

April, 2017 the Board of Town Commissioners approved a contract to begin renovation of our existing Town Hall and construct a new addition to expand our Town Hall's footprint. Board discussions at Town Meetings about a need for a better Town Hall began about 7 years ago. This much-needed upgrade will provide for the Town and its residents:

- ★ A larger Town Board & Committees Meeting Room
- ★ Proper accommodations for community Events & Activities
- ★ ADA-compliant Restrooms & Breakroom Facility
- ★ Communications Upgrades (broadcasting capability & new inter-office phone system)
- ★ Display areas for Town Historic Artifacts and Artist exhibits
- ★ Overall better Energy-efficiency through "Green" Design
- ★ A more efficient Police Department with secure operations & storage capabilities
- ★ Efficient workspace for daily Administrative Operations
- Much needed storage space for Town Archives & Emergency Preparedness supplies & equipment
- ★ Security features for Public Areas (services windows, cameras, double-entry portico)

**Town Hall History**: The current Town Hall was built during the 1940s as an open-roofed community pool house (showers, changing rooms, and management offices.) When the pool was closed and filled-in during the 1970s, the property sat unused until it was converted to a Town Hall in the late 1980s. Then, in the 1990s, the Town Hall was dedicated as the "Marlboro Community War Memorial", a living memorial to those who served during World War II.

Administrative Offices: The Town Hall serves as the administrative offices for your elected officials to carryout day-to-day Town Operations. Their administrative staff includes: the Town Clerk/Administrator, the Deputy Clerk and the Accountant. The Town Hall also houses the Town Police Department's personnel and equipment. At present, our elected officials do not have the proper office space to work or meet with the public, and routine administrative tasks are often hampered by lack of workable space. Our new Town Hall will have dedicated offices for the President and Commissioners, along with a small conference area and breakroom. There will also be a Central Support room for document processing, easily accessible to the President and Staff

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## TOWN HALL

14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro Maryland 20772



<u>THE BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS</u> President James Storey Commissioner Nancy Clagett; Commissioner Linda Pennoyer <u>OFFICE HOURS</u> Monday–Friday: 9 am – 5 pm

### CONTACT TOWN HALL

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alike (postage meter/copier/fax/ supplies & document storage.) Currently, these mailroom components have been scattered throughout different offices and take up precious closet space.

**Meeting Room**: The current Town Hall has a 384-square foot meeting

room that holds roughly 15– 20 people, and Town events and meetings are often overcrowded. The Town Hall renovation will expand the meeting room to 582square feet to accommodate a 39-person capacity. The new "All-Purpose" room will have a moveable partition, and will also have vid-

eo & audio equipment installed for broadcasting Town Meetings on our Cable Access Channel 19.

Police Department: Currently, the police department has no secure storage area, and only one office for its Chief and 3 Patrol Officers to share. Due to this lack of security, the Marvland State Police does not allow our Town Police access to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) or the Maryland Electronic Telecommunications Enforcement Resource System (METERS) databases. Given this, our officers have been required to travel well outside of the Town to other County Stations for this information. The new offices will meet the State Police security requirements and will allow our police to

have access to these resources. The new Upper Marlboro Police Department will have a Chief's Office, 3man Squad Room and a separate, secure room for police equipment, weapons and evidence.

**Emergency Management**: After the project is complete, the Town plans to seek grants for solar panels and an emergency generator to help



cut back on energy costs, and to ensure the building is self-sufficientespecially in an emergency. The Town Hall would also be an optimal off-site emergency command post in the event of another major incident downtown (flooding, bomb threat, major fire etc.). The Town recently facilitated the formation of the "Upper Marlboro CERT Team" which periodically uses the Town Hall for meetings. We envision the new space will help them with their efforts by offering a larger space for workshops on CPR training and other life-saving/support disciplines.

