



A Quarterly Newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

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Mayor's Message



Sarah Franklin,
Mayor/President

Hello neighbors!

I hope you're enjoying the summer and staying cool. There's a lot happening in town this coming season: soon we'll welcome a new restaurant, and the building at Water & Main is now leasing. Thanks to our partnership with the County, we're making progress on repurposing vacant county buildings for community use, with plans to launch a community-driven process within the next year.

Staying connected is more important than ever. A key part of that getting reliable information from the Town. For official updates, visit our website, newsletter, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor. You can also share feedback on town projects through the "Community Engagement" portal on our website.

See you around!

- Sarah

Commissioner's Corner

Through this year, the Board of Town Commissioners for the Town of Upper Marlboro have been active in advancing various pieces of legislation through the town's public meetings:

- At the April 22 Public Hearing and Regular Town Meeting, the Board adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 01-2025, revising vacancy procedures for elected officials, and introduced Ordinance 2025-02 to address vacant property concerns.
- During the June 10 Special Meeting, the Board finalized and approved the FY 2026 Operating Budget, adopted the budget book, and declared surplus vehicles for sale. That same evening, the Board approved and enacted Ordinance 2025-03, the Town's Operating for the fiscal year of 2026. The FY 2026 Budget reflects the Town's commitment to transparency, financial stability, and strategic investment in community priorities. Developed with public input through surveys and meetings, the budget emphasizes infrastructure improvements, technology upgrades, public safety, and municipal staffing.
- Further consideration of the charter, the July 22 Public Hearing and Regular Town Meeting saw the adoption of Charter Amendment Resolution 02-2025, changing the form of government from a Board of Commissioners form of government to a

Council-Manager form of government, implementing staggered 4-year terms, and adding a recall provision.

- Among other discussions, the Board and town administration's priorities have included continued annexation efforts, codification, and community engagement via town committees.



Pictured (Left to Right): Karen Lott, Sarah Franklin, Joe Hourclé, and Charles Colbert.

Not Pictured: Derrick Brooks

Need Utility Assistance?

This is a friendly reminder of the Emergency Relief Fund program offered by the Town of Upper Marlboro. The program is designed to provide timely support for in-town residents facing financial hardship due to unforeseen emergencies.



To apply for the program, please scan the QR code.

***NOTE:** The Emergency Relief Program is reserved for residents within in the incorporated limits of the Town, not including those residing Greater Upper Marlboro area. For more information, please visit the FAQ section of the town website (www.uppermarlboromd.gov).



Upcoming General Election

Polling Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Polling Hours: 8 AM - 7 PM

Poll Location: 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

A general election to elect FIVE (5) Councilmembers to the Town Council will be held on Tuesday, November 5th at the Town Hall. Do your part and make your voice be heard by voting to elect your Councilmembers!

For more information on voter registration, absentee ballots, candidate packet, and other important details on the election, please visit the town website (www.uppermarlboromd.gov) through September and October for the latest updates.



General Government

Clayton Anderson, Town Administrator

The General Government team manages the daily operations of the Town, including handling inquiries related to local government, coordinating public meetings and agendas, and overseeing all departments and services.

Currently, staff is focused on several important projects, including updating the Town's records management policies and employee job descriptions. We are also developing a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to ensure the Town can continue essential services during emergencies.

To support our local economy, we have launched a Business Assistance Program along with a Business Retention and Relocation Program to help existing businesses thrive and attract new ones. The team has applied for approximately \$100,000 in grant funding to support these efforts.

Lastly, we are excited to share that work on the Splash Pad project is progressing!

Support Your
Local Retailers!

Julie Alexandra Living
5311B Water St
Upper Marlboro, MD





Afrique Fashion House
14707 Main St, Ste A
Upper Marlboro, MD

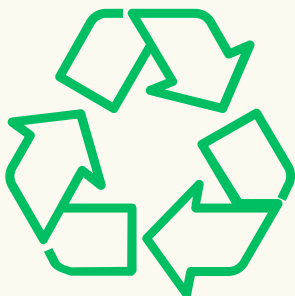
JL Michael's Clothiers
14412 Old Mill Rd,
Upper Marlboro, MD



Public Works

Darnell Bond, Public Works Director

The Town's Public Works Department would like to remind residents about proper recycling practices. Recycling is collected every **Thursday**, and we kindly ask all residents to review the guidelines to ensure only acceptable items are placed in their bins.



