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Upper Marlboro, Maryland**



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**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

**Monday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m.**



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



**Welcome to *Landings* . . .**

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



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**Residents Awarded for Restoration of ‘Kingston’ Estate**

**W**inston Churchill, direct descendent of the namesake of Upper Marlborough, once said, “We shape our buildings. Thereafter, our buildings shape us.” Perhaps nowhere is this more evident than at Kingston, the boyhood home of Dr. Pat Clagett, and now his residence with his wife, Nancy. For their considerable efforts to preserve their home, believed to be the oldest building in existence in the Town of Upper Marlboro, Mr. and Mrs. Clagett were honored with the “Saint George’s Day Award Given by the Prince Georges County Historical Society for the Restoration of Kingston” during the PGCHS’s annual dinner held on 21 April 2013.



**Pictured from left to right: County Historian, Susan Pearl presents Nancy and Pat Clagett with their award at the annual Saint George’s Day Dinner held this year at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Beltsville, MD.**

into the loving hands of Dr. and Mrs. Clagett in 2010. During the extensive historic preservation effort, many novel aspects of the home were re-discovered, to include the original molding in the dining room. As Susan Pearl commented, there were “Mysteries to be solved during [the home’s] preservation,” to include the discovery of a pull out tray in the dining room wall “hidden under years and years and layers and layers of paint.” According to Ms. Pearl, the paint had “...covered up the tray so it looked like a molding.”

The effort to restore Kingston required diligence and a willingness to see beyond years of neglect. Pat and Nancy were not only enthusiastic, but

were even willing to roll up their sleeves to conduct some of the preservation work themselves. As historic preservation consultant Daniel Filippelli stated, “I cannot say enough about the earnestness and dedication of Dr. Patrick and Nancy Clagett to see this project through to completion.”

Congratulations for a job well done—the Craufords and Dr. Sasscer would be proud.

—Kate Germano/ Chair, TUMHC

Located high on a hill on land originally owned by Colonel Ninian Beall and known as “The Meadows,” Kingston is a one and a half story, five bay wide Tidewater style house with porches stretching the length of the house front and back. In 1728, part of Colonel Beall’s tract was sold to David Crauford who built the home in 1730. He passed the home and associated tract of land to his son, David Crauford II, who renamed the property “Kingston Park” in 1774. In 1859, the property was sold by the Crauford family to Dr. Frederick Sasscer, thus beginning the Clagett family’s long history of ownership. Dr. Sasscer can be credited with the home’s conversion to a Gothic style cottage, when decorative scrollwork was added to the eaves.

Upon Dr. Sasscer’s passing, the home was passed down through generations of Claggets, finally making it

**The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee**  
**NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATE**  
• **Combined Quarterly Meeting & Archiving Session**  
— at Town Hall: Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 am

## On the Agenda . . . for the Next Town Meeting

The May Regular Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Town Hall. There are several important matters on the proposed agenda. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2014 (FY2014) will be introduced. The total estimated operational revenues and expenditures are in line with the FY2013 Budget, the capital budget includes funds to start the process for building the addition to Town Hall and paving in Marlborough Towne. The FY2014 Budget Ordinance will be up for approval at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting. We are moving the Regular June 11<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting up a week so that the FY2014 Budget will be effective before the end of the current fiscal year.

After years of dealing with the subject, the Board will have before it a resolution to adopt the amended I-Net Bylaws. This resolution is required in order to join the Prince George's I-Net. The I-Net is owned by

the County and is a direct link to other government agencies. The I-Net also has a portal to the internet. It provides increased content and speed over our current internet connection and will be more cost effective. The Town's admission to the I-Net has been approved by the requisite governing body.

The last major item on the agenda is a decision to change to a different health insurance carrier. It's no secret that health insurance costs have gone up substantially over the past few years. The passage of the federal legislation has added an element of uncertainty. For several years, the Town has been looking into joining a health insurance cooperative set up by the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), our insurance carrier. The cooperative membership is restricted to Maryland municipalities. I believe, that over time, joining the cooperative will be in the best interest of the Town.

### Graduation Time • Expect Traffic Delays

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

#### MAY 2013

11	Everest Institute – Commencement	1:00 pm
22	Largo High School – Graduation	9:30 am
22	Gwynn Park High School – Graduation	2:30 pm
23	Oxon Hill High School – Graduation	9:30 am
23	Central High School – Graduation	2:30 pm
23	PG Community College – Commencement	7:00 pm
24	Crossland High School – Graduation	10:30 am
24	Friendly High School – Graduation	3:30 pm
28	Frederick Douglass HS – Graduation	10:30 am
28	Potomac High School – Graduation	3:30 pm
29	Forestville Military Academy – Graduation	10:30 am
29	Surrattsville High School – Graduation	3:30 pm
30	Fairmont Heights High School – Graduation	10:30 am
30	DuVal High School – Graduation	3:30 pm
31	Southern High School – Graduation	9:30 am
31	South River High School – Graduation	2:30 pm

#### JUNE 2013

3	Thomas Stone High School – Graduation	9:00 am
3	McDonough High School – Graduation	2:00 pm
3	Lackey High School – Graduation	7:00 pm
4	La Plata High School – Graduation	9:00 am
4	Westlake High School – Graduation	2:00 pm
4	Old Mill High School – Graduation	7:00 pm
5	Calvert High School – Graduation	2:30 pm
5	Northern High School – Graduation	7:30 pm
6	Broadneck High School – Graduation	9:30 am
6	Huntingtown High School – Graduation	2:30 pm
6	Patuxent High School – Graduation	7:30 pm
7	Meade High School – Graduation	9:30 am
7	Glen Burnie High School – Graduation	2:30 pm
10	Northeast High School – Graduation	9:30 am
10	Annapolis High School – Graduation	2:30 pm



## Report 2013 APRIL

Town Citations: 141 • State Citations: 29

#### In-Town Incidents:

- 3 Property Damage
- 4 Accident
- 1 Recover Property
- 2 Summons
- 1 Warrant Service

#### Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 6 Vehicle Impound
- 1 Assault
- 4 Burglary
- 9 Larceny
- 2 Stolen Vehicle

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

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:** Sunday, May 12th, 9:00–10:15 a.m. Trinity Church 301-627-2636.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Tuesday, May 14th 2:00 – 8:00 pm. Trinity Church 301-627-2636.

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, May 14th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Residents and guests are urged to attend.

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

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY:** Monday, May 27th, 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall. Speakers, refreshments, music.

**OFFICES CLOSED:** Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th. Town offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**WORK SESSION:** Tuesday, May 28th, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. *Meeting date may be rescheduled.*

**TRASH PICK-UP FOR MEMORIAL DAY:** BULK trash & HOUSEHOLD trash & YARD waste WILL ALL be picked up on TUESDAY, May 29th.

# Marlborough Day Festival

Saturday, May 11th • 11am – 5 pm

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

**FREE ADMISSION**

– Please Visit the Town's Booth –

Our Historical Committee will have displays & pictures illustrating our Town's rich history, and a craft table where kids can learn the art of "Tin-Punching"