

## KINGSTON — Our “Prince of the County” 2014

County Historical Society to Host – September 21st

We're especially fortunate this year to celebrate our annual *Prince of a County* reception and fundraiser at a house that was right in the midst of the action two hundred years ago, in the summer of 1814. We will meet on Sunday afternoon, September 21, at Kingston, probably the oldest building still standing in our County Seat. This beautiful house and the Craufurd family then residing in it were eyewitnesses when the British troops marched into Upper Marlborough on August 22, 1814, caused a fair amount of commotion, and camped on the edge of town. The next morning they marched on to Bladensburg, and then into our National Capital where they burned many of the public buildings. (The British troops returned to Upper Marlborough on the 26<sup>th</sup> with memorable consequences involving Dr. William Beanes.) Our *Prince of a County* will follow by just about a month major commemorations of the military action in Bladensburg and the burning of Washington.

Kingston was built probably in the second quarter of the 18<sup>th</sup> century for David Craufurd, a merchant and planter who was active in his new and growing community's affairs. After his death in 1749, his property passed to his widow and then to his son, also David Craufurd, who like his father, served on the County Court and took an active part in his town's affairs. He had his property resurveyed as “Kingston Park” and continued to acquire additional adjoining property on the south and west side of the town of Upper Marlboro. He was particularly

active during the Revolutionary War period, serving on the Maryland Convention and the Committees of Correspondence; it was to Craufurd's Upper Marlborough storehouse that Maryland's provincial records were taken for safekeeping during the hostilities.

David Craufurd II died in 1801, leaving to his son, David Craufurd III (then about 20 years of age) his Kingston Park property, by then approximately 900 acres, including the beautiful Kingston house within the town limits. It was David Craufurd III who was residing at this house when the British troops arrived in August 1814. He served in the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Maryland militia during the War of 1812, and was commissioned Captain in 1812. During the British invasion in 1814, he was stationed at Nottingham during parts of June, July and August, only weeks before the British troops bivouacked in Nottingham, and thereafter stationed in Upper Marlborough itself. It is appropriate in this bicentennial year that our *Prince of a County* reception will be celebrated at this fine house, which, together with its owner/resident, was a witness to the momentous events of 1814.

David Craufurd III, in later life known as “Colonel” Craufurd, never married, but his household included at various times his sister, Sarah Forrest, and her children. After his death in 1841, the house was legally owned, but not occupied, by his nephew, yet another



David Craufurd. Rented to the Harper family for several years, it was purchased by Dr. Frederick Sasscer in 1859, who renovated the house in the Gothic cottage style; it is still the home of Dr. Sasscer's direct descendants. Although the house retains much of its 18<sup>th</sup> century configuration and interior detail, it clearly shows the Victorian Gothic alterations that took place just before the Civil War. Kingston is distinguished by its steep gable roof, four exterior chimneys, board-and-batten siding, and Gothic Revival trim, exhibiting its long architectural evolution.

So save the date – **September 21, 2014, from 2 to 5 p.m.** – for a very special bicentennial event, this year's *Prince of a County* at Kingston! Our hosts will be Dr. Patrick and Nancy Clagett, to whom our Historical Society gave a St. George's Day Award last year for their excellent recent restoration of this beautiful house. There will be plenty of food and drinks, and tours of Kingston are available. If you would like to join us, please send payment of \$50 per person (\$25 is tax deductible) to PGCHS, 4701 Colonel Ewell Court, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. For questions and reservations, call Patti Skews at 443-889-3920. **RSVP by September 12 required.**

# “Undaunted” Town Residents Make Best of Wet Weekend

The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee (TUMHC) participated in the commemoration of the War of 1812 and Battle of Bladensburg during the Undaunted Weekend (August 23) at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Six volunteers traversed the weather “undaunted”, to set up our tent on this muddy, drizzly day to represent our Town and its Historical Committee.

The tent set up included a collection of our archived pictures from the Town of Upper Marlboro’s past, The Town’s Walking/Driving Tour (which was very well received), and magnets, pens and mugs branded with our Committee logo. Our archivist was also available to speak with visitors. For the kids (and for the adults too), the historic art of tin-punching was taught.

