

A Monthly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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t's Municipal Government Works! month, and as a participant in this state-wide program to promote citizens' awareness and interest in their community government, the Town flies the MGW flag during the whole month of November, and during the year, we deliver a presentation on Local Government 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 the Town 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.



Chief Washington hoists the MGW flag up the flagpole at Town Hall to signal residents that their hometown government is working for them.



#### VOTING INFORMATION:

Town of Apper Marlboro

School Lane Upper Marlboro MD 20772 • 301-627-690

All Town residents are encouraged to come out and vote for 3 Town residents to serve as the 2018-2019 Board of Town Commissioners!

#### The polls will be open 1:00-8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

If you are already registered to vote with the County, then you are automatically registered to vote in the Town of Upper Marlboro.

If you are not, or care not to be, registered with the County Board of Elections, you can still register with the Town ONLY.

Deadline to register: Dec. 8, 2017

#### CANDIDATES:

In order to register as a candidate, you must meet the following conditions as set forth in the Town Charter:

- Shall have resided in the Town for at least two years immediately preceding the election
- Shall be qualified voters of the Town
- Shall be at least 25 years of age.

Commissioners serve 2-year terms, and receive compensation

Candidate Filing Deadline is Monday, December 11, 2017 (by close of business)

**SPECIAL TOWN FORUM** 

Learn about the Town's

### Redevelopment Program

**Tuesday** November 21, 2017 7:00 p.m.

### **Trinity Church Parrish Hall**

(see flyer page 4)



### 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



For additional information on the Town Election, visit: www.UpperMarlboroMD.gov

The November Board of Commissioners Regular



also have updates on several projects that include the Town

Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

The Fiscal Year 2017 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 2017 with an operational surplus.

The other actionable item on the agenda is a proclamation to declare November as "Municipal Government Works!" month in the Town. During this meeting, we will Hall Addition & Renovation, the Water Street Bike & Pedestrian Connector Trail, the Crain Monument Repairs and the restroom installation at the Public Works Facility.

We are currently working with the County's Redevelopment Authority, compiling and prioritizing plans for shovel -ready projects for the next several years. There will be a "Community Redevelopment Forum" held at Trinity Church on November  $21^{st}$  (see flyer page 4). We hope you will make a special effort to attend this event, as we want this to be a community effort and we need your input.

### SPEED SIGN TRAFFIC REPORT

In September, the Town purchased and deployed a new mobile Radar Driver Speed Feedback Sign. In addition to showing drivers their speed, the sign also records all traffic data.

The traffic data listed below was generated from the sign during the month of October 2017. Compared to September Data, the average speed is down from 32 mph, and the percentage of speed violators are down from 82% thanks to the new sign and officer deployment.

MD Route 725 Data	Total Vehicles Count	% of Speed Violations	Average Speed (MPH)	Max Speed (MPH)
for OCT 2017	15,5409	75 %	28	85

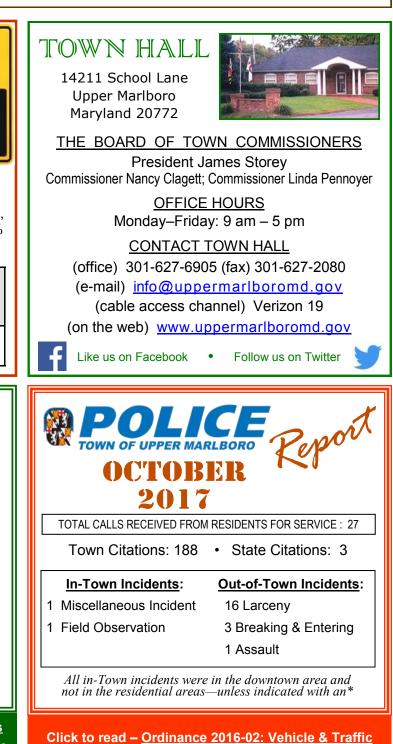
### CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT October 2017

The Code Enforcement Program works to improve the overall quality of life for our residents within Town and maintain and improve property values in both the residential and commercial districts of Town. The violations addressed by Code Enforcement in the month of August are listed below:

### Trash / Litter — 1 Refuse Collection Issues — 1 Miscellaneous — 4

Contact Town Hall at <u>Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov</u> or call: 301-627-6905 to report or discuss Code issues

Click to read – <u>Ordinance 2016-03: Residential Property Standards</u> Click to read – <u>Ordinance 2017-03: Commercial Property Standards</u>



### The Straight Scoop On 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 <u>not</u> 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.

