

Town Hall-iday Party!

Sunday, December 11 starting at 5 p.m.

ring the whole family to see Santa's arrival by police escort and the lighting of the tree at dusk. Inside, there will be music and caroling and plenty to eat and drink.



YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS & STAFF WISH YOU A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

TOWN HALL

14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro Maryland 20772



THE BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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ON THE AGENDA

At the next Town Meeting on Tuesday the 13^h the Board anticipates passage of Town Ordinance 2016-04: Public Ethics, which was introduced in November. State Law now mandates that all municipalities have a Public Ethics Ordinance on the books. Md. Code Ann., General Provisions (§§ 5-101 through 5-1001), was enacted for the following purposes:

- ★ To assure the people of the impartiality and independent judgment of officials and employees.
- ★ To avoid improper influence or even the appearance of improper influence.
- ★ To require officials and employees to disclose financial affairs and to meet minimum standards of ethical conduct.

The only other agenda business item is the approval of the annual Mid-Year Adjustments to the FY2017 Detailed Budget.

Henry Gray 1944-2016

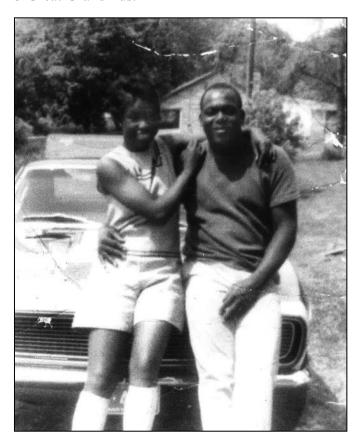
t left is a picture of Henry Gray at

his sister's wedding in July 1983--Fine picture for a Fine Person!

Henry grew up in Upper Marlboro behind Southern States off of Crain Highway. He initially went to Frederick Douglass High School before getting on with the Board of Education for 31 years. Henry then started his tenure with the Town in 2001. He is remembered as a great person and hard worker, quick with a smile; and he had a positive effect on anyone he came in contact with — truly an Ambassador of Good Will for our town.

Henry was a Christian man and a long-time parishioner at St. Mary of the Assumption Church. You could often find him at the 7:30 a.m. Sunday masses.

He was married to Agnes for 33 years, and had 9 children: Tawanna Gray, Elsie, Veronica, Ruth, William and Marvin Bond, Belinda Grenne, Carlos & Henry Colvert. They had 13 Grandchildren, and 3 Great Grandkids.





Henry's funeral will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption church on Friday, 9 December at 11:00 a.m. (wake at 10 a.m.). The burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery off of Woodyard Road. Following the ceremony, all are invited to a repast at the Monsignor Hughes Center at St. Mary's School (off of Largo Road).



We wish Henry well on his Eternal Journey.

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

<u>The Town staffs a 4-person Public Works Department whose crew ensures</u>: Residential Yard Waste & Bulk Trash collection; Maintenance and repair of Town-owned streets, signs & parking lots; Grounds-keeping & Landscaping of Town property; and, Snow & Ice Removal of Town-owned streets & parking lots.

Refuse Pick-Up Schedule

MONDAYS:

Residential TRASH (by Burch Trash Service)

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YARD WASTE & BULK TRASH (by Town Public Works)

THURSDAYS:

Residential RECYCLING (by Burch Trash Service)

Please set out all trash/recycling/bulk trash & yard waste by 7:00 a.m. to ensure pickup. Please clearly separate the Residential trash from the Yard Waste and Bulk items—if co-mingled the items will not be picked up!

Acceptable Recycling Items

Plastic Bottles #1-7 &Lids

Coat Hangers

Glass Bottles & Jars

Aluminum & bimetal cans, foil wrap & trays

Cardboard & Paper Board

Phone Books, Magazines, Junk Mail & Books

Empty Aerosol Cans

Plastic wide-mouth containers & lids

NO PLASTIC BAGS (see below)



Town Flat Bed Truck Usage:

The Public Works Department offers the use of the Flatbed Truck at no charge to residents with bulk items too numerous for regular yard waste or bulk trash pick-up. The truck is parked in the homeowners driveway on Friday afternoon and picked back up on Monday morning. Call the Town Office for additional information.

Debris created as a result of contracted work may not be disposed of using Town services.

How to Dispose of Plastic Bags:

While plastic bags are no longer accepted in household recycling, residents can bring their plastic bags to these locations:

Safeway (at Osborne Road): 7605 Crain Hwy Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Food Lion (Marlboro Square): 9500 Se Crain Hwy Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Giant Food (Marlboro Crossroads): 5700 Crain Hwy Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Follow these guidelines

Please recycle only clean, dry plastic bags, and film. Also be sure to remove receipts or any other items from bags. Acceptable examples include:

- Retail, Newspaper, Dry Cleaning, Bread, Produce, and also other Plastic Bags labeled #2 and #4
- Zip Close Food Storage bags (clean and dry)
- Furniture and Electronic wrap
- Plastic cereal box liners (if it tears like paper do not include)
- Plastic shipping envelopes, including Tyvek ®, bubble wrap and air pillows (Remove labels and/or deflate)
- Product Wrap (used on paper towels, diapers, bathroom tissue, water bottles)
- Any film packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label

(for more info, visit: www.how2recycle.info/)

*Not all items are accepted at all drop-off locations. Check with your local drop-off to see what is accepted

NOT accepted at drop-off locations:

NO Degradable/compostable film or bags, prewashed salad mix bags, or frozen food bags.





