



SUMMER 2018

# Town of Historic Sykesville NEWSLETTER

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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

### Summer Time in the Parks

By now we are all ready for some summer fun in the Parks. I wanted to give you a quick update on what is taking place within Sykesville and its Parks. Foremost, most park inquiries are about South Branch. If you don't know, the Town and Howard County came together to in 2011 to discuss the redevelopment of South Branch Park and particularly the Shrimp Town Skate Park, Pavilion and Play Ground. Meeting with the Howard County Executive and Park officials, we were able to put together a comprehensive revitalization plan that was broad, inclusive and had all the stake holders involved. The Shrimp Town pioneers were running a renegade skate park with the Town's approval that was stretched numerous times beyond the actual approval. Their passion was second to none, and we all saw great things in them and all the kids and adults involved. We needed to get these kids a professional park they could be proud of that was both exciting and safe. The Town received a Community Parks & Playground Grant that built the Tot Lot, Howard County helped construct the Pavilion, and through much effort the new skate park. It was a great accomplishment and partnership that I have been most proud of as Mayor. These types of partnerships are rare, and we continue to try and build on it. A new 55-space parking lot is in the works, and we hope to see ground broken on that late this year. We have again been working with Howard County to complete that phase for some time. Next, we are trying to address the Old Apple Butter warehouse, and that will be quite an undertaking. We need professional engineering analysis, water and sewer hook ups and so much more as well. Most of the site lies in a flood plain which creates many challenges for redevelopment. Rest assured, we will continue to work together to revitalize that space. It will take time and a lot of creativity, but we continue to take small steps toward that goal. Things take time in Park Planning, and Howard County has many priority projects. I am grateful to their staff for all the help through the years. Patience and passion are hard to address at the same time, but we are mindful of both.

Keep in mind we have numerous other great Parks in Town as well. There are 12 parks in Town, including Millard Cooper Park, Burkett Park, Jones Park, Lexington Run Park, Warfield Park, and the Linear Trail. You can pick up complete Parks map at the Post Office Visitors Center and at the Town House.

The Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC) are a committed group of volunteers as well that continue to host great events all year long. Please try to attend and support the events, as it helps connect us all to our Parks and community as well as provide resources for the Parks.

Please see the back cover for a list of events occurring in Town this summer.

Get out and enjoy our Parks, as they truly are a jewel in Small Town living not found in many communities. My gratitude goes out to all who help make them a success here in Sykesville.

Happy summer - see you in the Park!  
Sincerely, Ian Shaw, Mayor



See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

# *Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste!*

## **TRASH AND RECYCLING CHANGES 2018**

- The following holidays will affect the trash and recycling changes.
- July 4, 2018: Trash normally picked up on July 4, 2018 will be picked up on July 6, 2018
- Thanksgiving, November 22, 2018: Recycling normally picked up on November 22, 2018 will be picked up on November 26, 2018. Recycling will be picked up normally on November 29, 2018
- Christmas Day, December 25, 2018: Trash and recycling pickup will be shifted by a day. Tuesday pickup will be on Wednesday, Wednesday pickup on Thursday, and recycling pickup on Friday.

## **YARD WASTE**

- The Town will pick up yard waste on your regular trash day. It will occur after trash pick up
- Carroll County prohibits yard waste from being mixed with standard household refuse
- Yard waste pick up will begin on April 10, 2018 and will end on December 12, 2018
- Please have your yard waste in the brown yard bags or bundle sticks together no more than 4 feet long
- Yard waste must be placed in paper lawn bags
- Plastic bags will not be picked up
- Dumping of yard waste in the parks and other wooded areas in the Town or along the Linear Trail is prohibited

## **DOGGIE BAG STATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR USE!**

The Public Works Department installed new doggie bag stations in Millard Cooper Park and along the Linear Trail. Please clean up after your pets to keep our parks clean and safe for everyone to use!



## **VEGETATION AND TREE TRIMMING**

Property owners must keep trees which overhang a road at least 13.5 feet above the road and trees which overhang a sidewalk at least 10 feet above the sidewalk. A full copy of the vegetation ordinance is available at [town-of-sykesville.org](http://town-of-sykesville.org).

