

# Town of Upper Marlboro

14211 School Lane • Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

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## REGULAR TOWN MEETING

July 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom Video Teleconference. As the Town Hall remains closed to the public at this time, citizens may participate by video or phone (please sign-in with the Clerk): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81356099981> Meeting ID: 813 5609 9981 Dial-in only: 301-715-8592.

## AGENDA

### Call to Order

- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance

### Reports

- President's Report
- Department Reports — Public Safety, Public Works, Finance and Clerk's Office
- Committee Reports — Historical, Events, Sustainable Communities, CERT

### Administrative Updates

- Legislation, Projects and Initiatives (updates)
- General Administrative & Staff items

### Candidate Forum

The 3 candidates for the Town's First 2020 Special Election will deliver their campaign statements and answer citizen's questions (*2 minutes per question*)

- Bryan A. Bontrager
- Janice Duckett
- Sarah Franklin

### Public Comment

*For items not necessarily on the immediate agenda (3 minutes per item)*

### Adjournment

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Commissioner/Treasurer

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**Linda Pennoyer**

Commissioner/President

## PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Your Town government appreciates citizen input. So, in an effort to maximize effective resolutions on resident's issues, we encourage Town residents and businesses to contact us at Town Hall first, weekdays: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., or by written correspondence (or email to [info@uppermarlboromd.gov](mailto:info@uppermarlboromd.gov)). You are always welcome to schedule an appointment with the President or a Commissioner to discuss municipal problems and quality-of-life issues one-on-one, and work together towards a satisfactory solution.

Agendas for meetings are posted on our website and a synopsis of the monthly Town Meeting Agenda is also provided in the “On the Agenda” column of our monthly newsletter, the *Landings*. Outreach and notices of legislative items are also posted on the Town's social media accounts (Facebook & Twitter).

Our meetings are open to the public, and we ask that residents who want to comment to please follow the rules that have been established by “Resolution 2019-02: Adoption of Rules of Order and Regulations for Public Meetings” . . .

### III. Citizen Input

**A.** At regular and special meetings, residents of the Town may have the opportunity to address the Board on any item on the agenda provided a resident is recognized and allowed to speak by the President. Recognized public comment and/or questions that are germane to the immediate agenda item shall be limited to (1) minute. Furthermore, each regular meeting shall also have an agenda item for citizen input regarding any municipal question, during which time any resident of the Town may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes on matters or items not necessarily placed on the agenda. Individuals not residing in the Town may speak at regular or special meetings under conditions specified by the Board. The President or the Board may uniformly change or adjust the time limitations for all speakers depending on the circumstances or provide additional time for experts or other officials.

**B.** Except in instances where the presiding officer expressly invites or allocates time for public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of participation, or when public participation is otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public attending an open meeting session may actively participate in the session. Public comment by members of the public is not typically designed or intended for interactive dialogue between the Commission and the public, unless the presiding officer specifically allows it or the Commission elects to suspend its rules to allow such colloquy.

**C.** Speakers shall state their name for the record, and their address (**street name only**). Ordinarily, for each agenda item, including citizen input, speakers shall have one opportunity to speak and may not poll or ask questions of individual commissioners, staff or public officials. Otherwise, the Board shall determine the conduct of the public discussions on any issue and may set reasonable time limits for such.

**D.** Ordinarily, work sessions are open to public observation only and public participation is at the discretion of the Board. At work sessions, residents and non-residents may be allowed to speak on any municipal issue, but only under conditions specified by the Board.

**Each individual speaker must stand, state their name and home of record (street name only) and approach the Board to a designated position in order to be recognized by the Chair of the Board, and to be heard by the recording Clerk, as well as others in attendance.**



# Town of Upper Marlboro Police Department

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## Monthly Town Police Department Report For the Month of June 2020

### Incidents Reported in Town:

Unknown Trouble 1	Vandalism 1	Suspicious Vehicle 1
Warrant Service 1	Child Custody 2	Armed Person 1
Business Alarm 1	Disorderly Report 3	Break-in in Progress 1
Miscellaneous Report 1	Property Damage 1	Check on Welfare 1
Trespassing Report 1	House Alarm 1	Family Dispute 2
Domestic Call 1	Vehicle Accident 1	

Chief Burse participated in several conference calls with the Prince George's Chiefs Association discussing issues related to COVID-19.

Chief Burse, Sgt. Irby, and Cpl. deBarros assisted the Sheriff's Department, Park Police and County Police with protestors at the Showplace Arena and County Courthouse.

Chief Burse participated in several conference calls with Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management and the Maryland State Police related to COVID-19.

Chief Burse, Sgt. Irby, and Cpl. deBarros conducted high visibility patrols throughout the Town during the Stay at Home Order.

Chief Burse received PPE donations sponsored by Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management.