# Town Hall-iday Party

ome celebrate the season at your newly renovated Town Hall. There will be food, music, kid's crafts, and a visit from Santa! Tree lighting at dusk. All Town residents are invited

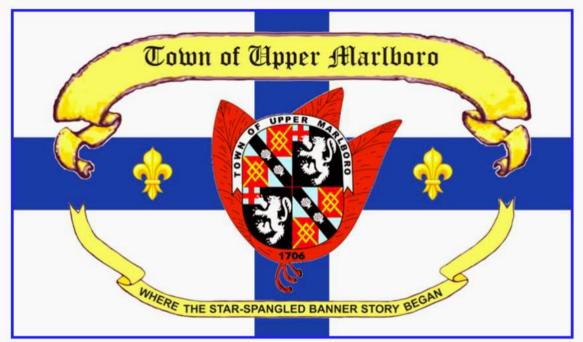
### Sunday, December 17, 2017 5:00–9:00 p.m.

14211 School Lane 301-627-6905 • info@uppermarlboromd.gov

## **SPECIAL TOWN FORUM**

## "Community Redevelopment"

for the



### Learn About the Town of Upper Marlboro's

### **Redevelopment Program**

## **Trinity Church Parrish Hall**

14515 Church Street • Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

### Tuesday, November 21, 2017 • 7:00 p.m.

The Town is seeking input from Residents, Commercial Property Owners and Businesses. Topics of discussion will include:

### **Economic Development**

### **Building Renovations**

**Bike & Pedestrian Trails** 

**Pocket Parks** 

**ADA Sidewalks** 

Questions? . . . call Town Hall at: 301-627-6905



Solar Upgrades "Green" Parking Lots

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY UPDATE**

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

Visitors now have more choices for parking locations with more payment options, and our new Digital Speed Monitors are helping our police reduce traffic speeds throughout the Town.

Our new Town Hall should be open for business by the New Year, and plans are now in the works for a new Bike & Pedestrian Trail that will connect Water Street to the Community Center.

> The Town of Upper Marlboro is celebrating! Municipal Government

> > Works! month

Town Hall

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You can find the Town's entire BUSINESS DIRECTORY at: www.uppermarlboromd.gov

LOCA	DINING:	Al's Deli Supreme 14703 Main Street 301-627-2530	China Taste Restaurant 14707 Main Street 301-627-9178	
SHOP	Dominos Pizza 14604 Main Street 301-952-4100	Ledo Pizza 14611 Main Street 301-627-2222 <u>www.ledos.com</u>	Marlboro Grille 14606 Main Street 301-952-6443	
1	Mom's Thai Kitchen 14710 Main Street currently closed for renovations	Old Towne Inn 14745 Main Street 301-627-1400 www.otitherestaurant.com	Subway 5308 Water Street 301-627-0733	

#### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**VETERANS' DAY (observed):** Friday, November 10th. Town offices will be closed and will reopen on Monday, November 13th at 9:00 am.

**NOVEMBER TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, November 14th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Meeting is open to public participation.

#### **Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee**

## **QUARTERLY MEETING**

Saturday, November 18 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 into the <u>Town's Archives</u>.

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—just a ordinary citizen that wants to give back to their community!

Visit their website at: www.tumhc.com/

### SUNTRUST FINANCIAL WORKSHOP: "Pay

Yourself First, Saving Smart for Retirement!" Saturday November 18th 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the Upper Marlboro Branch Library–14730 Main Street. Call the branch for more details at: (301) 627-9330.

#### MID ATLANTIC EQUITATION CHAMPION-SHIPS HORSE SHOW & FESTIVAL: Friday-

Sunday, November 17-19, 2015 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.

#### **BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION:**

Tuesday, November 28th, 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 (23rd & 24th) and will reopen on Monday, November 27th at 9:00 am.

### **RECYCLE PICK-UP FOR THANKSGIVING**

**WEEK:** The recycle pick-up will be on FRIDAY, November 24, 2017.

### **GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST & SHOW:**

Friday to Sunday, November 24 - 26; Friday to Sunday, December 1 - 3 and 8 - 10, 2017, noon - 5 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.

<u>Annual FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS</u>: At Watkins Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, November 24—January 1st. Bring a little twinkle into your holidays! Nightly from 5:00–9:30 p.m. For more info call: 301-699-2456.

### ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, December 2nd, 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at 4610 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro MD. Call 301-627-4170 for more info.

### MARLBORO VFD QUARTER AUCTION: Sun-



day, December 3, 2017. Come out and support the MVFD Fundraiser! Doors open at 11 a.m. with games starting at 12 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for 1 Paddle & 1 Door Prize. Purchase extra paddles for \$2.00. For more infor-

mation, email <u>mv20fd@yahoo.com</u> Marlboro VFD Station 20, 14815 Pratt Street.

**TOWN HALL-IDAY PARTY:** Sunday, December 17th, 5:00–8:00 p.m. at the NEW Town Hall. Tree Lighting at dusk. Caroling with Santa, Kid's Crafts, Refreshments/Great Food, Holiday Music & Fun!

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### Town Police Offer House Checks . . .

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

