

Town Hall
Upper Marlboro, Maryland



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THE TOWN HALL IS OPEN WEEKDAYS

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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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What Are Your Childhood Memories?

English writer and actor Paul Merton once quipped, “My school days were the happiest days of my life; which should give you some indication of the misery I’ve endured over the past twenty-five years.” As miserable as we feel some days going through the trials and tribulations of school, most people look back on their days as students with some degree of fondness. This is especially true for people who grow up in small towns. While school kids may yearn to escape to the “big city,” as adults, many often return back to the place where their family has roots.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SHIRLEY DUVAL



Marie Parrish poses along with her seventh grade students for a Frederick Sasser High School class picture in 1952.

Our town is a special place, blessed to have been the economic and political epicenter of southern Maryland for hundreds of years. While a plethora of important historical figures can trace their origins to Upper Marlboro, from John Carroll, the first American Roman Catholic Archbishop, to Lansdale Ghiselin Sasser, Junior, a former member of the Maryland House of Delegates, the heartbeat of our town has always been its average residents.

The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee is committed to documenting the history of our town and its citizens. With almost one year under our belt as a committee, we have made great strides in constructing our online archive of photographs and historical documents. Now we would like to put real stories behind those items. Beginning in July with “Childhood Memories,” every

monthly Archives Session will have a theme so that our residents can come and share their thoughts and experiences as they relate to the topic.

We encourage all residents of the Town and Greater Upper Marlboro to drop by the Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 20 July, to reminisce about what it was like to grow up here. Whether you stay for 5 minutes or 50, please help us document the past for future generations so they can develop an appreciation for their roots and see what progress has meant for our town. We hope to see you there!

—Kate Germano/ Chair, TUMHC

There will be **NO AUGUST LANDINGS** but still keep a lookout though for the **SEPTEMBER ISSUE!**

Town Offices closed on Labor Day — All Trash will be picked-up on Tuesday, September 3rd

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS & MOVIES IN THE PARK:

Tuesdays in July, 5:30-8:30 pm (weather permitting) Enjoy evenings of outdoor fun with friends & family. Take unlimited rides on the train & carousel, and rounds of miniature golf for one price. The outdoor patio and grounds are a perfect place to bring and enjoy snacks or dinner! Beverages and snacks are also available at our Refreshment Depot. Afterwards, settle down with a blanket or lawn chair for an outdoor movie on the Green! Movies begin approximately 8:45 pm. Tickets sold on-site only. \$5/person. Call 301-218-6700. On the Green at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Dr, Upper Marlboro 20774. Also enjoy the same program (without the movies) at **"Fridays in August"** (except August 30).

AT THE LIBRARY (Upper Marlboro Branch):

Thursdays, July 11 & Aug. 8, 5:30 p.m. Come "Make a difference @ Your Library" on the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). We need to hear what you want at the Library. Have fun. Help plan and run events. Snacks provided. Ages 13-18 (unless otherwise specified). 14730 Main Street—Call: (301) 627-9330 for more info.

The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATES

Archiving Session

– at Town Hall: Saturday, **July 20** at 9:00 am

Combined Quarterly Meeting & Archiving Session

– at Town Hall: Saturday, **August 17** at 9:00 am

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

HODGES' CHANCE; TREASON AND THE WAR OF 1812:

Fridays & Sundays—August 2 & 4, 9 & 11, 16 & 18, 23 & 25, Noon—4 pm. John Hodges, a wealthy Upper Marlboro merchant who lived at Darnall's Chance in the early 19th century, was charged with High Treason by the United States in 1815. Come to Darnall's Chance and learn about the circumstances of his arrest and his subsequent trial. Visitors will be able to cast their vote for his innocence or guilt. No reservations necessary, all ages are welcome. Free with museum admission. Darnall's Chance House Museum, 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Dr.

30TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Tuesday, August 6th. Marlborough Village Shopping Ctr. 5:30 pm

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, August 13th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

WAR OF 1812 NIGHT AT BOWIE BAYSOX:

Friday August 23, 7pm – 11pm Bowie Baysox Stadium, Bowie, MD. Join the War of 1812 Commission to have some fun for the 199th Anniversary of the War of 1812. Special games, contests, information, and fireworks! Visit: www.baysox.com, or Call: 301-805-6000.

POTOMAC EXPLORATION: Saturday, August 24, 10am – 1pm. Fort Washington Marina 13600 King Charles Terrace, Ft Washington, MD 20744 (301) 292-7700. Reservations required—Weather permitting. Kayak the bluffs of Piscataway Park and Fort Washington while learning Maryland's rich history. Tour fees: \$60/adults and \$35/children. If your providing your own Kayak for the tour, there will be a \$20 discount. 301-763-4600.

LABOR DAY: Monday, September 2nd. Town Offices will be closed and will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 3rd at 9a.m.

TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE FOR LABOR DAY: NO PICK-UP ON MONDAY, September 2nd. Trash & Yard Waste will be picked-up on Tuesday, September 3rd.



ON THE AGENDA . . .

The Town received six bids in response to our request for bids for repaving in Marlborough Towne. The bids are being evaluated and we believe we will have a proposed contract for Board review and approval at the Town Meeting.

After three years, our household trash hauler has requested a \$.50 per unit per month increase. This increase is lower than the next lower bid from three years ago. The Board will be asked to ratify this increase to our contract.

Pursuant to the Board vote to provide health insurance coverage through the Maryland Local Government Cooperative, the Town has executed various agreements. The Board will be asked as a formal matter to ratify these agreements.

Next Town Meeting: July 9th at 7:30 pm



All Shook Up

The State is continuing the contracting process to make repairs to the historic Crain Monument caused by an earthquake in late 2011. Engineers have started evaluating the site and have already determined the repairs will necessitate excavation of the entire plot of land that surrounds its base. The Town will keep residents informed as landscape redesign discussions progress.



Report 2013 JUNE

Town Citations: 112 • State Citations: 38

In-Town Incidents:

2 Theft
2 Assault (w/ arrest)
1 Identity Theft
2 Property Damage
3 Recovered Property
7 Vehicle Impound

Out-of-Town Incidents:

4 Burglary
8 Larceny
2 Stolen Vehicle
1 Assault
1 Car Jack

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

Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources

Effective January 1, 2014

Residential Curbside Yard Waste Collection will change. Yard waste will no longer be accepted in plastic bags. Residents will need to place loose yard waste in large bio-degradable **PAPER** yard waste bags. These bags are available at most local home improvement stores, garden centers and grocery stores. Bags of grass and leaves should **not exceed 35 pounds**. Tree branches and sticks should be bundled & tied into 4 foot lengths.