- Trim all vegetation and growth around stop signs
- Trim all trees overhanging a road to at least 13.5 feet
- Trim all trees overhanging a sidewalk to at least 10 feet

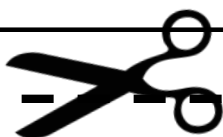


## **GRASS MOWING**

- Keep your grass trimmed to less than 12 inches
- Don't put grass trimmings in the street

## **STORM DRAINS**

- Prevent grass clippings and leave from getting in the storm drains
- The clippings will break down in the storm drains and the nutrients released can be harmful to the water quality
- Clippings can also clog drains, causing flooding and storm drain failure



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## Sykesville Police Department

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The Sykesville Police Department is proud to announce that its popular Junior CSI Academy will be held again this year on September 18, September 25, October 2 and October 9, 2018. This year marks the 10th anniversary of this program being held here in Sykesville. As in the past, the program will take place at the Sykesville Middle School, further strengthening the bond between our community, school and the Police Department. This program would not be possible without the generous sponsorship of the Freedom District Lion's Club Youth Outreach program.

Applications will be available after June 1st, and can be obtained in person at the Police Department, Sykesville Middle School, or on-line on our website at [www.townofsykesville.org](http://www.townofsykesville.org). Class size is limited, so it is recommended that applications be completed and submitted soon. Applications will be processed on a first come,

first served basis. For more information, please feel free to contact the Sykesville Police Department at 410-795-0757.



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## Gate House Museum

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Hello folks,

We're going to try something new this summer. Right now we're calling it "porch talks." Beginning this July and going into October, hopefully every other Sunday at 2, we'll be having guests out on the Gate House porch giving free talks on items of local historic interest. So far we've lined up seven speakers and expect to have eight to ten.

Topics will include the great flood that washed away Sykesville in 1868; working at Springfield during the seventies through the nineties; the Strawbridge Home for Boys; the B & O railroad and Sykesville; the Old Colored Schoolhouse and life up Oklahoma Hill between 1920 and 1950; Frank Brown, the Brown's cottages, and the Gothic mansion up the hill; World War I and Sykesville 100 years ago. Many others are under consideration.

There will be chairs and refreshments and a chance to sit around and talk to the speakers and each other once each talk is over.

Keep an eye on the town and museum Facebook pages for more details. And remember we're open every Friday and Sunday afternoon between 1 and 5. Please stop by, and if you have an idea for a talk, or if you'd like to give one, let us know.

7283 Cooper Drive  
Sykesville, MD 21784

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[http://www.townofsykesville.org/2157/](http://www.townofsykesville.org/2157/Gate-House-Museum-of-History)  
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## Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office

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Old Main Line Post Office and Visitor Center is here to welcome all visitors to our Coolest Small Town in America and to meet all of your postal needs. We are located at 731 Oklahoma Avenue.

Our new stamps are in and include Mister Rogers, STEM Education, Love stamps, and the popular patriotic flags.

We also can make copies for you and fax your documents for a small fee.

Stop in to pick up your free "Welcome to Downtown Sykesville" guide and find out about the upcoming Town activities.

Don't forget our "Room with a View" the best place to have your next birthday party or meeting, with reasonable rates and discounts for Town residents.

Ask the friendly staff for more information.

Our hours are Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00 with a 2:00-2:30 break for lunch and mail pick-up. Saturday hours are 9:00-1:00



## Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

The Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC) is always looking for additional members and volunteers who are interested in making a difference through park improvement, recreational activities, and events for our families and others. SPARC meets at the Town House on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. If interested, please come visit one of our meetings. For more information, please call 410-795-8959 or email [parks@sykesville.net](mailto:parks@sykesville.net).

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SPARC is hosting a number of events this summer. Please mark your calendars for our exciting line up, including new and ongoing events. To stay up-to-date with new and exciting activities or to receive real time updates, be sure to like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreationcommittee](http://www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreationcommittee).



The Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC) has a new mascot. We are pleased to introduce Sparky the squirrel. Sparky will be making appearances at the various SPARC events throughout the season. Please be sure

to stop by for a photo opportunity.

### Sykesville Cinema Returns for its 9th Season!

Come enjoy open-air movies with your neighbors and friends with our powerful audio and video system. We have an exciting line up of movies and thematic events this year. Come hungry and enjoy fresh popcorn and other delights from our Snack Shack.

Movies are on the **2nd Saturday of each month from May-October** at Millard Cooper Park (next to Sykesville Middle). Each show begins approximately 15 minutes after sundown – so come early to get a good seat (don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets). General parking is available at Sykesville Middle. Millard Cooper Park includes easy access handicapped parking.