Acceptable items for recycle collection include:

- Aluminum (e.g., aluminum foil, steel containers, and metal cans)
- Paper (e.g., copier paper, brown kraft paper, and wrapping paper)
- Glass (e.g., glass food and beverage containers)
- Plastic (e.g., plastic cups/bottles and plastic containers)
- Cardboard/paperboard (e.g., gable-top beverages, flattened cardboard boxes)
- Empty aerosol canisters (e.g., room fragrances and bug spray)
- Loose books (e.g., newspapers, magazines, and telephone books)

Police and Public Safety

David Burse, Police Chief

The Upper Marlboro Police Department is dedicated to serving and protecting the Upper Marlboro community. Please stay informed by reviewing the information included in this section to help keep our neighborhoods safe and connected.

Summer Safety Tips

As the summer season draws to a close and Upper Marlboro continues to see high temperatures, we would like to share the following precautions for residents:

- Drink plenty of water and stay out of the heat during peak temperature hours.
- Elderly individuals are especially susceptible to the high heat and humidity, make it a point to check on older neighbors and parents during hotter days.
- **DO NOT** leave children or pets inside of a vehicle alone. During hotter days, temperatures inside of a car can rise into the triple digits in just a matter of minutes.



If you have an emergency, do **NOT** call Town Hall. Dial **911** and an officer will be dispatched to your location. For non-emergencies, please call **(301) 352-1200**.

Vehicle Safety

Car thieves often drive through parking lots and try door handles to see if the doors are unlocked and quickly take items that were left in plain view. Always lock your doors and roll up the windows when you leave your car. Store items in the trunk so that a criminal does not see them and attempt to break in.

Home Security

Do not forget to close doors and windows. When outside doing yardwork, do not forget to close the garage door; thieves may steal items from the garage. Also, the garage is regularly used by criminals to gain access to a home quickly and run off without ever being noticed.

Phone Scams

DO NOT give out any personal information about yourself or your family when you receive a call from a strange or unlisted number. If you receive a call from a credit card company about potential fraud on your account, hang up and call the number printed on the back of your card. Reputable government entities (e.g., the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration) do not call and ask for personal information over the phone.

Code Compliance

This is a friendly reminder of the Town's community standards and code compliance requirements so that together, we can continue to make Upper Marlboro a place we can be proud to call home.



Pictured: A row of houses in Upper Marlboro, MD

Home Maintenance:

Poorly maintained yards and homes decrease property values!

- Property owners and managers should regularly remove debris and trash, prune plants and keep grass under 12 inches.
- Building exteriors must be maintained, including repairing, replacing or removing peeling paint, loose siding, rusted fixtures, broken windows and graffiti.
- Accessory structures like fences and garages must be in good repair.
- Vacant properties must be secured and maintained as if they are occupied.

Storage and Bulk Item Disposal: *Your neighborhood is not for storage!*

- Do not store untagged, inoperable vehicles, vehicle parts, junk cars or motorcycles, appliances, or building materials on residential or commercial lots.
- Leaving bulk items like tires and construction materials on the curb or in undeveloped areas is also a code violation.
- Bulk trash is collected every **Monday** by Public Works crews in Upper Marlboro.

We don't want you to be cited with a Town code violation!

Not complying with the above policies will result in one courtesy notice.

Failure to address the violation by the deadline on the notice will result in a fine.

For more information, please call Town Hall at **(301) 627-6905** and ask for the Code Compliance office. All Town code ordinances are in compliance with Prince George's County code ordinances.

Horse Show Season In Upper Marlboro

It's horse-riding season in Maryland! With that, the Show Place Arena will see the return of various coveted horse shows. Don't miss the chance see talented equestrians compete in the following upcoming shows:

The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo
Friday, September 19– Saturday, September 20, 2025

The Capital Challenge
Wednesday, September 24– Sunday, October 5, 2025

The Washington International Horse Show
Monday, October 20 – Sunday, October 26, 2025



The Prince George's Equestrian Center and Show Place Arena
14900 Pennsylvania Ave,
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Upcoming Events



Marlboro Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Show
Saturday, September 6, 2025 | 8 AM – 3 PM
Governor Oden Bowie Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Classic cars and community spirit come together at the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Car Show. Celebrate automotives while supporting our local heroes!

Prince George's County Fair
Thursday, September 4, 2025 – Sunday, September 7, 2025
14900 Pennsylvania Ave, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Maryland's oldest county fair, established in 1842. Returning from 2023, stop by the County fair for a weekend of rides, food, exhibits, and family festivities!



Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 25, 2025 | 6 PM – 8:30 PM
14201 School Ln, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Join the Upper Marlboro community in your favorite costume for a spooky evening of treats, tricks, and family fun from decorated trunks!

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Join us for town meetings every 2nd
and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM!

Town Board of Commissioners

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