



WINTER 2017

Town of Historic Sykesville **NEWSLETTER**

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The Town House
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mayor and Town Council
Second & fourth Mondays
of the month

Planning Commission
First Monday of the month

Historic Commission
Fourth Tuesday of the month

Board of Zoning appeals
Monthly as necessary

**Parks &
Recreation Committee**
Fourth Thursday of the month

IAN SHAW, MAYOR

Happy Holidays from the Town House.

It's hard to believe yet another year is quickly coming to a close here in Sykesville! We have had a busy year with much activity in Town. We have had a lot of energy and forward progress on many fronts and 2018 looks to be another exciting year here in Town as well.



Important news to share is that of the newly formed "Downtown Sykesville Connection". Over the last 10 plus years we have worked hard to get our Main Street Association up and running. After many years of hard work and support from so many people, as well as three very talented Main Street Association managers, it has finally outgrown the government structure, as was intended at the outset. This is an exciting time for us all in the process. The Town's role was to heavily support the program through its initial phases of start-up with resources and commitments through the Maryland Main Street Program guidelines. Now with the substantial amount of the program's success, the next phase of growth has taken place with the establishment of the new non-profit 501(c)(3) "The Downtown Sykesville Connection". This will allow the entity to expand efforts for partnerships, collaborations, fundraising and community without the often cumbersome governmental processes that inherently were tough to manage, as governments are not well suited to run non-profits.

The Town has made substantial commitments in both time and resources to continue to support the organization as it grows to the next level. We all recognize the benefits that these efforts have had for the Town as a whole and are grateful for everyone's hard work and the support of everyone who continues to support our events as well. There is now a greater opportunity for citizen support both with their time and resources to help the new "Downtown Sykesville Connection" grow and thrive to new levels. Please consider them as you look to support organizations with end of year tax deductible donations. The money will be well spent supporting activities to benefit all of our residents right here in your Town. Your continued support is critical to our ongoing success and that of the new "Downtown Sykesville Connection". You can donate using the donate button on the SykesvilleMainStreet.com website.

Many more projects continue, the real estate closing on Phase 1 of the Warfield Complex may occur in 2018, which would lead to the construction of townhomes - we have had many challenges yet continue to slowly make progress. Again, thanks to the efforts of so many here in Town, 2018 could finally be the year we see much progress at the site.

We have had a great year overall and, despite much of the challenges around us, Sykesville is continuing to thrive and succeed. Please continue to Support the Town and spend your holiday dollars locally first! It really does make a difference and you can get some great holiday gifts and gift cards that will be much appreciated by the recipients!

Join us all for Merry Main Street and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree by our first ever Jr. Mayor Braeden Audlin on December 2, see you there! On behalf of the entire Staff and Town Council, Happy Holidays!

Sincerely, Ian Shaw Mayor

See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

Trash, Recycling, and Inclement Weather

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Yard waste pick up will end on December 13. Please have your yard waste in the brown yard bags or bundle sticks together no more than 4 feet long.
- ◆ Recycling pick-up for Town residents is Thursday. Please place it at the curb the night before the scheduled pick-up.

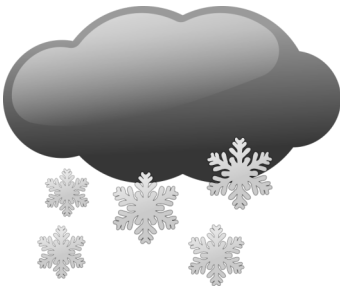
INCLEMENT WEATHER

- ◆ Trash and recycling operations may be rescheduled to allow our crew to make sure roads are safe for travel.
- ◆ Call 410-795-3186 for updates and information about trash and recycling.
- ◆ Don't push, plow, or blow the snow into the road.
- ◆ Please keep vehicles off the road during snow events.
- ◆ Please clear ice and snow from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowstorm.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

- ◆ Christmas Trees will be picked up on January 10 and 17.
- ◆ Please have your tree by the curb the night before pickup.
- ◆ Remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and other decorations before placing your tree at the curb.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES INFORMATION



- ◆ The Town of Sykesville does not determine when a snow emergency is in effect. They are declared by the Maryland State Police.
- ◆ Visit their website to see declared snow emergencies:
http://www.chart.state.md.us/StormInfo/snow_emergency_plans.asp
- ◆ IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO STAY INFORMED
- ◆ Sykesville Police Department will remove cars in violation *at the owner's expense*.
- ◆ A Town Citation may also be issued with fines ranging from a minimum of \$100 to

\$500.