### Sykesville Cinema 2018 Summer Series

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| July 14     | <i>The Sandlot (age 8+ recommended)</i> |
| August 11   | <i>Moana</i>                            |
| September 9 | <i>Reserved Rain Date</i>               |
| October 13  | <i>Hocus Pocus</i>                      |

Sykesville Cinema is free, but **we request your donations of non-perishable food items for Carroll County Food Sunday**. Collection bins are available onsite.

### Sykesville Yoga in the Park

Back by popular demand after a very successful first year, SPARC is sponsoring a Yoga in the Park Series. The series is offered on **Sunday mornings at 9 AM at the South Branch Park**. It is free and available to all ages. Bring your yoga mat, towel, and water.

There will be three sessions:

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| <i>Spring</i> | April 29 – May 20     |
| <i>Summer</i> | July 8 – August 5     |
| <i>Fall</i>   | Sept. 23 – October 14 |

### Sykesville Concerts in the Park

SPARC has a wonderful line up for the July concerts. All the concerts will be held at Millard Cooper Park beginning at 7 PM.

- **July 6 – The Regulars** (Sykesville band featuring folk, Bluegrass, Americana)
- **July 13 – JoeyDCares** (Rock orchestra featuring local students and volunteers)
- **July 20 – Twenty Dollar Prophet** (Classic and modern rock from Westminster)
- **July 27 – Here 'til Sunday** (Top 40 hits, classic and modern rock from Mt. Airy)

## The Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse

We live in a very transient society. How many of our children are attending the same schools where we once learned? How many have their grandparents right down the street? Our children no longer have the sense of “roots” that we or our parents might have enjoyed, yet they need to know that something preceded them. That is why it is important that they visit local historic sites. And what better site than a one-room schoolhouse in which children their age learned long ago. The Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse welcomes the children and their adults!

Both Carroll and Howard Counties offer Passport Programs in the Summer months. Children are challenged to visit various sites. The Carroll County *Summer Adventure Passport and Travel Guide* leads families to historic sites as well as other points of interest in the County. The booklet can be ordered at [vdaly@ccg.carr.org](mailto:vdaly@ccg.carr.org) or 410-386-2043. Children visiting at least eight sites will be invited to an ice cream social in October, at which time there will be a drawing for great prizes.

Howard County's *Passport to the Past*, 2018 includes 25 historical

sites spread across the County. Children visiting at least 15 of the sites will be given a prize if they show their completed booklets to the Historical Society at Miller Library or the Museum of Howard County History. Contact [patgreenwald@comcast.net](mailto:patgreenwald@comcast.net) to receive a copy for each of your children. An electronic version is also available.

The Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse is included in both booklets this summer. The site is offering three Open Houses for participants: “Meet Benjamin Banneker” on June 24; “Lemonade Social” on July 20; “Meet Some Graduates” on July 29. All three events are scheduled from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Refreshments, crafts, and old-fashioned fun will be featured. And, yes, Warren Dorsey is one of the graduates who will be with us on July 29. If you can not make one of these events, but the kids want to peek into the building, contact [patgreenwald@comcast.net](mailto:patgreenwald@comcast.net) to arrange a time to come by.

We hope to ring the school bell for you and your children this summer!



*Julie Della-Maria, DSC Executive Director*

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## Hello Sykesville!

We hope that you enjoyed the Art & Wine festival despite the rain drops. We were pleased to introduce to you some of the artists that you might meet on Main Street while they are creating the murals of the Design Committee's Snallygaster project (partly funded by the Carroll County Arts Council).

The First Flower Festival was a success! We hope to keep it on the calendar so we can continue to spoil Sykesville Moms, Fur-Moms, Grandmoms, and Moms' friends on an ongoing basis.

The Promotion Committee is rolling out the Block Party Series this summer. Come on out and join us on the following Saturdays: June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and August 18<sup>th</sup>! The town merchants are continuing to sponsor First Fridays and have a great lineup of specials for the summer time. Our Farmer's Market is starting (6 months of it!) and will be at the same location on Sandosky Road. We will have some of the same great vendors, a bunch of new additions, and the Market will have a new art twist to it! Come on out to the Farmer's Market and check us out at [www.facebook.com/sykesvillefarmersmarket/](http://www.facebook.com/sykesvillefarmersmarket/).

