

**Town Hall
Upper Marlboro, Maryland**



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Town of Upper Marlboro
14211 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Town Hall-iday Party!



**Sunday
December 9
5 – 8 pm**

**Get your photo
taken with Santa!**



Tree Lighting, Music, Food & Fun!

Welcome to Landings . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



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Moving Ahead—Into the Past

Historical Committee Begins Building Town Archives

Maggie McNeely, from Brandeis University, once quipped, “People say I’m a packrat. They may be right. But I prefer the term archivist.”

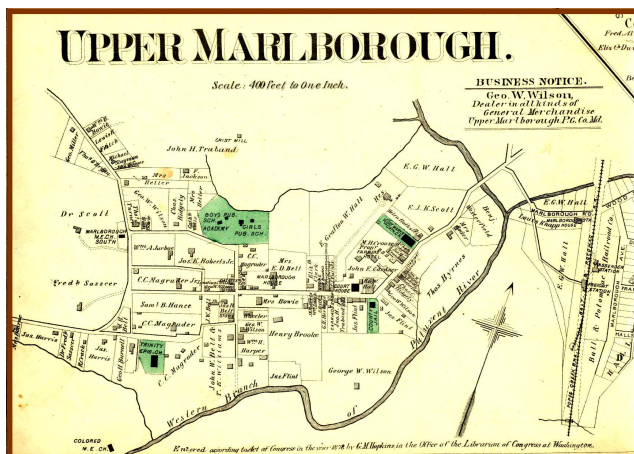
Packrats unite! If you believe that the secrets of Upper Marlboro may be up in your attic and you have just been waiting for the opportunity to share those secrets with others, we have good news! The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee has approved the creation of an archive subcommittee. Led by avid historian Brian Callicott, the Upper Marlboro Historical Archive will provide an electronic means of storing documents, photos, maps, and other items of note relevant to the history of our unique town. Once it is fully up and running, citizens of Upper Marlboro and beyond will be able to access the electronic archives through the Historical Committee’s Facebook page. The Committee also plans to link the Facebook page to the Prince George’s County Historical Society website and others to allow interested individuals to

fully explore our local history.

The Historical Committee plans to purchase a high resolution scanner that will allow members of the Archive Subcommittee to digitize oversized and fragile items. The items will then be archived according to subject and will be posted to the Committee’s Facebook page. If you have

any items of interest, no matter how small or insignificant, don’t let them rot away in your attic! On 15 December, Brian and other members of the Historical Committee will hold the first monthly Archiving Session. If you would like to see your items added to the collection, simply drop by the Town Hall between 0900 and 1100 on the 15th and we will add them to our historical files. In the event that a document is too large to process while you wait, you will receive an official receipt and an Archives member will contact you once the scan is complete to coordinate delivery of your document at your residence.

—Kate Germano/ Chair, Town Historical Committee



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1st Monthly Archiving Session: December 15th, 2012 (9–11:00 am at Town Hall)

Next Regular Historic Committee Meeting: February 16th, 2013 (9–11:00 am at Town Hall)

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

HOLIDAY HAYRIDES– OLD MARYLAND FARM:

EVERY Saturday & Sunday in December at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a hayride through the festival of lights, ending with a visit to **Watkins Nature Center** to warm up by the fire and enjoy refreshments. Reservations required. \$5/ person. Call: 301-218-6770.

TOWN HALL- IDAY PARTY: Sunday, December 9th, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at **Town Hall**. Santa arrives for the Tree Lighting at dusk. Photos with Santa, Great Food, Refreshments, Holiday Music & Fun!

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, December 11th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

TOWN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE— MONTHLY ARCHIVING SESSION: Saturday, December 15th, 9–11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Meeting is open to the public.

HANSEL & GRETEL TEA PARTY: Saturday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m. at Darnall’s Chance House Museum. See **Darnall’s Chance** decorated like a gingerbread house and listen to the story of Hansel and Gretel while enjoying tea and dessert. Registration fee required for all attendees – children and adults. Capacity is limited; Reservations and advance payment required. Call: 301-952-8010.

