A Monthly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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This year's National
Night Out at the Marlborough Village Shopping
Center was bigger and better

than ever! The Dutch Village Market provided over 400 pieces of chicken, and Caribbean Flava Restaurant provided samples of their famous chicken & rice recipe. Our own Ledo Pizza provided pizzas (and gift cards too!). Other merchants made monetary contributions, such as, the Red Nails Salon, and The Old Town Inn on Main Street. There was great music and a lot of dancing and lots of information on safety and healthy lifestyle choices. Shaolin Kung Fu Health and Fitness and Spiritual Essence Yoga & Fitness offered up hands-on demonstrations.

FUN, FUN, FUN at National Night Out

The face painter was a big hit with the kids, as were the musical chairs games that both the kids and the young-at-heart enjoyed.

Our Historical Committee had an arts & crafts activity table for the kids, as well as, an exhibit of historic photographs of

our Town in the old days.

Keeping the focus on crime prevention and awareness, law enforcement personnel from the PGC Police District II Station offered giveaways and infor-

mational packets. The Town of Upper Marlboro Police, the Park Police, and the Sheriff's Department and were all present too—so was the Upper Marlboro Fire and EMS teams. President Sonnett and County Exec., Rushern Baker stopped by, along with Sena-



tor Douglas Peters. Representatives from the State's Attorney Office, the School Board, Councilman Derrick Davis's office and more, also came out to support of the neighborhood.

Next year's plans are already underway . . . So, mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 3, 2016. We hope that even more of the neighborhood residents can join in on the fun!



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ON THE AGENDA

The next Board of Commissioners Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th starting at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The draft agenda is still in development as of this writing since several bits of information concerning current ongoing projects are still outstanding. We would like to remind our residents of the upcoming Town Elections which will be held on the first Monday in January. Prospective candidates for the 3 seats on the Board of Commissioners need to submit their written statements of intent by December 7, 2015 in order to be placed on the ballot. Candidates shall have resided in the Town for at least two years, shall be qualified voters of the Town, and shall be at least 25 years of age. If you are interested, please call the Town Clerk for more information.

"Get Fit, Stay Fit" Community Day

The Union United Methodist Church hosted a fun day of health & wellness for the whole community on August 29th. The 6-hour event featured Health Screenings, Fitness & Yoga Demos, Mental-health Workshops, Meditation, Healthy Foods, Live Music & Performances, Dancing, fun activities for the kids, and our own Town Historical Committee that shared images from the Town Archives.

To view the video and photos taken at this event visit: www.uumchurch.com

Union United Methodist, 14418 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. For more info. call: 1-301-627-5088, or, email them at: unionumc1@gmail.com

"Day To Serve" Food Drive

he 4th Annual Day To Serve
State-wide program runs from
September 11 through October
10, 2015. Day to Serve (DTS) is a
unique annual event that transcends
politics and religious differences. It
unites people of all faiths, races,
cultures, and backgrounds with the
shared goal of helping those in need
and improving our communities.

The program began in 2012 as a collaboration between the governors of MD, VA, WV and the Mayor of DC. By working together, over 14,000 volunteers created 750 community service projects, collecting more than 600,000 pounds of food.

Our Town participated in this annual program for the last two years by sponsoring a Town-wide



Yard Sale & Food Drive at Town Hall. Though both years' Yard Sales were successful ventures, we were unable this year to secure the volunteers needed in order to carry on the event in 2015. But, there are several DTS events happening in our area that you can participate in.

We are urging residents of the Town of Upper Marlboro and surrounding area to bring their nonperishable food donations to the Town Hall at 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (from now through October 10th), and we will ensure that your donations go directly to the local **Marlboro Food Bank** program. September is Hunger Action Month, so this is the best time to help the disadvantaged in our community.

You can find other events on an online map at the "Day To Serve" website—and learn how many others in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and DC are helping their communities in this annual September event. Visit: www.daytoserve.org and click on the "Events" tab to access the map!



