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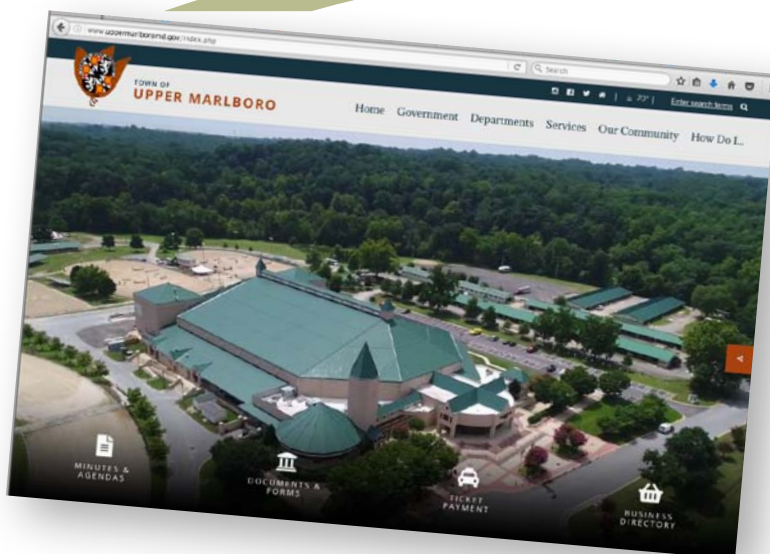
A Quarterly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

Town of Upper Marlboro New Website Launched!

The Town of Upper Marlboro is excited to announce the launch of its redesigned website; www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov, which contains several new features that will enhance the user experience including new content, ease of navigation, and a design that is accessible and usable by everyone. The new site is built by Revise Government Websites.

"When I took office, it was clear that updating the Town's online presence needed to be a priority," Mayor Tonga Turner said. "The existing site was outdated, both in functionality and content, and from a brand perspective, there was no uniformity in design among the Town's various departments. The new Town website and its pages covering it's municipal services (Police Public Works, Code, Administration, ect) are easy to navigate, aesthetically pleasing, informative, and interactive for visitors."

The new website incorporates dynamic video banners featuring various locations in the Town and key business sectors, as well as, advanced search capabilities which are much improved over the Town's current site. The new website uses colors with-in the same pallet and has a



similar layout and navigation scheme, but still allow for some individuality. The new Town website incorporates a responsive design that automatically scales the site to fit the end users' needs on a personal computer, tablet, or smartphone.

The New website include the below features:

- Town Meeting Agenda & Minutes Center
- Interactive Business Directory
- E-Notify Center
- Information on Area Developments
- Service Request Center
- Database of Town Ordinances

Visit the new site Today: www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov

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Election 2018

The 2018 Gubernatorial General election is on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Early Voting - Thursday, October 25, 2018 through Thursday, November 1, 2018 10AM - 8PM

Upper Marlboro Area Early Voting Site:

Upper Marlboro Community Center
5400 Marlboro Race Track Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

For Additional Information on voter registration, the election, voting sites, or early voting please call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300



Your Vote Counts!

Greater Upper Marlboro CERT Team Quarterly Update:

The Greater Upper Marlboro CERT Team meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Town Hall. We are always seeking new volunteers to join!

This month the CERT Team will be hosting a clean-up of the School House Pond in lieu of their October Meeting on Saturday October 20th from 8am until 12pm. The public is welcome to attend, and Student Service hours are available! Contact Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov for details

Each month the CERT Team posts a simple preparedness step resident on the Town website at www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov. Interested residents can sign up to receive updated each month! Below is the preparedness tip for October:

THE GOAL: Be able to safely meet your basic needs during an electrical outage. We count on electricity for heat, food, and medical needs. Many gas appliances even need electricity to run. A power outage is an emergency that often follows another emergency— like a hurricane, tornado, or winter storm. That makes it even more important to be prepared in advance.

Power Outage Safety

* Discard food if the temperature in your refrigerator exceeds 40 degrees for more than 2 hours.

