

**Town Hall
Upper Marlboro, Maryland**



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Town Police Offer House Checks . . .
for Town residents who are away for the weekend or on vacation



Just fill out a House Check form at the Town Hall and our police will stop by your house periodically while you're away to make sure it's safe and secure.

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Welcome to *Landings* . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



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Important Change!

P L E A S E R E A D

The Town is currently taking several steps to increase our ability to communicate timely emergency and general information to all of our Town residents. Our website has just been revised by adding **Facebook**, **Twitter** and automatic **email notifications**.

In addition to the Town's website, you also have four additional ways to receive electronic news from us. Our website is now also **mobile friendly**.

All new postings on the website are automatically posted to Facebook and Twitter. If you have either of these programs, go to our website and link-in to our account, and you will begin getting current information, including the *Landings*. If you can't or prefer not to use Facebook or Twitter, go to our website and sign up for a RSS feed, or email notifications.

Starting with the September issue of the *Landings*, the Town will no longer hand deliver a printed copy to your residence. We believe this production and delivery method is not a good use of our personnel, and ultimately is a waste of paper. If you are unable to receive the *Landings* by electronic means, please contact Town Hall, and we will arrange to have the newsletter mailed to you.



"Undaunted" by the Rain

Clockwise from top: The Maryland Historical Society's hand-stitched 30 x 42-foot replica of the original Fort McHenry Star-Spangled Banner flag is unfurled on Main Street at the Marlborough Day Festival. Dr. William Beanes, played by Mr. Paul Plamann – Park Ranger, Fort McHenry, poses for a photo-op, while resident Joe Plenzler, in period costume, looks on. Historical Committee Chair & Vice-Chair, Kate Germano and Patti Skews place a wreath at the Dr.'s newly refurbished gravesite.



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On the Agenda

The regular June monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, June 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The meeting had to be rescheduled to avoid a conflict with the Maryland Municipal League's Convention.

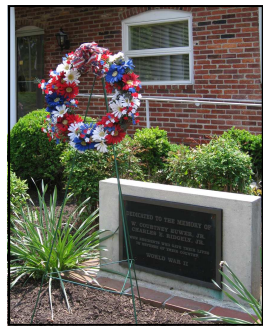
On the Agenda are two ordinances introduced at the May Town meeting for passage at this meeting. The first is the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget and the second is a Fiscal Year 2014 budget amendment to properly include an unexpected grant the Town received for the War of 1812 events. Copies of the introduced ordinances are available at Town Hall.

As usual there will be reports on the Town's activities and time for open public discussion.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

On a bright but poignant day, Town citizens and others gathered on the Town Hall front lawn for the Town's annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Active duty Lt. Joe Plenzler (USMC) welcomed those who had gathered.

Colors were presented by the Henry Wise, Jr. High School JRAF ROTC Color Guard followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Mike Gonnella, a Viet Nam veteran and our Police Chief as well, placed a wreath at the Town's memorial to W. Courtney Euwer, Jr., and Charles E. Ridgely, Jr., who lost their lives during World War II.



Jim Pryde, Tuskegee Airman, spoke with pride of the accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen. He noted that Henry Wise, Jr. was also a Tuskegee Airman and urged the members of the Honor Guard to follow his example. Joe Plenzler spoke of service to the country and the loss of people who both he and his wife served with during the recent, and ongoing, armed conflicts.

After the playing of Taps and the retirement of the colors, those assembled proceeded into the Town Hall for a social hour with refreshments.

Special thanks to Jim Pryde, Joe Plenzler, Lt. John Archfield and the Henry Wise, Jr. High School Honor Guard. Thanks also to Joe Hourclé for setting up for the program, and Barbie Sonnett who organized the social hour refreshments.



Report 2014 APRIL

Town Citations: 172 ❖ State Citations: 51

In-Town Incidents:

- 2 Property Damage
- 2 Warrant Service
- 4 Vehicle Impound
- 1 Stolen Auto (recovered)
- 1 Robbery (Bank)
- 1 Arrest (Theft)
- 1 Assault

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 1 Burglary
- 9 Larceny
- 3 Stolen Vehicle
- 1 Robbery
- 2 Assault
- 1 Rape

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

At this writing, the final totals for the month of May have yet to be determined. You can find the May Police Report online at: www.uppermarlboromd.gov after June 1st.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, June 3rd, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Passage of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Ordinance. Meeting is open to public participation.

AT THE LIBRARY: "Minute to Win It" — Saturday, June 7th, 2:00 p.m. Rise to the challenge and participate in small, science based challenges inspired by the hit television show! Registration is required. Ages 8-12. Upper Marlboro Branch Library. Call: (301) 627-9330 for info.

"ANTHEM!" The Story of the Star Spangled Banner: Saturday, June 14th, 6:30 p.m. — Celebrate Flag Day at Belair Mansion and see the Maryland Public Television production, *Anthem!* The show's producer, Mark Hildebrand, will discuss the making of the movie and the history of our flag. Refreshments—FREE!—reservations encouraged. Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Dr., Bowie, MD 20715. Call: 301-809-3089 for more information.

WORK SESSION: Tuesday, June 24th, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. Board discussions, meeting is open to public.

TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY: Friday, June 27th, 4:00–7 p.m. Menu: Fried Whiting, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread, Drink & Dessert. Cost: \$9 Adults, \$8 Seniors & \$5 Children (5 to 12 yrs). Call 301-627-2636 or visit: trinityec@verizon.net for more information.

The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

Archiving Session — at Town Hall
Saturday, June 21 — starting at 9:00 a.m.

Graduation Time • Expect Traffic Delays

The Show Place Arena will be the stage for many graduation ceremonies through June 11th.

JUNE 2014

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

Brown Bag It!

Starting January 1, 2014 Residential Curbside Yard Waste Collection has changed. **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 must **not exceed 35 pounds**. Tree branches less than 3 inches in diameter & large sticks are to be bundled and tied into 4 foot lengths, and also must not exceed 35 pounds. **Please, no dirt, gravel, pebbles or stones**—the landfill will not accept it.

