

# Landings

A Quarterly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

## Calling Volunteers!

The Town of Upper Marlboro is seeking dedicated Upper Marlboro area residents to serve on its four volunteer committees. These committees work to better the quality of life of residents by providing services and planning events and programs to benefit the Upper Marlboro community. Interested in any of the below committees? Reach out by email listed below or call Town Hall at 301-627-6905.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): email [wleonard@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:wleonard@UpperMarlboroMD.gov)

Events Committee email: [Events@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:Events@UpperMarlboroMD.gov)

Town Historical Committee: email [Historic@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:Historic@UpperMarlboroMD.gov)

Sustainable Communities Workgroup: email [SCW@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:SCW@UpperMarlboroMD.gov)

The Town is also interested in starting/creating the below committees to coordinate activities and programs for different age groups. If you are interested in helping to establish one of these committees or interested in volunteering on one of them, please reach out to the Town at [Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov) or 301-627-6905!

- Senior Committee
- Youth Committee



## Veterans Day Luncheon

Thank you to all the armed forces veterans and their families who attended the Town's first Veterans Day Luncheon on Monday November 12, 2018 at Town Hall. It was a great opportunity to meet and interact with residents and hear their stories.

*“Thank you to all the armed forces veterans and their families”*

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# How might you define a resilient community?



How might you define a resilient community? "Resiliency" is a term used throughout the field of emergency management "to describe the capacity of people, organizations or systems to adapt to changing conditions and withstand and rapidly recover from disruptions due to emergencies." At its root, a resilient community possesses the dynamic ability to identify and assess its risks, mitigate the impact, and promptly bounce back after a disaster or crisis. This is not done in a silo, but through a whole-community approach!

Practicing and encouraging robust preparedness activities before a disaster or emergency strikes will help support and promote a resilient community. During a disaster, government resources could become strained, resulting in delayed responses to assist everyone immediately. Resilient communities prepare and practice for this prospect, which lessens the impact and hastens a strong recovery. These prepared communities reduce the disruption from disasters on "everyday life" and to the local economy by actively engaging in the five mission areas of "Protection, Prevention, Mitigation, Response,

and Recovery" (FEMA/Mission Areas/2018).

Although there are a number of sound and comprehensive activities that embody a whole-community approach to resiliency, this article will identify five that are quickly achievable: Prepare and Practice a Family Emergency Plan; Have an Emergency "Go Kit" for Home/Work/Vehicle; Become a member of a Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster (VOAD); Develop a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP); and register with Alert Prince George's (County's public notification system) at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/794/Alert-Prince-Georges>

FEMA promotes and encourages community resiliency through educational programs, grant opportunities, and trainings. The Greater Upper Marlboro Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) are two additional resources that can assist with building community preparedness, to foster more resilient communities. CERT can be reached at [CERT@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:CERT@UpperMarlboroMD.gov) and OEM at [oemstaff@co.pg.md.us](mailto:oemstaff@co.pg.md.us) or (301) 324-4400.

Alonzo Joy  
Secretary, Greater Upper Marlboro  
CERT

**Town of Upper Marlboro**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**GAME NIGHT**  
Saturday, February 9th  
4 PM - 7 PM

**POETRY SLAM**  
Saturday, April 13th

Both events at Town Hall!  
Town of Upper Marlboro  
14211 School Lane  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Want to volunteer with the  
Town of Upper Marlboro Events Committee?  
Email: [events@uppermarlboromd.gov](mailto:events@uppermarlboromd.gov)

 **#iloveum**

Follow us on Social Media!  
    
[www.uppermarlboromd.gov](http://www.uppermarlboromd.gov)

## A message from the Superintendent of Public Works

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season! As we have transitioned into the winter season, there are a few reminders from Public Works pertaining to winter safety, such as snow removal.

When we are due for snow, please remember to park your vehicle off the street. If you do not have room to park your vehicle off the street, please park it on the even side of the street. Once we have cleared the odd-numbered side of the streets, then you may move your vehicle to that side of the street. Timely will enable us to clear both sides of the street as expeditiously as possible.

“When shoveling out the driveway, it is imperative to do so after we plow your street curb to curb. This will prevent us from plowing snow back into the entrance to your driveway.”



Also, as always, remember to assist your neighbors that are seniors or have a disability.

When the temperature dips below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, it is important to take all water hoses off their spigots to prevent pipe freezing and possible bursting.

