

## MEET THE NEW 2018-2019 BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ast Monday represents a historical milestone for the Town with the first African-American citizen's to be elected to the Board of Town Commissioners. The Town is also delighted to realize a 59 percent increase in the average voter turnout since 2008. Thank you!

With the advent of the newly rehabbed and expanded Town Hall, we anticipate more community involvement with Clubs, Committees and special events that will enhance the quality of life for everyone.







## TOWN HALL

14211 School Lane Upper Marlboro Maryland 20772



#### THE BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wanda Leonard, Commissioner Linda Pennoyer and Commissioner Tonga Turner

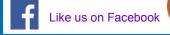
#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

#### **CONTACT TOWN HALL**

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As friends and family look on, the newly elected Commissioners (pictured left to right), Wanda Leonard, Linda Pennoyer and Tonga Turner, pose for a portrait after being administered the Oath-of-Office by Prince George's County Clerk of the Court Sydney J. Harrison.

## ON THE AGENDA

Pursuant to the Town Charter, the current Commissioner's term ends the Monday after the Town's General Election. So, the new Board will be presiding over the January 16th Regular Town Meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Agenda items include: Election ballot tallies and Board Certification of results; Appointment and swearing-in of the new Town Treasurer by the new President; Introduction and passage of Resolution 2018-01 to name new personnel for check-signing authority; Updates on the Town Hall Addition & Renovation Project; and, Discussions on the current Public Works Facility Upgrades Project that will finally establish a sorely needed sewer line and water-system for our Public Works crew.

Come out and show your support for the Town's new leadership—we hope to see you there.

## 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 **not** 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.

<u>Ordinance 2016-02</u> 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: *uppermarlboromd.gov*. Sign up through the RSS Feed, Twitter or Facebook to receive notification each time we post important news items on our Homepage.

# **How to Dispose of Plastic Bags:**



S ince plastic bags, films and wraps are no longer accepted for Household Recycling collection, residents are encouraged to bring their plastic bags to these local area food stores:

- Giant Food (Marlboro Crossroads)
- Weis (Marlboro Square)
- Safeway (at Osborne Road)



A great way to make good on that New Year's resolution to be active and get in shape—You'll not only be getting exercise by walking your four-legged friend, you'll be giving a pet a second chance at life. Research shows that dog owners tend to remain active, have lower blood pressure & cholesterol levels, have decreased risk of heart attacks, and overall, experience better physical, mental and emotional health.



## **DECEMBER 2017**

Town Citations: 147 • State Citations: 27

TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS FOR SERVICE: 13

#### **In-Town Incidents**:

### **Out-of-Town Incidents:**

1 Miscellaneous

8 Larceny

2 Warrant Service

5 Breaking & Entering

1 Field Observation

2 Assault

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 December 2017

The Code Enforcement Program works to improve the overall quality of life for our residents within the Town, and maintain and improve property values in both the residential and commercial districts.

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

High Grass / Weeds - 0

Trash / Litter — 2

**Refuse Collection Issues** — 1

**Roll-Off Container Permit** — 1

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

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

**CERT TEAM MEETING:** The Greater Upper Marlboro CERT Team will meet on Sat Jan 13at 9am at the Dutch Village Farmers Market meeting area.

MLK DAY CLOSURES: Town Offices will be CLOSED on Monday Jan 15 in observance of MLK Day. Offices re-open Tues Jan 16 at 9am.

TRASH WILL BE PICKED-UP on MONDAY (MLK JR BIRTHDAY): January 15 HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY. However, YARD WASTE & BULK TRASH will be picked up the following day on Tuesday, Jan 16.

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 starting at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 14211 School Ln., Upper Marlboro, MD. The meeting is open to the public and time is allotted for Public Comment.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE ARCHIVING SESSION: Saturday, January 20 starting at 10am Residents of the Town and surrounding area are encouraged to bring items of historical interest (such as letters, drawings & photos) to be scanned for the Town's Archives. Contributors will receive a copy of the scans free of charge. Visit the TUMHC on their website at: www.tumhc.com/

## **BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION (Board Discussions):**

Tuesday, January 23, at 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. Board Work Sessions are open to the public, however, public participation is at the Board's discretion.

MARLBORO FOOD BANK: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 — Volunteers needed to unload food bank truck at Trinity Church —14515 Church Street. Call: 301-627-2636 for more information.

**TRINITY CHURCH FISH FRY**: February 16<sup>th</sup> from 4—7 p.m. featuring fried whiting or tilapia, green beans, coleslaw, bread, beverage & dessert. \$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors; \$5 children 11 and under.

Dine in or carry out available. (Handicap accessible) Call: 301-627-2636 or email: trinityec@verizon.net for more information.



## Brown Bag It!

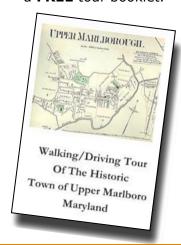
YARD WASTE WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED IN PLASTIC BAGS

Residents will need to place loose yard waste in large biodegradable *PAPER* yard waste bags. These bags are available at most local



home improvement stores, garden centers and grocery stores. Bags of grass and leaves should **not exceed 35 pounds**. Larger debris like tree branches & sticks should be bundled & tied into 4-foot lengths also should not exceed 35 pounds.

The Town's Historical Committee has published a **Self-Guided Walking Tour** – If you want to learn about the many historical sites right in your neighborhood, stop by the Town Hall to pick-up a **FREE** tour booklet.



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 to join . . . Just a local citizen who wants to give back to their community—and have fun doing it!