* Stay away from downed power lines and anything they are in contact with such as fences or buildings.

* Never drive over downed power lines; they may be energized.

* Never use charcoal or gas grills inside a structure. You may be overcome by carbon monoxide.

Choose one of the following to do this month to become better prepared:

1. Acquire and learn how to safely use a portable generator.
2. Have flashlights ready in an easily accessible place and check batteries in flashlights and radios.
3. Create a power outage plan – decide what you can do before, during and after a power outage to minimize the effect on your household.

Being prepared doesn't have to be hard or expensive. By doing one thing a month, you can make sure that you and the people who depend on you will be better prepared for whatever happens.

Wanda Leonard
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The Public Works Corner

Public Works Is Growing!

The Town of Upper Marlboro Public Works department recently gained two new employees. A full-time employee by the name of Brandon Alexander, and a part – time employee named Marcus Washington.



Brandon Alexander comes to us from DC Fire Department. It was there he learned the importance of responsiveness, dependability, and teamwork and communication.

Brandon enjoys working on cars and vehicle modification in his spare time.



Marcus Washington comes to us via Keany produce. He is industrious, has an eye for detail, and lives to help and connect with the people in his community. Marcus is very excited to join the PW team and is looking forward to serving in his new capacity. Thank you!

Fall in Love with Safety

As leaves begin to fall, it is important to remember to keep yourself, family members, and other loved ones and friends for the coming holiday season safe. Here are a few tips to remember as you prepare:

Ladder Safety

As you clean your gutters, be sure your ladder has secure footing, be sure not to over reach, and never use the top run of a ladder as a step.

Wet Leaves

Wet leaves on or around your property cause many safety hazards, not just as a daily slipping hazard! They can provide shelter and a gateway to the inside of your home for small critters. Decaying leaves also aide in rotting the wood exteriors of your home.

Please use these steps to prevent costly repairs or injuries – leave the leaves to us! The Town of Upper Marlboro now collects yard wastes twice per week, on Mondays and Thursdays for your convenience. Carefully collect and bag the leaves on and around your property, in paper bags, and secure them at your curb.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve you!



New Dog Waste/Trash Cans Installed

As part of the Town's beatification efforts, the Public Works crews have been installing Dog Waste/Trash can stations strategically throughout the Town's residential areas to help combat litter. Proper disposal of dog waste is crucial as it contains harmful bacteria that can get into waterways if not properly bagged and disposed of. These stations will be emptied, and bags refilled on a routine basis by Public Works crews. Remember to "Scoop the poop"!

Town Events Committee Quarterly Update

The Town of Upper Marlboro Events Committee got off to a great start this summer with our first event, a showing of "A Wrinkle in Time" at Schoolhouse Pond. Over 300 of you came out to kick off this first event with us! "Black Panther" also had a great turnout in August, despite being postponed due to threatened rain. August events also included our Fit N Fun event. We had a blast with belly dancing and Zumba demonstrations while the kids enjoyed games.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our summer events. We look forward to seeing you on Halloween for Trick-or-Treat on Main Street and again in December at the Town Hall-Iday Party!

A special thanks to all our volunteers: Alexis Bryant, Janice Duckett, Kemia Duncan-Kirby, Wanda Glasper, Latrice Green, Kenya Halliday, Roxanne Reed, Mary Roscoe, and Faye Vaugh-Cooke. We couldn't do it without you!

If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at events@uppermarlboromd.gov.

To see the dates of Town events visit the Town website or Facebook page!



TUMHC Quarterly Update:



Patti Skews

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 of the town's past and present for future generations.

The TUMHC has walking/driving tours as well as guided tours for anyone interested in a tour of the Town. We will support the Happy Wanderers as they take a 5-10k Historic Walk around the Town on October 6 by providing them with walking/driving tour brochures.

