

A Monthly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 29

10:00 a.m. at Town Hall

e sure NOT to miss the Town's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony this year. Come and hear guest speakers share their fascinating stories of their tours of duty while serving their country.

We will also have music, delicious food & beverages—and of course, good old fashioned camaraderie with new and old friends. So please, drop by and join us-as we honor those who served, and are currently serving, in the United States Armed Forces.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To volunteer to help, call: 301-627-6905 or email: clerk@uppermarlboromd.gov



Town Hall Addition & Renovation **GROUNDBREAKING NEWS**

he Town Hall is the municipal resident's **primary amenity** and is literally the foundation upon which its elected officials, appointed staff, Public Works and Public Safety Department's personnel and employees, need to successfully carry out daily municipal operations.

It should not only offer the basic services to its citizens. but, most importantly, should be the focal point of the

community with the capacity to host annual events, and provide adequate meeting space for Town Committees and Clubs.

We are thrilled to see this sorely needed project (5 years in the making!) finally come to fruition. We will be breaking ground later this month, and hope our residents can attend the ceremony too. So, check our Website or Facebook page for the date and time of the event.

TOWN HALL

14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro Maryland 20772



THE BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

President James Storey Commissioner Nancy Clagett; Commissioner Linda Pennoyer

> **OFFICE HOURS** Monday-Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

CONTACT TOWN HALL

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ON THE AGENDA

The Fiscal Year 2018 Town Operating Budget will be introduced at the next Regular Town Meeting, May 9, 2017 at the Town Hall, with the adoption of the FY2018 Budget scheduled for the June 6, 2017 Town Meeting. This earlier than normal Town Meeting date is to allow for a 20-day Charter-mandated waiting period after passage and have it go into effect by the beginning of the new fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2017.

Also on the Business Agenda are updates on both the Town Hall Addition & Renovation and Elm Street Repaving & Sidewalk projects, plus, a planning discussion for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony–we hope more residents can help with the event this year.

In addition to the usual Commissioner and Staff reports, the Board will be looking to reappoint a new Chair to the Town's Historical Committee, and, also fill a vacant position on the Board of Supervisors of Elections, which does offer compensation. Town Elections will be on January 8, 2018–consider being a candidate.

You are cordially invited to the 2017 ANNUAL PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION RECEPTION



DARNALL'S CHANCE HOUSE MUSEUM 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro MD 20772

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

6-8:30 pm Program begins at 6:30 pm

RSVP by May 19 301-864-0420 <u>darnallschance@pgparks.com</u>



APRIL 2017

Town Citations: 115 • State Citations: 5

In-Town Incidents:	Out-of-Town Incidents:
1 Larceny	1 Burglary
	5 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 May and June.

MAY 2017

19	Broadneck High School	10:30 a.m.
19	Southern High School	3:30 p.m.
22	South River High School	10:30 a.m.
22	Old Mill High School	3:30 p.m.
23	Frederick Douglass HS	10:30 a.m.
23	Surrattsville High School	3:30 p.m.
24	Crossland High School	10:30 a.m.
24	DuVal High School	3:30 p.m.
25	PG Community College	6:30 p.m.
25	Academy of Health Sciences	10:30 a.m.
26	Central High School	10:30 a.m.
26	Friendly High School	3:30 p.m.
30	Largo High School	10:30 a.m.
30	Gwynn Park High School	3:30 p.m.
31	Fairmont Heights HS	10:30 a.m.
31	Oxon Hill High School	3:30 p.m.
JUNE 2017		
1	Potomac High School	3:30 p.m.
2	Glen Burnie High School	10:30 a.m.
2	Meade High School	3:30 p.m.
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 <u>Show Place Arena Website</u> for any updates that may affect traffic in the vicinity.

