

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Town's Charter requires an annual report by the President on "...the condition of municipal affairs and make such recommendations he deems proper for the public good and welfare of the Town."

OVERVIEW: This past year, we increased Town staffing with the addition of a part-time employee in the Public Works Department. This aided us immeasurably during January's snow events, in keeping up with the demands of cleaning up after the storm. Also, a new administrative position was created at Town Hall for a Deputy Clerk. Our Town Clerk/Administrator now has the help needed to organize and archive the Town's records and keep them up-to-date.



Efforts to codify our current Town Ordinances, and to enforce current codes already on record, will continue. Using input from our citizens, via our Town website and social media, we will prioritize our areas of interest that you indicate are the most important. We are counting and cataloguing your responses to our surveys, and will do our best to meet the requests and needs of our citizens.

TOWN OPERATIONS: We intend to tap into the talent and interest of Town employees and residents to enhance the safety and well-being of the Town. We have some excellent experienced employees, who besides their professional skills, have fresh insights into communal activities and offer us a good starting point.

A recent example of this engagement has been our 3 potential Town flag design and slogan entries that make a statement about the uniqueness of the Town of Upper Marlboro.

The Town has repopulated its Sustainable Community Workgroup (SCW), and will deliver updates on this multipronged program at each monthly Town Meeting. Christina Pompa from MNCPPC along with SCW Chair, Steve Sonnett, have been instrumental in carrying the torch further in the Town's efforts to grow and attract more business opportunities for our Town.

We've been blessed with a strong financial legacy from our previous administration's best practice of being "Lean & Clean"; a financially responsible municipality (one of only a few in the County). The fact that we are unburdened with debt will allow us to diligently work to improve our infrastructure with judicious capital expenditures for the Elm & Pratt Street improvements. Besides the Town Hall Addition Project and the Public Work's Facility Upgrade, we will continue efforts to better serve our citizen's needs.

The Town's membership in the County's I-Net community is coming close to fruition. Currently, there are 23 municipalities that are members. Once we are

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"GIVE A HOOT, DON'T POLLUTE!"

Litter shows up on sidewalks, in yards, streets and in rivers and streams. From aluminum cans and cigarette butts, to plastic bags, bottles and more. No matter where you see it, it's an eyesore.

The United States Forest Service's Woody Owl put it best, "Give a hoot, don't pollute!"

Here are some easy steps you can take to prevent trash from becoming litter:

- ▶ Properly dispose of trash. If you see litter in your neighborhood, pick it up and recycle it if possible;
- ▶ Participate in Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup 2016 at www.kab.org/our-programs/great-american-cleanup/great-american-cleanup-2016; and
- ▶ Attend the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Transforming Communities Summit to learn about litter prevention efforts in D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

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connected to the system, we will have the additional information available on the County-run government intranet. This will be beneficial in linking our town with other municipalities, keeping us informed and in step with the best practices within the County. Cable is currently being laid along Route 4 (now in phase 3 of 4 phases) and we are being reassured that this service will be available to us later this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:


We have enhanced our Social Media outreach to better collect input from our residents. By utilizing Facebook & Twitter, we will be better able to "Look, Learn, & Grow" as a community. In addition to formulating a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), we will be formulating other emergency operations plans, that are tailored to our Town, and cover an array of possible emergency situations. Once

again, we will be utilizing the skills of Town employees who have had previous experience in providing these services for other municipalities in the County.

Besides completing our current proposed Capital Improvement Projects, our long-term strategy is to reinvigorate the Town through communal activities. There is continued interest in the possible use of the empty lot across from the Town Hall on Old Crain Hwy. We are currently exploring ideas for some type of Community Park, or volunteer agrarian Town activity. We hope to "prime the pump" for community engagement and volunteerism. Please feel free to contact us with your ideas and insights. Remember to check-out our Town website from time-to-time for important citizen surveys, which will be available via Facebook and Twitter too. With your support, we will continue to offer our citizens the lowest tax rate in the County, combined with the public-oriented support that resi-

dents expect by living in a Maryland municipality.

—James Storey/President



Report

2016

FEBRUARY

Town Citations: 61
State Citations: 14

In-Town Incidents:

- 2 Larceny
- 2 Property Damage
- 1 Threat
- 1 Vandalism
- 2 Vehicle Impound

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 3 Assault
- 8 Larceny
- 1 Stolen Vehicle

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

Town Historical Committee

NEXT TUMHC MEETING **Archiving & Planning** **Session**

Saturday, **March 19** at 10:00 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 at no charge.

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 historian to participate!

Visit their website at: www.tumhc.com/

ON THE AGENDA

At the March 2016 Town Meeting, the Board of Town Commissioners will introduce for passage a Charter Amendment Resolution that authorizes an alternate to record the minutes at meetings of the Board of Town Commissioners should the Clerk not be able to attend. As it is, the Board cannot hold a meeting without the Town Clerk being present to take the minutes for the record. This additional language amending Section 82-57 (Clerk to the Board) of the Town Charter will greatly assist our ability to maintain the Board's monthly meeting schedule as planned. In addition, this amendment will provide valuable training for the new Deputy Clerk position that was created last fall. The meeting is at Town Hall and starts at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

The Town staffs a 4-person Public Works Department whose crew ensures: Residential Yard Waste & Bulk Trash collection; Maintenance and repair of Town-owned streets, signs & parking lots; Grounds-keeping & Landscaping of Town property; and, Snow & Ice Removal of Town-owned streets & parking lots.

