

## Snow Business . . .

The little taste of snow we got last Tuesday has once again raised the problem of cars being parked on residential streets when it snows.

When vehicles are left on the street, it not only slows down our snow removal process, it also prevents us from plowing curb to curb (which enables two-way traffic and better access for emergency equipment, mail delivery, etc.)

If you leave your car on the street, we have no alternative but to push the snow up close to it, which means you'll have more shoveling to do. Also, being parked on the street before and during winter storms, your car will get sprayed with salt, and, you run the risk of other vehicles plowing into it.



If you truly have no more room in your driveway, we ask that you least park your car on the even-numbered side of the street until the odd-numbered side is cleared.

As a community, and for the common good, let's just agree not to park on the street when snow is predicted. If we cannot accomplish this goal, then the only alternative will be the Big Brother approach, which means enacting new laws, ticketing, towing and overall increased costs for everyone. We hope that you will discuss this issue with your neighbors who may not be signed up to receive our monthly town newsletter. This is not just a notice about safety or a suggestion for the convenience of others, but rather, a quality of life issue that every one of our residents should be concerned about.

## ON THE AGENDA

The next Board of Commissioners Town Hall meeting is at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The only action item is Ordinance 2014-03, making Pratt Street one-way east from Main Street to Judges Drive.

Although not required, the Town has published a notice in the *Gazette* newspaper about the change, to insure the general public is aware of the proposal and is given the opportunity to comment.

If approved, the ordinance be-



comes effective 20 calendar days after passage. The proposed start of the actual one-way traffic pattern is April 6, 2015. A draft copy is posted on the Town's website and hardcopies are available at Town Hall.

The Board will also be giving updates on various projects, such as: the old school study, the bike & pedestrian study, the Town Hall addition project, the Public Works Facility upgrades, and the Facade Improvement Program for Main Street buildings.

### Town Hall Upper Marlboro, Maryland



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## A Special Thanks!

our sincerest gratitude to the members of the Forest Garden Club for their generous contribution to the beautification of our Town. We especially want to thank them for the beautiful holiday wreathes that were

made for our Town Hall, the Robert Crain Highway Monument and the Albert M. Cahn Memorial. We also very much enjoyed working with Forest Garden Club members Nancy Clagett and Joan Walker on this and other decorative projects throughout this past year as well. Many Forest Garden Club members live outside of the Town limits, and so we consider ourselves very fortunate that they have chosen us to showcase their talents, and that they honor our Town as their own.

### The Town of Upper Marlboro HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep an eye out for further details about "Memories and Morsels on Main Street" tentatively being scheduled for June 20, 2015. We are looking to get local citizens and Town folks together to help us record the history and memories of the buildings along Main Street. This "Walk and Talk" is just now being planned, and may include a home tour. Morsels might be geared toward 1800 food? A catered or potluck picnic? ... we don't know—you tell us ... We would love to hear your ideas! Hope you can make our next meeting.

### Archiving Session

Saturday, January 17  
starting at 10:00 a.m.

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. The TUMHC also conducts Oral History interviews to chronicle the stories of people and events from our Town's colorful past. Visit the TUMHC on their website at: [www.tumhc.com/](http://www.tumhc.com/)

The TUMHC is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out with events, research and archiving our Town's rich history. **You do not have to be a researcher or a historian to join in on the fun!**

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Tuesday—January 13, Trinity Church, 14515 Church Street, 1–6:30 p.m. Call: 301-627-2636 for more information.

**TOWN MEETING:** Tuesday—January 13, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. This meeting is open to public participation. See "On the Agenda" for meeting topics.

**TOWN OFFICES CLOSED:** Monday—January 19, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday. Town Hall offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 20 at 9 a.m.

**TRASH WILL BE PICKED-UP ON MLK DAY:** January 19 —HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY. However, YARD WASTE & BULK TRASH will be picked up on the following day on Tuesday, January 20.

**BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION:** Tuesday, January 27, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. Board discussions. The meeting agenda consists of current business items up for Board discussion. The meeting is open to the public, and time is allotted at the end of the agenda for visitors wanting to participate.

**UPPER MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER:** The newly renovated center features: gymnasium, fitness room, activities room, meeting room, warming kitchen, pre-school room, 2 racquetball courts, office space and restrooms. Outdoor amenities include: tennis court, play equipment, softball field and a soccer field. Instruction activities offered: sports, martial arts, fitness, dance, crafts, self-improvement, drama, games, hobbies, arts, arts & music. The Center also hosts tournaments, clubs, camps, special events, workshops, after-school programs, and cultural activities. The center participates in the Xtreme Teens program every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10 pm. 5400 Marlboro Race Track Rd.



## Report 2014 DECEMBER

Town Citations: 79 • State Citations: 40

#### In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Disorderly (arrest)
- 1 Property Damage
- 2 Theft (one instance by counterfeit)

#### Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 5 Theft
- 3 Burglary
- 1 Robbery
- 6 Stolen Vehicle

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



# Events for January & February 2015

## Darnall's Chance House Museum



### Burns Night Supper

Saturday, January 31

6:30 PM

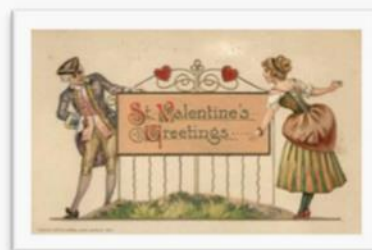
Raise 'a dram' to the life and continuing legacy of Robert Burns, a famous poet, composer and romantic. Remember the bard of Scotland and celebrate Darnall's Chance's Scottish roots with a traditional Burns Night supper that includes a ceremonial haggis, whiskey, poems, bagpipes & more! \$50/resident; \$60/non-resident

### Sweet Valentine: The History of Chocolate

Saturday, February 14

2 - 4 PM

Enjoy a romantic afternoon with your "sweetie" and learn about the history of chocolate. First half of the program is a PowerPoint presentation by food historian Joyce White; second half of the program includes a chocolate tasting (17th century hot chocolate, 18th century chocolate tart, 19th century chocolate cake, 20th century chocolate truffle, and the latest 21st century incarnation) as well as champagne or tea. \$28/resident; \$34/non-resident



### Highland Tea

Saturday, February 28

2 PM

Celebrate Darnall's Chance's Scottish heritage and partake in a cozy winter afternoon tea. Enjoy the tastes and sounds of Scotland. Capacity is limited; \$23/resident; \$28/non-resident



**These programs sell out quickly! Call now to make your reservation: 301-952-8010 or email us at [darnallschance@pgparks.com](mailto:darnallschance@pgparks.com).**

Museum facility of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Natural and Historical Resources Division. M-NCPPC encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Contact the Museum at least two weeks in advance to request an accommodation.

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