

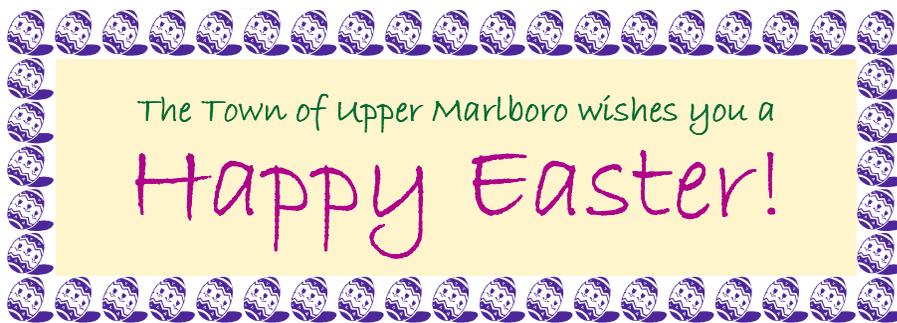
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Upper Marlboro, Maryland



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THE TOWN HALL IS OPEN WEEKDAYS
Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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How Does Your Garden Grow?

FREE MULCH GIVEAWAY

for Prince George's County residents and employees

Saturday, April 21, 2011 8 am–1 pm

6601 SE Crain Hwy (Composting Facility, Upper Marlboro)

For more information, call (301) 883-5045

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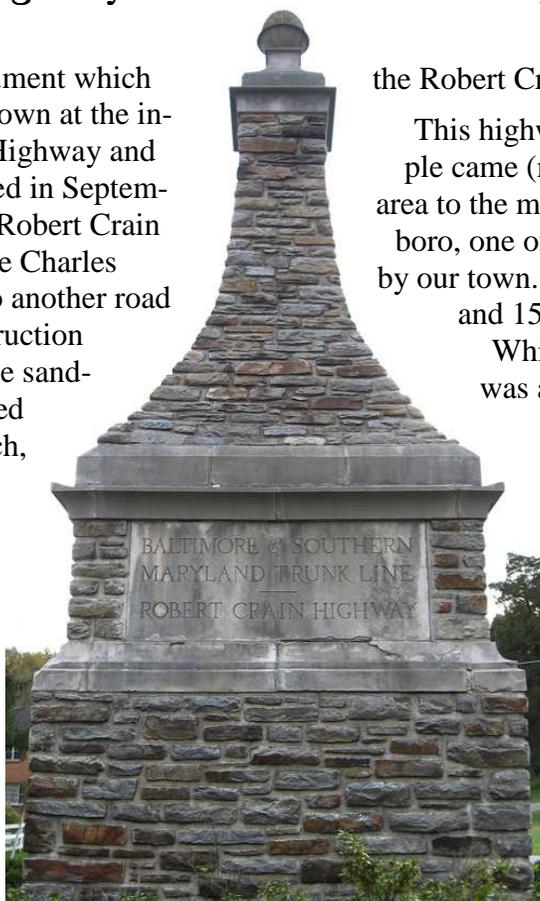
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The Robert Crain Highway Dedication Ceremony In Upper Marlboro

The Crain Highway Monument which lies to the west of downtown at the intersection of Old Crain Highway and Main Street was dedicated in September of 1922. Once completed, the Robert Crain Highway ran from Baltimore to the Charles County line (where it connected to another road into St. Mary's County), but construction began here in Upper Marlboro. The sandstone in the monument was quarried locally, from behind Trinity Church, which made delivery easy! The full height of the monument is approximately 30 feet.

The highway was finished in a little over 5 years (October 1927) and went over the original \$1 Million budget by \$250,000. On a related note, the first state tax on gasoline was enacted in 1922 to pay for state road construction and maintenance when



the Robert Crain Highway construction began.

This highway was a big deal, over 4,000 people came (most by train) from the surrounding area to the monument dedication in Upper Marlboro, one of the larger celebrations ever hosted by our town. The highway was a 31.5 mile long and 15 to 18 foot wide ribbon of concrete.

While narrow by today's standards, this was a vast improvement over the mostly unpaved roads within the town and the surrounding area.

Paved roads were a relatively new thing in 1922---in 1908 there were 14,481 miles of road in Maryland, mostly of dirt, with some gravel, stone, and oyster shell materials, but none were paved. A century later, there are over 17,000 miles of paved roads in Maryland.