Refuse Pick-Up Schedule

MONDAYS:

Residential TRASH
(by Burch Trash Service, Inc.)

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YARD WASTE &
BULK TRASH
(by Town Public Works)

THURSDAYS:

Residential RECYCLING
(by Bates Trucking & Trash Removal)

Please set out all trash/recycling/bulk trash & yard waste by 7:00 a.m. to ensure pickup. Please clearly separate the Residential trash from the Yard Waste and Bulk items—if co-mingled the items will not be picked up!

Acceptable Recycling Items

Plastic Bottles
#1-7 & Lids

Coat Hangers

Glass Bottles & Jars

Aluminum & bimetal cans,
foil wrap & trays

Cardboard & Paper Board

Phone Books, Magazines,
Junk Mail & Books

Empty Aerosol Cans

Plastic wide-mouth
containers & lids

NO PLASTIC BAGS

(bundle & drop @ grocery store)



TOWN FLAT BED TRUCK USAGE

The Public Works Department offers the use of the Flatbed Truck at no charge to residents with bulk items too numerous for regular yard waste or bulk trash pick-up. The truck is parked in the homeowners driveway on Friday afternoon and picked back up on Monday morning. Call the Town Hall for additional information.

Debris created as a result of contracted work may not be disposed of using Town services

If you experience a problem with any waste or recycle pick-up, please call Town Hall as soon as possible so we can remedy the issue.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, March 8th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. At the top of the agenda, the Board will be discussing the elements of next year's fiscal budget. The meeting is open to the public and time is allotted at the end of the agenda for public participation.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES WORKGROUP: Tuesday, March 8th at 8:00 a.m. at Town Hall. The meeting will be exclusively about the Façade Improvement Program and is open to public observation.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: March 9th–12th at the **Show Place Arena**. Call: 301-952-7900, or visit: www.caasports.com for more info.

MUSEUM DAY LIVE!: Saturday, March 12th from 12 noon–3 p.m. **Darnall's Chance** House Museum celebrates Women's History Month by partnering with other museums across the country in a special edition of the Smithsonian's signature event "Museum Day Live!" The museum invites women and girls to come to Darnall's Chance to learn about the women who lived & worked here in the 18th century. To get your FREE tickets for "Smithsonian Museum Day Live," go to: www.Smithsonianmag.com/museumday.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Spring forward! Advance clocks one hour. Sunday, March 13th, 2 a.m.

COLONIAL TAVERN DINNER: Saturday, March 19th, 7–9:00 p.m. at **Darnall's Chance** House Museum. Be our guest as we recreate the atmosphere and flavor of a mid–18th century tavern dinner in Upper Marlborough. Participants will enjoy colonial food and spirits. Following dinner, listen to *Ship's Company* sing sea chanties and tavern songs of the period. Capacity is limited; reservation and payment required in advance (\$35 county residents). Call: 301-952-8010.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS — PLANNING SESSION ARCHIVING SESSION: Saturday, March 19th, 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Visitors welcome and encouraged to bring items of historical significance to be scanned for the Town Archives—meeting is open to the public.

BEST HORSE SHOW SERIES: Saturday & Sunday, March 19th–20th (8 a.m.–5 p.m.) For more info, call: 301-952-7900, or visit: www.showplacearena.com

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES WORKGROUP (SCW) MEETING: The SCW will hold its next meet-

ing at Town Hall on **Tuesday, March 22nd at 8:00 a.m.** The SCW meetings are open to public observation, and are currently scheduled to occur once a month preceding the Board of Commissioners monthly work sessions on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Please check our website or call Town Hall for any possible updates to the meeting schedule.

BOARD of Commissioners WORK SESSION: Tuesday, March 22nd, 9:15 a.m. at Town Hall. The meeting agenda consists of current business items up for Board discussion. Work Sessions are always open to the public, however, public participation is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

EGG HUNT EGGSTRAVAGANZA!: Monday, March 28th from 10 a.m.–12 noon at **Darnall's Chance House Museum**. Enjoy barnyard themed egg activities, entertainment, crafts, games, animals, and of course, an egg hunt on the grounds of Darnall's Chance. Children should bring their own basket. Light refreshments will be served. FREE. (301) 952-8010.



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AT THE LIBRARY (Upper Marlboro Branch):

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB: Saturday, March 12th from 12 noon–2 p.m. The Creative Writing Club will provide writing exercises that will strengthen writing skills while offering a fun and open atmosphere for creativity to flow (ages 18+)

READY 2 READ STORYTIME: Tuesdays, March 15th, 22nd, & 29th; 11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. (ages 3–5). Bring your preschooler and join us for stories, songs, finger plays and more!

LEGOS: CREATIVE CLUB: Thursday, March 17th 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. Freestyle building. Legos will be provided and kids can let their imaginations run wild! (Ages 5-12)

TRUE CRIME BOOK DISCUSSION: Tuesday, March 22nd from 11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Read and discuss a True Crime book. (ages 18+) Call branch for current book selection.