We are excited that our archivist has been invited to provide a guided tour of the Town of Upper Marlboro for the Prince Georges County Historical Society Bus Tour on October 13. We will also be working with Darnall's Chance to support the Great Jack O'Lantern Campfire Event on October 20, 2018 from 7:00-8:30 pm

For more town history and weekly posts, please visit the Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee Facebook page. The committee shares its photos and town history with weekly pictures and articles. We meet, at the Town Hall, the 3rd Saturday each month at 10:00 am,

Founded in 2012, the Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee (TUMHC) is an all-volunteer committee,

where we welcome and collect historical pictures, memories, and artifacts. If you have some pictures, artifacts or memories you'd like to share, please come visit us!

SCW Asks

What Gets You Up In The Morning?

What gets you up in the morning? Is it your career, your business, your family, aching bones, or most importantly, your overall responsibilities? A friend made me aware of the importance of the phrase and I use it to propel myself to continue with my life activities. As a resident, Al's Deli would get me up many mornings. My husband and I looked forward for many years to delicious breakfasts and friendly service offered by the proprietors, Nick and Debbie. I know that many of you miss the caring family atmosphere offered by them.

Recently, I had the opportunity to talk to Leslie Stanley from Sona Bank and as we talked about the tragic loss that befell Al's Deli, which by the way is a long-standing business of the town, she mentioned how an account had been created by some of Al's regular's. My heart felt good receiving this information and I knew the Town's residents would be interested as well. What better way to show concern for people who have shown concern for their customer's in so many ways.



Evelyn Stephens

If you are interested in showing Nick and Debbie your concern and/or support, please contact Leslie Stanley at **301-627-2603**. A visit is also welcomed by Leslie; the address is **14804 Pratt Street**. In the coming months we will be holding forums, launching programs, spearheading Community involvement and seeking grants to help businesses like Al's Deli.

The mission statement of the Town of Upper Marlboro's Sustainable Community Workgroup (SCW) is to maintain the Sustainable Community Designation awarded by the State of Maryland; seek grants; partner with organizations; provide support, education, and assistance to the town's government, business community and its people. The Sustainable Communities Workgroup (SCWG) is focused on what gets the residents and businesses up in the morning and we are looking for your opinion to achieve that goal. We meet every 4th Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and soon a schedule of other meeting times will be advertised.

19th Annual Gingerbread House Contest & Show!

November 25, 2018-December 9th

If you are interested in entering the contest, please contact the museum for further details. The deadline to enter the contest is November 9, 2018. Groups of 10 or more are welcome by appointment.



For a sweet treat, come and view an amazing display of edible gingerbread houses. No nibbling allowed! Visitors will have the opportunity to vote in the Viewer's Choice Competition.

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location:

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

Contact:

301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

Cost: \$1/person to view houses



A Message from the Chief

Quarterly Police Chief Update

The gentleman and women of the Upper Marlboro Police Department stand ready to serve the residents and visitors of the Town. Over the summer the Department has been busy engaging with the public at multiple Town events:

- National Night Out
- Summer Movie Nights
- Cruzin Main Street

Now that fall is here, we would like to take the time to focus on Back to School Safety and Trick-or-Treating Safety tips:

Back to School Safety

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks



TRICK OR TREAT 2018!

Trick or Treating in Town is from 6pm-9pm

Handing out Candy? Turn on your porch light!

Call 911 or flag down a UMPD Officer with Concerns.

Halloween Safety Tips For Trick-or-Treaters

With Halloween approaching the Upper Marlboro Police Department encourages all trick-or-treaters follow these easy tips to ensure their night of spooky fun is safe!



- Young children should always trick-or-treat with an adult and older child should never trick-or-treat alone.
- Be careful crossing the streets; cross at the corner and look both ways.
- Stay to the side of the street or, where possible, on a sidewalk.
- Only visit homes you know.
- Do not eat candy that has not been inspected by a trusted adult or any homemade treats or unpackaged foods like fruit.
- Never enter a stranger’s home or car.
- Only visit well-lit homes.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Make sure your costume has something reflective on it so you’re visible to passing motorists; that it is short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement and contact with flames; and that it is flame resistant. Remember to “Stop, Drop and Roll” if your costume catches fire.
- Do not trick-or-treat past 9 p.m.
- Call 911 with any safety concerns or issues!