—Brian Callicott

The Town holds a seat on the Prince George's County Commission on the War of 1812 and is currently working to help rehabilitate the gravesite of Dr. William & Sarah Beanes—a significant historic site. A County-sponsored celebration to commemorate the anniversary is also in the making for 2014. If you are interested in getting involved with this event, or in any aspect of preserving our Town's history, please call the Town Clerk at 301-627-6905

Town Meeting Tuesday, April 10th 7:30pm Town Hall

Main items on the agenda for this meeting are the introduction of the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget (F2013), discussion of the Sustainable Communities application and a hearing seeking your assessment of the future cable needs for use in renewing the Comcast franchise agreement.

Estimates for the FY2013 budget are still somewhat in flux and will require some adjustment before the Budget is adopted. Based on current revenue estimates the FY2013 operational revenues are \$744,097 an approximate \$26,000 drop in operational revenues from FY2012 budgeted amounts. On the operational expense side the FY2013 budget is \$730,308, approximately \$36,000 less than the FY2012 budgeted amount, even though it provides for a 3% pay increase and increased health care benefits. The proposed budget includes \$184,100 in capital expenditures to be financed mostly from unrestricted funds.

Working with County planning, we now have a draft of the Sustainable Communities application. The next step is to refine the draft with input from residents of the town, the commercial interests and the County Administration. The County Executive has written us a letter of support and commitment to assign appropriate staff to the project.

The Sustainable Communities application requires the applicant to set forth a proposed course of action for the revitalization of the proposed Community using Smart

Growth and other planning, economic and social policies. We are proposing the Town's corporate limits as the sustainable communities boundaries. Being in a sustainable community is a threshold requirement for applying for a variety of grants and other funding.

As part of the cable television franchise renewal process with Comcast, the Town of Upper Marlboro will be conducting two public input meetings during the April 10th and May 8th Town Meetings to allow you to comment on desired future cable service, i.e.; voice, video and data needs and local public, educational and governmental (PEG) access programming needs and interests.

These meetings are not intended to examine past performance, but rather to look to what is desired by you going forward.

A county-wide random sampling of residents and local businesses will also receive a written survey soon inviting their feedback and input on current and future needs and interests. Those who receive the surveys are asked to return them in a postage-paid envelope provided. If you receive a survey, please make sure you respond. The input gathered from these surveys and the public meetings will assist in determining the future cable-related needs and interests for the community within a new Comcast cable television franchise agreement.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 28th at 10:00 a.m.



Preparations are underway for the Town's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. We anticipate guest speakers to share their stories of their tours of duty in the military. We will also have music and delicious food & beverages. Drop by and join us as we honor those who served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.



36th Annual
Marlborough Day
Festival

Saturday, May 12th
11 am – 5 pm

Parade starts at 10:00 am
(rain or shine)

FOOD & DRINKS, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS, LIBRARY BOOK SALE, AND MORE!

“Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting”

FREE ADMISSION

Entertainment for the Entire Family
Shuttle Bus Service from the Showplace Arena

POLICE REPORT MARCH 2012

Town Citations: 147
State Citations: 36



In-Town Incidents:

6 Vehicle Impound

Out-of-Town Incidents:

2 Burglary

6 Larceny

1 Robbery

4 Stolen Vehicle

All In-Town incidents were in the downtown area and not in the residential areas.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

POETRY CONTEST: Ages 5–18; Submit your poetry to the Upper Marlboro Library during April and you could win a cash prize! Include your name, address, phone and name of your school on back. Call 301-627-9330 or visit: pgcmls.info for details.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Easter Sunday 11:30–11:50 a.m. (after 10:30 service) Trinity Church.

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, April 10th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, April 21st, 12:00 noon–3:00 p.m. Celebrate Prince George's County's 316th birthday at Darnall's Chance Museum. Tours, kid's activities, light refreshments. FREE, no reservations needed. Call 301-952-8010 for information.

WORK SESSION: Tuesday, April 24th, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall.

PIRATE FEST: Saturday, May 5th 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Swashbuckling reenactors, kid's pirate costume contest & treasure-hunt, live music, concessions stands. \$5/person, no reservations needed. Call 301-952-8010 for more info.

BRITISH INVASION BUS & BOAT TOUR: May 26th 8:00 - 5:00 pm. Bus departs from and returns to Darnall's Chance. Join War of 1812 scholar Dr. Ralph Eshelman on this popular tour along the routes and waterways that the British traveled in 1814. Capacity is limited; Reservations and advance payment required. \$65/person. 301-952-8010.