**Project Timeline**: In 2014, an "Invitation to Submit Qualifications For Architectural Services" was advertised and submissions were reviewed by the Board. After working with the chosen design firm through what is now considered a learning curve, the Board decided to do its own research into the "unknown factors" of the project, and find better ways to cut costs overall working within the parameters of the County's Building Code requirements. A lot was learned for the best interests

of the Town, in that careful planning over time averted permitting problems and extra costs, and the design was dramatically improved by the hiring of Nicola Hain Architect LLC who worked closely with project manager Fran McLellan of McLellan & Co., and, engineering manager Ben Robertson of

RDA Engineering Company, Inc.

In Spring 2017, the Town began accepting sealed bids for the construction phase of the project, and awarded the contract to Scheibel Construction. A Groundbreaking Ceremony has been scheduled for June 14, 2017 and the projected project timeline for completion is 6-7 months. The Town currently has all the funds in-hand to complete this project without the need for fundraising events, securing grants or loans, or even raising resident's taxes. All funding will come from existing Town reserves. Even after the project is complete and paid for, the Town will still have more-thanample reserves leftover for other needed capital projects.

Our regular monthly Town meeting will be held at the Town Hall on

Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The main item on the agenda is the adoption of the Town Operating Budget for FY2018 (which is July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018.) This monthly meeting is a week earlier than usual in order to honor Charter requirements for having it go into effect by the beginning of the fiscal

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year. The Board will also have before them a contract for approval with CTI District Ser-

vices to conduct the 3rd Party Inspection Program from DPIE for the Town Hall Project—a prerequisite before the final Pre-Construction Meeting and Groundbreaking. As usual, there will be open discussion of general and administrative issues and time is allotted for public comment at the end of the agenda.

# **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 2017**

nce again, citizens of the Town and other area residents gathered together to celebrate another Memorial Day at the Town Hall. We had more attendees than ever this year! Jim Benson, USMC retired, serving as Keynote Speaker, delivered a very informative piece entitled "The History of 20th & 21st Century American Warfare".



In addition, President Jim Storey, retired AF, acting as Master of Ceremonies, delivered a thoughtful speech entitled "An Odyssey: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier".



Our special thanks go out to Chief Nickerson, the Wise High School Honor Guard, and trumpeter John Roberts for supporting this event, also Chief Calvin Washington for laying the ceremonial wreath.

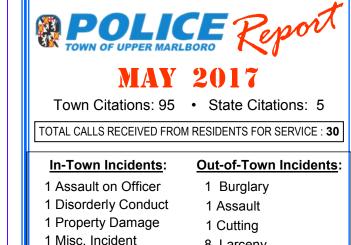
And last but not least, we all want to thank our volunteers who contributed their time and effort to make this annual event a great success!



Is your family ready in case of an emergency? Start by creating an emergency preparedness kit, which should include:

- Water (1gal per person, per day for 3days)
- Enough nonperishable food (for at least 3 days) •
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlight & extra batteries •
- First aid kit & tool kit •
- Moist towelettes and gar-• bage bags
- Plastic sheeting & duct tape •
- Cell phone and portable • charger





1 Handcuff & Release

8 Larceny

All in-Town incidents were in the downtown area and

not in the residential areas—unless indicated with an\*

### **Graduation Time • Expect Traffic Delays**

The Showplace Arena will be the stage for many graduation ceremonies in June.

### **JUNE 2017**

5	North County High School	10:30 a.m.
5	Annapolis High School	3:30 p.m.
7	Calvert High School	3:00 p.m.
7	Northern High School	8:00 p.m.
8	Huntingtown High School 3:00 p.m.	
8	Patuxent High School	8:00 p.m.

Please see Show Place Arena Website for any updates that may affect traffic in the vicinity.

