



Town Police Chief to Retire

Chief Michael T. Gonnella Leaves the Town of Upper Marlboro Police Department After 12+ Years of Service



The Town's elected officials and staff wish for Mike good health and happiness as he and his wife start their journey into that place we all work so hard to get to—retirement.

Before starting work here in Town in October 2004, our Chief had held other law enforcement positions as a Prince George's County Municipal police officer with the Edmonston Police and the University Park Police Departments, as well as, for the PGC Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff. During his time here as Chief, he became an active member of the Prince George's County Police Chief's Association and was President of the PGCPA in 2013.

He served in Viet Nam from 1969 to 1973, earning The Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces, and The Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Achievement in the Republic of Vietnam. While serving with Army Security, he received expert level firearms training.

Over the years, the Town has received dozens of "Thank You"

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TOWN HALL

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ON THE AGENDA

Our February Town Meeting will be held Tuesday the 14th at Town Hall, starting at 7:30 pm.

At the top of the meeting, we will have an introduction to the new County Fire Chief, Benjamin M. Barksdale, from the outgoing Fire Chief, Marc S. Bashoor. They are diligently making the rounds to all 27 County Municipalities for this introduction and to get to know each jurisdiction's citizens.

Business items on the meeting's agenda include updates on current projects such as the Town Hall Addition & Renovation, and, the Elm Street Repaving & Sidewalk Improvements projects.

A new ordinance concerning building and permitting will be introduced at this meeting. Ordinance 2017-01 will help the Town's Code Enforcement to ensure future building of structures, such as: additions, fences and sheds, all have the proper permits on file with the County.

As usual, Town meetings are open to the public.

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notes and cards, plus, deliveries of home-made cookies and various treats from thankful residents for keeping a watchful eye on their homes while they were out-of-town, and for various other matters where the Chief made a positive difference in people's lives and well-being. Town businesses have also sent letters of thanks for everything from assistance with accidents, inclement weather, juvenile counseling to even lending an ear to residents dealing with personal struggles and loss.

We will miss you Chief. Job well done!



CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Notices issued to residential properties

DURING THE MONTH OF January 2017

Accessory Structure (fencing) — 1

Trash/Litter — 1

Unpermitted Construction — 1



Report 2017 JANUARY

Town Citations (parking): 41 • State Citations: 5

In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Vandalism
- 1 Impound
- 1 Missing Person

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 1 Assault
- 1 Robbery
- 1 Burglary
- 2 Stolen Vehicles
- 7 Larcenies

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

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Staff Favorites

ADOPTION EVENT

Don't spend your Valentine's Day alone!

Visit the Prince George's County animal shelter to see the dogs that have been hit with Cupid's bow and selected as "staff favorites." These dogs will have heart icons on their cages.

Throughout the month of February, adoptions fees for these select dogs have been reduced to **\$125***. Give a dog a loving home and receive a lifetime of unconditional love.

FEBRUARY
1-28 2017

*Fee covers adoption spay/neuter surgery (if necessary), post-surgery pain medication and e-collar

Applications must be received in February.

Town Refuse Collection Information

Refuse Type	Day Collected	Collected by:
Residential Trash	Monday	Burch Trash (contracted)
Bulk Trash	Monday	Town Public Works Dept.
Yard Waste	Monday	Town Public Works Dept.
Residential Recycling	Thursday	Burch Trash (contracted)

Refuse Containers: While the Town provides recycling containers, residents must provide their own residential trash containers that meet the below criteria:



- must be made of metal or hard plastic, strong watertight material.
- must have two lifting handles
- must have a tightly fitting lid with handle
- must not exceed thirty-two gallons (32) in size

All refuse containers shall be placed at the curb no sooner than twelve (12) hours prior to the scheduled collection time, and be removed no later than twelve (12) hours after the scheduled collection time. Refuse containers should not be stored on the front of properties. If you need a recycling container, please contact Town Hall at 301-627-6905. Recycling containers are Town property and CANNOT be used for trash or removed from the Town limits.

Bulk Trash: The Town picks up resident's bulk trash such as mattress, appliances, scrap wood and other items as long as it is under three cubic square yards and under 50lbs per item.