Quarterly Police Statistics

CALL FOR SERVICE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Assist Fire	0	2	0
Accident No Report	0	7	2
Hit & Run Accident No Report	1	2	0
Misc.	1	3	2
Stolen Vehicle/Towed	0	2	1
Check For Weapon	0	1	0
Property Damage	1	2	0
Domestic	1	2	4
Hit & Run Accident Reportable	1	2	0
Lost Property	0	1	1
911 Hang Up Call	2	1	4
Fight/ In Progress	0	1	0
Vandalism	1	1	0
Check On Welfare Of Person	4	1	1
Accident Reportable	4	1	4,1,1
Notification	0	1	0
Mir Ref. Arson Investigation	0	1	0
Traffic Stops	6	7	10
Traffic Citations	2	9	3
Repar Orders	1	5	4
Written Warnings	3	5	4
Total Calls For Service For Month	28	58	40

New Hires!

Vickie Stewart joined our team on August 29 as the Town Halls Administrative Assistant.



Paula Rojas joined our team on August 29 as the Executive Officer for the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners.

Latrice Green joined our team on August 29 as the Codes Enforcement Officer for the Town of Upper Marlboro.



Anita Washington joined our team on August 29 as the Events and Recreation Director.

Marlboro VFD Company 20 Fire Prevention Week 2018

Fire Prevention week is being held this month October 7-13, 2018. This year's campaign is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

LOOK.

Look for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

LISTEN.

Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

LEARN.

Learn two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

For more information visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Prevention-Week>



Upper Marlboro Mix & Mingle Event



Town's held its first successful Business Mix & Mingle event held at Town Hall on September 13th. This was a great opportunity for Town and State elected officials including Senator Douglas J.J. Peters and Delegate-Elect Ron Watson for Maryland to interact with local businesses and discuss economic development in the Upper Marlboro area. Thank to everyone who came out!

New Business Operating Times!

At the August 2018 Town meeting the Board of Town Commissioner unanimously approved Town Ordinance 2018-03, which extend business operating hours within Town. For many years businesses within Town were required to close at midnight, but they are now allowed to stay open until 2am. There is also an option to apply for a Town permit to remain open for 24 hours. Visit the Town website at www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov for more details.

Online Business Directory

The new Town website offers an interactive business directory for business inside Town limits and others located just outside Town limits within a mile of the Courthouse. The online business directory not only promotes the local retailers that offer quality services to Upper Marlboro residents & visitors, but it also promotes economic development and attracts visitors.

If you would like to see your business featured, please email Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov with the below details:

- Business Name, address, website, and contact information
- JPEG image file of Business Logo
- 1 Sentence description of business

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.

October 2018:

- Events Committee Meeting: Thursday October 4th, 2018. 7pm
- Town Meeting: Tuesday October 9th, 2018. 7pm

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

Town Meetings (cont.)

- CERT Team Meeting: Saturday October 20th CERT Team School House Pond Clean-up 8am
 - Historical Committee Meeting: Saturday October 20th, 2018 10am.
 - Town Board Worksession: Tuesday October 23rd, 2018 7pm
 - Town Meeting: Tuesday November 13th, 2018.
 - CERT Team Meeting: Saturday November 10th, 2018 8am-12pm
 - Historical Committee Meeting: Saturday November 17, 2018 10am
 - Town Board Worksession: Tuesday October 23rd, 2018. 7pm
 - Town Meeting: Tuesday December 11th, 2018. 7pm
 - CERT Team Meeting: Saturday December 8th, 2018. 8am-12pm
 - Historical Committee Meeting: Saturday December 15, 2018. 10am
 - Board Worksession: T.B.D. please check Town Website www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov for updates and information.
- November 2018:**
- Events Committee Meeting: Thursday November 1st, 2018. 7pm
- December 2018:**
- Events Committee Meeting: Thursday December 6th, 2018. 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/



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