

**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 ELECTIONS JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
POLLS OPEN AT TOWN HALL: 1 PM—8 PM  
3 Commissioners to be Elected for a 2-Year Term

Deadline to register to vote is December 9th  
December 12th is the deadline to submit  
your name as a candidate for office.

*Welcome to Landings . . .*

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



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*Town Hall-iday Party!*

Mark your calendars! Plan to gather around our holiday tree at Town Hall on December 11th at 5:00 p.m. for our annual holiday celebration. This event gets bigger and better every year, so make sure not to miss out on the fun! Bring the whole family to see Santa's arrival by police escort and the lighting of the tree at dusk.

There will be music and caroling and plenty to eat and drink. Santa will have goodies for the kids and hopes you'll want your picture taken with him this year.

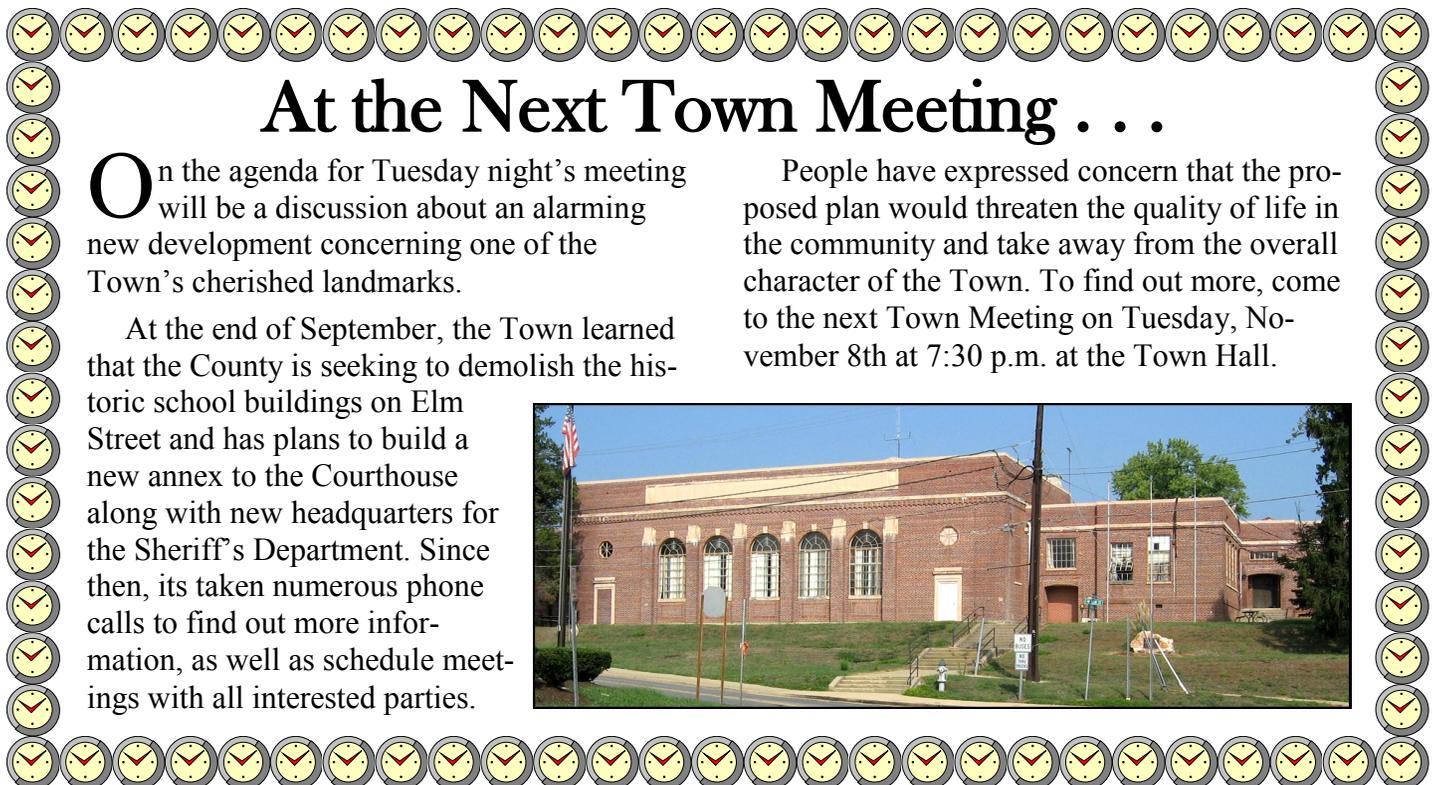


**At the Next Town Meeting . . .**

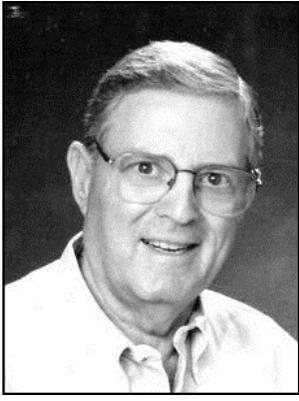
On the agenda for Tuesday night's meeting will be a discussion about an alarming new development concerning one of the Town's cherished landmarks.

