

**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  
14211 School Lane  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

## Town Ordinance Requires Residents to Can Their Trash

**The number of complaints concerning trash being scattered around the Town has increased.**

This unfortunate and unsightly mess is the result of animals rummaging through bagged trash that has been left out overnight for pick-up the next day. The Town does have an ordinance that requires residents to use approved trash receptacles with tight fitting lids, or else be fined for each repeat or continuing violation.

## Welcome to *Landings* . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



## April Showers Brings May–squitos

**T**he Town of Upper Marlboro is famous for many things, one of which (unfortunately) is the terrific amount of mosquitoes in Town. As in years past, the Town has contracted with the State for mosquito control. Testing begins on June 1st, but we don't know when the spraying will begin. We will keep you posted.

### Why Are Mosquitoes a Problem?

Apart from their being an annoyance, the Asian Tiger mosquitoes are known carriers of the West Nile Virus, and a principal carrier of dog heartworm. Asian Tiger mosquitoes were accidentally introduced 20 years ago in shipments of used tires from Asia, and have spread rapidly throughout our state. They are well known for their aggressive daytime activity and their ability to breed in even the smallest puddles of water.



### How Can I Help Control Mosquitos?

The most effective way to drastically reduce the mosquito population is to eliminate those places where they breed. Inspect the outside of your home and yard for places where rain water can collect, such as: gutters, bottles, cans, planters, toys, tarps, old tires and so on. Pet bowls and bird baths should be changed often.

### What If I Don't Want Mosquito Spraying?

If you decide that you do not want this service, you must sign a form and there will be no spraying within 300 feet of your residence. The forms are available at Town Hall, or you can download it from the State's web-site at: [http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito\\_control](http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control).

### ON THE AGENDA:

**A**t this month's meeting on Tuesday, the Commissioners will resume discussion on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget (FY2013), and will also continue to collect resident's input to assess future cable needs, as part of the negotiation process with Comcast to obtain a better franchise agreement renewal package.

Residents will also have an opportunity to ask questions about the crosswalks and sidewalks planned for Old Marlboro Pike, and, the Town's application for "Sustainable Community" designation will also be open for questions and discussion.

In order to meet our Charter's requirements to pass the annual budget, June's Regular Town Meeting has been moved back a week earlier to Tuesday, June 5th.

## 36th Annual Marlborough Day Festival

**Saturday, May 12th  
11 am – 5 pm**

**Parade starts at 10:00 am (rain or shine)**

**FOOD & DRINKS • MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT  
ARTS & CRAFTS • LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

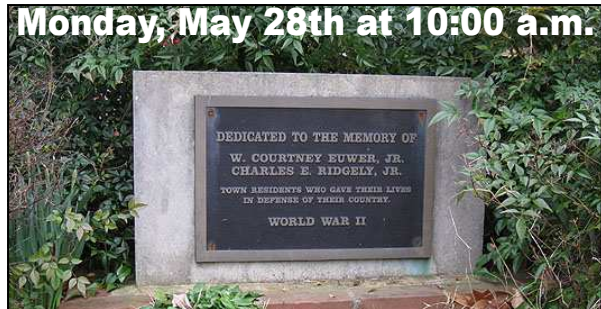
**"Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting"**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Entertainment for the Entire Family**

## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 28th at 10:00 a.m.



**D**rop by and join us as we honor those who served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. We will have guest speakers, music and delicious food & beverages.

### WANTED:

#### Public Works Maintenance Manager

**T**own of Upper Marlboro EOE, salary mid 30s w/benefits. See Town website for application: [www.uppermarlboromd.gov](http://www.uppermarlboromd.gov) —Mail w/resume to Town of Upper Marlboro 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro MD 20772.

## History In the Making

### A Public Forum • June 20th

Darnall's Chance House Museum

**T**his event will give a closer look at the intersection of political and environmental history in our county. We invite you to join this ongoing dialogue on the impact of history in your community and the importance of heritage preservation at all levels of civil society. We seek to bring together **citizens, preservation advocates, municipal and county government leaders, non-profit organizations** and other **stakeholders** to discuss the impact of heritage issues in the area and the best means for interpreting and honoring that legacy. **What's important?** With the upcoming anniversaries of the War of 1812, the Emancipation Proclamation, and post-Civil War reconstruction just around the corner, how should we focus our energies and limited resources?