Thank you for your cooperation, and for any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly via email at [dbond@uppermarlboromd.gov](mailto:dbond@uppermarlboromd.gov).

Happy New Year!

Darnell Bond  
Superintendent, Town of Upper Marlboro  
Public Works Department



## Code Enforcement Report

During these winter months the Town would like to remind business owners to ensure their sidewalks and walkways are clear of snow and ice. The clearing of snow and ice from sidewalks and other paved walkways after a storm involving subfreezing precipitation is an important safety and accessibility consideration for pedestrians, especially those who have ambulatory disabilities, young children and seniors.

## Sustainable Communities Workgroup Update

### Three Words That Equal Beautification

Three words that mean so much to the Town Of Upper Marlboro; three words that mean so much to the property and business owners of the downtown district; three words that mean rebirth for the Town. "FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM"

The Façade Improvement Program works well and has been a part of the revitalization effort for Upper Marlboro since 2014. One of the priorities of the Program is to enhance the vintage feel of the Town and continue the initiative of a robust re-birth of the County Seat of Prince George's County.

Property and Business owners whose businesses are located in



the downtown area are invited to participate beginning February 1, 2019. The property must be used for business purposes and mixed use properties are also eligible.

Some eligible improvements/repairs to the buildings' facades could be exterior painting, lighting, signage, and window replacement; just to name a few.

The process begins with a pre-application meeting with the Town of Upper Marlboro's Sustainable Communities Workgroup. All interested parties should contact: 301-627-6905 ext 4 for information or email [scwg@uppermarlboromd.gov](mailto:scwg@uppermarlboromd.gov)

Visit [www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov](http://www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov) for more information

## Town Hall-liday Party a Success!

Thank you to all Town residents who came out to the Town's annual Town Hall-liday party hosted by the Upper Marlboro Events Committee! There was food, fun, crafts, and a visit from Santa! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



## A Message from the Chief

### Safe Transactions Location A Better, Safer Way to Conduct Your Online & In-Person Transactions



The Town of Upper Marlboro Police Department welcomes the public to use their police station to complete their legal online transactions in a safer way. The public can utilize our interior lobby or exterior parking lot to meet with others and finalize their online transactions in person. Our public lobby is available to you

and open Monday thru Friday from 9 AM–5 PM (except holidays.) The parking lot area is open 24 hours a day and monitored by live video surveillance. The Town of Upper

Marlboro Police Station is located at Town Hall: 14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. For further information on the program, please contact: [Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov) or call 301-627-6905



## Emergency Medical Services Enhanced in Upper Marlboro!



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The Prince George's County Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department has enhanced its delivery of emergency medical services in the Upper Marlboro area. On January 6th, 2019, a Paramedic Ambulance (PA820) was placed in service at Station 820, located at 14815 Pratt

Street in Downtown Upper Marlboro. This new advanced life support (ALS) unit is staffed with a career paramedic, trained in advanced emergency care procedures and an Emergency Medical Technician. Paramedic Ambulances are equipped with advanced medical equipment and medications which enables paramedics to perform advanced emergency care to critically sick or injured patients to improve patient outcomes and survival.



ALS units are dispatched to 9-1-1 calls which patients may be experiencing severe life-threatening medical emergencies. This new Paramedic Ambulance reduces the response time for advanced life support care in the Upper Marlboro area. It will also support emergency medical services provided by a basic life support Ambulance, staffed by volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians within the same station. Interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B)? Contact the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department at: [marlbormembership@yahoo.com](mailto:marlbormembership@yahoo.com)

– From Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department

## Welcome to WHIMSICAL ART CELEBRATIONS!



At WHIMSICAL ART CELEBRATIONS, we provide simple step-by-step painting classes in our studio or in the comfort of your own venue with your own family and friends! We take

pride in making your experience more personal and less commercialized. Relax, unwind, have fun and create a masterpiece!

Can't draw or paint? Great! No experience necessary, it's fun, easy and stress-free! Our instructor will guide you step-by-step through the painting that you choose! Get together with family and friends and make it a unique date night, ladies' night out; Great for bachelorette parties, baby showers, birthday parties, mommies' night out, couples' night, team building and more!

Need a space to hold or host your next event? Contact us today!

WHIMSICAL ART CELEBRATIONS will provide a day or evening full of fun and laughs while you and your guests creatively paint your own artistic masterpieces!