For more information about our Historical Committee, visit our website at: [www.tumhc.com](http://www.tumhc.com), or call the Town Hall at 301-627-6905.



Pictured clockwise from above: President Madison and wife Dolly discuss the “State of the Union”; Hundreds of spectators witness the Battle of Bladensburg; TUMHC Chair Patti Skews teaches the art of “Tin Punching”; and Brian Callicott keeps a Redcoat from destroying the Town’s archives at the Upper Marlboro booth.



The TUMHC has published a **Self-Guided Walking Tour** for our Town! If you want to learn about the many historical sites right in your neighborhood, please stop by the Town Hall and grab your **FREE TOUR BOOKLET**.

## The Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee

### NEXT TUMHC MEETING DATE . . .

### 👉 Archiving Session

Saturday, **September 20** at 9:00 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 for the Town’s Archives. Contributors will receive a copy of the scans on CDs free of charge. The TUMHC also conducts Oral History interviews to chronicle the stories of people and events from our Town’s past—You can interview at this meeting, or schedule an interview for a later date that’s more convenient. You can always contact the TUMHC on their website at: [www.tumhc.com](http://www.tumhc.com)/ where you can also see many images already in the Town’s Archives.

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# ON THE AGENDA

At this writing, Town staff and officials are juggling summer vacations, so a finalized Agenda has not yet been completed for the next Regular Town Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m.** We will be posting the agenda on our website by close of business on Monday, September 8. Our meetings are open to the public.

## SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES UPDATE

### Façade Improvement Program Meetings

The Town would like to thank all the Town's Property and Business Owners that came out for the first meeting on August 21, 2014. We want to especially thank Donnell Long for graciously hosting the group at the OTI. The Town has a number of initiatives underway to boost its downtown appeal, such as, improving pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, retrofitting sidewalks for ADA compliance, and implementing a façade improvement program. We also plan to address concerns about the bus stop on Water Street and drainage issues along Main Street. Again, we welcome your feedback, comments, or questions on the façade improvement program and/or design guidelines through the end of September. You can find more information about the draft façade improvement program (FIP), and the Design Guidelines, on the Town website at the following link: <http://uppermarlboromd.gov/2nd-downtown-facade-improvement-meeting-tuesday-september-30/>

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at Ledo Pizza starting at 8:30 a.m. 14611 Main St.**



## “Day To Serve” Yard Sale & Food Drive

**8:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon at Town Hall**

**D**ay to Serve is a unique annual event that transcends politics and religious differences. It unites people of all faiths, races, cultures, and backgrounds with the shared goal of helping those in need and improving our communities.

The program began in 2012 as a collaboration between the governors of MD, VA, WV and the mayor of DC. By working together, over 14,000 volunteers carried out 750 community service projects, collecting more than 600,000 pounds of food.

Our Town participated for the first time last year, and because of the enthusiastic response and great results, we have decided to continue our participation by making the Yard Sale & Food Drive an annual Town event. Our many thanks to **Travis and Melissa Welsh** who have graciously volunteered to run the show for the second year in a row.



The **2nd Annual Yard Sale & Food Drive** will be at **Town Hall** on **Saturday, September 20** from **8 am to 12 noon**. Residents of The Town of Upper Marlboro and others are invited to bring their items for sale to the Town Hall (14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772) and sell from their vehicle (or from the lawn space). Seller's fee is \$15—payable in cash, or, pay a minimum of \$5 cash and donate \$10 worth of non-perishable food items—all of which will be donated to the Marlboro Food Bank. The Town will also gladly collect acceptable items that are left over at the end of the day to donate to the Fuller Center for Housing Thrift Store in Town. **Snacks and refreshments** will also be available. Set-up time for sellers is 7:00 a.m. **Call 301-627-4037** for more information. You can find this event, and many others on the “Day To Serve” website—learn how your town and many, many others in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and DC are helping their communities during the 3rd successful year of this annual September event.

Visit: [www.daytoserve.org](http://www.daytoserve.org) and click on the “Events” tab to find us on the map!