MEMORIES & MORSELS ON MAIN STREET

The TUMHC greeted over 30 citizens in town with two 1-1/2 hour tours of Main Street, and yummy morsels from historic recipes. Tour guide, Brian Callicott, discussed with the groups what the TUMHC believed to be the history of the various buildings, which included old hotels, gas stations, a movie theater and the bowling alley. The TUMHC took notes from the participants who provided a wealth of town history from their past memories. Historic pictures of Main Street as it used to be were also on

display. Some pictures depicted the horse and buggy era, through the Model T's on up to the 1970s era cars. The historic recipe morsels included Russian tea cakes, apple fritters, peanut brittle, cornmeal balls, hard tack and nobake cookies, served with tea and lemonade.





The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATE...

Archiving Session

Saturday, September 19 starting at 10:00 a.m.

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 <u>Town's Archives</u>. The TUMHC is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out with events, research and archiving our Town's history. You can contact the TUMHC on their website at:

www.tumhc.com/ or, call the Town Hall at 301-627-6905.

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

POLICE REPORTS

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Town Citations: 87 State Citations: 78

In-Town Incidents:

- 3 Larceny
- 3 Vehicle Impound
- 3 Recovered Property

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 8 Larceny
- 1 Stolen Vehicle
- 1 Assault

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Town Citations: 113 • State Citations: 72

In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Larceny
- 5 Vehicle Impound
- 2 Recovered Property
- 2 Property Damage
- 1 Stolen Vehicle
- 1 Emergency Petition Service (hospital)
- 1 Controlled Dangerous Substance (possible)

- 1 Recovered Vehicle (stolen)
- 2 Fraud
- 1 ID Theft
- 2 Found Property

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 14 Larceny
- 2 Stolen Vehicle
- 1 Robbery
- 7 Burglary

All in-Town incidents were in the downtown area and not in the residential areas, unless indicated by ()

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY VOTERS WILL VOTE USING A NEW OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM IN 2016!!

On October 30, 2014, a new voting system, <u>Election Systems & Software's (ES&S)</u> EVS 5.2.0.0, was unanimously selected and certified by the members of the State Board of Elections. The contract to lease the equipment was approved by the Board of Public Works on December 17, 2014.

The new voting system features the following pieces of equipment:

- DS200 Precinct Scanner and Tabulator: Tabulates ballots marked either by hand or by the ballot marking device
- ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device: Produces a voter verifiable paper record and allows voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently
- ExpressPass Printer: Prints activation card to activate the ExpressVote ballot marking device
- DS850 High Speed Central County Scanner: Tabulates absentee and provisional ballots

Maryland's new voting system produces a voter-verifiable paper record – a "paper trail" – of each voter's selections. This was mandated in legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2007, however funding for a new system was not available until now.

In 2016, your voting options will vary between early voting and Election Day. This arrangement is the result of balancing logistics and equipment costs.

During early voting, all voters will use an ExpressVote ballot marking device similar to the touchscreen machines Marylanders have used to mark their ballots for a decade. These devices will print voters' selections on a paper ballot card. Voters will then review their ballots and then insert them into the DS200 tabulation device. The ballots automatically drop into the secure ballot box.

On Election Day, Maryland voters will have options. Some voters, including voters with disabilities, will use ExpressVote ballot marking devices to mark and print their ballots while other voters will mark pre-printed paper ballots by hand. All voters will review their marked paper ballots and then insert them into the DS200 tabulation device. The ballots will automatically drop into the secure ballot box. On Election Day, the number of ExpressVote ballot marking devices available at each polling place will be limited.

This is the first time Prince George's voters will vote on an optical scan system. As a result, the Prince George's County Board of Elections will conduct a massive voter outreach campaign to demonstrate the new equipment. Public demonstrations will take place beginning Fall 2015. For more information on how to schedule a demonstration or to learn more about the new voting system you may contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300. You may also visit our website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/elections for more information on outreach activities.