- ◆ When a snow emergency is declared for Carroll County, parking is prohibited on the following Town roads and courts:

CUL-DE-SACS

Autumn Sky Court
Braemar Court
Bunker Hill Court
Concord Lane
Dominique Court
Patterson Court
Revere Court
Shimmering Run Court
Windswept Court

ROADS

Harlan Lane	Spout Hill Road
Jennifer Way	Springfield Avenue
Kalorama Road	Third Avenue
Main Street	Willow Bottom
Road	
Norris Avenue	
Obrecht Road	
Oklahoma Avenue	
Sandosky Road	



Sykesville Police Department

The Sykesville Police Department is looking for adult volunteers to fill the following roles within our Police Department:

School Crossing Guards

We are looking for mature adult residents of Sykesville who are interested in volunteering as a school crossing guard at Sykesville Middle School. We will provide you with the training and necessary equipment to safely perform this duty. The crossing detail will take approximately one-half hour in the morning and one-half hour in the afternoon, each day that school is in session.

Auxiliary Police Officers

The Sykesville Auxiliary Police shall perform the following duties under the direction of the Sykesville Police Department:

- Render assistance as requested in major disasters and emergencies as determined by the Chief of the Sykesville Police Department; and
- Render assistance as requested with regard to directing and controlling vehicular and pedestrian traffic and parking at such functions within the jurisdiction of the Sykesville Police Department; and
- Such other duties as may be directed by the Chief of Police.

Sykesville Auxiliary Police shall have the powers necessary to carry out the functions as directed by the Sykesville Police Department. Members of the Sykesville Auxiliary Police shall not be deemed police officers and shall not have general arrest and law enforcement powers, shall not carry or use firearms while on duty and shall not have general investigative responsibility.

Candidates for the Sykesville Auxiliary Police shall be recommended by the Chief of Police, approved and appointed by the Mayor and Town Council and must meet such criteria as may be established by the Chief of Police. Members of the Sykesville Auxiliary Police receive no compensation. Prior to exercising any duty as a member of the Sykesville Auxiliary Police, each auxiliary police officer shall take the oath of office similar to the oath taken by regular police officers.

The minimum qualifications for either of these volunteer civilian positions are:

- Must be at least 18 year of age,
- Be a graduate from an accredited high school or education equivalent to a high school diploma,
- Be a licensed driver in the State of Maryland,
- Must be able to pass a background investigation,
- Must be able to work under adverse weather conditions

If you feel that you meet the criteria for either of these positions and are interested in applying, go to our town website (www.townofsykesville.org) and download the Sykesville Police Auxiliary application (under Government, then Police Department), or you can stop by the Police Department and pick up an application. Please indicate on the application that you are interested in either the School Crossing Guard or Auxiliary Police position. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at .410-795-0757.



Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee

It has been a wonderful year for SPARC! Yoga mats were in the parks on the weekend as we worked with Sykesville Wellness Partners to bring free Yoga in the Park to our Town. The “Mommy and Me” swing has been installed at Jones Park so parents and children (or grandparents and grandchildren) can interact with each other while playing!

New trash cans at the entrances to Linear Trail off of Kalorama have been installed; please use the cans instead of leaving or dumping your trash along the Trail. Our park clean-up days last April were a huge success. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all who attended and sponsored our Concerts in the Park and Sykesville Cinema events! Look for them in 2018!

2018 is shaping up to be another exciting year! Our spring park clean-up day has been set for Earth Day, April 22. Please come out, show your support, and help us clean up our parks. Yoga in the Park will continue with the fabulous support of Branches of Yoga & Sykesville Wellness Partners. Movies will be the second Saturday of May, June, July, August, and October. This time the Halloween movie will be geared to the younger crowd, and there will be a costume contest for the children.

We would also like to announce that we now have ADA compliant access to our Sykesville Cinema events. A new walkway and concrete pad were recently installed at Millard Cooper Park for our guests in wheelchairs to comfortably join us for any film. Please stay tuned to our Facebook page for our 2018 concert and cinema series announcements. Movies have been selected and are awaiting approval.

We need your help! Sykesville Parks and Recreation committee meets at the Town House on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm. We are looking for additional members and volunteers who are interested in making a difference in our parks, recreational activities, and events for our families and friends! If you have a few hours a month to spare, please call 410-795-8959 or email parks@sykesville.net. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreationcommittee and get up-to-date information on events and projects. Happy holidays, and have a wonderful New Year!!!



Sykesville Main Street

Sykesville Main Street Association becomes the Downtown Sykesville Connection



The Sykesville Main Street Association was created in 2011. It is part of the Main Street Maryland Program. The program strives to strengthen the economic potential of Maryland's traditional main streets and neighborhoods. Main Street Maryland selects communities that have made a commitment to succeed and helps them improve the economy, appearance and image of their traditional downtown business districts through the Main Street five point approach for commercial revitalization, which is organized into the following committees: Design, Organization, Promotion, Economic Restructuring, and Green, Clean & Safe.