Let WHIMSICAL ART CELEBRATIONS add a little color to your next event!

[www.whimsicalartcelebrations.net](http://www.whimsicalartcelebrations.net)

On Facebook at Whimsical Art Celebrations, LLC On Instagram @whimsicalartcelebrations

Phone – (240) 432-8417

Email – [whimsicalart15@yahoo.com](mailto:whimsicalart15@yahoo.com)

## Town Hosts Business Forum

On November 30th, 2018 the Town hosted a Business Forum in which the Town had an opportunity to listen to, and learn from, our local Upper Marlboro business owners.



**PRINCE GEORGE'S**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
EST. 1924

During the Forum, Mayor Tonga Turner, and President & CEO Mr. David Harrington from the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce, shared some NEW & EXCITING partnership with the introduction

of an Upper Marlboro Branch of the County Chamber of Commerce. All interested businesses can reach out to [Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov) or call the Town Offices for details at: 301-627-6905.

9am-5pm Monday-Friday at the Town Hall 14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro MD 20772.

### Reminder!

Business within Town can now stay open up until 2am, and can also apply for a 24hr operating permit from the Town. Contact Town Offices for details.

## Clerk's Office

Did you know you can view Board Meeting Agendas, Packets, and minutes on the Town website?

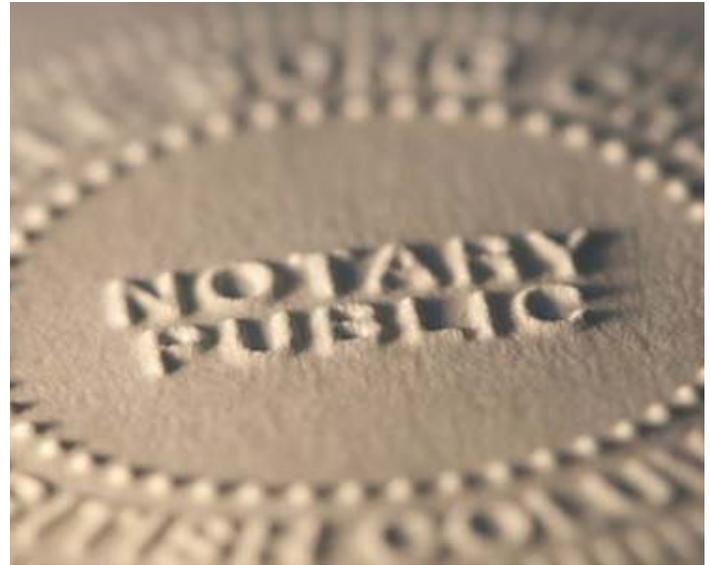
Stay informed! Visit [www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov](http://www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov)

Contact the Town Clerk with Questions or Concerns at [Clerk@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:Clerk@UpperMarlboroMD.gov) or 301-627-6905 ex 1102

### Notary Services

The Town also offers Notary services at Town Hall for \$4.00 per seal during normal business hours.

9am-5pm Monday-Friday at the Town Hall 14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro MD 20772.



## Town Meetings

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](http://www.uppermarlboromd.gov):

### February 2019

- Events Committee Meeting: Thursday February 7th 6:30pm
- Town Meeting: Tuesday February 12th 7pm
- CERT Team Meeting: Saturday February 9th 8am-12pm
- Historical Committee Meeting: Saturday February 16th 10am
- Town Board Worksession: Tuesday February 26th 7pm

### March 2019

- Events Committee Meeting: Thursday March 7th 6:30pm

- Town Meeting: Tuesday March 12th 7pm
- CERT Team Meeting: Saturday March 9th 8am-12pm
- Historical Committee Meeting: Saturday March 16th 10am
- Town Board Worksession: Tuesday March 26th 7pm

### April 2019

- Events Committee Meeting: Thursday April 4th, 6:30pm
- Town Meeting: Tuesday April 9th 7pm
- CERT Team Meeting: Saturday April 13th 8am-12pm
- Historical Committee Meeting: Saturday April 20th 10am
- Board Worksession: Tuesday April 22nd 7pm

Town of Upper Marlboro Town Hall  
14211 School Lane  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/TownUpperMarlboro/)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/TownUpperMarlboro/](http://www.instagram.com/TownUpperMarlboro/)



### The Board of Town Commissioners

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Monday–Friday: 9 am – 5 pm

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