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# Landings

A Quarterly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



## County Council Begins Process to Un-Designate the Old Marlboro Elementary School as Historical Site

During their Tuesday July 23rd, 2019 Meeting, the Prince George's County Council unanimously voted in favor of CR-072-2019 which begins the process to strip the site containing the Old Marlboro Elementary School and Dr. William Bean's grave of its historical designation and protections. This is the first step to have the site demolished and replaced with yet another Court/County building in Downtown Upper Marlboro. The Town fears that this will not only affect Upper Marlboro's history, but also set a precedent and threaten historic properties County-wide.

The Town of Upper Marlboro has reached out to the County on multiple occasions to have this vacant County-owned property be turned over to the Town, so that the Town can work to preserve the history of the site and

potentially turn the structure into mixed-use retail & residential that will benefit the Upper Marlboro area and promote economic development, not another government building.

**The County Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING regarding this issue on Tuesday September 17, 2019.**

We encourage all Upper Marlboro area residents reach out to your County Council Member and attend the public hearing to let your voices be heard. Visit [www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov](http://www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov) or call 301-627-6905 to learn more about the site's history and details on how you can help save this historic property!

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## “Do1Thing” Emergency Preparedness



Do you ever wonder where to start in your steps toward disaster and emergency preparedness? Don't feel alone.... Many people feel baffled, so they never start at all. The answer is rather simple; just 'Do 1 Thing' by taking small steps, which will make a big difference in an emergency.

'Do1Thing' is a down-to-earth, 12-month program that makes it easy for anyone to prepare themselves, their family, and community for emergencies or disasters. This emergency preparedness program is tailored toward individuals and businesses. And, it's absolutely free!

In assisting individuals with emergency readiness, this web-based program spotlights a different area of emergency preparedness each month, and offers several low or no-cost preparedness options for each topic. Concurrently, there is a sound step-by-step approach toward emergency preparedness for businesses.



When community members are well-prepared, emergency responders can help more people during a disaster and neighbors can better assist each other. You will be surprised how using the rational concepts of 'Do1Thing' each month, will help you reach the goal of completing your emergency plan in a

year. To get started, visit [www.do1thing.com](http://www.do1thing.com). Additionally, your Greater Upper Marlboro Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) welcomes opportunities to provide free disaster and emergency preparedness presentations for any size group, organization and business via email to [CERT@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:CERT@UpperMarlboroMD.gov)

Alonzo Joy  
Secretary, Greater Upper Marlboro CERT

## August 5th Special Town Election:



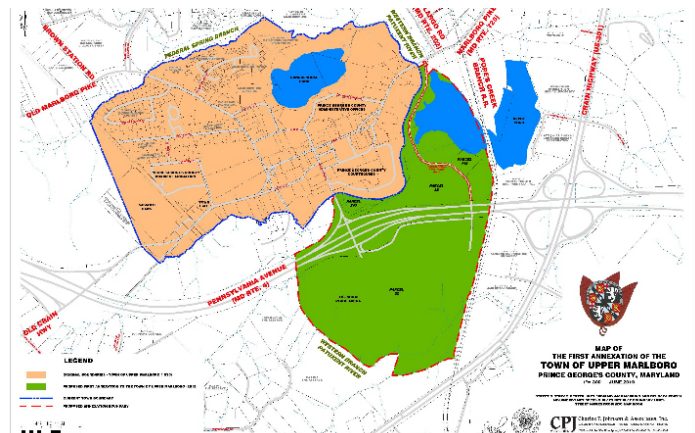
Due to a vacancy on the Board of Town Commissioners effective June 30th, 2019 the Town of Upper Marlboro will be holding a Special Town Election to vote for ONE Town Commissioner to serve on the Board until January 2020.

The polls will be open from 1:00–8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019, at the Upper Marlboro Town Hall 14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro MD 20772.

## The Town of Upper Marlboro is Growing!

At the June 10th, 2019 Town Meeting the Board of Town Commissioners introduced Annexation Resolution No. 01-2019, which would expand the Town limits to include the Show Place Arena properties. This is the first time in the Town's 300 year history that the Town limits have been changed. The annexation of the Show Place Arena properties is just the first phase of the Town's annexation plan the expand the Town limits to bring additional commercial and residential properties into the Town, and to expand the Town services to the properties and residents of Greater Upper Marlboro. The Town is holding a Public Hearing for the Town's Annexation Phase 1 in which all residents are welcome to attend: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at the Upper Marlboro Town Hall, 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Visit the Town website or call 301-627-6905 for more information.





# Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

Founded in 2012, the Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee (TUMHC) is an all-volunteer committee, working to fulfill its mission to research, compile and promote the rich history of the town, its people and its government. To date, we have collected over 1300 pictures that record over a century the town's past and present for future generations.

On Saturday, May 11th, during our annual "Memories and Morsels on Main Street, Celia Hopkins from Main Street Coffee, in the Historic Magruder Law Office, downtown, donated a picture of the 1962 Prince George's County Bar Association. Thank you, Thad and Celia for this wonderful treasure!



## 2019 SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION — CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

To elect one Town resident to fill a vacancy on the Board of Town Commissioners for the remainder of the current term of office ending January 2020.

### Kai V. Bernal-LeClaire

I am seeking your vote for Town Commissioner because I want to serve the Town of Upper Marlboro. My decade of experience as an attorney and a Naval officer will help me serve the Town if I am elected. The Town has undergone some remarkable changes in the past few years, and I want to ensure that we continue to move in the right direction. I believe the Town needs increased budget transparency, sensible and sustainable budget priorities, improved communication with Town residents, and simpler rules for public comments at Town meetings.



The Town should continue to seek new opportunities for grants and improvements—while maintaining a balanced budget and ensuring that Town staffing and organization can be sustained. Our Town should provide frequent and timely communication to residents about news, meetings, and events via mail, the website, and social media.

Finally, all Town residents should be heard, and town meetings should be a dialogue between the commissioners and residents, not one-way communication. I will give the Town my best effort, and I will work with the other commissioners to accomplish as much as possible during my term as commissioner. I hope I can count on your vote!

### Sarah Franklin

My family and I have been members of our community for the past six years. I have served on the Town's Events Committee and enjoyed this opportunity to build community over the past year. As Town Commissioner, I would continue building community and moving the Town of Upper Marlboro into the 21st Century. Our Town faces many challenges as we move forward. Development on our borders impacts our community. We all see and feel the effects of the environmental changes, such as flooding throughout Town. We feel the impact of increased and higher speed of traffic. Yet, we have no power over these impacts, and we receive no benefits from the development.



I bring my background in economics, accounting, and Town Planning to the position of Commissioner. In the past, I have successfully worked with small Towns that have faced our problem of accepting growth while maintaining small Town character.

I hope you will choose me to bring this experience to Upper Marlboro as we grow together. I will work to bring us into a position of power to maintain our community while moving forward into the future.

### Evelyn H. Stephens

My immediate family ties are rooted in Upper Marlboro, covering more than five generations. My grandfather's mother, my grandmother, my mother, I and my children were all raised in this town. In fact, I can confirm that three generations alone graduated from Frederick Douglass High School. Those ties and my devotion for the Town has compelled me to run for the office of Town Commissioner.



I have more than 35 years in Human Resources Administration and more than 5 years in the banking industry. I have worked for fortune 500 companies, local and federal government. I have created, developed and managed programs that are still in use today.

I feel that my "people first" attitude will go far in keeping Upper Marlboro a place where people love to call home, a unique and quaint place that no other municipality can make claim. My professional skills will prove to be an asset for the betterment of the Community.

I look to continuing with the vision of a Community that is forward thinking and visionary in economic growth while using fiscal responsibility; a Community that provides opportunity, inclusion and safety, for all residents.



## A Message from the Chief

### School is Out- Safety Tips for Parents and Drivers

School is out for summer and the Upper Marlboro Police Department wants to remind drivers and parents about the importance of keeping children safe throughout the summer months. Drivers should be extra cautious in looking for child pedestrians and bicyclists during the summer.

#### Tips for Parents:

- Review basic safety tips with your children both inside and outside the home.
- Do not allow your children to play in the street, or in/ around cars.
- Remind your children to watch out for cars that are backing up and do not take unnecessary short cuts through parking lots where drivers may not see children or children may not see cars moving.
- Remind your children to cross the street at a pedestrian crossing or a marked crosswalk and to walk, not run.
- Remind your children to look both ways before crossing the street – **Stop, Look, Listen**. Teach your children to make eye contact with the driver before they cross.