Town Elections Will Be Held on January 4, 2016 at the Town Hall

If you're already registered to vote in the County, then you are already registered with the Town

DS200 Precinct-Based Scanner and Tabulator with Ballot Box



ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device



ExpressPass Printer



DS850 High-Speed Central Scanner and Tabulator



DS200

The DS200 precinct-based vote scanner and tabulator:

- Accumulates and transmits votes directly from the polling place via a modem
- Processes both ballots marked by hand and the ballot activation cards generated by the ballot marking device
- Is lightweight, compact, and easy to set up and use in the polling place
- Includes extra USB ports and expandable memory to accommodate evolving EAC standards
- Uses Intelligent Mark Recognition (IMR) technology to determine ballot marks

ExpressVote

The ExpressVote ballot marking device:

- Allows voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently
- · Features audio and visual formats
- Permits selection changes before ballot is printed
- Produces a voter verifiable paper record
- Supports multiple languages
- Easy to set up and use

ExpressPass Printer

- Check-in judges use ExpressPass Printers to print the activation cards that voters use to activate ExpressVote ballot marking devices
- Voters' selections are encoded and captured on the activation cards
- After making their selections, voters feed their activation cards into the DS200 for tabulation

DS850

The DS850 high-speed central scanner and tabulator is:

- Uses digital imaging processing
- Continuously scans ballots to quickly tabulate election results
- Sorts various ballot sizes
- Scans and sorts 14-inch double-sided ballots at 300 ballots per minute into three output trays: counted, requires further review, and write-ins

Town Elections Will Be Held on January 4th at the Town Hall

Submission Deadline for Candidates Running for Town Commissioner is December 7, 2015

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

LABOR DAY: Monday, September 7, 2015. Town Offices will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m.

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Town Meetings are open to public participation.

TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE for LABOR DAY:

NO PICK-UP on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th. Household Trash, Bulk Trash & Yard Waste will ALL be picked-up on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, September 8th 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 pm—6:30 pm.

MARYLAND HORSE AND PONY SHOW:

Wednesday-Sunday, September 9-13, 2015 8:00 a.m. at the Prince George's Equestrian Center (indoors) Free for spectators. Call 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998 for more information. The Show Place Arena 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

<u>Historical Committee ARCHIVING SESSION</u>: Saturday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

BILL PICKETT CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO:

Saturday, September 19, 2015 1:30 p.m. Advance Sales: \$23 Adult, \$18 Child/Senior—Day of Show: \$27 Adult, \$22 Child/Senior. (Adult: ages 13-61; Senior: ages 62+; Child: ages 2-12) Call 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998 for more information. The Show Place Arena 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

BILL PICKETT CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO:

Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Advance Sales: \$26 Adult, \$21 Child/Senior— Day of Show: \$31 Adult, \$26 Child/Senior (Adult: ages 13-61; Senior: ages 62+; Child: ages 2-12) Call 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998 for more information. The Show Place Arena 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

BOARD WORK SESSION: Tuesday, September 22nd at 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. The 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.

CAPITAL CHALLENGE HORSE SHOW: Saturday-Sunday, September 26-October 4, 2015 at 8 a.m. The Prince George's Equestrian Center. Free for spectators. Call 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998 for more information. The Show Place Arena 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

TRINITY CHURCH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL:

Saturday, Sept. 26th, 2:00–6:00 pm. Sugar Glazed Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner (green beans, corn pudding, cole slaw, sliced tomatoes, apple sauce, biscuits/butter, coffee/tea & desserts) Adults–\$24, Children 12 and under–\$13; Ages 5 and under–Free. Baked Goods Sale, Door Prizes, Silent Auction. Parish Hall: 14515 Church Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Call Trinity Episcopal Church for more info, 301-627-2636.

The Town invites those who are interested in volunteering to help with the upcoming Town Elections in January, to be appointed to the Board of Supervisors of Elections. This Town Board is made up of Town residents who can work as election judges at the Town Hall for 8 hours or more on Election Day—Monday, January 4, 2016.

Volunteers are compensated by the Town for their hours worked.

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 Town Hall and our police will stop by your house periodically while you're away to make sure it's safe and secure.

Town Hall Office hours are Monday— Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except holidays.