



SUMMER 2019

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECENTLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS!

ANNA CARTER



Carroll County resident since 2000, I am dedicated to community and family. After moving my family to the Town of Sykesville in 2010, we became enthusiastic residents from the start. Our passion for the Town was immediate. We became committed volunteers by supporting the renaissance of our Main Street. I saw that the Town of Sykesville had a community like no other and became committed to Sykesville's resurgence. A member of the Town Council since 2013, I have helped guide the Town's growth while remaining true to our small-town roots. If you have any questions, please email me at acarter@sykesville.net.

MARK DYER



I received my Bachelor's from the Michigan State University and my Master's from the Johns Hopkins University. I am a retired federal employee and served in such roles as computer scientist and division manager. My family and I moved to Sykesville in 1996. I want to help ensure that Sykesville's current prosperity continues, and I believe that Sykesville is well served by its current mayor, town council, employees and cadre of volunteers. If you would like to reach me with questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at mdyer@sykesville.net

JEREMIAH SCHOFIELD



My wife, Joanna, and I moved to the Town of Sykesville in 2011. We have two daughters, Suzanna (age 18) and Phoenix (age 16). I am a graduate of Messiah College and City University of Seattle. I have served the American public for the last 19 years while working at the Social Security Administration, holding several different positions of increasing responsibility. For the last two years, I have served on the Town of Sykesville Planning Commission and recently became involved with the Sykesville Connectivity Steering Committee. I am interested in building great relationships with town residents and businesses with the purpose of seeing our community continue to flourish. I want to thank everyone who came out to vote. Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns at JSchofield@sykesville.net.

See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste!

TRASH AND RECYCLING CHANGES

- The following holidays will affect the trash and recycling changes.
- **July 4, 2019:** All days will be shifted forward. Trash usually picked up on Tuesday, July 2, will be picked up on Monday, July 1, Trash picked up on Wednesday, July 3, will be picked up on Tuesday, July 2, and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, July 3.
- **Thanksgiving, November 28, 2019:** Recycling normally picked up on November 28 will be picked up on Monday, December 2.
- The weeks of December 23 and December 30 will follow the schedule below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Trash usually picked up on Tuesday will be picked up on Monday	Town Offices Closed	Town Offices Closed	Trash usually picked up on Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday	Recycling usually picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Friday



A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DEREK SHREVES

During the summer months—and year-round—property owners in the Town of Sykesville are responsible for keeping the public right-of-way clear from overgrown vegetation, including bushes, shrubs and trees (ORD §60-9, §60-11). Overgrown vegetation in the right-of-way is a hazard to pedestrians on sidewalks and motorists on roadways.

These obstructions may have numerous consequences:

- Obstructions over the sidewalk affect pedestrians and obstructions into the roadway affect vehicle traffic.
- Some overgrowth obstructs traffic signals or signs, creating a roadway hazard.

The sidewalks must be kept clear for all pedestrians. On Town streets, the right-of-way is typically defined from edge-of-sidewalk to edge-of-pavement. For properties without sidewalk, the right-of-way begins at the edge of the property line.

Trees overhanging roadways must also be trimmed such that a minimum clearance of 13 feet 6 inches over the pavement is maintained.

If a property's vegetation obstructs the right-of-way, the Town may notify property owners of the obstruction advising they must correct it immediately. If a property owner fails to clear the obstruction, the Town may take action to clear the vegetation for the property owner, who will then be subject to fines and fees related to the violation and cost of clearing.

Yard waste pickup continues through December 5. Place yard waste either in brown craft paper yard bags or bundle sticks together no more than 4 feet long.

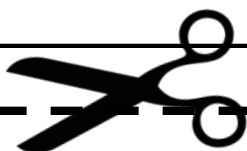
PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTED IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING.

All recycling should be loose in the bin.
You can recycle plastic bags at local grocery stores.

Plastic bags will not be picked up in curbside recycling.

Please visit www.recyclecarroll.org for more information on recycling.



Sykesville Police Department

Summer Safety Tips

Beat the Heat-

Anybody can be at risk for a heat-related illness. Follow these summer safety tips, like taking extra breaks and drinking lots of water.

Bug Safety-

Mosquitoes can cause a number of illnesses, including Zika Virus and West Nile Virus. Learn what you can do to protect yourself at work and play.

Playgrounds-

Emergency departments see more than 20,000 children ages 14 and younger for playground-related traumatic brain injury each year.

Fireworks-

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades, fireworks displays – and plenty of visits to emergency rooms, especially during July.

Water Safety-

Drowning caused 3,709 deaths in 2017. The younger the child, the greater the risk.

Bicycling-

Bicyclists must take extra precautions when they ride. They often share the road with vehicles, but injuries can happen even on a bike path.

Skateboarding-

Everyone falls, but there's a right way to do it. In 2017, 98,486 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms after being injured skateboarding.

Boating-

Most boating experiences are positive. But joyful times quickly can turn deadly if boaters are not vigilant about safety – at all times.

Pedestrian Safety-

Cell phone distracted walking is a huge problem, and rarely are we more vulnerable than when walking, crossing streets and negotiating traffic.

Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office

Old Main Line Post Office & Visitor Center is here to welcome visitors to our Coolest Small Town in America and to meet your Postal needs! We are located at 731 Oklahoma Ave.

Our new stamps are in and include JFK, Scooby Doo, WW1, Post Office Murals, Love Stamps, and the popular Patriotic Flags.

We can also 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 and stores!

Don't forget our Tower Room is for rent! This room with a view is the best place to have your next birthday party or meeting, with reasonable rates and discounts for Town residents.

The friendly staff, Lori, Cel, Joyce, and Tom are always ready to answer any questions and provide more information!