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Coolest Mile on Main Street is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. Please register at [Acitve.com](http://Acitve.com) or Tri-Sport Junction soon (more details are available on our Facebook page and website). The run will be directly followed by our first ever "Let Freedom Ring Parade"! This new event will feature floats, marching bands, and Town participation. If you want to impress your neighbors - get creative and design a float! You can email us your float application at [DowntownSykesvilleConnection@gmail.com](mailto:DowntownSykesvilleConnection@gmail.com)!

Have you seen our fabulous Visitor Guide yet? The brand new Sykesville Visitor Guide is available at the Visitor Center for FREE! The guide was created by our Economic Restructuring Committee volunteers with some funding from the Heart of the Civil War Area, the support of the local merchant community, and a fabulous design donated by Trembling Giant Marketing LLC. Please go by the Visitor Center and grab your copy!

Speaking of great local businesses with an incredible sense of community. Did you see the work of our resident Kyle Hiteshew from Green Haven Landscaping at the Community Garden? Kyle worked really hard in between storms to replace and improve all of the flower beds with long lasting and better looking cedar lumbers right in time for planting day! This project was supported by the funds awarded to our Green Committee by the "Keep Maryland beautiful" program.



As always, we cannot thank the Town of Sykesville enough for its continuous support for our programs, ideas and activities! Aretha Adams' enthusiasm for what we do, and the dedication of the Town staff are a great help!

Visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/sykesville/](http://www.facebook.com/sykesville/)) for details about DSC and Merchant sponsored events. See you on Main Street!



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. The DSC administers the Main Street program in Sykesville.



# Sykesville **SUMMER** Events

## Main Street

**First Fridays | Every First Friday**

**Block Parties | Saturday, June 16, July 21, August 18 (5pm-9pm)**

The Block Parties are separate from the First Friday events this year! The Sykesville Merchants will still be open late and have specials and deals on First Fridays. Details available at [www.facebook.com/sykesville](http://www.facebook.com/sykesville)

**Sykesville Farmers' Market | Every Sunday, through October 28 (9am-1pm)**

Sandosky Road parking lot just down the hill from the Little Sykes Railroad  
Fresh Produce – Local Proteins – Baked Goods & More – Live Music – Family Fun

**Coolest Mile on Main Street | July 1 (1pm)**

Family Fun Run! Get timed or just run for a good time! Visit the DSC website ([www.downtownsykesville.com](http://www.downtownsykesville.com)) to register. The **Let Freedom Ring Parade** will begin after the run.

**Carroll Business Academy | Second Wednesday of the Month, August through November (8am-10am)**

Free business workshop! Register on Facebook.

## Sykesville Parks and Recreation

Non-perishable food will be collected for Carroll Food Sunday.

### **Sykesville Cinema\***

A seasonal favorite, bring the family and a blanket for a free movie!

**Saturday, June 9**

*The Secret Life of Pets*

**Saturday, July 14**

*The Sandlot*

**Saturday, August 11**

*Moana*

**Saturday, September 8**

*Sing!*

### **Concerts in the Park\***

Join us at the pavilion in Millard Cooper Park for our Summer Concert Series.

**Friday, July 6**

*The Regulars*

**Friday, July 13**

*JoeyDCares*

**Friday, July 20**

*Twenty Dollar Prophet*

**Friday, July 27**

*Here 'till Sunday*

Find us on Facebook at Sykesville Parks & Recreation for information about events and weather cancellations

## Gate House Museum of History

Join Museum Curator Jack White for Porch Talks beginning in July. Every other Sunday at 2 pm he and other speakers will give talks about different topics.

## Historic Colored Schoolhouse

The Historic Colored Schoolhouse is available for private tours by appointment. Please contact Pat Greenwald at [patgreenwald@comcast.net](mailto:patgreenwald@comcast.net) to schedule a tour. You can also visit the Schoolhouse during one of their events:

**Meet Benjamin Banneker Open House | June 24 (2pm-4pm)**

**Lemonade Social Open House | July 20 (2pm-4pm)**

**Meet Some Graduates! Open House | July 29 (2pm-4pm)**

For more information check out:

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



### **Little Sykes Railroad**

Free rides for kids on a 1949  
12-gauge B&O model train

Every Sunday | 9am-1pm

### **S&P Railway**

Model train displays & 20<sup>th</sup>  
century train cars

Open & free to the public:  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays | 10am-2pm

Visit [facebook.com/sprailway](http://facebook.com/sprailway)  
for details & special events.