#### Town Hall Upper Marlboro, Maryland



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#### THE TOWN HALL IS OPEN WEEKDAYS

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Welcome to *Landings* . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



## Clerk of the Year 2013

ur Town Clerk, M. David Williams

received the "Clerk of the Year" award at the March 14th Maryland Municipal Clerks Association Quarterly Meeting in Greenbelt. Seven MMCA Clerks were nominated for



the prestigious honor from Cities and Towns across the State of Maryland.

A formal ceremony of recognition will be held at the MML Annual Convention in Ocean City in late June.

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43rd Annual Prínce George's County

Beautification Awards

### 3 Categories of Entries!

Residential, Community & Business

Applications available at Town Hall

For more info call: Donna Pirner: 301-883-5982

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### **Monthly Town Meeting Agenda**

Ith Marlborough Day scheduled for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> the Board will vote on approving its Parade and Special Event Application. The Board will also be voting on its Marlborough Day Proclamation for insertion into the Marlborough Day Program. Stop by the Town's booth this year, the Historical Committee has worked hard to make it interesting.

A discussion of the FY14 budget is on the agenda. The overall parameters have been worked out, with some numbers and salaries still to be worked on. As of now, the FY14 budget total will be about the same as the FY13 budget. The FY14 budget will be introduced at the May 14th Town meeting and up for adoption at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Town meeting. We are moving the normal June 11th meeting date to June 4th so that the Budget Ordinance will be effective before the end of the fiscal year.

Up for discussion and approval will be the Town's position with reference to the County's re-adoption of the Subregion VI Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment. In October 2012, the Circuit Court voided the County's resolution adopting this plan for failure to file State mandated affidavits. The plan before the county now is exactly the same as the prior plan. The Board filed written testimony in the original hearing before the county. Up for discussion will be the re-filing of the original written testimony, plus, additional written testimony.

We are now at the stage to start the procurement process for building the addition to Town Hall. There are several options available. We will open for discussion the various options and try to reach a decision on the best way to proceed.



Town Citations: 129 • State Citations: 32

#### In-Town Incidents:

#### Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 2 Property Damage
- 1 Break & Entering
- 1 Fraud
- 1 Warrant
- 6 Vehicle Impound
- 1 Assault
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- 11 Burglary
- 9 Larceny
- 2 Stolen Vehicle

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



### The Three R's

e all know it means reading, righting and 'rithmatic from our school days. There is another Three R's that needs to be learned—reduce, reuse and recycle. Over the last several weeks we have been counting the number of recycle bins put out on Thursdays. Only 30% of all the housing units in Town are currently participating in our recycling program. Most other towns have a much higher rate of recycling, with some even as high as 80%. Yet on Mondays, when household trash is collected, it's obvious that recyclables are being sent to the landfill.

The Town must now consider options to increase our recycling rate, such as: 1) Increased education is an obvious first step; 2) Asking our household trash contractor not to pick up obvious recyclables commingled with household trash is another option; 3) Adopting a Town Ordinance making recycling mandatory with civil fines; 4) Changing the size of the bins to make it easier; 5) Enforce proper recycling by having our Public Works crew pick-up recyclables.

Currently, the Town pays for recycling from your tax dollars. If we charged each resident with the cost, would residents understand that they are paying for a service they are not using? If you have additional ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

#### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**POETRY CONTEST:** Submit your poetry to the Upper Marlboro Library anytime during April and you could win a cash prize! Include your name, age, phone and school on back. You must be 5–18 years old to enter. Call 301-627-9330 or visit: *pgcmls.info* for details.

TARTAN DAY TEA: Saturday, April 6th, 2:00 p.m. at Darnall's Chance House Museum. Enjoy the tatses and sounds of Scotland–Wear plaid to enter door prize drawings Reservations and payment required in advance (\$20/residents). Limited capacity–call now: 301-952-8010.

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, April 9th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING/ FORMULA 2040: Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00– p.m. Countywide Functional Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Space. For more info, call: 301-446-6850, email: formula2040@pgparks.com; or visit: www.pgparks.com/formula2040.

**EXTRA WORK SESSION:** Tuesday, April 16th, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. Part of the meeting will be closed.

**WORK SESSION:** Tuesday, April 23rd, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

**PIRATE FEST**: Saturday, May 18th 11:00 a.m.–4:00 pm. Swashbuckling reenactors, kid's pirate costume contest & treasure-hunt, live music, concessions stands. \$5/person, FREE for ages 4 and under. No reservations needed. Sorry, no pets allowed. Call 301-952-8010 for more info.

**The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee** 

#### **TUMHC MEETING DATES**

- Archiving Session— Town Hall, Sat., April 20 at 9 am
- Combined Quarterly Meeting & Archiving Session
   at Town Hall: Saturday, May 18 at 9 am

# MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY Monday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m.

reparations are underway for the Town's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. We anticipate guest speakers to share their stories of their tours of duty in the military. We will also have music and delicious food & beverages. Drop by and join us as we honor those who served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

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37th Annual
Marlborough Day
Festival

Saturday, May 11th 11 am - 5 pm

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

## Learn the art of "Tin-Punching"

Drop by the Town's Booth —

Our Historical Committee will have displays and pictures to share about our Town's history, and a craft table for the kids!