

**Town Hall
Upper Marlboro, Maryland**



Board of Town Commissioners

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THE TOWN HALL IS OPEN WEEKDAYS

Monday–Friday: **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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Town of Upper Marlboro
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Spring Has Sprung!

If you've uncovered unwanted items during your spring cleaning, consider making some extra pocket money by joining in the Town Yard Sale!

Welcome to *Landings* . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



2nd Annual Town Yard Sale!

Town Hall • Saturday, April 24th • 8 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Come To Sell or Buy!

Lots of people turned out last year and we're hoping for another successful event. Just like last year, the Town is offering to recycle, or donate to charity, any seller's leftover items at the close of the sale. We will also be offering hot dogs and bottled water for sale to benefit the Town's beautification projects.

Set up time is 7:00 a.m. and the cost is \$5 per person/family. Paid sellers can park in the Town Hall lot and set up right along side their vehicles.

Buyers will be directed to park in the School Administration Building lot next door (an improved cut-through along the fence will provide easy access between the buildings).

Buyers of large items will be allowed to drive into the Town Hall parking lot to pick-up their purchases.

To reserve a space, call the Town Hall during business hours, or contact Barbie Sonnett directly by email: barbiesonnett@aol.com or call: 301-574-0456.

RAIN DATE: Saturday, May 1st



Draft of National Register of Historic Places Registration Form received From Park and Planning

Park and Planning has given us a consultant's draft of the National Register Historic District Registration Form for the western residential area of the Town of Upper Marlboro. They have requested we review the draft for accuracy and return it for final production. We have a few copies at Town Hall for review and will be posting a copy on our Website soon. After we receive the Registration Form in final we can decide how, or if we want to proceed.

The area inventoried includes the residential western end of Town excluding the Spring Branch subdivision and the Marlborough Towne complex. The Town's residential area is evaluated under two of the four possible National Register criteria: “ (A) Property is associated with events

that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history and (C) Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type or period ... “ The consultants found 75 contributing properties and 15 non-contributing.

The next step is to verify the information contained in the registration form so that the survey can be finalized. Thereafter, the town needs to decide if it supports the effort to list the residential area on the National Register.

Questions that the Town’s citizens need to consider are: What does it mean to be on the National Register? Will it help or hinder the Town? Are there other ways we can protect out residential communities and maintain its unique character?

The Fiscal Year 2011 Budget

For the past two budget years, at this stage of preparation, the outlines of the upcoming proposed budget have pretty much already taken shape. However, for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) the Town is faced with continuing substantial reductions in State grants and aid, plus a substantial reduction in the amount of interest generated from investments. These reductions, coupled with the increases in unemployment insurance, pension funding and health insurance will require a use of the reserve fund of between \$20,000 to \$30,000. The Town has a substantial reserve fund and has added about \$220,000 in the last two budget years. While still dealing with some unknowns, we should still have a small surplus in the current FY10 budget.

The Commissioners have recently been discussing two cost reduction measures. The first is to outsource our residential trash pickup. The Town would still provide bulk and yard waste services. Research indicates that small towns tend to outsource residential trash pickup. Potential savings appear to be in the \$20,000 range. The second, is a change in our health insurance plans. While we will not know the amount of increase in health insurance until mid-May, current estimates range from 10% for some plans to 25% for others. The recent passage of the health reform act by Congress adds a great deal of uncertainty to the future cost of health insurance to the Town.

The President will propose his “President's Budget” at the April 13th Town Meeting. However, there will most likely be changes by the first reading of the budget in May and at its final passage in June.

Vincent Cornelius Gordon

“Mike”

February 8, 1931 — March 21, 2010

Mike Gordon, a long time resident of the Town of Upper Marlboro, passed away last month.

For sixty-one years, Mike’s main job (which he really enjoyed) was tending to the horses on the Clagett Farm, preparing them for horse shows, breeding and the horse races.

The Town expresses their sincerest sympathies for his family in their time of grief.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

TOWN YARD SALE: Saturday, April 24; at Town Hall 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Rain Date: Saturday, May 1st)

WORK SESSIONS: Tuesday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall (extra Work Session: May 11, 9:15 a.m.)

MARLBOROUGH DAY: Saturday, May 8. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.– Festival starts runs from 11:00–5:00 p.m..

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY: Monday, May 31, 10 a.m. at Town Hall.

TOWN HALL OFFICES CLOSED: Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. Offices reopen Tuesday.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

FREE MULCH GIVEAWAY

for Prince George’s County residents and employees

Saturday, April 24, 2010 8 A.M. — 1 P.M.

6601 SE Crain Hwy (Composting Facility, Upper Marlboro)

For more information, call (301) 883-5045

Marlborough Day . . . May 8th

This annual event (*held on the Saturday before Mother’s Day*) will be along Main Street with the Parade starting at 10:00 a.m.

The festival runs from 11 a.m.– 5 p.m. and features live entertainment, food, arts & crafts, and a book sale sponsored by the Library.

Visit: <http://marlboroughday.org>
Or call: **(301) 952-9575**

POLICE REPORT

MARCH 2010

Town Citations: 168
State Citations: 63

In-Town Incidents:	Out-of-Town Incidents:
1 Stolen Vehicle	3 Stolen Vehicle
2 Property Damage	4 Breaking & Entering
1 Identity Theft	5 Theft from Vehicle
8 Vehicle Impound	1 Theft

All in-Town incidents were in the downtown area and not in the residential areas.