April Showers Bring May-squitos

he Town of Upper Marlboro is famous for many things, one of which (unfortunately) is its terrific amount of mosquitoes. As in years past, the Town has contracted with the State for mosquito control. The primary goal of this program is to prevent the occurrence of mosquito-borne disease in humans, pets and livestock. Apart from their being an annoyance, the Asian Tiger mosquitoes are known carriers of the West Nile and Zika Viruses, and a principal carrier of dog heartworm. Wear extra protection and repellants.

Testing of our area, and possible spraying, will commence on June 5th, and run through September 19, 2017. Typically, the testing & 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?

The most effective way to drastically reduce the mosquito population is to eliminate those places where

they breed. 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 Mosquito 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/</u> <u>plants-pests/pages/</u> <u>mosquito_control.aspx</u> The Town of Upper Marlboro is

OH 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!

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PROTECT YOUR PETS AGAINST FLEAS AND TICKS

Taking care of your pets responsibly includes protection from fleas and ticks. Think of these important safety tips when applying liquid pesticides.

- Check with your veterinarian about the best products to use to protect your pets from fleas and ticks;
- Use a flea comb to suppress adult fleas;
- Focus on combing those parts of the pet where more fleas gather which is often the neck or tail area; and
- Put any fleas in soapy water to kill them.



Walkand Talk with the DRC

M-NCPPC Walking Program

Join us as healthcare professionals share health tips and lead group walks at M-NCPPC locations throughout Prince George's County! Walking is good medicine. It is one of the best forms of exercise, and can help you lift your mood, connect with others, and lower your risk of serious health problems.

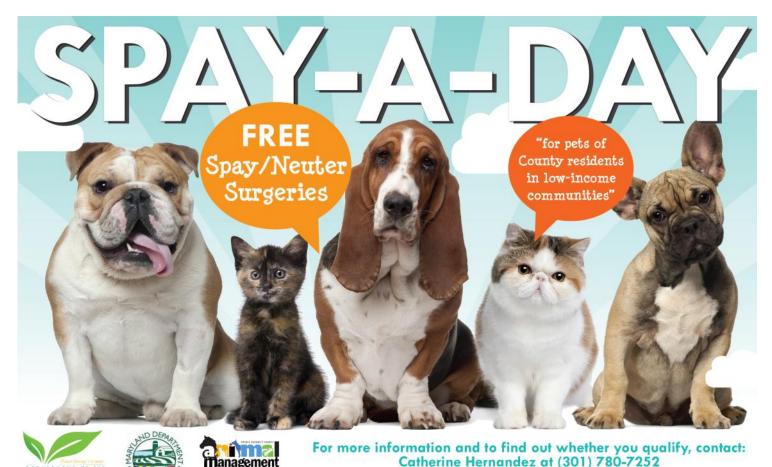
The program is a great way to stay in shape, enjoy the outdoors, and join other walkers who are interested in staying healthy and fit. Walk your way to health and wellness, and earn fun prizes along the way. No registration is required; just lace up your walking shoes and join us for these **FREE** community walks. <u>Learn</u> <u>more and view a listing of Walk and Talk with</u> <u>the Doc events</u>

Health Care Professionals Wanted!

Help us create healthy communities through people, parks and programs! We are seeking health care professionals to lead a community walk, serve as positive role models and connect directly with the Prince George's County community! Please <u>contact us</u> to learn more about the program or to inquire about leading a walk.

