

If I Were Mayor . . .

At the top of the agenda of our last Town Meeting, we had the great pleasure of presenting a special Town Citation to Barak Obama Elementary School 4th-grade student, Antonia Carr, to recognize her achievement as District 9 winner of the “**If I were Mayor, I would . . .**” Annual Essay Contest hosted by the Maryland Municipal League (MML).

Two days later on May 14th, at a ceremony in the Governor’s Reception Room at the State House in Annapolis, Gov. Larry Hogan, Jr. recognized the ten Maryland winners (one from each of MML’s 10 regional districts). Each winning student received \$100, an award plaque and a Governor’s Citation. After the ceremony, the students and their families were treated to a boat ride and refreshments on the Severn.



PHOTOS BY M.DAVID WILLIAMS

Pictured at left, Antonia Carr receives an award from President Steve Sonnett at Town Hall—flanked by her mother, Rene Peace-Carr, and grandmother, Gabrielle Peace.

Below, Antonia receives honors in Annapolis from MML President, Mayor Bruce A. Wahl (left), and Governor Larry Hogan, Jr. (right) as Mayor Michael E. Bennett looks on.



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ON THE AGENDA

Our regular monthly Town meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:30 p.m. The main item on the agenda is the adoption of the fiscal year budget for 2016 (FY2016). Due to additional information and intervening events, several modifications to the FY2016 Budget (that was just introduced in May) will be proposed. With FY2015 year-end expense totals finally becoming clear, the Board will also be adjusting several line items in the FY2015 detailed budget.

The Board of Commissioners will also be voting on entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Maryland–National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M–NCPPC). Under the MOU, the M–NCPPC will fund a \$55,000 contract for design and construction plans for sidewalk improvements in the Town.

As usual, there will be open discussion of general and administrative issues and time is allotted for public comment at the end of the agenda.

THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATE . . .

Saturday, June 20

starting at 10:00 a.m.

“Archiving Session”

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.

The TUMHC is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out with events, research and archiving our Town's rich history . . .

**And you don't have to be a researcher
or a historian to join in on the fun!**

Please drop-in any of our meetings

Visit the TUMHC website at: www.tumhc.com/.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Once again, citizens of the Town and other area residents gathered together to celebrate another gorgeous Memorial Day at the Town Hall. Commissioner Jim Storey/retired AF, acting as Master of Ceremonies, reminded all of the past, present and continuing sacrifices of those who serve our country in the U.S. Armed Forces.



Of considerable note, three Tuskegee Airman from our County (Leroy Battle, Henry A. Wise, Jr., and Jim Pryde) were lauded for their wartime service. In addition, select memoirs of a longtime Town resident, Carl Lehman (who passed in 2013), were read aloud that chronicled his adventures as a Darby Ranger and 3-time P.O.W. escapee. Also, Mark Schmeltz, retired PGC policeman and Vietnam Army Veteran served as Keynote Speaker, entertaining all with his memories and insights of war in the mid-60s in Indochina.

Our special thanks to Chief Nickerson and the Wise HS Honor Guard for once again supporting this event, and to past-commissioner Joe Hourcle for his help setting up for the program. And last but not least, all want to thank Ellen Storey and Barbie Sonnett for organizing the social hour refreshments.

Bag Your Bags — New Regulations —

Our recycling service will no longer be accepting plastic bags because they damage recycling equipment. We are urging citizens to utilize the collection bins located at retail stores such as Lowe's, Walmart, Target, Giant & Safeway. Not only can residents recycle their grocery bags, but also, can include additional PE film packages such as: Bread bags; Produce bags; Dry Cleaning bags; Newspaper bags, as well as, Product Overwraps around diapers; Paper Towels; and Bathroom Tissue. We went online to: www.plasticfilmrecycling.org and used the zip-code locator to find drop-off locations nearest the Town.

