

**Town Hall
Upper Marlboro, Maryland**



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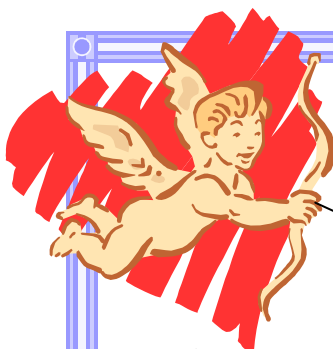
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Nobody Does it Better. . .

Our Public Works crew,
**Demetrius Stevenson &
Henry Gray** have been
working extra hard and doing a great job with the
snow removal in Town. Thanks Henry and Demetrius!

Welcome to *Landings* . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



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Follow the Footsteps of the British Army to Upper Marlboro
The 2014 Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage

For the first time since its inception 76 years ago, the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage will feature the Town of Upper Marlboro. On 26 April, Prince George's County will kick off the 2014 Pilgrimage, allowing ticketholders to trace the footsteps of the British Army's march on Washington during the summer of 1814.

The tour will begin in Nottingham, which was a thriving port town in the 18th and 19th centuries, and during the War of 1812, served as a base of operations for the U.S. Chesapeake Flotilla. Reportedly, upon being alerted of the British advance on the town, the citizens of Nottingham fled their town in such haste that they left bread baking in their ovens. After leaving Nottingham, the tour will progress through Jug Bay and on to The Town of Upper Marlboro.

On August 22, 1814, British forces camped on the outskirts of Upper Marlborough Town, while British officers repurposed the home of distinguished resident Dr. William Beanes for use as their headquarters. Dr. Beanes was later taken prisoner by the British, which led to the recruitment of Francis Scott Key to negotiate his release. Following the negotiations, Key observed the bombs bursting over Fort McHenry and penned what is now our National Anthem *The Star-Spangled Banner*.



While in our Town, the group will be invited to tour *Kingston* (built in 1735), *Darnall's Chance* (established in 1742), and *Content* (constructed in 1787). Several other homes in Town that were constructed in the 1800s will also be open for the tour, including the *Bunnell-Anderson*, *Turner*, and *Jarboe-Bowie* houses, all built or added on to by local carpenter, Reuben Bunnell.

Those on the tour will also enjoy a unique opportunity to visit some of the County's rarely seen historic gems, such as *Pleasant Hills*, which is only two miles outside of the Town. Constructed in the 1830s, and on the National Register of Historic Places, this beautiful brick home surrounded by rolling hills and wooded acres provides visitors with a glimpse of what it was like to belong to the wealthy planter class.

With all of the sightseeing and walking, guests are sure to get hungry, so a Southern-style, hot lunch will be availa-

ble, courtesy of Milloff's Catering. Ticketholders will be invited to eat lunch at *Trinity Episcopal Church* and then tour the historic church and picturesque cemetery. As the culmination to a fun-filled and informative tour, in the afternoon, ticketholders will be treated to a reception at *Darnall's Chance*, complete with wine from the nearby Romano Winery and cheeses from the P.A. Bowen Farmstead.

For citizens interested in touring sites in other counties, the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage runs tours through May, and includes stops in Baltimore, Talbot, Calvert, and Kent counties. Tickets for all Pilgrimage tour destinations are available through the Town's Historic Committee at a discounted rate of \$30 per ticket, but only if purchased before 31 March.

For more information, or to buy tickets, contact germanoki@gmail.com or send a contact form via the Committee's website at www.tumhc.com.

The Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage (MHGP), a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of architecturally significant properties in the State of Maryland. The Pilgrimage has remained constant with this purpose since its formation in 1930.

The Birth of a Centenarian

On March 9, 1914, Town resident Anna W. Buck was born Anna Mae Wayson to Daisy Belle Ward and Robert Alan Wayson. She wed Daniel Thomas Buck of Upper Marlboro in 1931, and in 1936 they built a house in The Town of Upper Marlboro for \$500, where Anna lives to this day. Needless to say, her upcoming 100th birthday is a proud milestone for her entire family and the Town.



In recent years, she has kept active as a member of the Sasscer Democratic Club and the SLOGS social club (Slightly Older Guys and Gals). She’s also kept a youthful spirit by playing card games, especially “Pitch”, and cultivating her flower and vegetable gardens. She says she has always preferred hugs from her children because kissing might give them germs. That goes for her fourteen grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and seventeen great-great grandchildren as well!