At the end of September, the Town learned that the County is seeking to demolish the historic school buildings on Elm Street and has plans to build a new annex to the Courthouse along with new headquarters for the Sheriff's Department. Since then, its taken numerous phone calls to find out more information, as well as schedule meetings with all interested parties.

People have expressed concern that the proposed plan would threaten the quality of life in the community and take away from the overall character of the Town. To find out more, come to the next Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.



## Jess Joseph "JJ" Smith



Jess Joseph "JJ" Smith, 76, a retired lieutenant commander who flew the Navy's first supersonic fighter, served on the Navy's first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, and practiced law in Upper Marlboro for 30 years, passed away October

14th at his home in Annapolis, Md.

JJ was born on a farm in 1935 in Munday, Texas, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1957 and the University of Maryland School of Law in 1969. He retired in 1988 from the U.S. Navy Reserve as Lt. Commander after 20 years of service. Among the many credits to his name, JJ also served as a director for the Prince George's Federal Savings Bank and was a trustee for the Maryland Historical Society.

In January 1982, JJ was elected as a Town Commissioner for the Town of Upper Marlboro and was instrumental in implementing several progressive upgrades to the administrative procedures at the Town Hall Offices.

He owned and renovated "Content", a circa 1787 house on Church Street which is on the National Register of Historic Places. He had many other interests including woodworking, sailing, flying light aircraft, poetry, gardening, traveling and camping. In his autobiography, JJ wrote, "If I were giving this autobiography a title, it would be 'Just a Lucky Guy', since that probably best describes my personal feelings about how my life has turned out, my wife, children, grandchildren, family, and accomplishments."

The Town would like to acknowledge the many contributions JJ has made to our community and extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and family.

## 2010 Census Selected Statistics

The U.S. Census Bureau is continuing to publish more detailed reports from the 2010 Census. The following are some of the Census numbers listed by American FactFinder. You can access their website at: <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

**Total population:** The reported population for the Town was listed at 631 (299 males with a median age of 39.5, and 332 females with a 40.4 median age.) There were 103 children ages 5–19, plus 59 children under the age of five.

**Racial Composition:** The Town's population is not highly diversified among many races. Out of the total population of 631, a total of 384 were listed as Black or African American, and 236 were listed as White. Both numbers included those classified as "mixed race."

**Housing:** The total number of housing units in Town was listed at 310. Of the 290 occupied housing units, owners occupied 79.7% and renters occupied 20.3%. There were 157 "families" living in Town with "non-family" households amounting to 133. People living alone accounted for 107 of "non-family" households.

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, November 8th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

**TOWN OFFICES CLOSED:** Friday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day (Town Hall offices will reopen on Monday, November 14th at 9:00 a.m.)

**DISTRICT 9 COMMUNITY FORUM:** Councilmember Mel Franklin; Thursday, November 17th, 7–9:00 p.m. at Gwynn Park Middle, Brandywine. For more information, call 301-952-3820 or Email: [MFranklin@co.pg.md.us](mailto:MFranklin@co.pg.md.us)

**TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY:** Friday, November 18th, 4:00–7:00 p.m. Menu: Fried Whiting, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread, Drink and Dessert, if desired. Cost: \$9 Adults, \$8 Seniors & \$5 Children (5 to 12 yrs). Call 301-627-2636 or visit: [trinityec@verizon.net](mailto:trinityec@verizon.net) for more info.

**WORK SESSION:** Tuesday, November 22nd, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST & SHOW:** November 25th–December 11th (Thursday–Sunday) 12 noon–5:00 p.m. at Darnall's Chance House Museum. No reservations necessary, \$1 per person.

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:** November 25th–January 1st, nightly 5:30–9:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park (FREE on December 25th). Call 301-699-2456 or visit: [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com) for more info.

**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:** Saturday, December 3rd, 10 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at 4610 Largo Road Upper Marlboro Md.

**TOWN HALL–IDAY PARTY:** Sunday, December 11th, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Santa arrives for the Tree Lighting at dusk. Food, Refreshments, Music & Fun!



## POLICE REPORT

### OCTOBER 2011

Town Citations: 125 • State Citations: 29

<u>In-Town Incidents:</u>		<u>Out-of-Town Incidents:</u>	
2 Theft	2 Vehicle Impound	4 Burglary	
1 Property Damage		8 Larceny	
2 Breaking & Entering (1 residential)		1 Stolen Vehicle	
1 Warrant Service		3 Assault	
2 Arrests			

All in-Town incidents were in the downtown area and not in the residential areas, unless indicated by ( ).