# **Code Enforcement**

*t*'s that time of year again! Residents are reminded to regularly mow their yards to ensure grass height does not exceed 12 inches. The Town has been leaving courtesy notices at properties whose grass exceeds 12 inches

### MAY 2017 CODE REPORT:

- 6 High Grass Notices
- **5** Refuse Collection Issues
- 1 Rental License Investigation

Residents are encouraged to contact: DeputyClerk@UpperMarlboroMD.gov with any Code issues or questions.



### **Comments from the TUMHC Facebook page:**

"Thanks. You all did a fantastic job and I enjoyed the walk around town so much. I have so many memories in that town and in spite of the weather, I very much appreciate that fact that I had the opportunity to go down memory lane. I will stay in touch and will work with you as much as possible. Keep up the good work."– Anna Mae Neltner

"Loved the Memories & Morsels tour last weekend. Learned a lot about my adopted hometown."– *Alex Sviridovsky* 

**On the** tour, Anne Mae pointed out that the Duley & Associates building on Elm Street used to be Nimerichter's Candy Store, Ledo Pizza was Wyvill's Liquor Store, China Taste was a drug store (with a soda fountain), and the Clagett building on West Court Drive used to house the Town Commissioners' offices.

These, and many, many other shared memories & stories from guest attendees will now be further researched by the Town's Historical Committee (TUMHC) to be added to the Town's permanent Archives.

## **MOSQUITO SPRAYING**

esting of our area, and possible spraying, will commence on June 5th, and run through September 19, 2017. Typically, the spraying occurs around dusk on Monday evenings, but, due to variable weather conditions, we cannot guarantee that this service will be performed in any given week.

### **How Can I Help Control Mosquitos?**

Routinely inspect the outside of your home and yard for places where rain water can collect, such as: gutters, bottles, cans & lids, planters, toys, tarps, old tires and so on. Pet bowls and bird baths should be changed often.

### What If I Don't Want the Spraying?

If you decide that you do not want this service, you must sign a form and there will be no spraying within 300 feet of your residence. The forms are available at Town Hall, or you can download it from the State's website at: <u>http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquito\_control.aspx</u>

## TOWN ELECTION DAY

is Monday, January 8, 2018

Considering Running for Office? Or, want to be an Election Judge?

Contact Town Hall for more information, or email us at: <u>info@uppermarlboromd.gov</u>

# **To Your Wellness**

The 2017 Town Wellness Program was closed out the end of May, and plans & events for the 2018 Wellness Program are now being discussed.

Cash awards were distributed to those employees that participated in the program and had met their personal goals they established at the beginning of the program last year.

For 2018, the Town would like to establish a 30-minute "Lunchtime Walk" program and would like to invite interested Town residents to join us. If you are interested in the walks or want more info on our evolving wellness program, please call the Town Hall or email us at: info@uppermarlboromd.gov

## **Beltway B-B-Q Showdown**





-- Come join us !-you won't want to miss it!

The 11th Annual <u>Beltway BBQ Showdown</u> offers a tremendous number of fun activities for the entire family!

The Maryland BBQ "Championship" Festival offers Live Music, a <u>Classic Car Show</u>, <u>Food and Craft Vendors</u> and an awesome children's area full of fun things to do

Favorite events happen under the Tasting Tent such as; Grilling Demos; "<u>Buck-A-Bone" RIBS</u> (\$1 each), and the "<u>People's Choice BBQ Sauce Contest</u>" (3 samples for \$1)

The "Kansas City Barbeque Society" professional teams will be cooking all night Friday and their judges will start sampling their creations on Saturday at 12 Noon. After selecting winners, judge's will issue awards & \$15,000 in prize money! So, come to sample the best BBQ around and see if you agree with Certified Barbeque Judge #72425 (Marlborough Towne resident BARRY MORTON)

#### Admission: \$5 for adults \$3 for kids (ages 3 & under-FREE!)

# **Town Refuse** Collection Information

20"

39"