#### Tips for Drivers:

- The Speed Limit is **25 mph** or **15 mph** in the Town of Upper Marlboro unless otherwise posted.
- Always watch out for children when driving and come to a complete stop at intersections.
- Stay alert, especially in residential areas and slow down if children are along the road because children may suddenly cross the street or run in front of the car.
- Avoid distractions while driving – drinking, texting, loud music.
- Watch out for children when backing up and especially in parking lots where you may not see children between cars.

## Monthly Town Police Report

### Calls for Service

#### March 2019

- One (1) - Thefts from autos
- One (1) - Disorderly Conduct Arrest
- One (1) – Theft Report

#### April 2019

- One (1) – Theft from auto
- Two (2) - Theft Report

#### May 2019

- One (1) – Accident Report

## Getting an Upper Marlboro Police Officer to You

There are two numbers you can call to get a Police Officer to your location to assist you one for emergencies and one for non-emergencies. Upper Marlboro Officers are dispatched using the County 911 system.

**Non-Emergency:** 301-352-1200

**Emergency:** 911

The Department's Administrative hours are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm at the Town Hall & Police Department located at 14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro MD 20772.



## New Parking Meters!

The Board of Town Commissioners for the Town of Upper Marlboro has partnered with IPS Parking to upgrade the Town's on-street single space parking meters in Downtown Upper Marlboro. The current Town-owned meters are outdated and do not accept credit cards. The Board has chosen to replace and upgrade these decades-old parking meters to new

ones that accept credit cards and are much more user-friendly.

In addition to updating the existing Town of Upper Marlboro meters along Main Street, the Town will also be expanding its parking authority to the parking spaces along Governor Oden Bowie Drive. These spaces, previously operated by Prince George's County Revenue Authority, were turned over to the Town on July 1st, 2019.

Visit the Town website for details [www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov](http://www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov)



### BECOME PART OF OUR TEAM APPLY TODAY FOR THE MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

14815 PRATT STREET  
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 301-883-7720  
[MarlboroMembership@yahoo.com](mailto:MarlboroMembership@yahoo.com)

#### QUALIFICATIONS

**ADMINISTRATIVE – AGES 16 AND UP**  
Performs non emergency functions within the department such as fundraising, hall functions, public relations, and computer support

**CADETS – AGES 12 TO 15**  
Cadets meet weekly and learn the duties of Firefighters and EMT's, and participate in drills that include fire and EMS activities but do not respond to Emergency Calls

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AGES 16 and Older**  
EMS Only providers train to become EMT's and respond to Emergency Medical Calls and participate in all functions of the department except firefighting, but provide support at Fire and Rescue Emergencies

**FIREFIGHTER / EMT's AGES 16 and OLDER**  
Are trained to various Firefighter levels and EMT, they respond and participate in all functions of the Department

#### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Meet with a Company Officer / Membership Committee  
[MarlboroMembership@yahoo.com](mailto:MarlboroMembership@yahoo.com)

Schedule a Ride a Long if Desired

Complete an Application Package

Complete a Background Check  
Complete a Physical Exam (Firefighters and EMT's)

Successfully complete a Volunteer Recruit School (Firefighters and EMT's)

Receive your Gear and Mask Fitting (firefighters and EMT's)

Within 30 Months Complete Firefighter 1 and Emergency Medical Technician Basic (Firefighters and EMT's)

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS, GEAR, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING IS FREE OF CHARGE**

#### THE BENEFITS

FREE Training and Advancement  
Valuable training that can transfer to career positions and college credits

Tuition Re-Imbursement

Yearly MD State tax deduction of \$43500 after 3 years of service

LIVE IN Opportunities

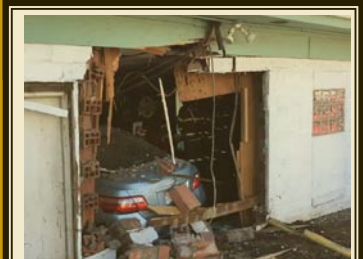
LOSAP / Length of Service Award Program (retirement) for those who reach age 55 and 25 years of service

Annual County and Maryland State Conventions

Functions where family and Children can participate

Lifelong friendships and Camaraderie

**A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY**



#### LEARN MORE OR FOLLOW US



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TWITTER - @MV\_20\_FD  
FACEBOOK - MARLBOROVfd  
[MarlboroMembership@yahoo.com](mailto:MarlboroMembership@yahoo.com)



## Upcoming Summer Fun in Upper Marlboro!

### Ice Cream Social:

Saturday July 20th, 2019 6pm-8pm

Darnell's Chance House Museum 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro MD 20772

Join Darnell's Chance and the Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee in celebrating ice cream's colonial roots and National Ice Cream Month. Enjoy FREE ice cream sundaes (while supplies last), lawn games, music, and more!

