

VOTING EARLY?

Early Voting for our area will be at the Upper Marlboro Community Center (5400 Marlboro Race Track Road) from Thursday **October 27** through Thursday **November 3, 2016** from **8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Below are some tips to be prepared to vote on Tuesday, November 8 . . .

- ☒ **Register to vote!** The State of Maryland offers ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION. **Voter Registration deadline is October 18.** Register or update your voter information online: <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/OnlineVoterRegistration>
- ☒ If you are registered to vote, **check your voting status** online to ensure that you are eligible to vote in November: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>
- ☒ **Know where you are assigned to vote** online: <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/PollingPlaceSearch>
- ☒ **Vote during non-peak hours** (10:00 am or 4:00 pm)
- ☒ If you are not able to vote at the polls during early voting or on Election Day, the **deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is November 1.** Visit: <http://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>



For more information, contact the **Prince George's County Board of Elections** at (301) 341-7300, or by email at: election@co.pg.md.us, or go online to: <http://md-princegeorgescounty.civicplus.com/559/Board-of-Elections>

TOWN HALL

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Maryland 20772



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Pond Clean-Up

September 10, 2016

It was HOT HOT HOT!, but a hard-core group of about 20 citizen's came out to help! We had a great time and got a lot accomplished!



From left to right: Patti Skews & Brian Callicott, Park Ranger Brooke Westby; Rusty Pennoyer, Trudy Rutland, Caleb Jackson, Park Ranger Mike Dolesh, Adam Pennoyer Jr., Lee Eismann, and Miriam Gaskin.

ON THE AGENDA

At the October meeting, the Board is looking to conduct a final vote on Ordinance 2016-03: Residential Property Standards. Concerns and suggestions sent in by a half-dozen residents over the last month and a half were addressed by adding into, or clarifying, the original draft that was introduced at the last Town Meeting.

Board appointments for the Historical Committee Chairs and membership roster are due by November

1, 2016 when the current committee's two-year term is up. If you would like to be a voting member please call us at Town Hall.

The Commissioners will be delivering updates and announcements and finalizing the date and time for our annual Town Holiday Party in December. Also, the Board will be implementing a new policy on public comment procedures (*see below*).

Due to time-sensitive factors, the

Board voted unanimously on Resolution 2016-09: Town's Position on the Water Street Bus Stop, at their September 27 Work Session. The document was needed by the Sustainable Communities Workgroup for current correspondence with State Highway officials concerning pedestrian safety improvements.

The regular October Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Starting in October 2016, the Board of Town Commissioners will be implementing a new procedure that pertains to the delivery of public comments at their monthly Town meetings. These procedures are designed to provide residents and commissioners alike a more focused line of communication on the issues at hand.

Recent meetings have revealed that most citizens believe they have to wait until a monthly Town Meeting in order to bring issues before the Board. The Board of Town Commissioners have only two meetings each month to conduct all of the Town's business, and can better assist residents if they have advance knowledge of citizen's concerns. Experience has shown us that most citizen's issues are more successfully handled when they are addressed ahead of meetings, rather than at the end of a long 12-hour workday, amid what is often times a packed agenda.

Your Town government does want and appreciates citizen input. So, in an effort to maximize effective resolutions on resident's issues, we encourage Town residents and businesses to first contact us at Town Hall, weekdays: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Our staff can help answer most concerns, or, can get you in touch with the personnel or agency that can assist you. Of course, residents are always welcome, and encouraged, to schedule an appointment with a Commissioner to discuss municipal problems and quality-of-life issues one-on-one, and work together towards a satisfactory solution.

Agendas for Town Meetings are posted ahead of time on our website: www.uppermarlboromd.gov,

and a synopsis of the Town Meeting Agenda is also provided in the "On the Agenda" column of our monthly newsletter the *Landings*. Outreach and notices of legislative items are also posted on the Town's social media accounts (Facebook & Twitter).