**The doors open at 6 pm. Program is from 6:30 to 8 pm.**  
Light refreshments provided. For more information, visit: <http://www.anacostiatrills.org> and click on 'events'.

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**PIRATE FEST:** Saturday, May 5th 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Swashbuckling reenactors, kid's pirate costume contest & treasure-hunt, live music, concessions stands. \$5/person, no reservations needed. Call 301-952-8010 for more info.

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, May 8th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Tuesday, May 8th 2:00–8:00 pm. Trinity Church 301-627-2636.

**MARLBOROUGH DAY:** Saturday, May 12. Street Festival: 11:00 am –5:00 p.m. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:** Sunday, May 13th, 9:00–10:15 a.m. Trinity Church 301-627-2636.

**WORK SESSION:** Tuesday, May 22nd, 9:15 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY:** Monday, May 28th, 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall. Speakers, refreshments, music.

**MEMORIAL DAY:** Monday, May 28th. Town Offices will be closed and will reopen on Tues. at 9:00 a.m.

#### TRASH PICK-UP FOR MEMORIAL DAY:

BULK trash & HOUSEHOLD trash & YARD waste will all be picked up on TUESDAY, May 29th.

## Did You Know?

— OUR TOWN'S RICH HISTORY —

### Water Street Awash With Activity

**I**n 1706, before the establishment of Upper Marlboro (Marlborough Town) as a port town, the Western Branch of the Patuxent River was navigable by small boats and there was a landing (where Water Street is now) called Colonel Belt's Landing. Tobacco was taken on small boats down the Western Branch to the Patuxent River at Jug Bay, where it was loaded on the ships that sailed to England. These same small boats also delivered goods received from England, while on their trip upriver.

It didn't take long for the Western Branch to silt up with soil erosion that came from surrounding tobacco plantations. By the end of the 1700s, it required dredging—these days, a canoe or kayak can barely make the trip from Jug Bay. But, as if to demonstrate some remnant of its former nature, blue crabs have been spotted near the Water Street bridge, trying to make their way up the river.

—Brian Callicott

### Graduation Time • Expect Traffic Delays

**Starting on May 22nd**

The Showplace Arena will be the stage for High School Graduation ceremonies starting in May.

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| 22 | (Tue) | Forestville Military Academy  | 2:30 pm |
| 23 | (Wed) | Central High School           | 9:30 am |
| 23 |       | Fairmont Heights              | 2:30 pm |
| 24 | (Thu) | Surrattsville High School     | 9:30 am |
| 24 |       | Crossland High School         | 2:30 pm |
| 24 |       | PG Community College          | 7:00 pm |
| 25 | (Fri) | Potomac                       | 9:30 am |
| 25 |       | Frederick Douglas High School | 2:30 pm |
| 29 | (Tue) | Gwynn Park High School        | 9:30 am |
| 29 |       | Largo High School             | 2:30 pm |
| 30 | (Wed) | Duval High School             | 9:30 am |
| 30 |       | Oxon Hill High School         | 2:30 pm |
| 31 | (Thu) | Friendly High School          | 9:30 am |
| 31 |       | High Point High School        | 2:30 pm |

Check out next month's *Landings* for the rest of the graduation ceremonies schedule for June.

### Mom's Thai Kitchen Now Open!

**T**he Town would like to welcome a new business to our downtown that offers a wide variety of Thai cuisine. Located at 14710 Main Street, they offer free delivery with a \$15 minimum order.

Mom's is open: Mon–Thur (10am–9 pm); Fri–Sat (10am–10 pm); closed Sundays. Call 301-627-0011, or go online to: [www.momsthaikitchen.com](http://www.momsthaikitchen.com)

## POLICE REPORT

### APRIL 2012

Town Citations: 126  
State Citations: 40



#### In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Theft (from auto/ Court)
- 1 Arrest
- 5 Vehicle Impound
- 2 Property Damage
- 1 Fraud (PGCBOE)

#### Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 1 Assault
- 9 Larceny/Theft
- 3 Burglary
- 3 Stolen Vehicle

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