Yard Waste: Yard waste will be collected by Public Works as long as it meets the below criteria: Sticks and branches must be bundled in sections 4ft or shorter weighing less than 25lbs. Leaves, grass, and other yard waste may be placed in paper yard waste bags weighing less than 25lbs.



The following items CANNOT BE PICKED UP by the Town at any time: tree stumps, stone or brick, dirt, explosives, dangerous chemicals, biohazards, tires, roofing shingles, cement, treated lumber, propane gas containers, or other refuse generated from construction or remodeling.

Recycling Pick-Up Information:

The Town contracts Burch Trash to pick up Residential Recycling on Thursdays. If you need a recycling container, please contact Town Hall at 301-627-6905. Recycling containers are Town property and CANNOT be used for trash or removed from the Town limits. Items MUST BE LOOSE, no bags.

Electronics Disposal:



Town residents MUST drop off unwanted electronics, **FREE of charge** at the Brown Station Road Landfill Electronics Recycling Acceptance Site:

**11611 White House Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774**
Thursday—Saturday 8 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Non-commercial vehicles ONLY.

Unacceptable Items: Software, Stereo Speakers, Boxes, or Appliances such as toasters & microwave ovens. Call 311 for more information (or) visit online at: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/WasteManagement

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Plastic Bottles (& Lids) numbers # 1-7
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Aluminum & Bi-metal Cans, Foil Wrap & Foil Trays
- Coat Hangers
- Plastic Wide-mouth Containers & Lids
- Kraft Bags, Gift Wrap, Newspapers, Magazines, Books & Phonebooks
- All Paper & Junk Mail (includes glossy paper & window envelopes)
- Corrugated Cardboard & Paper Board
- Gable-top Cartons & Frozen Food Packaging
- Latex paint ONLY (lids must be removed and paint must be completely dried in can)
- Empty Aerosol Cans

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Auto parts / Motors
- Dishes, Plastic Cutlery
- Electronics (TVs, computers/monitors)
- Hazardous materials (enamel paints, batteries)
- Light bulbs
- Medical waste
- Mirrors, broken glass
- Motor oil containers
- Packing foam & peanuts
- Windowpanes
- Plastic Bags & Shrink Wrap (please drop at grocery stores)

THE TOWN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Between 2010 and 2014, the State Comptroller overpaid annual income tax revenues to 66 of Maryland's 157 municipalities. They now want the overages paid back. Several years ago, the Town had asked the Comptroller's Office why recent revenue trends were so high. Long story short, the Town wound up paying the State back over \$82,000 for 2015, and had another \$29,100 of tax revenues withheld for 2016.



The Town of Upper Marlboro, and other municipalities throughout Maryland, need your support in getting **State Senate Bill-397** passed, which would relieve the Town paying back an additional \$378,800. This is a large amount of funding that could otherwise be put towards Town projects & programs.

If SB-397 is passed, the 66 municipalities effected by the State-mandated payback of misallocated LIT Revenues would be forgiven, and the Town would be able to use these funds for Town improvement projects and programs. Be a part of "the Solution" by contacting your Elected Representatives and tell them you want them to support this Legislation.

Please contact your State Legislators
BEFORE February 15, 2017 — say YES to SB-397

Contact Information:

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Thank you, Upper Marlboro Board of Town Commissioners

TOWN PROJECTS UPDATE



Town Hall Addition & Renovation Project:

Recently, the Board of Town Commissioners and in-house Project Team personnel had a productive meeting with the M—NCPPC Planning Department and the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Environment (DPIE) to move towards conclusion of the County's mandatory referral process. The interior design has been honed by the Board while working with the Architect and Project Manager to accommodate necessary changes to the layout.

Downtown Pedestrian Safety Improvements:

The Town has been working closely with the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) to address 3 main projects:

- 1) **Main Street CAB/Courthouse Crosswalk:** Installation of new pedestrian crosswalk signage, with plans to install a "bump-out" crosswalk in Spring 2017 to better protect pedestrians.
- 2) **Water Street Bus Stop & Crosswalk:** The Bus stop has been removed by DPW&T, and SHA will be installing a new crosswalk closer to Judges Drive.
- 3) **Main, Water & Elm Street's Intersection:** Re-design the intersection to ADA standards & outfit signal light to include updated/timed pedestrian crossing signs.



