

# Down Memory Lane

**Historical Committee Strikes Again** 

he Town's Historical Committee (the TUMHC) recently had the privilege to meet with Ben Robertson from RDA Engineering Co., Inc., who allowed us to tour the old bowling alley before it becomes just a memory. The bowling alley occupied the basement at 14603 Main Street and was accessible through the narrow passage between the two buildings on that block. A large sign inside still advertises hotdogs for only 20 cents! Mr. Robertson was kind enough to donate



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-PHOTOS BY BRIAN CALLICOTT

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## **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

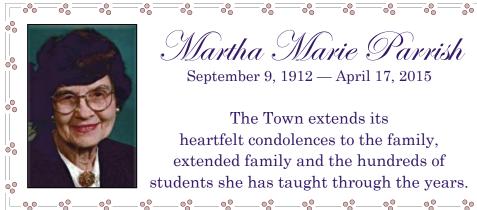
Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> — 10:00 a.m.

at the Town Hall—14211 School Lane

e sure NOT to miss the Town's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony this year. Come and hear guest speakers share their fascinating stories of their tours of duty while in the military.

We will also have music, delicious food & beverages—and of course, good old fashioned comradery with new and old friends. So please, drop by and join us—as we honor those who served, and are currently serving, in the United States Armed Forces.





# Martha Marie Parrish

September 9, 1912 — April 17, 2015

The Town extends its heartfelt condolences to the family, extended family and the hundreds of students she has taught through the years.



#### AGENDA THE



## Draft Agenda for the May 12th Town Meeting

he main item on the agenda is the introduction of the Fiscal Year 2016 (FY2016) budget ordinance. The drafting of this budget presented some questions. What level of funding could we expect from the State, given Governor Hogan's proposed budget? Until the State legislature adjourned in April, it was not clear what level of revenues we would be receiving. We now have those revenue figures. With Town elections coming up in January, there will be at least a new President. Under the Town's Charter, the President is the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer. Under the current administrative staffing, the President carries a substantial administrative workload. The new President will be faced with a learning curve. In order to provide better continuity of administrative operations and shift some administrative work from the President, the Board decided to create an administrative position reporting to the President. The FY2016 budget promotes our Town Clerk to a Clerk/ Administrator position and provides for the addition of a additional administrative aide to handle many of the routine office functions now handled by our Clerk. We are in the process of writing detailed job descriptions for each of the positions.

While the numbers may change slightly by the Tuesday Town meeting, the current draft of the FY2016 budget estimates current operational revenue to be \$897,254 with current operational expenses to be \$833,296. The capital side of the budget provides \$700,000 for the Town Hall renovation/addition, \$39,000 for traffic speed control and new police cruiser, and \$59,000 for the Public Works Facility and sidewalks. The Town's municipal taxes will remain the same, with Real Property at \$0.24 cents, and Personal Property taxes at \$0.45 cents on the dollar.

Each year, we participate in the Maryland Municipal League (MML) "Banner Town" campaign, and we are well on our way to earning the title for a third year in a row. Part of the program is an outreach to area schools. Fourth grade students from Barak Obama Elementary submitted essays into a contest entitled "If I Were Mayor . . ." We are proud to announce that Antonia Carr of Upper Marlboro was chosen as one of the nine winning finalists, and we will be presenting her with a special Town Citation to recognize her achievement at Tuesday night's meeting. Later on that week, she will be honored at the Governor's Reception Room in Annapolis.

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one of the remaining bowling balls to our Committee, and we are looking forward to archiving pictures of the bowling alley in it's heyday.

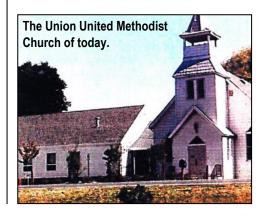


-- IMAGES COURTESY OF JESSIE FRAZIER

At our last Archiving & Planning Session on April 18, the TUMHC welcomed Jessie Frazier from the **Union United Methodist Church.** She brought with her some items of the church's rich history in the form of pamphlets, booklets and pictures—there was even a photograph of the original church! (pictured above). The Committee has been busy scanning and archiving these precious images for posterity.

We hope you will come to our next Archiving & Event Planning Session on Saturday, May 17, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

—Patti Skews/TUMHC Chair





## UPPER MARLBORO PHOTO CONTEST

Do you have an old photograph taken in Upper Marlboro before 1945? If you do, then Darnall's Chance House Museum wants to see it! The photograph can be of anything or anyone from Upper Marlboro's past - a building, special event, tobacco warehouse, fishing boat, farm, family picture – you name it.