During its six years of operation, the Sykesville Main Street Association has accomplished so much for the residents of Sykesville, its visitors, and the merchant community: including the creation of the community garden, the development of the South Branch skate park, the restoration of the Main Street sign and the bike rack installation to the design and operation of a seven events yearly calendar; form the administration of State grants like Keep Maryland Beautiful, Downtown Lighting, Facade Improvement Program, and Nonprofit Assistance Fund that financed the Farmers Market, to the creation of the Shop Small Passports and Carroll Business Academy for local small businesses.

The Sykesville Main Street Association is thrilled to continue its journey as the **Downtown Sykesville Connection**, a stand-alone community non-profit striving to foster a vibrant downtown through economic development, promotion, design, and green initiatives.

The **Downtown Sykesville Connection** will keep showcasing our small town through a rich calendar of events crafted to cater to residents of all ages and visitors seeking unique experiences and new trends. The **Downtown Sykesville Connection** will remain focused on the beautification of our town and the preservation of its historical heritage.

Town of Sykesville is recognized as the lead sponsor in all that we do and will assist our Board of Directors in conducting our group on the path of continued success, innovation, and commitment to serve our community.

Downtown Sykesville Connection Board of Directors

Fred Gossage, *President*, owner of State Farm Insurance.

Mary Vaccarino, *Vice-President*, owner of Revive & Co.

Rudy Linde, *Treasurer*.

Lisa Berman, *Secretary*.

Helene Taylor, *member*, owner of the French Twist Cafe.

Michelle Williams, *member*, business manager at M&T Bank.

Rich Austin, *Chair of the Economic Restructuring Committee*, owner of Trembling Giant Marketing LLC

Dana Alonzi, *Chair of the Design Committee*.

Rachael Beck, *Chair of the Promotion Committee*, owner of E.W. Beck's Pub.

Whitney Thompson, *Chair of the Green Committee*, owner of Sykesville Therapy.

Mary Ellen Will, *Chair of the Organization Committee*.

Leo Keenan, *Liaison to the Town of Sykesville*, Town Councilman.

We would love to see you join one of the Downtown Sykesville Connection committees.

Please contact us at DowntownSykesvilleConnection@gmail.com.

Our new office is located at

7307 Spout Hill Road
Sykesville MD 21874

Information and event details are available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/sykesville/>
www.SykesvilleMainStreet.com

2018 SAVE THE DATE
May 6th - Art & Wine Festival
May through October - Farmers Market
November 10th - Craft Beer Festival
December 8th - Merry Main Street



Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office



Located at 731 Oklahoma Avenue, we are eagerly awaiting your holiday needs. We have lots of holiday stamps, such as The Snowy Day, Christmas Carols, Christmas Magi, and Virgin with Child. A variety of forever stamps are also for sale.

Mailing packages for the holidays? We have all your postal needs, including small, medium, and large flat rate boxes. Packages need to be in the mail by December 19 in order for them to be delivered before Christmas.

For your last minute gifts, we still have some Coolest Town in America merchandise, Sykesville Past and Present books, and local artist posters.

Old Main Line will once again have Santa's Mailbox! Santa is making his list and checking it twice, so bring in your letters before Christmas!

Happy Holidays from your friendly staff,
Jenn, Lori, Cecelia, and Joyce

Gate House Museum

Happy Holidays. Can you see the museum at night? Probably not. It disappears into the darkness. One of our next projects is to light it up not only so that you can see it, but so that it's fun to look at, that it's a bright visual landmark in the town of Sykesville. Keep an eye out. We are hoping to have lights up by the winter holidays.

And don't forget, we have a small but pretty cool exhibit on 100 years ago in Sykesville and the World War I era. We've acquired a couple interesting World War I artifacts, including a doughboy helmet and a really amazing bayonet. We have other items, too, and most have a year carved in them, 1916, 1917, 1918. These are items that men carried into war a hundred years ago.

In other news, the Carroll County School and Library systems have selected curator Jack White's book, *In Carrie's Footprints*, as their first ever Carroll County One Book. This means there will be events around the County, in schools, libraries, and other gathering places, where Jack and Warren Dorsey will talk about the book and people can ask questions. The idea is to promote friendly discussion and understanding among all the County's people. And of course, to be entertaining.

If you have any questions, contact us at gatehouse@sykesville.net.