Recycle clean, dry plastic bags and film packaging

Recycle if Clean & Dry
Store Drop-off
PLASTIC BAGS / FILM / WRAP
how2recycle.info

Look for this label on film products like these:

plasticfilmrecycling.org

Air Pillows

Grocery & Retail Bags labeled #2 (HDPE) or #4 (LLDPE)
Tip: Store in plastic bag until next trip to the store

Case Wrap

Newspaper Bags

Bread Bags (with crumbs shaken out)

Produce Bags

Food Storage Bags

Napkin, Paper Towel, Bathroom Tissue and Diaper Wrap Packaging

- ★ **Safeway** (301) 627-2121
7605 Crain Highway
- ★ **Giant Food** (301) 952-7515
5700 Crain Highway
(at Marlboro Crossroads)
- ★ **Food Lion** (301) 599-6022
9500 Se Crain Highway
- ★ **Food Lion** (301) 574-1591
5715 Crain Highway
(at Marlboro Square Center)



Colonial Festival & Picnic

Saturday, June 13, 2015, 1-4 pm

Hear ye, hear ye! Darnall's Chance House Museum is hosting a colonial-style festival complete with colonial food, costumed reenactors, and entertainment. Visit us to experience the 18th century first-hand. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase a food ticket for traditional southern barbeque. *All ages welcome.*



GENERAL ADMISSION: \$4/person

(FREE for ages 4 & under)

FOOD TICKET: \$16/person*

301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

**There will be a limited number of food tickets available the day of the event.*

Advance discount tickets will be sold beginning May 13 until midnight Sunday, June 7, 2015. Purchase discount tickets at the Museum or E-Store at www.pgparcs.com. After June 7, tickets only available for purchase at the event.

DARNALL'S CHANCE HOUSE MUSEUM

14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

INFORMATION: 301-952-8010/TTY 301-699-2544

history.pgparcs.com

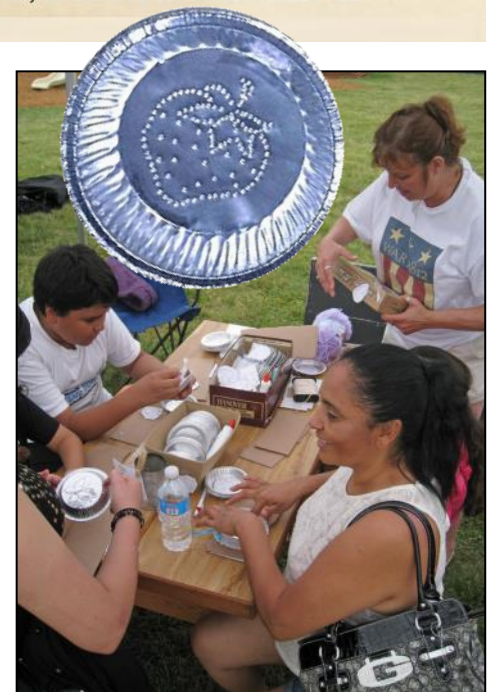


DIRECTIONS: From the Capital Beltway (I-95), take Exit 11A, Pennsylvania Avenue South (Route 4). Follow Route 4 seven miles and exit at Upper Marlboro. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Water Street. Go through the first light (Main Street). Proceed past the County Administration Building (right) and School House Pond (left). Darnall's Chance is the first driveway on the left after School House Pond.

colonial militia
18th century entertainment
reenactors
blacksmith, gunsmith,
woodturner & spinning
demonstrations
hands-on activities
organic gourmet ice cream
live animals
walk-thru tours of the
historic house
photo exhibit
gift shop

Beat 'em to the Punch!

