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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

Update from the Mayor, Warfield and Town Strategic Planning:



Warfield has finally been sold to the Warfield Companies! It is with great excitement that I announce the sale of the Warfield Property after over 18 years of trying to get a viable user in place. A great deal of thanks goes out to all who assisted. Many current and former elected officials helped to make it a reality. Initially, the Warfield acquisition started with Mayor Jonathon Herman's vision to keep the unintended uses from affecting Sykesville. The vision was a grand one, and it was a different time. The site proved to be very challenging over the years and markets changed, lifestyles changed, and budgets changed. That being said, Mayor Herman's commitment to the site certainly helped to see it through; we owe him a special thanks.

Delegate Krebs helped tremendously over the years, and our new Delegates Kittleman and Miller have been getting up to speed. Senator Bates has pledged her support as well. Commissioner Doug Howard put a lot of effort into this project, and we were able to achieve things with his help and the County staff that would not have been possible for the Town alone. I don't have enough space to thank all those who helped over the years. So many people have touched this project over the years in some fashion. The former Warfield Development Chairman, Brad Rees, service for so many years was amazing. Board members including myself, Robert Morris, Ken Johnson, Fran Kirley, and the reluctant, yet very good Chairman Andrew Heck took the WDC to closing with the Warfield Companies. This was a very complicated and challenging deal. In my 20 years of real estate experience, I have never been involved with a more complex and intricate project with so many entities. Certainly huge thanks go to Steve Enslow and the entire Town Planning Commission - the work they did and continue to do has been amazing! Additionally, this project has a large Historical Preservation component, and our Historic District Commission Chair, Norman Fogg, and the entire commission was instrumental in keeping this deal on track! Our Council liaisons to the Planning Commission, Julia Betz, and the Historic District Commission, Stay Link, had a large role as well. Our Town Attorney, Dennis Hoover, also provided invaluable counsel to us all, and his knowledge and history of the project was critical to weaving a closing document. Finally, our Town Staff - they have had to work so hard across all departments and roles to make Warfield a success. I am blessed every day as your Mayor to work with so many talented and passionate people. They really do get customer service, and they know you are the customers!

I know I missed so many, but I hope you see the excitement and gratitude I have for all those who helped get this project to closing! Thank You ALL so much!!! This really is just the beginning for Warfield. As residents, stay abreast of all the positive things as they develop, and participate in Warfield's Success!

As a result of the Warfield closing, we will finally have some space to get our Long Term Strategic Plan on track. No rest for the weary! Please stay tuned as Council works with Staff to roll out a bold new Strategic Planning Initiative that I hope will pave the way for Sykesville's ongoing prosperity and future success Town wide! It is an exciting time for us and these plans will help us chart our future for many years to come.

- Best Wishes to all, see you soon, 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.
- 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.

A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, DEREK SHREVES

As autumn approaches and the leaves start to fall, remember street drains are critical to keeping neighborhoods from flooding when it rains; it is your responsibility to make sure that nothing but untainted rain water flows from your yard into storm drains. Lawn clippings, leaves, and other debris often clump together, contributing to flooding in your neighborhood.

You can help prevent flooding with a few small maintenance actions on your property:

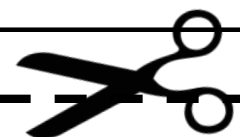
- Keep leaves and debris out of drains.
- Avoid piling yard waste such as fallen leaves on your property where it could wash into Town drains. Keep yard waste in bags or other container.
- Use a rake or broom to remove leaves and debris that may collect on the tops of storm drains, and then place the material in your yard waste container.
- If the drain is still clogged after you've removed the debris, call the Town.



It is important to remember the Town storm drains run to retention ponds that eventually lead via streams and rivers to the Chesapeake Bay. As organic materials, such as grass clippings and leaves, decompose they release carbon and nitrogen. These chemicals feed undesirable algae which pull oxygen from the water leading to fish kills. And that's only the beginning. If you've used chemicals on your lawn or garden, they may contaminate the water that runs off from rains or your sprinkler system. Perhaps you only occasionally allow grass clippings, leaves, and other plants to wash

down the drains. But multiply your "occasionally" by the hundreds of homes in the area, and it's easy to see why non-point source pollution is becoming a major concern. Yard waste is picked up the same day as your trash and will continue this autumn through November.