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[http://www.townofsykesville.org/2157/
Gate-House-Museum-of-History](http://www.townofsykesville.org/2157/Gate-House-Museum-of-History)

The Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse

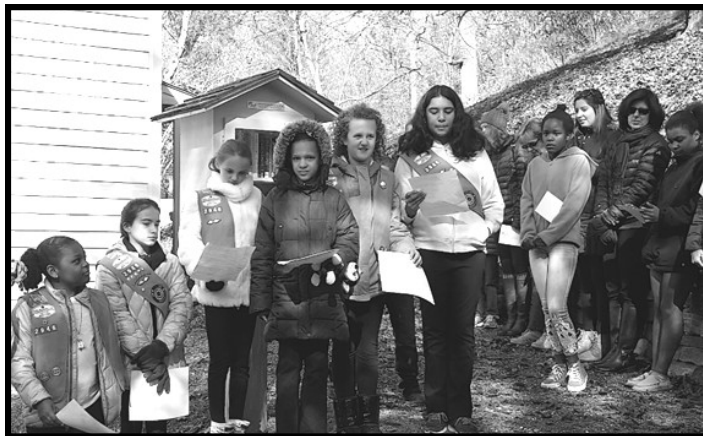
Life is lively at the Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse! It is most active every Monday and Wednesday afternoon when the school buses from Piney Ridge Elementary and Sykesville Middle discharge their students, who run down the hill for a healthy snack, tutoring, and enrichment activities sponsored by St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Second Tuesdays are also active since the Cattail River Garden Club has decided to make the Schoolhouse its regular meeting venue. On Friday, November 17, students from South Carroll High School came to the Schoolhouse to meet with Warren Dorsey and Rosie Dorsey Hutchinson. They had read Mr. Dorsey's biography, *In Carrie's Footprints*, and were thrilled to help him celebrate his 97 birthday, Denise Koch of WJZ13 did a wonderful piece on the event. And then there are the normal Open Houses for the Sykesville community, "O Christmas Tree" on December 2 and "Love, Lace, and Learning" on February 11, 2018.

While St. Paul's and the Sykesville-South Carroll Rotary Club fund the Homework Club's need for snacks, crafts, and learning materials, Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church has presented us with funds to purchase badly needed computers. Their "Caring Kids" group raised money for the Club at the Farmers' Market, which was matched by the church's Missions Committee. We are entering the Age of Technology!

Most exciting was the installation and dedication of a Little Free Library in front of the Schoolhouse on November 11. Girl Scout troop #2946, under the creative leadership of Amy Landry, spent over a year planning its library. They presented their concept to the Mayor and Town Council, the Historic District Commission, and the Maryland Historic Trust. Permissions in hand, they sought out donors for the necessary materials and under the guidance of engineer Dan Landry, built the cutest Little Free Library on the planet! Each Girl Scout and each child in the Homework Club dipped a finger into paint to adorn the structure with colorful flowers and insects. One shelf of the Library is stuffed with children's books, while the other has reading materials for the adults in their lives. The idea is "take a book, read it, then return it or replace it with a different book." Now the Homework Club kids have a source of books every day of every week! Schoolhouse coordinator Pat Greenwald was humbled when the troop dedicated the Little Free Library to her. Each Scout was presented with a Bronze Award, the highest award girls of their age can receive.

There is still room on the calendar for more groups to take advantage of this bit of Sykesville history.

Please contact patgreenwald@comcast.net to make arrangements.



Sykesville **WINTER** Events

12 Hours of Christmas | December 1, 10am-10pm

Main Street Shops

Late Shopping Hours – Giveaways & Raffles – Support Neighborhood Business

Also, look for other First Friday events, every First Friday of the month!

Santa's Arrival | December 2, 6pm-9pm

Main Street and S&P Railway

Tree Lighting – Photos with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty, and others –

Free Hot Chocolate – Holiday Movie

Cookies on Main Street | December 8, 6pm-8pm

Main Street Shops

Homemade Cookies & Recipes – Cookie-Inspired Cocktails – Shop Local

Merry Main Street | December 9, 12pm-4pm

Sykesville Town House

Crafts & Activities – Storytime with Mrs. Claus – Christmas Carols – Letters to Santa

Town Decorating Contest | December 12, Beginning at 6:30pm

The Mayor and Town Council will once again be driving around Town looking for the best decorated houses! Judging will take place on December 12, so get out there and decorate your houses!

Historic Colored Schoolhouse

The Historic Colored Schoolhouse is available for private tours by appointment.

Please contact Pat Greenwald at schoolhouse@sykesville.net to schedule a tour.

O Christmas Tree | December 2, 2pm-4pm

Love, Lace, and Learning | February 11, 2018, 2pm-4pm

Schoolhouse refreshments – crafts – tours, all reflecting the history of Sykesville's unique schoolhouse treasure

Gate House Museum of History

The Gate House Museum is open on Fridays and Sundays from 1pm to 5 pm. Stop in and learn about local history!

For more information check out:

www.townofsykesville.org • www.downtownsykesville.com

Note: Events are subject to change. Please visit the websites listed above for the most up-to-date information.