Our Town's Historical Committee (the TUMHC) will be setting up 2 tents at the **Colonial Festival & Picnic** on June 13 (one with a photo display, and the other for the kid's Tin-Punching station). We're really looking forward to this new event, and could certainly use an additional word-of-mouth buzz by neighbors, friends, and co-workers to help spread the word. The March 24th edition of the *Gazette* ran an article about this event being upgraded to a festival, given that Marlborough Day had been canceled this year. You can read the article by clicking on the link below: <http://www.gazette.net/article/20150324/NEWS/150329700/colonial-picnic-pitched-as-new-upper-marlboro-celebration&template=gazette>. Purchasing your tickets ahead of time (by June 7) saves you money, and helps ensure enough barbeque for all. It would be great to see you all there—Come and enjoy the afternoon with us and bring the whole family for a one-of-a-kind picnic. Tickets for the event can be purchased online at: <http://www.pgparcs.com/page65861.aspx>



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

PHOTO EXHIBIT — “Reflections of the Past”:

Fridays & Sundays, June 1-30, 2015. 12 noon–4 p.m. This exhibit is the result of a photo contest held at Darnall’s Chance House Museum earlier this year. The photographs, previously unknown to historians, were all taken before 1945 and were gathered from local residents. The photos will be given to the Town’s Historical Committee for inclusion in their archives. The exhibit is open during regular tour hours and is free to the general public (house tour is an additional cost). [Darnall’s Chance House Museum](#) 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive. Call: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, June 9th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. On the agenda: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Town Operating Budget. Meeting is open to public participation.

COLONIAL FESTIVAL & PICNIC: Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 1:00–4:00 pm at Darnall’s Chance House Museum. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase a food ticket for southern barbeque. Advance discount tickets will be sold online from May 13 until midnight Sunday, June 7. (*see ad on page 3*).



TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY

June 19 • FRIDAY • 4:00–7:00 p.m.

M E N U

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.

INDOOR HORSE SHOW: Friday-Sunday, June 19-21, 2015 start-time 8:00 a.m. at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center. The **PVDA Ride for Life™** is both a dressage show and a benefit for breast cancer quality-of-life research. Free for spectators. The Show Place Arena: 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Call: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998.

REENACTOR YARD SALE: Saturday, June 20, 2015 start-time 8:00 a.m. at Darnall’s Chance House Museum. This 4th Annual event is for people wanting to sell and buy period items for display/interpretations. FREE to the general public. [Darnall’s Chance House Museum](#) 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive. Call: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544.


WORK SESSION—NEW DATE!: Wednesday, June 24th, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting agenda consists of current business items up for Board discussion. Work Sessions are open to the public, however, public participation is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

AT THE LIBRARY—HERO MOVIE:—Saturday, June 27th, 1:00 p.m. Bring the whole family to watch Disney’s “**Sky High**” while enjoying light refreshments and learn from the adventures of the Stronghold family why “Every Hero has a Story”. Browse our collection of superhero-themed books and DVD’s to bring home! Upper Marlboro Branch Library: 14730 Main St. For more information call: (301) 627-9330.

BLACK EYED SUSAN HORSE SHOW: Saturday—Sunday, June 27-28, 2015 start-time 8:00 a.m. at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center. FREE for spectators. The Show Place Arena: 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue. Call: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998.

FATHER’S DAY TOURS: Sunday, June 21, 2015 from 12 noon–4:00 p.m. Fathers and grandfathers will receive complimentary tours of Darnall’s Chance House Museum when accompanied by a paying child or grandchild. *No reservation necessary.* FREE—All ages welcome. [Darnall’s Chance House Museum](#) 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Dr. Call: 301-952-8010.

YOGA IN THE PARKS: Saturdays, May 30—September 5, 2015, from 9–10:00 a.m. at Marlton Community Park; 8061 Croom Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Yoga can lower blood pressure, increase strength, flexibility and energize. Join us for FREE outdoor yoga classes in the parks! Learn basic yoga techniques and how to free your mind, body, and spirit in this popular fitness activity for all ages. For more information, call: 301-446-6800; TTY 301-446-6802.



Report **2015**

MAY

Town Citations: 33 • State Citations: 17

<u>In-Town Incidents:</u>	<u>Out-of-Town Incidents:</u>
1 Break & Enter (<i>arrest</i>)	5 Assault
1 Missing Person	3 Burglary
2 Vehicle Impound	1 Larceny
3 Theft	

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