

Getting More Out Of Your Community

Opportunity Knocks for Town Residents



As we near completion of the new Town Hall, we hope you are excited as we are about the new opportunities there will be for residents to be more active within their community. Other municipalities traditionally offer up space in their Town/City Hall for various groups, clubs and committees to hold their meetings, put on special events, or, offer presentations and hands-on workshops on topics of interest to their neighbors. Our new Town Hall will have a 25' x 25' "Community Hall" that has been designed with all this in mind. It's amenities such as this, that make living in a municipality a better deal for citizens of the County.

What Would You Like To See?

Maybe a Play-Group for the kids? A Book, Chess or Quilters Club? First-Aid/CPR classes? Yoga Sessions? Art Exhibits, Plant Swaps? Financial Seminars? Bake Sales? Game/Movie Nights? Town-Wide Flea Market? . . . If you have any ideas, or want to volunteer to help form a group, club or committee, or even get into event planning, please give us a call or drop us an email. We have been compiling resident input so we can plan accordingly, so, let us know your thoughts sooner than later please. We plan to have the newly built addition available for the Town's annual Holiday Party in December and the upcoming January election. However, once the entire Town Hall has been renovated and furnished, we will have a Grand Opening Celebration in the remodeled "Community Hall" sometime in January.

TOWN ELECTION

Monday, January 8, 2018

Running for Office?

Click on link below to find the
[Town Charter requirements](#)
for running for office & voter eligibility.

Click here for [Ordinance 2013-02: Board Salaries](#)

Feel free to call us too at: 301-627-6905, or email
your questions to: info@uppermarlboromd.gov

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

(office) 301-627-6905 (fax) 301-627-2080

(e-mail) info@uppermarlboromd.gov

(cable access channel) Verizon 19

(on the web) www.uppermarlboromd.gov



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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.

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 OBVIOUS, 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 25 lbs. Leaves, grass, and other yard waste may be placed in paper yard waste bags weighing less than 25 lbs.



The following items CANNOT BE PICKED UP by the Town at any time: TVs & electronics, 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. List of acceptable/unacceptable items, see box to right ➡

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: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/615/Brown-Station-Road-Sanitary-Landfill>

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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)

At the October meeting coming up on Tuesday, October 10th at the Town Hall, the Board is looking to conduct a final vote on the 4th draft of Ordinance 2017-03: Commercial Property Standards. Inputs by residents and business owners over the last few months were addressed since the second draft was introduced at the August 2017 Town Meeting.

Other legislative items the Board will be voting on to pass, are Ordinance 2017-04: Street Construction and Cuts, and, Ordinance 2017-05: Washington Gas Light Company Franchise Agreement. ORD 2017-04 requires permits be obtained from the Town before any utility cuts are made to Town roads, and, ORD 2017-05 will bring the Town \$3K in annual franchise fee revenue that the Town had never received in the past.

ON THE AGENDA

The Town Election is coming up and the polls will be open at Town Hall on Monday, January

8, 2018 to elect 3 residents to hold a 2-year term as the 2017-2019 Board of Town Commissioners. Under the Town Charter, the current 2015-2017 Board must establish a Board of Supervisors of Elections, made up of 3 Town residents, before November 6, 2017. The Board will make final selections at the upcoming October meeting, but due to scheduling conflicts, the swearing-in of the appointees will happen later and before the first Monday in November when their term starts.

As usual, the Commissioners, Department heads and Town Committees will be delivering their updates and reports, and the Board will be finalizing the date and time for our annual Holiday Party in December.

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 submit a House Check form with the Town 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 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays. 301-627-6905 • 14211 School Lane.



POLICE Report
TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

SEPTEMBER 2017

Town Citations: 86 • State Citations: 10

TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS FOR SERVICE : 30

In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Warrant Service
- 1 Breaking & Entering
- 2 Field Observations
- 2 Misc. Incidents

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 1 Assaults
- 6 Breaking & Entering
- 19 Larceny

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

Click to read- [Ordinance 2016-02: Vehicle & Traffic](#)

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT September 2017

The Town's Code Enforcement Program works to improve the overall quality of life for our residents, and to maintain and improve property values in both the residential and commercial districts. Contact the Town with questions/concerns.

The violations addressed by Code Enforcement in the month of July are listed below:

High Grass / Weeds — 3

Trash / Litter — 2

Refuse Collection Issues — 2

Roll-Off Container Permits Issued— 0

Click to read- [Ordinance 2016-03: Residential Property Standards](#)

Click to read- [Ordinance 2017-01: Building & Permitting](#)

The Bishop's Curse

The following story was submitted to the Town from Prince George's Co. Historian Susan Pearl. The 1903 article was written by Susan E. Clagett, writer for the *Baltimore Sunday Herald*, and was originally entitled "Upper Marlboro of Today".

