

Municipal Government Works!

Lt's Municipal Government Works! month, and as a participant in this state-wide program to promote citizens' awareness and interest in their local government, the Town flies the MGW flag during the entire month of November. Also, sometime during the course of the year, our President delivers a presentation about local government to students at an area school. Our activities during MGW month, and our participation in other events and programs sponsored by the Maryland Municipal

League (MML), enables us to earn the designation as a Maryland "Banner Town"—an honor that the Town has enjoyed now for the last 4 years in a row.

Last year around this time, we increased our staff with the hiring of a Deputy Clerk who quickly proved himself a valuable asset to the Town with his knowledge and skill with public outreach. Kyle Snyder engages the public through Facebook and Twitter keeping residents and area citizens up-to-date with alerts and progress reports on various pro-



Town Clerk/Administrator, M. David Williams, hoists the MGW flag up the flagpole on November 1st, to bring awareness to residents that their local government is working for them.

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New Ordinances Concerning Snow . . .

The Town needs your cooperation by not parking your car(s) on the street when it snows.

Ordinance 2016-03 now allows an exception to park on your grass during a "snow emergency" should you not have enough room in your driveway for all your vehicles. When shoveling out your vehicle, driveway or sidewalk, it is important **not** to put the snow into the street. Please keep the snow piled on your property—this will ensure proper snow removal and maximize street safety for both our Public Works Crew and residents alike.

Ordinance 2016-02 stipulates the following restrictions during a snow emergency event:

Should the Board... declare a Snow Emergency, the following parking restrictions shall go into effect from declaration until 24 hours after last snowfall or revoked:

- ★ No parking on the **even numbered** side of Spring Branch Drive.
- ★ Parking of vehicles on grass shall be permitted for the duration of the snow emergency.
- ★ Any vehicle in violation of this section may be ticketed as "Parked in a no-parking zone" and shall be impounded or moved if deemed necessary for snow removal operations.

Please let us know of anyone in Town with special circumstances, such as: senior care, or medical or life support equipment, so that we can better assist in the event of extreme weather. We will make every effort to keep you informed of weather events through the Town's website: uppermarlbor-omd.gov. Sign up through the RSS Feed, Twitter or Facebook to receive notification each time we post important news items on our Homepage.

ON THE AGENDA

The November Board of Commissioners Town Meeting will be held Tuesday November 8th starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Fiscal Year 2016 Audit has been finalized and was filed with the State prior to the November 1 deadline. The audit went smoothly resulting in an unqualified audit. The Board will be voting to adopt the audit report. The Town ended Fiscal Year 2016 with an operational surplus.

The other actionable items on the agenda are: (1) A proclamation to declare November as "Municipal Government Works!" Month in the Town

(see cover story and page 3 for more details); and, (2) The introduction of Ordinance 2016-04: Public Ethics. Previous Boards had addressed this agenda item, and the Town wound-up receiving an exemption from the State Ethics Commission. Recent State legislation, however, now requires most municipalities to enact ethics laws. With its current exemption status, the Town will not have to include financial disclosure requirements for elected and appointed officials in this ordinance.

As usual, there will be staff and committee reports, project updates and announcements.

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jects and safety issues. Mr. Snyder was instrumental in organizing the Upper Marlboro CERT Team, and also now holds a seat on MML's Hometown Emergency Preparedness Ad-Hoc Committee (HEPAC). With his help, along with our own Sergeant Washington of the UMPD, the Town will be finalizing its own Emergency Operations Plan sooner than later. The Town is thrilled to have both these gentlemen helping to ensure the well-being of our residents and guests.

The Town is also very grateful to past-president Steve Sonnett, who stepped up as Chair for the Town's Sustainable Communities Workgroup. Along with stellar County employee Christina Pompa with the Planning Department, they have implemented the necessary funding for façade improvements for 9 storefronts downtown.

The following page illustrates examples of events, projects and upgrades your Town Government worked on during the last year in response to citizen's quality-of-life issues.



The Town of Upper Marlboro is on Social Media!

Be sure to follow us on Twitter and "Like" the Town's page on Facebook to get up-to-date alerts & information and to see what's happening!

@TownUMarlboro



The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATE . . .

QUARTERLY MEETING

Saturday, November 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 Town's Archives. 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.

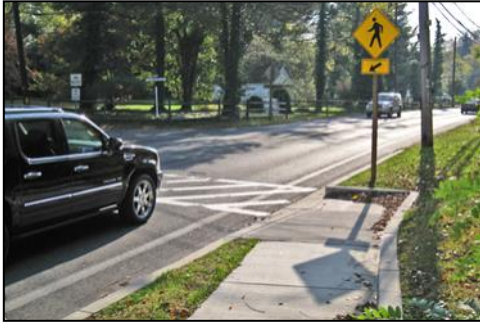
You don't have to be a researcher or a historian to join in on the fun!

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

Visit their website at: www.tumhc.com/

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Every November, as we celebrate **Municipal Government Works! Month**, we look back over the course of the year to take tally of the projects and events that best demonstrate what we, your municipal government, have offered our residents and businesses within our corporate boundaries.



Road Repairs, New Sidewalks & Crosswalks to Increase Pedestrian Walkability & Safety



Downtown/Main Street Revitalization Enabled Through the Façade Improvement Project, Funded by Sustainable Communities Grants Administered By The Town



Upgrades to the Town-Owned Public Parking Lot Offering Additional Payment Options and Long-Term Parking



Town-Sponsored Events to Increase Community Awareness On the Importance of Historic Preservation and the Environment



Expansion & Renovation of the Town Hall Offices to Include An Enhanced Meeting Area for Town Committees & Events

Updating of Town Ordinances and Development of a "Town Code" to Help Enable Successful Enforcement of Common Property Standards Issues



FREE ELECTRONIC EVENT WILL ACCEPT UNWANTED TVs, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, PRINTERS AND MUCH MORE!