Plastic bags are recycled into many different products. Most plastic bags are recycled into composite lumber but can also be reprocessed into small pellets, or post consumer resin, which can become feed stock for a variety of products such as new bags, pallets, containers, crates, and pipe.





Snow in the Forecast? Be prepared!

If there is a forecast for snow, follow these guidelines:

- Please move all vehicles off Town streets to allow the plows (and emergency vehicles) better access.
- Ensure you have enough food & water in case you get stuck.



• Check on you're neighbors! Volunteer to shovel out an elderly neighbor's driveway for them.



 Be sure all fire hydrants are clearly visible and accessible in case of an emergency by clearing them of snow & ice.

—Thank You!

Town Police Offer House Checks . . .

. . for Town residents who are on vacation or away for the weekend.

Just fill out a <u>House Check form</u> 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.

The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATE...

Archiving & Planning Session

Saturday, **December 17** 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>. Contributors receive free copies.

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 in on the fun!

—Just an ordinary citizen who wants to give back to their community-

Visit their website at: www.tumhc.com/



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Town Citations: 209 State Citations: 30

In-Town Incidents:

- 2 Identity Theft
- 3 Theft from Auto
- 1 Burglary
- 3 Vandalism
- 5 Vehicle Impound

Outside-of-Town Incidents:

- 3 Assault
- 3 Burglary
- 11 Larceny
- 1 Stolen Vehicle
- 1 Robbery

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

17TH Annual GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

& SHOW: NOW through December 11 (Fridays—Sundays) 12 noon—5:00 p.m. at Darnell's Chance House Museum. For a sweet treat, come view an amazing display of edible gingerbread houses! No nibbling allowed! Visitors have the opportunity to vote for their favorite entries in the Viewer's Choice Award Competition—3 Divisions (Family, Adult & Child). Hundreds in cash awards! Entry fee: \$1/person-FREE for kids 4 and under. Call 301-952-8010 for more info.

<u>CERT TEAM MEETING</u>: Saturday December 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall. *Seeking new members!*

<u>TOWN MEETING</u>: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 starting at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 14211 School Ln., Upper Marlboro, MD. The meeting is open to public.

30TH Annual WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:

NOW through January 1st, every night 5:00–9:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park (FREE on December 25th). Don't miss this spectacular holiday drive-through event featuring more than one million twinkling lights and fun new displays. You can make a difference this season!—please **bring canned goods** for donation to local area food banks. Call 301-699-2456 or visit online at: www.pgparks.com for more info.

HOLIDAY HAYRIDES AT WATKINS PARK:

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, 7 pm, December 5–27. Join us for a hayride through the Festival of Lights and then the Watkins Nature Center to warm up by the fire. See the live animals—enjoy refreshments. Reservations required. \$5/person, all ages welcome. For more information call: (301)218-6770; TTY (301)699-2544. Visit: www.pgparks.com/

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, December 3rd, 10 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at 4610 Largo Road. Call: (301) 627-4170 for more information.

TOWN HALL-IDAY PARTY: Sunday, December 11th, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Santa arrives for the Tree Lighting at dusk. Caroling with Santa, Great Food, Refreshments, Holiday Music & Fun!

AT THE LIBRARY / Jewelry Making Workshop:

Saturday, December 12 from 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Upper Marlboro Branch Library—14730 Main St. Create fantastic, original jewelry. Fun and creative. Supplies provided. Ages 8 & under with adult. Limit 20. Registration required. Please contact the branch for more info: (301) 627-9330, online: www.pgcmls.info/

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE-ARCHIVE &

PLANNING SESSION: Saturday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. Town Hall. Meeting is open to the public.

HANSEL & GRETEL TEA PARTY: Saturday, December 17th at 2 p.m. Visit Darnall's Chance House Museum when its decorated like a gingerbread house and listen to the story of Hansel and Gretel while enjoying tea and dessert. \$17 resident registration fee for all attendees ages 5 and up (\$20 non-resident) Reservations & advance payment required. Call 301-952-8010

BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION:

Tuesday, December 20, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. Work Sessions are open to the public, however, public participation is at the Board's discretion.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSING: Offices will close at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23, and remain closed on Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Town Hall offices will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th at 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

Residential Trash, Bulk Trash & Yard Waste will be collected on Tues **Dec. 27**—Please have out by **7 a.m.**

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Monday January 2 in observance of the New Years Day Holiday. Town Hall offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 3 at 9a.m.

NEW YEARS REFUSE COLLECTION

Residential Trash, Bulk Trash & Yard waste will be collected on Tues Jan. 2—Please have out by 7 a.m.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Trinity Church:

Tuesday, January 10th 1:00—6:30 p.m. 14515 Church Street. Call: 1-800-733-2767 to schedule a donation.

THE MARLBORO VFD WILL BE ESCORTING SANTA AROUND THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 STARTING AT 5PM