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 to 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.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CLEARLY SEPARATE BULK TRASH PILES FROM BOTH THE YARD WASTE AND RESIDENTIAL TRASH PILES SO THAT OUR DIFFERENT CREWS CAN EASILY TELL THE DIFFERENCE WHEN THEY DRIVE THROUGH. IF YOUR YARD WASTE IS IN A CAN, AND THE CONTENTS ARE NOT OB-VIOUS, PLEASE MARK THE CONTAINER WITH THE WORD "YARD"

**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 and/or sod, 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 Residential Trash or Bulk 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 am–3:30 pm 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 Bads, 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) Packing foam & peanuts Hazardousmaterials •
- (enamel paints, batteries)
- Light bulbs

- Medical waste
- Mirrors, broken glass
- Motor oil containers
- Windowpanes
- Plastic Bags & Shrink Wrap (please drop at grocery stores)



**FAMILY ZUMBA**: Mondays, June 5—July 24, 6:30–7:30 pm at Sasscer Field (behind the Board of Education) The Family Zumba class brings together all members of your family for fun and easy-to-follow dance moves to upbeat music. Ages 5 & older. FREE Call: 301-446-6800 for more information.

**TOWN MEETING- NEW DATE!: Tuesday, June 6th**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. On the agenda: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Operating Budget. Meeting is open to the public.

### Sustainable Communities Workgroup MEETING:

Tuesday, June 6th, at 8:00 a.m. at Town Hall. Agenda includes the downtown Façade Improvement Program and new TRAIL development. Open to the public.

**LUNCHTIME LAWN CONCERT**: Our Lunchtime Concert Series is back! Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 12 noon at Darnell's Chance. Wander over to the museum on your lunch break and listen to some of the area's top blues and big band musicians. Bring your own brown bag lunch or picnic basket. Some picnic tables are on-site, but you are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair. FREE Info: 301-952-8010

<u>Upper Marlboro CERT TEAM MEETING</u>: Saturday June 10 at 9:30am The Town Community Emergency Reponses Team will hold their monthly meeting, all are welcome, no experience necessary.



BLACK EYED SUSAN HORSE SHOW: Saturday —Sunday, June 17-18, 2017 start-time 8:00 a.m. at the Prince George's Equestrian Center. FREE for spectators. The Show Place Arena: 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue. Call: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998.

FREE FATHER'S DAY TOURS: Sunday, June 18,

#### THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATE ...

### Saturday, June 17

starting at 10:00 a.m.

### "Quarterly Meeting"

VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

The TUMHC is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out with events, research and archiving our Town's rich history And you don't have to be a researcher or a historian to join in on the fun!

Visit the TUMHC website at: <u>www.tumhc.com/</u>.

12 noon–4 p.m. at Darnall's Chance House Museum. Complimentary tours of the museum for fathers and grandfathers when accompanied by a paying child or grandchild. No reservation necessary, FREE! 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive. For more information, call: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544.

<u>WORK SESSION– NEW DATE!</u>: Tuesday June 20, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting 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.

**TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM**: Sat, June 24, 7–9 pm, Darnell's Chance House Museum. Come enjoy local brews, refreshments and test your knowledge. Bring a team, or come alone, and get ready for some friendly competition. Individual and team prizes will be awarded. Reservation is required in advance. Cost: County Resident: \$20; Non-resident: \$26 Ages 21 and up. Call: 301-952-8010 for more information.

### **UPPER MARLBORO BRANCH LIBRARY:**

**CROCHETING & KNITTING**: Tuesday June 6th from 5:30 p.m. –6:30 p.m. Drop in and join our staff expert, Bring your own supplies. All Ages!

**EDIBLE ARCHITECTURE :** Thursday June 29th from 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Tap into your creativity and engineering skills to build structures you can eat! Ages (5-12 yrs)

**SUMMER** *(a)* **YOUR LIBRARY KICK-OFF:** Sign up for Summer Reading, win prizes and eat popsicles. Call: (301) 627-9330 for more information.