Our meetings are open to the public, and we are respectfully asking that residents who want to comment to please follow the rules that have been established by "Resolution 2016-02: Adoption of Rules of Order and Regulations for Public Meetings" . . .

"Recognized public comment and/or questions that are germane to the immediate agenda item shall be limited to (1) minute. Furthermore, each regular meeting shall also have an agenda item for citizen input regarding any municipal question, during which time any resident of the Town may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes on matters or items not necessarily placed on the agenda."

You can also read the entire Resolution by [clicking here](#) , or, by picking up a hardcopy at Town Hall.

Starting in October, each individual speaker must stand, state their name and home of record (street name only), and approach the Board to a designated position in order to be recognized by the Chair of the Board, and to be heard by the recording Clerk, as well as others in attendance.

We thank you, in advance, for your compliance with this request.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT September 2016

The violations addressed by Code Enforcement last month are listed below:

Residential High Grass / Weeds — 4
Commercial High Grass / Weeds — 1
Trash / Litter — 2
Refuse Collection Issues — 4

The Town encourages all residents to be familiar with Ordinance 2016-03 'Residential Property Standards'. Call the Town Office at 301-627-6905, or visit our website to obtain a copy.



Report 2016 SEPTEMBER

Town Citations: 208 • State Citations: 60

In-Town Incidents:

1 Littering / Dumping
1 CDS Possession
1 Recovered Property
1 Vehicle Impound
1 Theft (under \$100)
1 Vandalism
1 Warrant Service

Out-of-Town Incidents:

4 Burglar Alarm (resid.)
1 Disorderly Conduct
1 Domestic Dispute
1 House Fire
1 Hit & Run (auto)
1 Warrant Service
1 Traffic Complaint

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

October is Fire Prevention Month

This year's Fire Prevention campaign is . . .

“Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.” Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms have a life span and should be changed about every 10 years or before. Remember to **test your alarms monthly** on the Safety First Day of the Month and replace alarms every 10 years. Install a new 10-year smoke/CO alarm now and be in compliance with laws in Prince George's County to maintain these alarms on every level of your home. Install alarms in hallways just outside of sleeping areas and we recommend installing alarms in all bedrooms and sleep with your bedroom doors closed.

Town Police Offer House Checks . . .

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



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 through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except holidays. 301-627-6905 • 14211 School Lane

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH TOWN NEWS & ALERTS

There are MANY ways you can stay in-the-know



Town Website: www.uppermarlboromd.gov



Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownUpperMarlboro



Twitter: [UpperMarlboro@TownUMarlboro](https://twitter.com/UpperMarlboro@TownUMarlboro)



RSS feed: (alerts you when timely notices & alerts are posted!)



MailChimp: (the *Landings* newsletter is emailed to you!)

Give us a call, or visit our website to SIGN-UP! **301-627-6905 • www.uppermarlboromd.gov**

The “Landings” newsletter is no longer mailed Town-wide — Help Us Spread the Word — Tell Your Neighbors



October is National ADOPT -A- DOG MONTH

Don't shop. Adopt.



Ruthern L. Baker, III
County Executive

Animal Services Facility
3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772
(301) 780-7200 • www.princegeorgespets4us.com



When Kindness Can Become a Nuisance

Most of us already know that stray and feral cats have been a problem for some residents for a long time. It can be argued that leaving out water and food only encourages that feline population to stick around. Below is the portion of the County Code that speaks to that very problem.

Sec. 3-131. – Manner of keeping animals; prohibition of nuisances.

(a) Each owner or custodian shall provide the following for each of his or her companion animals:

- (1) Adequate feed;
- (2) Adequate water;
- (3) Adequate shelter that is properly cleaned;
- (4) Adequate space in the primary enclosure for the particular type of animal depending on its size, species, and weight;
- (5) Adequate exercise;
- (6) Adequate care, proper and appropriate treatment, and proper transportation; and
- (7) Adequate veterinary care and veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering or disease transmission.

