

Be Sure To Give Credit Where Credit is Due



If you haven't already filed your 2014 tax forms, be sure to note that you live in a municipality, specifically, the "Town of Upper Marlboro" in "Prince George's County." Otherwise, tax revenues meant for our town and County might go to the State instead. Making this clarification will neither raise or lower your State income taxes.

What is the Local Income tax?

Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City levy a local income tax which we collect on the state income tax re-

turn as a convenience for local governments. The local income tax is calculated as a percentage of your taxable income. Local officials set the rates, which range between 1.25% and 3.20% for the current tax year. You should report your local income tax amount on line 29 of Form 502. Your local income tax is based on where you live—not where you work, or where your tax preparer is located. Be sure to use the correct rate for the local jurisdiction in which you live. The income tax rate for 2014 and 2015 in the "Local Tax Area" of Prince George's County is .0320.

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ON THE AGENDA



ur monthly Town Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. on February 10th at the Town Hall. The draft agenda proposes the introduction of an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2015 budget to properly account for three grants the Town received since the Budget was originally passed. In addition, the Board will introduce and vote on an emergency ordinance, drafted by the Town Attorney, that sets forth the Town's legal right to control and repair public right-of-ways including sidewalks. The State Highway Administration has asked us for this

ordinance in preparation for sidewalk reconstruction on Main Street.

There will also be discussions concerning the need to improve on the Marlborough Day Festival, and what action(s) should be taken by the Town for those who's vehicles are left parked on the street when it snows and our Public Works Department needs to plow.

The Board may also be scheduling an Extra Work Session to meet with the architects in preparation for a presentation of the new Town Hall Addition designs at a future Town Meeting.

The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

... NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATE ...

Archiving Session

Saturday, February 21 starting at 10:00 a.m.

he next Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee meeting and "Archiving Session" will be on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Town Hall starting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public. Residents of the Town and surrounding area are encouraged to bring items of historical interest (such as letters, drawings and photos) to be scanned for the Town's Archives. The TUMHC also conducts Oral History interviews to chronicle the stories of people and events from our Town's past—one can interview at this meeting, or schedule an interview for a later date that's more convenient. For more information, contact the TUMHC through their website at: http://www.tumhc.com/.





The TUMHC has published a **Self-Guided Walking Tour** for our Town! If you want to learn about the many historical sites right in your neighborhood, stop by the Town Hall and grab your **FREE** tour booklet.

The TUMHC is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out with events, research and archiving our Town's rich history. You don't have to be a researcher or a historian to join . . . Just a local citizen who wants to give back to their community—and have fun doing it!

Snow Parking Issues Piling Up



The Town is asking for your cooperation by not parking on the street when it snows. If you don't have the room to park your vehicle off-street, please park it on the **even-numbered** side of the street. Once you've seen that we have cleared the odd-numbered side of the street, then try to re-park your vehicle across the street, this will help us clear both sides of the street as soon as possible.

When shoveling your vehicle, driveway or sidewalk, it is important <u>NOT</u> to put snow back into the street. Please keep it on your property—this ensures proper snow removal, and maximizes street safety.

If you or someone you know in Town has special circumstances, such as: senior care, medical or life support equipment, please let us know so that we can be prepared to help in the event of extreme weather.

We will make every effort to keep you informed of weather events through the Town's website: www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, February 10th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public, and time is allotted at the end of the agenda for public comment. Guest presentations and Town Committee reports are typically scheduled at the top of the agenda.

ENSLAVED WOMEN OF DARNALL'S

CHANCE: Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25. Tours at 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. (arrive 10 minutes prior). 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. Reservations required for groups of 7 or more: 14800 Gov. Oden Bowie Dr. 301-952-8010.

EXTRA WORK SESSION: Thursday, February 12th, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. The Board of Commissioners will meet with the architects in preparation for a presentation of the new Town Hall Addition designs at a future Town Meeting. Work Sessions are open to the public, however, public participation is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

SWEET VALENTINE—The History of Chocolate:

Saturday, February 14, at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a romantic afternoon with your "sweetie" and learn about the history of chocolate. Presentation by food historian Joyce White, chocolate tastings, as well as, champagne or tea \$28/person. 14800 Gov. Oden Bowie Dr. For more info & to make reservations, call: 301-952-8010.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Monday, February 16th, in observance of Presidents' Day. Town Hall offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 am.



Town Citations: 26 • State Citations: 20

In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Counterfeit money
- 2 Recovered Property
- 2 Suspicious Person
- 1 Vandalism
- 2 Warrant Service
- 2 Larceny

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 1 Assault
- 1 Burglary
- 5 Larceny
- 2 Stolen Vehicle

All in-Town incidents occured in the downtown area and not in the residential areas—unless indicated by an *



TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY

February 20 • FRIDAY • 4 –7:00 p.m.

March 6 • FRIDAY • 4 -7:00 p.m.

MENU

Fried Whiting or Tilapia, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread, Drink & Dessert. Cost: \$9 Adults, \$8 Seniors \$5 Children (5-12 yrs) Call: 301-627-2636 or email: trinityec@verizon.net for more information.

ONLY Household TRASH WILL BE PICKED-UP ON MONDAY (Presidents' Day):

However, YARD WASTE & BULK TRASH will be picked up on the following day, Tuesday the 17th.

LEGOS: CREATIVE CLUB: Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., Upper Marlboro Branch Library, 14730 Main Street. Freestyle building. Legos will be provided and kids can let their imaginations run wild! Registration is required. All children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. Please contact the branch for more info, or to register. (301) 627-9330

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (TUMHC)

MEETING & ARCHIVING SESSION: Saturday, February 21st, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Area residents are urged to bring in items of local historical significance to be scanned for the Town's archives. This meeting is open to the public. Visit their website at: www.tumhc.com.

BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION:

Tuesday, February 24th, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. The meeting agenda consists of current business items up for Board discussion. Work Sessions are always open to the public, however, public participation is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

HIGHLAND TEA: Saturday, February 28th, 2:00 p.m. Celebrate Darnall's Chance's Scottish heritage by partaking in a cozy winter afternoon tea, and enjoy the tastes and sounds of Scotland. Advance registration and payment required: resident \$23 (ages 10 & up). 14800 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive. Call: 301-952-8010.

YOU ARE INVITED

Thursday, February 26, 2015 • 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Olde Towne Inn
14745 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD



The Town of Upper Marlboro, with assistance from the Prince George's Planning Department, invites you to a meeting for business and property owners to discuss the award from the State of Maryland for a \$35,000 Façade Improvement grant for the downtown business district, how to distribute these funds, design guidelines, and other relevant issues affecting the downtown business community. For more information about the façade improvement program or the design guidelines, please visit the Town website at www.uppermarlboromd.gov.

To RSVP or for further information contact:

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