

**Town Hall  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland**



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**THE TOWN HALL IS OPEN WEEKDAYS**

Monday–Friday: **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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**TRASH TIPS . . .**

- 🗑️ **ALL TRASH** is picked-up on **MONDAYS**
- 🗑️ **RECYCLING** is picked-up on **THURSDAYS**
- 🗑️ Place all items out at curb **BY 7:00 A.M.**
- 🗑️ Clearly separate your Residential Trash from your Bulk Trash and Yard Waste (2–3 feet apart)
- 🗑️ **DO NOT MIX** bulk, regular and/or yard waste in the same container. **IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**
- 🗑️ Regular Household trash, Bulk or Yard Waste items placed in recycling bins **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

*Welcome to Landings . . .*

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



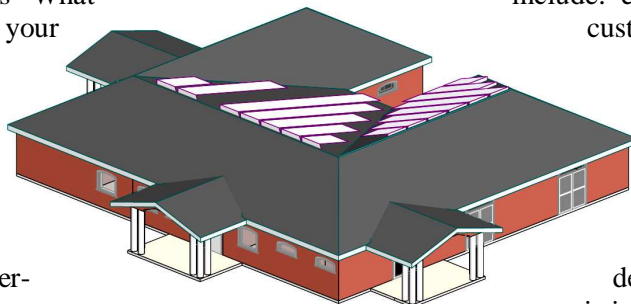
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**New Town Hall Addition Taking Shape**

**T**he given in this project is that we simply need more space for our day-to-day operations. But with this new addition, we also have an opportunity to provide a better space for community involvement. So, we are asking Town residents “What features would you like to see in your new Town Hall?”

The overall concept is to integrate the new addition into the existing Town Hall. The old section will still house the administrative offices and the Police Department, but, the conference room will be moved into the new wing and built anew as a multipurpose room to accommodate up to 100 seats (or 64 seats with tables). This meeting space will have broadcast and AV capabilities, and can be entirely shut off from the offices for secure



use after hours. A new public entrance area with walk-up windows for citation payments and the such, will feature a mini-conference room that doubles as an exhibit area for the Town’s historic archives. Other new proposed features include: emergency generator, kitchenette, custodial sink, ADA compliant bathrooms, ample storage space, and employee lockers, shower and lunchroom.

The new addition will be to the “old pool side” of Town Hall (west end). It is specifically being designed as to not overshadow the existing structure or the surrounding homes. If you have any ideas for features that you feel would enable more neighborhood activities and enhance the quality of life for Town residents, please give us a call or attend our January Town Meeting on the 8th.

*Town Hall-iday Party  
2012*



Pictured left to right: Joe Plenzler, Kate Germano, Jim and Ellen Storey get in good with Santa this year.

*Special Thanks!*

**T**he monuments in the Town were dressed up for the holiday season with the placement of wreathes. Special thanks to Joan Walker, Nancy Clagett and Marcia Handrick and the Forest Garden Club for their generous contribution to our Town's beautification.



# “School Days in Upper Marlboro”

## Oral History Project

Sometimes, good things do come to those who wait, as demonstrated by the arrival of Mrs. Duvall at the Upper Marlboro Historical Committee’s first archiving session. The group had been in session for approximately 45 minutes on 15 December 2012 when Mrs. Duvall’s arrival prompted a wave of excitement in the room. Toting a heavy bag, Mrs. Duvall, a long-time resident of both Upper Marlboro and Croom stated, “I have no idea if I have anything that will be of interest to you.” After taking one look at the bag bursting with photo albums and books, the budding archivists gave a resounding yell and Mrs. Duval began to pull out her treasures.



PHOTO: SHIRLEY DUVALL

The first item out of her bag was her yearbook from her seventh grade year at the Old Marlboro Elementary School, which prompted a flood of memories from several committee members who had also attended the school and recognized several of the girls and boys in the year book photos. However, it was when Mrs. Duvall opened up the first photo album and began to talk about where the photos had been taken, several members of the committee experienced a shock! It turned out that when she was a child, Mrs. Duvall’s father was the Principal of the Old Marlboro Elementary School, and she lived in the brown shingled house directly next to the school for several years. In fact, Mrs. Duvall showed the Committee several pictures of herself as a baby seated in a high chair alongside Dr. Beanes’ gravesite. “That’s where I used to play with my doll babies” she told the group.

Mrs. Duvall also said that from the time that she was three years old, she spent more time at the school than at home, and stated that her punishment for bad behavior was not being allowed to go visit. She also stated that after the unfortunate death of her father in 1951, her mother returned to teaching math. She recalls her mother telephoning the parents of students who had misbehaved in her class, prompting one committee member to share that he was probably the cause of one of those calls.

A teacher in the local area for many years herself, Mrs. Duvall will be interviewed as part of the Historical Committee’s oral history project in the future, while her many photos will be scanned and stored in the Committee’s online archive. The next archives session will be held 19 January 2013, from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. If you have any special memories of growing up in Upper Marlboro, or want to share your personal photos and documents for future generations to enjoy, please drop by! —Kate Germano/ Chair, TUMHC

## Finally on the National Register



The United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service has just officially designated the western residential area in the Town of Upper Marlboro as a Residential Historic District that contains significant historical, architectural or cultural qualities. Unlike some county and state historical designations, the owners of private property listed in the National Register have no obligation to open their properties to the public, to restore them, or even to maintain them if they choose not to do so. Owners can do anything they wish with their property, provided that no Federal license, permit, or funding is involved.

The district covered by this designation is an area bounded by 14204 Old Marlboro Pike to the north, 14519 Elm street and 14508 Main Street to the east, the Western Branch to the south and 5600 Old Crain Highway to the west. The Spring Branch and Marlborough Towne neighborhoods are not included in the inventoried district.

## On the Agenda

First on the agenda for the January 8<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting is a briefing by the County on Plan Prince George’s 2035. According to the County, the “*Plan Prince George’s 2035 builds on the 2002 Prince George’s County Approved General Plan and will help the county address existing, changing and new priorities such as public safety, sustainability, and transit-oriented development. The update will incorporate new ideas, current data, and recently completed planning initiatives...*”.

Second, the Board will consider the hiring of Demetrius Stevenson to fill the advertised position of Public Works/ Maintenance Manager.

Third, the Board will consider the County’s offer of 14500 Church Street to the Town under its surplus property program. They have offered to demolish this stone building by the Crain Monument and then transfer the property to the Town.

Fourth, the Board has been asked to take a position on the relocation of the Osborne Liquor Store to the Marlboro Village Center at John Rogers Boulevard.

Finally, the Board will be adjusting line item amounts within the detailed budget. As usual, there will reports on other happenings and issues in the Town.



## Report 2012 DECEMBER

Town Citations: 127 • State Citations: 26

### In-Town Incidents:

- 3 Property Damage
- 1 Warrant
- 2 Vehicle Impound

### Out-of-Town Incidents:

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

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

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**TOWN OFFICES CLOSED:** Monday, January 21st, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s Birthday. Town Hall offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9 am.

**TRASH WILL BE PICKED-UP ON MONDAY THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ( DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY ):**

Household trash ONLY. However, YARD WASTE & BULK TRASH will be picked up on Tuesday the 22nd.

**TOWN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE —MONTHLY ARCHIVAL SESSION:** Saturday, January 19th, 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Visitors welcome, meeting open to the public.

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

**AT THE LIBRARY:** FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS & GREETING CARDS; Gear up for Valentine’s Day by creating a your own gift! Ages 13–16. Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 6:00 p.m. 14730 Main Street – Call: 301-627-9330.

**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.