(see flyer opposite page)

The Prince George's County Department of the Environment Recycling Section, will hold an electronics recycling drop-off event on **December 3, 2016** at Surrattsville High School, 6101 Garden Drive in Clinton; the event will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This electronics recycling event is FREE and open to all Prince George's County residents (*proper identification may be required*).

Items accepted include up to **five televisions and computer monitors**, as well as computer hardware, printers, copiers, FAX machines, shredders, computer cables, cell phones, laptops, tablets, DVD/VCR's, stereo equipment, radios, phone systems, video game equipment and USB devices.

Items not accepted include vacuum cleaners, appliances, humidifiers/dehumidifiers,

coffee makers, fryers/grills, power tools, yard tools, fans, light fixtures, alkaline batteries, and packaging from your electronics, such as boxes, Styrofoam and plastic packaging materials. County businesses that pre-register with the Recycling Section by calling 301-883-3635 may be able to participate and recycle their electronics for free. Due to limitations, this is a first call, first serve opportunity for the commercial sector.

For more information about electronics recycling, single-stream recycling, contact: CountyClick 3-1-1.

Or, contact: Linda Lowe
Public Information Officer
Prince George's County
Dept. of the Environment
(301) 883-5952

New Recycling Pick-up Contractor!

As of November, Town residents may notice their Residential Trash & Recycling are both being picked-up by the same vendor, **Burch Trash Services Inc.** This comes after the contract with Bates Trucking expired in October, and Burch Trash was awarded the Contract by the Board at the September Town Meeting. pick-ups have not been changed!

REMINDER: Residents are asked to please report issues with refuse collection immediately to the Town Office at 301-627-6905 so that they can be resolved and tracked.



TOWN REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

Residential Trash:	Monday / Burch
Yard Waste:	Monday / Public Works
Bulk Trash:	Monday / Public Works
Recycling:	Thursday / Burch

Please have refuse out at the curb by 7AM the day of pick-up, and removed by 7PM the same day!

RECYCLE YOUR OLD
TELEVISION AND
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Prince George's County

ecycling

electronics recycling

S A T U R D A Y

NOVEMBER 5

High Point High School
3601 Powder Mill Road
Beltsville, MD 20705

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

S A T U R D A Y

DECEMBER 3

Surrattsville High School
6101 Garden Drive
Clinton, MD 20735

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RESIDENTS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT COUNTY CLICK 3-1-1**



SOURCE REDUCTION TIP:

Reduce paper usage by printing on both sides.



Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive



**** MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) MONITORS
AND TELEVISIONS PER RESIDENT.**

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, November 8th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Meeting is open to public participation.

VETERANS' DAY: Friday November 11th. Town offices will be closed and will reopen on Monday, November 14th at 9:00 am.

MID ATLANTIC EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS HORSE SHOW & FESTIVAL: Friday-Sunday, November 11-13, 2016 at 8 a.m. 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.

AT THE LIBRARY: STEM FOR FAMILIES— Wednesday, November 16th, All day. Ages 5 - 12 with adult. Join us as we explore science, technology, engineering and math. Drop in for hands-on experiments and activities. Upper Marlboro Branch Library—14730 Main Street. Call the branch for more details at: (301) 627-9330, or visit online: www.pgcmlls.info/

CONTESTANTS NEEDED: For the Gingerbread house Contest & Show at Darnall's Chance House Museum —3 Divisions to chose from! (Family, Adult & Child). Hundreds in cash awards! Download entry form: history.pgpcarks.com, or call 301-952-8010 for more info. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Nov. 12.** Entry fee: \$5 per entry. Deliver entries on Nov. 22 between 12 noon and 4:00 pm.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE- QUARTERLY MEETING: Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m. Town Hall. Meeting is open to the public.



Report 2016 OCTOBER

Town Citations: 293 • State Citations: 42

<u>In-Town Incidents:</u>	<u>Out-of-Town Incidents:</u>
1 Recovered Stolen	3 Burglaries
1 Property Damage	11 Larceny
1 Impound Vehicle	3 Stolen Vehicle
	1 Rape
	1 Robbery

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

Town Police Offer House Checks . . .



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

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 a.m. to 5 p.m. except holidays.

BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION:

Tuesday, November 22nd, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. Agenda consists of current business items up for Board discussion. Work Sessions are open to the public, however, public participation is at the Board's discretion.

THANKSGIVING DAY WEEKEND: Town Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday (24th & 25th) and will reopen on Monday, November 28th at 9:00 am.

RECYCLE PICK-UP FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK: The recycle pick-up will be on FRIDAY, November 25, 2015.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST & SHOW:

Friday–Sunday: Nov 25–27; Dec 2–4; & Dec 9–11. 12 noon–5:00 pm at Darnall's Chance House Museum, 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Dr. For a sweet treat, come and 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! Fee: \$1/ person. Call 301-952-8010 for more info.

TOWN HALL-IDAY PARTY: Sunday, December 11th, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Santa arrives for the Tree Lighting at dusk. Come meet your neighbors for Caroling with Santa, Great Food, Refreshments, Holiday Music & Fun! No RSVP required.

December Work Session Change Alert:

The December Work Session will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 9:15am due to the Holidays.