

**Town Hall  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland**



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Upper Marlboro, MD 20772



**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

Join us as we honor those that served and are now serving in the armed forces. Refreshments & music.

**Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> • 10 am—1 pm**  
**Town Hall**

Welcome to *Landings* . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



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**Fiscal Year 2011 Budget-Highlights**

As I write this report, we are still in the process of firming up the FY2011 budget to be presented for a first reading at the Town Meeting, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Since the Board will also hold an extra Work Session the morning of May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m., the budget numbers in this report are subject to change prior to the Town Meeting that evening. As discussed herein, there are certain contingent items in the budget that we don't have complete knowledge of as yet. They rely on events for which the town has no control over, so final numbers may not be known for months to come.

Budgeted operational revenues are estimated to increase over budgeted FY2010 revenues. The additional revenues are driven primarily by the increase in parking meter revenues, real estate tax revenues and a better estimate of income tax revenues. Should we decide to sell our trash truck and the skid loader, there would be a one-time increase in revenue estimated at \$35,000. Wages are not increased, however, the budget provides for a series of merit-earned awards based on employee performance evaluations.

The appropriation for General Government expenditures is increased. The budget provides for our part-time accountant, Julian Wyvill, to upgrade to full-time status. Mr. Wyvill will be taking over the duties of the police clerk presently carried out by our Town Clerk, David Williams. With this shift of responsibilities, Mr. Williams will be able to devote more time to administrative duties and assisting the President. Also,

an additional \$5,000 over the FY2010 Budget has been added for maintenance and repairs to Town Hall.

The appropriation for the Police Department is basically unchanged. The budget does not replace the two part-time officers that covered only one shift each, but does increase the amount of the overtime pay.

Starting several weeks ago, we started a review of the Public Works Department. This Department is about 40 percent of the entire budget. Based on our assessment that contracting for residential garbage collection could produce an estimated \$20,000 to \$40,000 in annual savings, we put out a request for bids for residential garbage pickup which are due May 6<sup>th</sup>. Our Public Works staff would continue to provide bulk and yard waste service to the Town. Contingent on the quality of the best qualified bid, if the assessment is that the Town could save \$20,000 to \$40,000 per year, I would vote for contracting out the residential garbage collection.

**Capital Outlay**

The General Government appropriation contains several capital items. These are upgrades to the computer and telephone systems, a pavilion at Town Hall for Town events and use by residents and employees, and a Town Hall sign with message board. The Town has also received a \$5,000 grant from the State to improve energy efficiency that will most likely be invested in Town Hall as well. The County currently has under review, the donating of the old C&P Stone

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Building (by the Crain Monument) to the Town. If the County offers the Town this building, we will have 60 days to decide if we want it. The building is generally in good shape, except for the front door area that was damaged by a car. The budget provides \$14,000 to make the building serviceable. Finally, the \$8,200 dedicated to use for broadcasting purposes, is also in the budget.

With the change to the new area-wide public safety radio system, the Police Department has \$24,000 budgeted for the new in-car radios. We received the new hand-held radios under a grant from this year. A hand-held laser speed gun is also in the budget at \$2,000.

Capital expenditures for the Public Works department requires some explanation. \$5,000 is allocated to the Church Street parking lot. Sometime this summer, we expect Park and Planning to complete the requested parking study of the downtown area. We have asked that the study specifically address ways to increase usage of the Church Street lot. The thinking is that, if substantial improvements are appropriate, the allocation can be used to start the planning process. If substantial improvements are not decided upon, then we can use the money to improve the quality of the existing lot.

The \$10,000 allocated to the Public Works facility will cover the currently known needed improvements. What further improvements we make to the Public Works facility depends in part on the decisions we make on outsourcing residential garbage, selling the trash truck and obtaining the Stone Building. Without the trash truck, additional space for other equipment would be available, forestalling the need to improve or replace some of the facility buildings.

The budget allocates \$30,000 to sidewalk and street improvements. We plan to hire an engineer to evaluate the Town's sidewalks and develop bid speci-

## Thomas Van Clagett III

Thomas Van Clagett III, 71, died at his vacation home at Lake Waccamaw, N.C. early Tuesday, April 6, 2010. Mr. Clagett served as President on the Board of Town Commissioners for the Town of Upper Marlboro from January, 1972 through December, 1977. He spent more than 30 years in banking in Upper Marlboro before becoming a consultant for the Small Business Administration until his retirement when he moved to Aquasco, Maryland.



Long time residents remember him as an avid hunter, fisherman, conservationist and a great fan of the Washington Capitals and Washington Redskins. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

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

fications and cost estimates for needed repairs. With the remaining funds, we will do what repairs we can and re-stripe some of the streets. Based on a recent evaluation of our roads, resurfacing and coating of our streets are not required at this time.

The budget provides for the purchase of four additional trash receptacles for the downtown area. The three larger cans that were installed this past year have reduced the amount of litter in the areas they were placed. Also, the larger cans will not have to be emptied as often, saving on labor costs.

The old water pump house on School Lane has become an eyesore and is a liability to the Town. Consideration was given to rehabbing it for storage, but given its condition, we feel it would be best to remove it entirely. The budget allocates \$12,400 for this task.

## 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 am.

The festival runs from 11 am – 5 pm and features live entertainment, kid's activities, arts & crafts, food, and a book sale sponsored by the Library.

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

## Pirate Fest 2010

Pirate reenactors, live music, food, costume contest and treasure hunt on Saturday, May 22nd at Darnall's Chance House Museum 11am – 4 pm

For more information call: 301-952-8010

## Graduation Time! • Expect Traffic Delays

May 26—June 14

The Showplace Arena will be the stage for 29 High School Graduation ceremonies. There will be 2 or 3 ceremonies per day with starting times of 9:00 am, 2:30 & 7:30 pm.

## POLICE REPORT

APRIL 2010

Town Citations: 152

State Citations: 45



In-Town Incidents:		Out-of-Town Incidents:	
1 Robbery (w/ arrests)	2 Missing Person	4 Theft	1 Assault
1 Stolen Vehicle	4 Return Missing	2 Stolen Vehicle	3 Breaking & Entering
2 Recovered Vehicle			
5 Vehicle Impound			
9 Warrant Service			
2 Property Damage			

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

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**WORK SESSION:** Tuesday, May 11, 9:15 am-Town Hall

**TOWN MEETING:** Tues., May 11, 7:30 pm - Town Hall

**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.