Elm Street Repaving & Sidewalk Improvement Project:

This project was originally initiated in response to resident's complaints about the lack of curb height and other safety hazards connected to the sidewalk on Elm Street. To accommodate for safer passage of vehicles and pedestrians alike, the Town worked with Pepco to move two of its utility poles back several feet (at no cost to the Town) to allow the Town to slightly expand the road from 8-foot travel lanes to 10-foot lanes, add an additional speed bump, and install an ADA compliant 5-foot wide sidewalk. These improvements are vital to make this main artery to and from the Downtown area safer for all.

PLEDGE TO GO GREEN IN 2017

Tired of making the same old resolutions, try a different approach and pledge to go green in 2017:

- ▶ Resolve to reduce, reuse, recycle and repurpose more this year;
- ▶ Never purchase bottled water;
- ▶ Remember your reuseable bag;
- ▶ Walk or bike to work;
- ▶ Resolve to waste less energy in your home;
- ▶ Switch to green power and consider solar; and
- ▶ Commit to eating local, organic, seasonal food.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

FREEDOM BEFORE FATHER ABRAHAM:

“natural freedom is the right of all men” Saturday, February 11, 2017 12 noon - 4 pm Surratt House Museum 9118 Brandywine Road Clinton, MD 20735. The Surratt House Museum will display 10 freedom papers of local historical significance relating to slavery in Prince George’s County. Spanning 1781-1858, the documents demonstrate the variety of experiences of both slaves and freedmen, and how they came to be free. FREE Event into at: 301-868-1121

CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS: Saturday, February 4th: 11:00 am—12:00 pm Upper Marlboro Branch Library, 14730 Main Street. Tired from a long work week! Feeling Stressed out! Come join us for a relaxing hour of self paced creativity. Age 18+

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, February 14th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public, and time is allotted at the end of the agenda for public comment. Guest presentations and Town Committee reports are typically scheduled at the top of the agenda.

TIMBERDOODLE HIKE: Sat. February 18th, 2017 5:30-6:30 pm Patuxent River Park 16000 Croom Airport Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 Join a naturalist for an evening hike to see the spectacular courtship display of the Timberdoodle, or American Woodcock. This mysterious bird reliably preforms a spiraling flight display shortly after sunset. Resident \$3; Non-Resident \$4 Contact: 301-627-6074

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: Monday February 20th in observance of the Presidents’ Day holiday. Town Hall offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

TRASH PICK-UP NOTICE: ONLY Household TRASH WILL BE picked-up Monday, Feb. 20th due to the holiday. YARD WASTE & BULK TRASH will be picked up on the following day, Tuesday the 21st.

LEGOS: CREATIVE CLUB: Thursday, February 16th at 5:30 p.m. Upper Marlboro Branch Library, 14730 Main Street. Legos will be provided and kids can let their imaginations run wild! Registration is re-

quired. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please contact the branch for more information, or to register. (301) 627-9330.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE QUARTERLY

MEETING: Sat, February 20th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The TUMHC Board will be discussing business items on the agenda and planning events for 2017. Residents of the Town and surrounding area are welcome to attend. Visit: www.tumhc.com.

BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION:

Tuesday, February 28th, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting agenda consists of current business items up for Board discussion. Work Sessions are always open to the public, however, public participation is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

HIGHLAND TEA: Saturday, February 25th, at 2:00 p.m. Celebrate Darnall’s Chance’s Scottish heritage by partaking in a cozy winter afternoon tea, and enjoy the tastes and sounds of Scotland. Advance registration and payment required: resident \$23 (ages 10 & up). 14800 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive. Call: 301-952-8010.



TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY

March 3 • FRIDAY • 4 – 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.

NUTRITION-THE RIGHT BALANCE: Sat March 4, 12-1pm at Walkins Tennis Bubble 301 Watkins Park Dr Upper Marlboro 20774. Info 301-218-6870. FREE Nutrition Workshop.

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