All the photographs gathered for this contest will be given to the Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee (TUMHC) for inclusion in their archives.

Five winning photographs will receive \$75 each. All entries will be on public display at the museum on Fridays & Sundays between June 1 and June 30 during tour hours.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2015

For questions, call:

**Darnall's Chance House Museum** 

301-952-8010, or email: darnallschance@pgparks.com Visit Darnall's Chance online at: history.pgparks.com

### **CONTEST RULES:**

- 1) The photograph must have been taken in the Upper Marlboro vicinity before the end of World War II (1945).
- 2) The photograph has never been published in a book or newspaper or housed in a public archive/library.
- 3) You must enter your submission in one of five categories: Agriculture, Art & Architecture, People, Special Event, or Transportation.
- 4) Five winning photographs (one from each category) will be selected and the winners will receive \$75.
- 5) You may enter as many photographs as you like.
- 6) Contest is open to anyone (including businesses, government agencies, religious organizations, individuals, etc.).
- 7) You must submit your photograph(s) by May 15, 2015.
- 8) Please provide as much information about the photograph as possible (i.e. date, location, names, etc.).
- 9) Only scanned digital copies are acceptable. If you don't have a scanner, then bring your photograph(s) to Darnall's Chance and we will scan it at no cost.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Colonial Picnic on June 13, 2015



#### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

# Colomial Festival & Picnic

Saturday, June 13, 2015 • 1:00—4:00 p.m.

## Experience the 18th Century first-hand! All ages welcome

Reenactors • Live Animals • Town Photo Contest Exhibit & Awards • Colonial Craftsmen Demonstrations Hands-On Activities • Organic Ice Cream • 18th Century Entertainment • Southern Barbeque • Tours • Gift Shop

Advance discount tickets on sale starting May 13 thru June 7—after June 7, full-price tickets sold only at the event.

Darnall's Chance House Museum—14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive/20772—Call: 301-952-8010 for more info.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Tuesday, May 12th at Trinity Church—14515 Church Street. Call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule your donation time between 1:00 pm—6:30 pm.

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, May 12th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Board will be introducing the FY2016 Town Operating Budget. Meeting is open to public participation.

ARCHIVING & Event Planning SESSION: Saturday, May 16th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY: Monday, May 25th, 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall. Speakers, refreshments, music.

**OFFICES CLOSED:** Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th. Town offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

### TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE FOR MEMORIAL

DAY: BULK trash & HOUSEHOLD trash & YARD waste will ALL be picked up on TUESDAY, May 26th.

WORK SESSION: Tuesday, May 26th, 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.



Town Citations: 65 • State Citations: 26

#### In-Town Incidents:

#### **Out-of-Town Incidents:**

- 2 Larcenv
- 1 B&E (found property)
- 1 Disorderly (arrest)
- 2 Vandalism

- 6 Larceny
- 1 Burglary
- 1 Robbery
- 3 Stolen Vehicle

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

### **Graduation Time • Expect Traffic Delays**

The Showplace Arena will be the stage for many graduation ceremonies in May and June.

#### **MAY 2015** 19 Frederick Douglass HS 10:30 a.m. Dataman I limb Cabaal 0.00 -- ---

19	Potomac High School	3:30 p.m.
20	Largo High School	10:30 a.m.
20	DuVal High School	3:30 p.m.
21	Academy of Health Sciences	10:30 a.m.
21	PG Community College	7:00 p.m.
22	Crossland High School	10:30 a.m.

- 22 Gwynn Park High School 3:30 p.m. 26 Forestville High School 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Surrattsville High School 3:30 p.m.
- 27 Central High School 10:30 a.m.
- 27 Oxon Hill High School 3:30 p.m.
- 28 Fairmont Heights HS 10:30 a.m. 28 Friendly High School 3:30 p.m.
- 29 Broadneck High School 10:30 a.m.
- 29 Southern High School 3:30 p.m.

<b>JUNE 2015</b>			
1	Glen Burnie High School	10:30 a.m.	
1	North County	3:30 p.m.	
2	Old Mill High School	10:30 a.m.	
2	South River High School	3:30 p.m.	
3	Calvert High School	3:00 p.m.	
3	Northern High School	8:00 p.m.	
4	Huntingtown High School	3:00 p.m.	
4	Patuxent High School	8:00 p.m.	
5	Annapolis High School	10:30 a.m.	

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