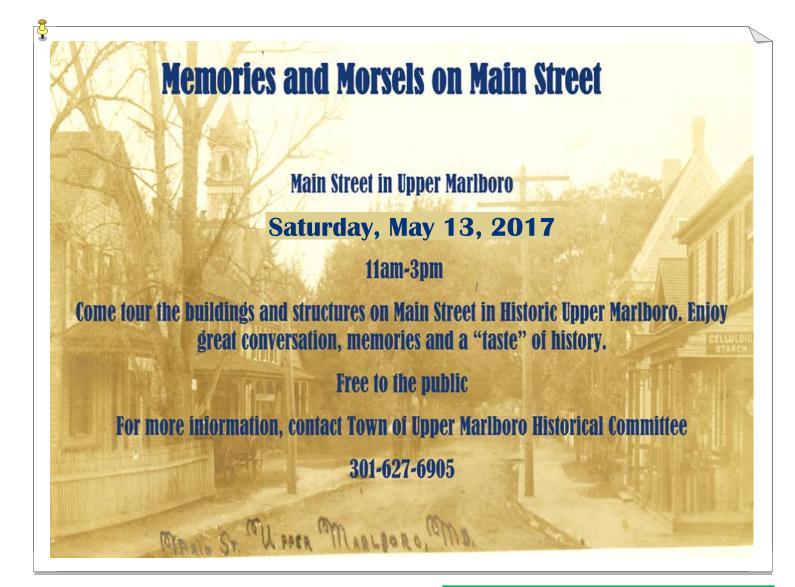
For more info call 301-446-6800; TTY 301-699-2544, or e-mail <u>wellness@pgparks.com</u>.

Classes may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Please call 301-927-0822 prior to class for weather-related cancellations.



*funded by a grant from the Maryland Department of Agriculture www.princegeorgespets4us.com





Beltway B-B-Q Showdown



June 10, 2017 12 noon – 7 pm

The Show Place Arena

-- 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!

This 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>—cooked by the competition teams (\$1.00 each), and the popular "<u>People's</u> <u>Choice BBQ Sauce Contest</u>" (3 samples for \$1.00)

Code Enforcement

It'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. The Town also continues to track rental properties to ensure they are permitted by the County as well as vacant properties.

APRIL 2017 CODE REPORT:

- 4 High Grass Notices
- 5 Refuse Collection Issues
- 1 Rental License Investigation
- 2 Storage of Household items outside

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

AFRICA TEAM MINISTRIES CRAFT SALE:

Sundays, May 7 & 14, 9 a.m. & 12 p.m. Trinity Church (in Parish Hall–following 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. services)

<u>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</u>: Tuesday, May 9 1:00–6:30 p.m. Call 1-800-REDCROSS to schedule your donation time. Trinity Church, 14503 Church St.

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Fiscal Year 2018 Town Operating Budget Introduction. Meeting is open to the public.

<u>CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS</u>: Saturday May 13 11:00am - 12:00pm, 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. Info (301) 627-9330

<u>CERT TEAM MEETING</u>: Saturday, May 13, starting at 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. at Town Hall. All are welcome, no experience necessary.

FREE MOTHER'S DAY TOURS: Sunday, May 14, 2017, 12 noon-4 pm at Darnall's Chance House Museum. Complimentary tours of the museum to mothers and grandmothers 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.

LUNCHTIME LAWN CONCERT: Wednesday, May 17, 2017—12 noon at Darnall's Chance House Museum. Our Lunchtime Concert Series is back! Wander over to the museum on your lunch break and listen to some of the area's top blues and big band musicians. Feel free to bring your own brown bag lunch or



May 9 chedule end or on vacation. Just fill out a <u>House Check</u> 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, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except holidays).

Town Police Offer House Checks . .

... for Town residents who are away for the week-

picnic basket. Some picnic tables are on-site, but you are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair. FREE! All ages welcome. For more info call: 301-952-8010.

TOWN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (TUMHC) QUARTERLY MEETING: CANCELED this month. Come to the Quarterly Meeting on June 17th.

BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION:

Tuesday, May 23 starting at 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. The meeting agenda consists of current business items up for Board discussion. Notice will be posted on the Town website should a portion of this meeting be closed: <u>www.uppermarlboromd.gov</u> Work Sessions are always open to public observation, however, participation is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

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OFFICES CLOSED: Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th. Town offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE FOR MEMORIAL DAY: (NO MONDAY COLLECTIONS). BULK trash & HOUSEHOLD trash & YARD waste will ALL be picked up on TUESDAY, May 30, 2017.

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