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**2014 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FAIR:** Thursday—Sunday, September 4–7th . Equestrian Center/The Show Place Arena. Entertainment, rides, attractions and much more! For more info visit: [www.countyfair.org](http://www.countyfair.org) or call: 301-952-7999; TTY 301-952-7998.

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday, September 9th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Meeting is open to public participation.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Tuesday, September 9th 1:00–6:30 pm. Trinity Church 301-627-2636.

**AT THE LIBRARY / PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME:** Every Tuesday in September - 11:15 a.m. Call: 301-627-9330 for more information.

**CLUB 300 GROUP WALK (Watkins Park):** Monday, September 15, 2104 9:30–11:00 a.m. Hey seniors! Stay in shape and walk with us through Watkins Park together! This is our last group walk of the season . . . FREE—50 and better. 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro 20772. Call: 301-446-3400, TTY 301-446-3402 for more information.

**“DAY TO SERVE” YARD SALE & FOOD DRIVE:** Saturday, Sept. 20th, 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.—Town Hall. Call: 301-627-4037 for more details and to reserve your spot. Also visit the “Day To Serve” events website at: [www.daytoserve.org/](http://www.daytoserve.org/) to learn more.

**TRINITY CHURCH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL:** Saturday, Sept. 27th , 2:00–6:00 pm. Ham & Oyster Dinner, Bake Sale, Antiques & Collectables, Silent Auction. Call Trinity Church for more information 301-627-2636.

**COLONIAL TAVERN DINNER:** Saturday, September 27th at 7–9:00 p.m. at Darnall’s Chance House Museum. Be our guest as we recreate the atmosphere and flavor of a mid-18<sup>th</sup> century tavern dinner! Enjoy colonial food and spirits typical of a dinner in Upper Marlborough. Following dinner, we'll listen to Ship’s Company, sing sea chancies and tavern songs of the period! Capacity is limited; advance reservations and payment required. Resident \$40; Non-resident \$48. 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro MD 20772. Call: 301-952-8010.

**WORK SESSION: RESCHEDULED DATE \*** Monday, September 29th, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. Board discussions. This meeting is open to the public.

**SUNSET CONCERT: SALUTE TO AMERICA:** Sunday(s) September 7, 2014, 7– 8:00 p.m. Our Sunday Sunset Concert Series is held at Allen Pond Park from 7:00

PM to 8:00 PM on Sundays. Bring a chair and enjoy the Patriotic sounds of the Benfield Brass Band during our Salute to America Concert. In the event of inclement weather, events could possibly be cancelled. Please call 301-809-3078 for updated information about event cancellation. Allen Pond Park, 3330 Northview Dr, Bowie, MD 20716.

**1812: “THE ENEMY NEARLY ALL ‘ROUND US”:** at Belair Mansion—through September 7. Exhibit available during Museum Open Hours: Tuesday– Sunday, 12 noon–4 p.m. This exhibit explores the impact of the war on Annapolis and our area. Citizens feared the British invasion, slaves fled, and lessons learned at the infamous "Bladensburg Races" View family objects from the time period, and have a small peek at childhood during the War. This exhibit is offered with the assistance of the Maryland State Archives Commission on Artistic Property. 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. For more info, call 301-809-3089; TTY: 301-262-5013.

**JOINT BASE ANDREWS “HERITAGE PARK CELEBRATION”:** Saturday, September 6, 12 noon–8:00 p.m. Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington: Heritage Park (*field area across street from Jones Bldg, on your right as you come in main gate at traffic light*). You don't want to miss this awesome event! Enjoy the Air Force Band's “Max Impact”, Ceremonial Brass, Air Force Honor Guard, UH-1 Huey aircraft (kids love this one!) and other family-friendly, interactive activities and Food too—*like great BBQ!* For info call SRA Petway at (240) 612-1447, or Captain Lane at (240) 612-1450.



## Report 2014 AUGUST

Town Citations: 110 • State Citations: 64

### In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Custody Dispute
- 1 Theft
- 1 Warrant Service
- 3 Vehicle Impound

### Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 1 Burglary
- 22 Larceny
- 3 Stolen Vehicle
- 1 Assault
- 1 Robbery

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