If you have concerns about your storm drains, please call the Town at 410-795-8959.



Sykesville Police Department

As school starts up again, we would like to take a moment to remind you about some Back to School Safety Tips:

- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction if you're on an undivided road and it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The 10 foot radius around school busses is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.



Volunteer Opportunities:

The Sykesville Police Department continues to seek mature adult volunteers for the following positions within our Police Department:

1. School Crossing Guard
2. Auxiliary Police Officer

The minimum qualifications for both 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 these qualifications and are interested in applying for either of these positions, 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 use the same application for either position, but indicate on the application which position you are applying for. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 410-795-0757.

Community Prayer Service

Let's come together to pray for those struggling with addiction in our community. All are welcome!

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
7538 Main Street Sykesville
October 9, 2018 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Tammy Lofink, President & CEO of *Rising Above Addiction* and Founder of *Reclaiming My Life*, a Twelve Step Recovery House

Personal testimony from Allen Rhinehart
Resources and support offered

For more information, contact St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 410-795-0714



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Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee

SPARC had another great summer. We hope you were able to join us at one of the SPARC-sponsored events including the Sykesville Cinema, the Concert in the Park series, or Yoga in the Park. If not, there is still time. We are looking forward to a busy fall season but we still have a few summer events to go.

SPARC is planning a cookout to thank volunteers and meet with community members. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 22 at Millard Cooper Park.

Be on the lookout for event details.

Sykesville Cinema

This summer featured a lot of inclement weather. Unfortunately, we had to cancel two movies – Sing in May and Moana in August. Nevertheless, there are still two movies to go.

September 8 - Sing (rescheduled from May)

October 13–Hocus Pocus (with a costume contest for children 12 and under)

As always, the movie start times are variable based on sunset. Please follow us on Facebook for updates including upcoming details on the costume contest for the Halloween-themed movie. Facebook is also a good source for live updates on inclement weather around our events.



Yoga in the Park

There are still three opportunities to participate in our popular yoga sessions.

September 23 and 30

October 7

All sessions are from 9-10 AM on Sundays and take place at South Branch Park.

Please note that the session originally scheduled for October 14 has been cancelled.

Namaste.

Calling All Volunteers!

Did you know that SPARC is a Town funded all-volunteer group? We are proud of the events we sponsor and want to continue each of them, and we even hope to expand the number and reach of our events. But to do that we need additional volunteer support. SPARC accepts volunteers without a commitment to join the committee. Even donating a few hours of your time would be a great help.

If you are interested in volunteering or just want to learn more about SPARC, please come to a monthly meeting, email us at parks@sykesville.net, call for information at 410-795-8959, check us out on Facebook, or talk to a SPARC volunteer at a future event.

SPARC meets at the Town House on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm. Meetings typically last one hour.

Please don't forget to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreationcommittee

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Meet Sparky – our new mascot

Sykesville residents, especially the younger ones, have enjoyed welcoming Sparky to the community. Many of you saw Sparky for the first time as he braved the early July heat to join SPARC in the inaugural Let Freedom Ring Parade. There will be more opportunities to meet with Sparky at future SPARC events. Don't be shy – come over and take a selfie with our lovable mascot.



Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office

The Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office is here to welcome all visitors and to meet all of your postal needs!

It has been an exciting summer! We have welcomed many visitors to our cool town. They love the new Welcome Guide that helps them with maps, history, and town events. We have several brochures, maps, and other town information available for all residents and visitors.

Our frequent visitors had fun playing the Bingo game and searching for the fun murals around Town. We have a mural on our building! Stop by to check it out!

We also have new forever stamps featuring Mr. Rogers, Frozen Treats, O Beautiful, and Scooby-Doo. Our Tower Room has been the go to place for small parties and meetings. It overlooks the train tracks and is conveniently located just off of Main Street. Ask the friendly staff for rental information.

Our hours of operation are:

Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00 with a closing at 2:00-2:30 for mail pick-up, and Saturday 9:00-1:00

Call us at 410-552-9975, email us at postoffice@sykesville.net, or stop by and say hello!
We are located at 731 Oklahoma Avenue.



Gate House Museum

7283 Cooper Drive
Sykesville, MD 21784

410-549-5150

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

We'd like to thank all who've come to our Sunday Porch Talks so far! We've filled the porch and spilled over

onto the grass every time with large, enthusiastic crowds. So far we've talked about floods, Springfield, Brown's hidden Sykesville cottages, and the Strawbridge home for boys.

