the Marlboro High School's historic designation, against the recommendation of the Historical Preservation Commission. Although, no plans can be found, it is widely known that Administrative Judge Adams intends to demolish

the school and remove the historic environment that surrounds William Beane's grave site. In place of the historic High School, the Administrative Judge has indicated (and can be verified in the hearing testimony) that she intends to build an "Alternative" school. Essentially a Class V school for at risk Students or those expelled from public schools. Although the Historical Committee commends her passion for creating such a facility, Academy Hill is NOT the place for this type of school. This Historic High School was planned by the Town with the help of the Planning Board, for mixed re-use by the Town. Upper Marlboro cannot support the loss of yet another building or the traffic that would accompany this type of educational facility.



To learn more about this property and the process please contact the Upper Marlboro Historical Committee at Historic@UpperMarlboroMD.gov.

Meet your Newest Upper Marlboro Police Officer



Corporal Katherine de Barros (center) Mayor Wanda Leonard (left) and Upper Marlboro Police Chief David Burse (right).

On Tuesday, October 22nd, Mayor Wanda Leonard swore in the Town's newest police officer, and first-ever female Upper Marlboro Police Officer, Corporal Katherine de Barros.

Cpl. de Barros starting her law enforcement career with the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, and then joined the Prince George's County Police Department, where she received several commendations for her accomplishments as a patrol officer. She was ultimately promoted to the rank of Corporal with the County Police.

Please help us welcome Cpl. de Barros to the Town of Upper Marlboro!

Thanksgiving Fire Safety Tips from the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department

For most, the kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. From

testing family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies, everyone enjoys being part of the preparations. So, keeping fire safety top of mind in the kitchen during this joyous but hectic time is important, especially when there's a lot of activity and people at home. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.



Top 10 safety tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot, and kids should stay three feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



The Marlboro VFD is always seeking new volunteer members ages 16 and up! Visit their website at www.marlbороfire.com.

2019 Community Emergency Response Team Conference (CERT CON)

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Conferences are held nationally, each year. This year Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships' Community Emergency Response Team Conference hosted the conference for the National Capital Region. It took place on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at the Ron Brown High School in the District of Columbia. The theme: **"We Serve Too: Acknowledging the Past, Valuing the Present, Influencing the Future."**



"The conference's program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced."

Members of the Greater Upper Marlboro CERT participated in the dynamic classes and networking opportunities. The conference began with an informative panel discussion. Our County's Director of Emergency Management, Ronald E. Gill, Jr., served as one of the six panelists. Classes included:



- Crisis Communication
- Volunteer Reception Center Training 101
- National Services & Disasters (workforce)
- Safety in CERT
- How to Become CERT Certified
- Future for Teen CERT – Next Generation
- CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator)
- Stop the Bleed
- Emergency Chef (alternative cooking methods during an emergency)

There were many hands on exhibits. The conference culminated with a Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) exercise.

If interested in taking a Basic CERT Class, please contact the Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Management at 301-324-4400 or via email: OEMstaff@co.pg.md.us.

If interested in becoming a member of the Greater Upper Marlboro CERT, please contact the Town of Upper Marlboro at 301-627-6905.

Alonzo Joy
Secretary/Instructor
Greater Upper Marlboro CERT

A Message from the Chief of Police



Speed Limit

The speed limit is 25 mph within the Town limits. Over the next few months the Upper Marlboro Police Department will be conducting a speed enforcement initiative to ensure roadways are safe and the speed limit is enforced Town-wide.

Fall Driving Tips:

With the end of daylight savings time, it will become darker sooner, around the time rush hour traffic is at its peak, and many people are making their way home from work. Drivers must be very cautious because pedestrians walking around at dusk are nearly three times more likely to be struck and killed by cars in the days following the end of daylight-saving time. **Watch out for deer.** Autumn marks the beginning of deer breeding season. Deer will be more active in areas near the road, particularly during sunset and sunrise so be extra watchful when driving near the woods and near deer crossing signs.

Driving on leaves. Wet leaves can be as slippery as ice. Drive slowly through them and avoid hard braking. Leaves may block your view of the lane lines and other road markers, so pay attention to the edge of the road and take care to stay in your lane.

Driving across bridges. When the temperature begins to drop, the morning frost can leave slick and icy patches on bridges, overpasses and shaded spots on the road. Slow down and drive carefully.

Chief David Burse

A Message from the Upper Marlboro Events Committee



It's already November, but we hope everyone has had a chance to attend some of the exciting events the Events Committee

worked on in 2019. In cooperation with the town administration, we were able to bring back Marlboro Community Day and it was a great success. Even with record-breaking heat many of you were able to join us for our outdoor summer movie series at Sasscer Field. And by the time you read this, we're hoping that our 2nd annual Trick or Treat on Main Street went off without a hitch.

There are so many steps in planning these events and we couldn't do it without our committee members, volunteers, vendors and support from town staff. We also have to thank the town Public Works department, CERT team, police officers and firefighters who all help us hold these events and keep our residents safe. Most of all, we couldn't do it without our community attending and supporting our events and the Town of Upper Marlboro. The goal of the Events Committee is to create events that bring us together and foster inclusiveness for our friends, family, neighbors and community and we hope we're achieving that.

We'll be finishing out 2019 with a celebration of our veterans in November and, for the first time, the town holiday party will be held at the Upper Marlboro Firehouse to allow even more of our community to attend. 2020 will bring even more events so please keep an eye on the town social media and website for all announcements.

Also, please remember that our committee is 100% volunteer driven, so we hope everyone appreciates the time and effort that go into creating these events. We're always looking for new volunteers to join us, whether you'd like to be actively involved in the committee with creating and planning events or whether you'd just like to help out at one event. The Events Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Town Hall. Please send any questions and/or comments to events@uppermarlboromd.gov.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events!

Events Committee
Town of Upper Marlboro
events@uppermarlboromd.gov
www.uppermarlboromd.gov/events_committee.php

Town Meeting Schedule

All Town & Committee meetings are held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted:

Upper Marlboro Town Hall
14211 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772

Please check the Town website for updated information www.UpperMarlboromd.gov

November 2019

Events Committee Meeting:

Thursday November 7th, 7pm

Town Meeting:

Tuesday November 12th, 7:00pm

CERT Team Meeting:

Saturday November 9th, 8am

Historical Committee Meeting:

Saturday November 20th, 10am

Town Board Worksession:

Tuesday November 26th, 7pm

December 2019

Events Committee Meeting:

Thursday December 5th, 7pm

Town Meeting:

Tuesday December 10th, 7pm

CERT Team Meeting:

Saturday December 14th 8am-12pm

Town Board Worksession:

Tuesday December 19, 7pm (Date Change)

Historical Committee Meeting:

Saturday December 21st, 7pm

January 2020

Events Committee Meeting:

Thursday January 2nd, 7pm

Town Meeting:

Tuesday January 7th, 7pm

CERT Team Meeting:

Saturday January 11th, 8am

Historical Committee Meeting:

Saturday January 18th, 10am

Board Worksession:

Tuesday January 28th, 7pm

Town of Upper Marlboro is on Social Media!

"We want to build strong relationships within our community and businesses."

We believe that social media can not only help us focus on thriving communication with our residents, but also offer valuable insight on the things that matter to our community. Providing more opportunities for you to connect with us is one of ways we hope to build strong relationships and serve you better.

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

Twitter: @TownUMarlboro

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownUpperMarlboro/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/TownUpperMarlboro/

Website: www.uppermarlboromd.gov



The Board of Town Commissioners

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President

Linda Pennoyer
Commissioner/Treasurer

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