THE LEGEND OF CIVIL WAR SANTA: Saturday, December 15th, 12–4:00 p.m. Want to meet Santa...Civil War Santa, that is? Join us as Santa delights us all with tales from the ages. Tour the decorated historic house. **Surratt House Museum**, 9118 Brandywine Rd, Clinton, MD 20735. \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/children 5-18 Call 301-868-1121, or visit: www.surratt.org.

*** WORK SESSION: NEW DATE** Tuesday, December 18th, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall (*moved from Dec. 25th.*)

TRASH PICK-UP — for — CHRISTMAS EVE: Residential **Household trash** WILL BE PICKED UP on Monday (Christmas Eve). **HOWEVER—Bulk Trash** and **Yard Waste** will be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Monday & Tuesday, December 24th & 25th, in observance of Christmas. Town Hall offices will reopen on Wednesday, the 26th at 9 a.m.

TRASH PICK-UP — for — NEW YEARS EVE: Residential **Household trash** WILL BE PICKED UP on Monday (New Years Eve). **HOWEVER—Bulk Trash** and **Yard Waste** will be picked up Wednesday, Jan. 2nd.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Monday & Tuesday, December 31st & January 1st, in observance of New Years. Town Hall offices will reopen on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

TOWN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE — NEXT REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING: Saturday, February 16th, 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Visitors welcome, meeting open to the public.



POLICE REPORT
NOVEMBER 2012

Town Citations: 96 • State Citations: 37

| In-Town Incidents: | Out-of-Town Incidents: |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Property Damage | 4 Burglary |
| 1 Larceny | 8 Larceny |
| 3 Vehicle Impound | 2 Stolen Vehicle |
| | 2 Assault |

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

On the Agenda

The two main items on the agenda for Tuesday night’s Town Meeting are a contract for recycling services, and review of the concept drawings for the addition to Town Hall.

The Town’s contract with the County for recycling services is up for renewal. The County has proposed a five-year fixed price contract. The cost to the Town under the proposed contract would be approximately \$13,500 per year. This amount is approximately \$1,500 higher than the current contract. The Town does not pass the cost of recycling on to you, but rather pays for recycling from the general fund. We are currently exploring other sources for this service.



After many discussions and revisions, we have a preliminary plan for the Town Hall addition and existing Town Hall remodeling. The overall concept is to integrate the current town hall with the new addition. Some of the main features include: 1) A public entry area with walk-up windows for citation payments, etc. 2) A 100-seat conference/ multipurpose room with broadcasting/AV capabilities. 3) Additional ADA bathrooms with showers. 4) Area for displaying and archiving the Town’s historic materials. 5) Lockers/ storage area. 6) Breakroom/ kitchenette. 7) Emergency power. The new addition will be to the old pool side of Town Hall. Come to the Town Meeting and give us your input.

We will also be updating everyone on the current issues in the Town including: 1) the Old Marlboro Elementary/ High School. 2) Dr. Beanes’ gravesite. 3) The voiding of the Sub-region 6 Master Plan. 4) Show Place Arena graduation traffic problems, and 8) Our Sustainable Communities application.

Know the Snow Routine

The Town is asking for your cooperation by not parking on the street when it snows. If you don’t have the room to park your vehicle off-street, please park it on the **even-numbered** side of the street. Once you’ve seen that we have cleared the odd-numbered side of the street, then try to re-park your vehicle across the street, this will help us clear both sides of the street as soon as possible.



When shoveling out your vehicle, driveway or side walk, it is important **not** to put the snow into the street. Please keep it on your property—this will ensure proper snow removal and maximize street safety.

If you or someone you know in Town has special circumstances, such as: senior care, medical or life support equipment, please let us know so that we can be of better assistance in the event of extreme weather.

We will make every effort to keep you informed of weather events through the Town’s website: uppermarlboromd.gov