Chief Burse assisted with the distribution of masks, protective gowns, gloves, and PPE equipment from the First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro and Prince George's County Office of Community Relations.

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**Date:** Monday, July 6, 2020

**Subject:** Public Works' Status Report

**RE:** June 2020 – Monthly Status Report

**Capital Improvements** – Public Works Superintendent attended a virtual Quarterly Municipalities Meeting with the County on June 18, 2020. Topics discussed were Covid-19 procedures and closings, road surveying, and bike, walk, and ridership initiatives. Also, PWS and Town Administrator completed an annexation drive-thru, where we identified areas of concern, task areas, and new Town limits.

**Maintenance and Beautification** – Herbicide treatments continued in Town; this has proven to be a very slow process due to the amount and threat of rain in each weekly forecast. Crews also pruned limbs along Main Street, 725, and Church Street that were impeding lane and headway spaces. PW crew also completed one abatement along Old Crain Hwy. We also received five new pet waste stations from the Department of the Environment, which will be installed in the coming weeks.

**Street and Sidewalk Repairs** – Construction of the intersection upgrade at Main and Water Streets advancing well with the integration of new pedestrian crosswalk bump outs, pedestals, and footing for the new signal pole; all are nearing completion. One meter was installed along Elm Street, and an enforceable “No Parking Zone” was completed in front of Bank of America on Church Street.

**Weather Related Activities** – June had a several rain and high-wind events that resulted in a few downed limbs around Town (nothing significant).

**Refuse Accumulations** – Bulk day accumulations for solid wastes (Landfill) are 7.96 tons. Bulk day accumulations for yard waste collections are 4.67 tons.

Sincerely,

Darnell F. Bond III  
*Public Works Superintendent*

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# 2020 SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION — CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

To elect **one** Town resident to fill a vacancy on the Board of Town Commissioners for the remainder of the current term of office ending January 2022.

## Bryan A. Bontrager

**H**aving lived here since 2007, I enjoy our small town security and friendly neighborhoods. Much has changed in those years, and I must define myself as a proponent for stability and maintaining the character of our small town.



We have the lowest tax rate of any town in PG County, yet we allow our council to spend beyond our needs. I'm a commercial construction superintendent; I spend my days building and managing budgets, and my evenings pinching pennies to support my 6 children.

I don't believe we need a town council to reinvent small town living. We need a town council that ensures we have police coverage, trash collection, storm cleanup, and allows us to enjoy our lives, families and neighbors.

My goals for your town council for the upcoming 17 month term:

- ★ End reserved parking for town commissioners at town hall.
- ★ Return 10% of my commissioner salary to the town
- ★ Eliminate dog waste cleanup stations.
- ★ Reduce \$791,000 administrative budget
- ★ Revise town charter so we elect our council on Election Day.
- ★ Investigate bringing natural gas to town.
- ★ End annexation without referendum.

I believe taxes and fees should be treated with respect for those who earn them, and returned if not needed. I appreciate your support.

## Janice Duckett

**M**y desire to see the community thrive and prosper has led me to run for the Board of Commissioners. My commitment to public service began as a military spouse with two



children becoming active members and continues by working for highly visible non-profit organizations whose primary focus is service.

My platform will focus on the following areas:

- ★ Economic development, cultivating beneficial partnerships with entities to drive and increase revenue.
- ★ Public safety of our residents is priority #1. Providing proper support to protect and respond to our needs is vital and helps to maintain a safe community which we can all enjoy.
- ★ Increase revitalization projects i.e., downtown core, streets, and recreation.

Fiscal responsibility, a healthy economy and growth is fundamental to a thriving community. It will be an honor to serve YOU, ensure your voice is heard, show up for those who cannot and be the commissioner you can count on.

Together, we can move our town forward and build a prosperous future our families. If you would like to support positive initiatives in these critical areas, it starts with you. I need your VOTE Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020! Come out and make a DIFFERENCE!

## Sarah Franklin

**I** am excited to run for the Town Board of Commissioners. My family and I have lived in the Town for the past seven years, so I am invested in seeing this community thrive.



I have a Master's Degree in Community Planning. My job experience in town planning and accounting make me an excellent candidate for Commissioner. I have enjoyed serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the Town's Events Committee since 2018, assisting in planning events, such as Trunk-or-Treat on Main Street and movie nights. My ability to work with others to conceive and execute these events will make me an asset to the Board of Commissioners.

The next year will bring unique challenges as governments at all levels face lower incomes and a greater need for services. I am ready to meet those challenges. My goals for us are:

- ★ Maintain our financial stability.
- ★ Improve technology access for residents
- ★ Increase safety and access for pedestrians
- ★ Increase resident participation.

I ask you to vote for me so that I may continue to serve you in a new capacity, as your Town Commissioner. Learn more about or contact me via [www.facebook.com/SarahLovesUM](https://www.facebook.com/SarahLovesUM).