There is a story told of the great [Methodist] revivalist, Bishop Whitefield, that is interesting in connection with the alleged wickedness of the town. He was holding meetings in the place and the people did not respond as he thought they should, or something else roused his indignation, then his anger. He shook the dust of the village from off his feet and cursed the place in a way that was customary in medieval days. The devil was in Marlborough and would stay there, he said as each of the three exits of the town was protected by a church of God, he thought there could be no escape for his satanic majesty.

St. Mary's Catholic Church stood then, as now, on the road crossing the Western Branch and leading into



the Forest and toward Annapolis. Trinity Church occupied the site of the Presbyterian church of pioneer days, and was located on the road to Croome and the lower neighborhood, and the Methodist Church South closed the road to Washington. [As long as the churches stood at the exits of the village, the devil would remain strong in Marlborough.] There was no escape. But Whitefield overlooked the frailness of the building from which he hurled anathemas against sinning Marlborough. For long it stood, a tottering structure, protesting against the irony of fate, but at last it yielded to the temptations of the devil, and over the ruins of the old frame building its arch enemy sped on his way to Washington, leaving the print of his cloven hoof upon the surrounding community.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY | DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT | **ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION**



Throughout the month of October fees have been reduced to \$125 (normally \$225) to cover the cost of spay/neuter for any dog adopted from the County animal shelter. Dogs already altered are free.

October is National
**ADOPT
-A-
DOG
MONTH**

Give a shelter dog a pawsitive new beginning.



Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

Animal Services Facility
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(301) 780-7200 • www.princegeorgespets4us.com



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Parking in Downtown Upper Marlboro Just Got Easier!

You may have noticed new signage on the parking meters and poles downtown. These signs are alerting parkers that they now have a new option to pay for parking with a **Credit Card** or **Mobile Device**. The Board of Town Commissioners approved to sign-on with **Passport Parking** to create a system that allows visitors to pay for parking and manage their parking times remotely. This cost-effective option uses existing Town meters, and makes parking much more convenient. Our downtown businesses also now have the option to validate parking for their customers.

Questions or Concerns?

Call Town Hall 301-627-6905 or email Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov

Darnall's Chance House Museum

THE GREAT JACK O'LANTERN CAMPFIRE

Saturday, October 21, 7–8:30 pm

RAIN DATE: Sunday, October 22, 6 pm
FEE: \$4/person (cash only)
No reservations required
INFORMATION: 301-952-8010
TTY 301-699-2544
history.pg parks.com

SEE A DAZZLING DISPLAY OF FIFTY, HAND-CARVED, ILLUMINATED jack o' lanterns on the grounds of Darnall's Chance House Museum! Bask in the warmth of a fall campfire, roast marshmallows, and listen to haunted Halloween tales. Kids can win a prize on a hunt for glowing jack o' lanterns, and everyone can enjoy popcorn and hot cider. Guests may bring their own chocolate bars and graham crackers to make s'mores.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

COLUMBUS DAY: Monday, October 9th. **Offices will be Closed** and will reopen on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

TRASH PICK-UP / COLUMBUS DAY:

ONLY “Residential Trash” WILL BE PICKED UP on MONDAY, October 9— However, **“Bulk Trash”** items AND **“Yard Waste”** will be picked up on the NEXT DAY—TUESDAY, October 10.

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

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL —

HOMECOMING PARADE: Saturday, October 14th, 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.

TOWN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (TUMHC)

— ARCHIVING SESSION: Saturday, October 14th, starting at 10 a.m. Town Hall. Open to the public.

AT THE UPPER MARLBORO LIBRARY:

STEM FOR FAMILIES: Wednesday, October 18 2017: 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.

ASK GRANNY: Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. ADULTS (18+) At this workshop, you will learn to record your ancestors on a simple family tree and answer your family's questions about your ancestors. Please call to register at 301-808-2061. All supplies will be provided.

THE SHOW PLACE ARENA—MOUNTED

GAMES ACROSS AMERICA: Sat/Sun, October 14–15, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. See a variety of fast relay races performed by excellent riders on well trained ponies—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 21st 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, October 22 at 6:00 pm.

No reservations required. Admission: \$4. Call: 301-952-8010 for more information (TTY 301-699-2544).



BOARD WORK SESSION: Tuesday, October 24th, 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.



TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY

November 3 • 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 a.m. Turn clocks BACK one hour.

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.pgiparks.com, or call 301-952-8010 for more info. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Nov. 10** Entry fee: \$5 per entry. Deliver entries on Nov. 22 between 12 noon and 4:00 p.m.

DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL

*Town
Hall-i-day
Party*



TENTATIVE DATE:

Sunday, December 17th at 5 pm

details to come in the next issue of the Landings