If you would like to attend one, there's still time to meet the grandson of a slave who grew up in Sykesville (9/16), learn all about a neat collection of Native American arrowheads collected on neighborhood fields (9/30), and learn all about the railroad and how it came to Sykesville and grew (10/14). Porch Talks are 2 to 4 P.M. at the Gatehouse, rain or shine.

November 11, 2018: Happy Armistice Day! Did you know this is the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended WWI? November 7 was originally called Armistice Day to honor WWI veterans but was changed to Veteran's Day in 1954 to honor all who have served in the U.S. armed forces.



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Hello Sykesville!

We hope that you enjoyed our July 1st array of fun! Despite the heat, the Farmer's Market, Coolest Mile on Main and "Let Freedom Ring" Parade were a hit. We cannot wait to start planning these events for 2019. If you feel like being part of this spectacular day, please join us! Contact us at DowntownSykesvilleConnection@gmail.com for details.

We have had an unbelievable summer and we are looking forward to all that is in store for the rest of the year:

- The summer Block Party series has been a hit, providing enjoyment and activities on Main Street.
- We have also been planning our free Carroll Business Academy workshops and classes, which are held in the event room of the Patapsco Distilling Co., on the second Wednesday of the month (visit our Facebook page or Eventbrite for details)
- The town merchants are continuing to sponsor First Fridays and have a great lineup of specials for the Fall.
- Our Farmer's Market is still going strong and culminates at the end of October with its super large Harvest Festival on October 14th from 10 am to 4 pm. This event is held on Main Street, and this year we are bringing back our famous Chili Cook Off as the centerpiece of this festival!

Have you heard of the Sykesville Snallygaster yet? Did you find one, or all, of the ten murals scattered around Town? If you haven't, the storybook with illustrations and painting locations will be available at the Visitor Center very soon! We are very grateful to the ten local artists who supplied their art to illustrate the story by Jack White, Curator of the Gatehouse Museum, and to the property owners who volunteered their walls to feature this super cool project! Also, a big thank you to our Design Committee!



The Green Committee is holding a few more sessions in the garden - with added surprises - so check our Sykesville 'Eileen m. Merkle' Community Garden facebook page for the schedule and details.

How do you like our Main Street speaker system? This system is bringing the best acoustic experience to our Town and we are so excited to use it for our events, special occasions and Holiday cheer!

As always, we want to recognize Town of Sykesville and its staff for their continuous support for our programs, ideas and activities! Please be aware that road closures and event updates can be texted or emailed directly to you if you subscribe to "In the News" on www.sykesville.net or text your zip code to 888777.

Finally, we wanted to thank YOU for supporting us. We appreciate the help, kind words, financial and time contributions to our mission. This quote made us think of you:

"It takes a place to create a community and a community to create a place" - Fred Kent

Visit our Facebook page (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 **FALL** Events

First Fridays on Main Street | Every First Friday | 6pm-9pm

Music – Sips & Snacks – Open Late

Sykesville Farmers' Market | Every Sunday | 9am-1pm through October 28

Parking lot down the hill from Little Sykes Railroad

Sykesville Carroll Business Academy | September 12, October 10, and November 14 | 8-10am

Free business classes on trending topics – Patapsco Distilling Company (event room, 2nd floor)

Sykesville Cinema | September 8 – Sing! | October 13 – Hocus Pocus | Movies begin at dusk – Mil-lard Cooper Park

Harvest Festival | October 14 | 10am-4pm

Food & Craft Vendors – Live Entertainment – Petting Zoo – Circus School — and more!

Craft Beer Festival on Main Street | November 10 | 12-5pm

Local Craft Beer – Food Trucks – Live Entertainment

Gate House Museum of History

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

Porch Talks | September 16 and 30, October 14 | 2-3pm | Q&A 3-4pm

Join us and our guest speakers to discuss local history!

Historic Colored Schoolhouse

The Historic Colored Schoolhouse is available for private tours by appointment. Please contact Pat Greenwald at town@sykesville.net to schedule a tour.

Fall Fun Open House! | October 21 | 2-4pm

Join us and create critters from nature's bounty! Free but fun!

For more information check out:

www.townofsykesville.org • www.downtownsykesville.com

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