(b) The provisions of this Section shall also apply to every animal shelter, impoundment facility, foster home, and holding facility whether temporary or permanent.

(c) No person shall keep or maintain any animal in Prince George's County in such manner as to cause or permit the animal to be a public nuisance or to cause or permit the animal to cause a public nuisance condition. No person shall keep or maintain any animal in the County in such manner as to disturb the peace, comfort, or health of any person residing within the County. (CB-36-1985; CB-26-2001)

Your Spirit is Being Summoned for a Night of ...



Ales & Tales at the Tavern

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Bewitching hours: 6 — 8 pm

Enjoy a Halloween-themed buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres, seasonal brews, and spiced cider. Spooky entertainment by Ship's Company.

Hosted by Darnall's Chance House Museum
14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772



Tickets: Residents \$35, Non-Residents \$42

Must be 21 years or older.

Call for reservations 301-952-8010
Space is limited. Costumes encouraged, but not required.

Museum facility of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Natural and Historical Resources Division. The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Register at least a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date to request and receive a disability accommodation.

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history.pg parks.com



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL — HOMECOMING PARADE:

Saturday, October 8th, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Main Street. Parade starts and ends at the Board of Education (at School Lane) and travels a loop through Town along Main Street and Governor Oden Bowie Drive. Expect road closures.

COLUMBUS DAY: Monday, October 10th. Offices will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 am.

TRASH PICK-UP / COLUMBUS DAY:

ONLY “Residential Trash” WILL BE PICKED UP on MONDAY, October 10— However, “Bulk Trash” items AND “Yard Waste” will be picked up on the NEXT DAY—TUESDAY, October 11.

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, October 10th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Meeting is open to the public.

AT THE UPPER MARLBORO LIBRARY:

CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS: Saturday, October 15 2016: 11am–12 noon. Ages (18+) will provide coloring sheets, crayons, colored pencils & markers as tools to promote creativity, encourage relaxation and provide an outlet for fun.

STEM FOR FAMILIES: Wednesday, October 19 2016: 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.

TOWN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (TUMHC)

— **ARCHIVING SESSION:** Saturday, October 15th, starting at 10 a.m. Town Hall. Open to the public..

THE SHOW PLACE ARENA—MOUNTED

GAMES ACROSS AMERICA: Sat/Sun, October 15–16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. See a variety of fast relay races performed by excellent riders on well trained ponies—



TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY

October 21 • 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.

DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL

Town Halliday Party



TENTATIVE DATE:

Sunday, December 11th at 5 pm

details to come in the next issue of the Landings

exciting for participants and spectators alike! Free for Spectators. Call 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998 for more info. The Show Place Arena 14900 Pennsylvania Ave, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

THE GREAT JACK O' LANTERN CAMPFIRE:

Saturday, October 22nd 7–8:30 p.m. at Darnall's Chance House Museum. See a dazzling display of hand-carved & illuminated jack o' lanterns. Sit by a campfire and enjoy popcorn, roast marshmallows & hot cider listening to ghost stories (*bring your own fixins to make S'mores*). Kids can win prizes hunting for glowing jack o' lanterns. Scheduled rain date is Sunday, Oct. 23 at 6:00 pm. No reservations required. Call: 301-952-8010 for more information (TTY 301-699-2544).

BOARD WORK SESSION: Tuesday, October 25th, 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m. Turn clocks BACK one hour.

ALES & SPOOKEY TALES at THE TAVERN:

Saturday, October 29, 6-8 p.m. The Tavern at Darnall's Chance House Museum. (see flyer on page 5).

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST & SHOW—

CONTESTANTS NEEDED: Darnall's Chance House Museum. 3 Divisions to choose from! (Family, Adult & Child). Hundreds in cash awards! Download entry form: history.pgpark.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 p.m.