### National Night Out:

Tuesday August 6th, 2019 6:30pm-8pm

Dutch Village Amish Market: 5030 Brown Station Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Come Join Your Neighbors for the 36th Anniversary Celebration of "National Night Out" at the Marlborough Village Shopping Center. NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. FREE Food, Fun, Games, Music, and more!

### August Outdoor Movie Night:

Saturday August 17th, 2019 8pm-11pm

Sasscer Fields (Behind B.O.E.) 14201 School Ln, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

We will be showing the movie Captain Marvel (rated PG-13). Come early and get to know your neighbors and share your love of movies along with FREE popcorn! Attendees are welcome to bring their own blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks. Donations in the form of canned and non-perishable food will be collected at this event for the Upper Marlboro Food bank, donations are appreciated but not required for this event!

### Cruzin' Main Street

Car Show: Saturday August 24th, 2019 5pm-9pm  
Downtown Upper Marlboro \*Road Closures\*

FREE! The Marlboro VFD, Marlboro Lions Club, and Ledo's Pizza (Upper Marlboro) hosts the 14th Annual Cruzin' Main St. Car Show! Cars will be lined up along Main Street in Downtown Upper Marlboro.

### Prince George's County Fair:

September 5th-8th 2019

Show Place Arena 14900 Pennsylvania Ave, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

The Prince George's County Fair began in 1842 as a friendly gathering for local farmers to showcase their produce and livestock and have a little fun. We have the distinction of being the oldest running Fair in Maryland. Come out for family fun, rides, food, and more!

### Trunk or Treat on Main Street:

Saturday October 26, 2019, 6pm-8:30pm

Downtown Upper Marlboro \*Road Closures\*

Come out for the 2nd Annual Town of Upper Marlboro Trunk or Treat Event along Main Street in Downtown Upper Marlboro! The night will be filled with music, decorated cars & Main Street shops giving out candy, games, a costume parade, and more! Visit the Town website to sign up to decorate your car!

## Area Non-Profit Feature:

The Vet Space is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to the mental health, wellness, and healing of our nation's veterans. We are a community-based organization located in the D.C. metro area with a holistic focus and approach to health and wellness. As a virtual resource center, we are committed to provide benefits and claims assistance to veterans. In addition, we provide wellness resources and programs that aid in reducing symptoms associated with



Military Sexual Trauma (MST) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Our wellness programs are designed to help women veterans facing trauma, readjustment and transitional difficulties. The Vet Space provides health and wellness support and programs at low or no-cost to female veterans through wellness workshops, mindfulness activities, and retreats. Learn more here: [www.thevetspace.org](http://www.thevetspace.org)

## 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):

### August 2019

- Events Committee Meeting: Thursday August 1st 6:30pm
- CERT Team Meeting: Saturday August 10th 8am-12pm
- Town Meeting: Tuesday August 13th 7pm
- Historical Committee Meeting: Saturday August 17th 10am
- Town Board Worksession: Tuesday August 27th 7pm

### September 2019

- Events Committee Meeting: Thursday September 5th 6:30pm

- Town Meeting: Tuesday September 10th 7pm
- CERT Team Meeting: Saturday September 14th 8am-12pm
- Historical Committee Meeting: Saturday September 21st 10am
- Board Worksession: Tuesday September 24th 7pm

### October 2019

- Events Committee Meeting: Thursday October 3rd 6:30pm
- Town Meeting: Tuesday October 8th 7pm
- CERT Team Meeting: Saturday October 12th 8am-12pm
- Historical Committee Meeting: Saturday October 19th 10am
- Board Worksession: Tuesday October 22nd 7pm

## Calling all Business Owners!

The Town of Upper Marlboro is seeking area business owners and manager to serve of the new Upper Marlboro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. If you are interested fill out the application on the Town website [www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov](http://www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov) or contact the Town Offices at 301-627-6905 ex. 1104

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## 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/)

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



## The Board of Town Commissioners

President Wanda M. Leonard

Commissioner/Treasurer Linda Pennoyer

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