The Town is honored to have within our community such a wonderful citizen as Anna whose untiring dedication to her family and community is an inspiration to all. The Board of Commissioners and Staff of The Town of Upper Marlboro wish Anna the best birthday ever, filled with good health and happiness for many years to come.

ON THE AGENDA

The next Town Meeting is Tuesday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Since the recent Town election has changed the makeup of the Board of Town Commissioners, it is now necessary to introduce and pass Resolution 2014-01, which will supersede Resolution 2012-03, a resolution designating check signing authority for persons other than the Treasurer.

Municipal Election Results

The final tally of ballots from the January 6, 2014 Town Election are as follows:

Total Ballots cast 48		
45	—	Stephen F. Sonnett
44	—	James Storey
44	—	Larissa Ferrer
1	—	Helen Ford (write-in)
1	—	George Leonnig (write-in)

At their organizational meeting on January 13th, the new Board selected Steve Sonnett to continue on as President. A swearing-in ceremony was then conducted at the January 14th Town Meeting. James Story will continue as Treasurer and will be officially appointed as such at the February 11th Town Meeting.

We want to thank everyone who came out to show their support and vote.

Special thanks to the Board of Supervisors of Elections — Yvonne Tucker, John McCauley, and Patti Skews.

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The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County administers the Oath of Office to the newly elected 2014-2016 Board of Town Commissioners at the last Town Meeting on January 14, 2014. Pictured left to right: The Honorable Marylyn Bland, Town Clerk M. David Williams, Commissioner Jim Storey, President Steve Sonnett and Commissioner Larissa Ferrer.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, February 11th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

ENSLAVED WOMEN OF DARNALL’S CHANCE: Friday, February 14th. History Tour focusing on African American women who lived and worked at Darnall’s Chance, with special emphasis on the Bentley Family of Upper Marlborough. Tours at 1 & 3 pm (arrive 15 minutes prior) 14800 Gov Oden Bowie Dr. Call: 301-952-8010.

(TUMHC) HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING & ARCHIVING SESSION: Saturday, February 22nd, 9:00–11:00 a.m. at Town Hall. Area residents are urged to bring in items of local historical significance to be scanned for the Town’s archives. Oral histories can also be conducted or done on a later date. This meeting is open to the public. Visit their website at: www.tumhc.com

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Monday, February 17th, in observance of Presidents’ Day. Town Hall offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 am.


TRASH WILL BE PICKED-UP ON MONDAY THE 17TH (PRESIDENTS’ DAY): Household trash ONLY. However, YARD WASTE & BULK TRASH will be picked up on the next day, Tuesday the 18th.

HIGHLAND TEA: Saturday, February 22nd, 2:00 p.m. Celebrate the Scottish heritage of Darnall’s Chance by partaking in a cozy winter afternoon tea! Once here, you’ll enjoy the tastes and sounds of Scotland. Advance registration and payment required: resident \$22 (ages 10 & up). 14800 Gov. Oden Bowie Dr. Call: 301-952-8010.

WORK SESSION: Tuesday, February 25th, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

GREENBERG TRAIN & TOY SHOW: March 1 & 2nd, 10 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at The Show Place Arena. Admission \$8 (valid for both days) Children under 11 FREE. 14900 Pennsylvania Ave, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Call: 301-952-7900, or visit: www.showplacearena.com

24TH Annual MINERAL, JEWELRY, FOSSIL SHOW: Saturday, March 8th, 10 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at The Show Place Arena. Southern Maryland Rock & Mineral Club. Admission \$4 Children under 12 FREE. 14900 Pennsylvania Ave, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Call: 301-952-7900, or visit: www.showplacearena.com



Report 2014 JANUARY

Town Citations: 153 • State Citations: 80

In-Town Incidents:	Out-of-Town Incidents:
1 Theft (+1 attempted)	1 Burglary
1 Assault	1 Assault
2 Disorderly	8 Larceny
3 Arrest	4 Stolen Vehicle
1 Recovered Stolen	1 Robbery
5 Vehicle Impound	
1 Counterfeit (\$1,500 recovered)	

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