Our hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM with a break from 2:00 PM to 2:30PM for mail pick-up.
Saturday hours are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Contact us!
Phone -410-552-9975
Email- postoffice@sykesville.net



Gate House Museum

Summer is back upon us, and it's time for some fun on the Gate House porch. This year we'll be having both talks and music, starting May 26 at 2:00 p.m. with the first of four blue grass jams with Sykesville Americana Music. Our final event will be an excursion to Old Trinity Cemetery in Eldersburg to meet a visitor from the past. Here's the whole schedule. Remember, our events start at 2:00 p.m. and go to 4:00 p.m. And please bring a chair in case the porch fills up (it usually does).

June 30 – Blue Grass Jam

July 14 – Jane Ward – Rescue from Oblivion:
Holy Trinity Cemetery

July 21 – Johnny Johnson – Elba:
James Tyson's Furnace and Beyond

July 28 – Blue Grass Jam

August 4 – Jane Wilson – The Shipleys and
the Mysteries of Adam's Garden

August 18 – Bob Allen – The Civil War Comes to Carroll County

August 25 – Blue Grass Jam

September 1 – Gary Rains – Sykesville's Fire Fighters, 1933-1970

September 15 – Warren Dorsey – A Slave's Grandson Remembers

September 22 – Barbara Miles and Annie Werner –
The Art and Times of the Jones Sisters

October 13 – Author Jack White – The Curse of the Snallygaster

October 27 – Fall Visitation at Old Trinity Cemetery,
1137 Liberty Road

7283 Cooper Drive
Sykesville, MD 21784

410-549-5150
<http://www.townofsykesville.org/2157/Gate-House-Museum-of-History>



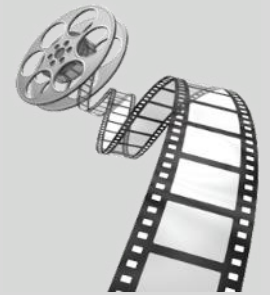
Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee

The **Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC)** is excited to bring you another fun season of movies, concerts, and yoga. All our events are free! Please check our Facebook page for updates and possible cancellations. <https://www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreationcommittee/>

SYKESVILLE CINEMA RETURNS FOR ITS 10TH 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 the **2nd Saturday of each month from June-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.



July 13 – Moana

August 10 – Wonder Woman

September 7 – Rain Date

October 13 – Double Feature: It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown
followed by Beetlejuice

We invite you to donate non-perishable food items for Carroll County Food Sunday. Collection bins are available onsite.

SYKESVILLE CONCERTS IN THE PARK

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



- July 5 - Deni Star Band
- July 12 - JoeyDCares Rock Orchestra
- July 19 - Duffy and Ro
- July 26 - Liberty Road

Check our Facebook page for information about the bands.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH SPARC?

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



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- High Definition Photography
- 3D Virtual Walk-through Technology
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- Individual Property Website
- Extensive Online, Print, & Social Media Advertising
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- Custom Property Searches
- Advocating & Negotiating For His Clients
- And More...

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SYKESVILLE YOGA IN THE PARK

Yoga in the Park is offered once a month on the morning after Sykesville Cinema (except for June). Each session is at 9 AM at Millard Cooper Park. It is available to all ages and no prior yoga experience is required. Bring your yoga mat, towel, and water.

- July 14
- August 11
- September 15
- October 13





Sykesville Main Street

Julie Della-Maria, DSC Executive Director

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DowntownSykesvilleConnection@gmail.com
7307 Spout Hill Road, Sykesville, MD 21784
410-259-3515



THE DOWNTOWN SYKESVILLE CONNECTION IS WORKING ON BRINGING YOU A PARKLET!

What is a parklet?

A parklet is a small public sidewalk extension, usually extending multiple parking space lengths, that uses non-permanent materials (e.g., it is not concrete). It combines elements such as seating, trees, flowers, shrubs, umbrellas, bike parking or lighting that reflect the unique character and needs of the location. Parklets are intended to provide space for people to sit, relax and enjoy the environment around them, especially where narrow sidewalks would otherwise preclude such activities. They are intended to be seen as a piece of street furniture, providing aesthetic enhancement to the overall streetscape. By not requiring a permanent concrete base, parklets are a much faster and less expensive way to bring sidewalk improvements to a community. Unlike traditional sidewalk widening, which is designed, programmed and paid for by the State and County, parklets are designed, paid for and maintained by a non-Town, County or State entity. Often a retail business owner or adjacent property owner hosts and sponsors the parklet. In this case, the DSC is sponsoring the parklet.

What are the Benefits of a Parklet?

There is no question we have narrow sidewalks in Sykesville and, therefore, limited space to linger over conversation, ice cream, or a perfect weather day. While parklets are foremost intended as an asset for the community, their presence has also been shown to increase foot traffic and revenue for adjacent businesses.

What is the Impact on Parking?

Parklets have a desired minimum width of 6 feet (or the width of the parking lane). Parklets generally entail the conversion of one or more parallel parking spaces or 3-4 angled parking spaces, but may vary according to the site, context, and desired character of the installation. Our parklet is planned to be installed in the four angled parking spaces on the corner of Main Street and Sandosky Road from June to September. Parking is a hot topic in Sykesville and has been an ongoing discussion for many years. The Mayor and Town Council and the Downtown Sykesville Connection take very seriously that parking needs to be at the forefront of any conversation surrounding growth and economic development. The merchants on Main Street, the Mayor and Town Council, as well as, the Planning Commission have all given their approval for this parklet as impact studies available on parklets across the US show strong evidence that the benefits of parklets outweigh temporarily repurposing 4 parking spots. Think of the parklet as gained "people spaces" instead of lost parking spaces.

What are the Plans for the Sykesville Parklet?

DSC's projects are meant to bring Sykesvillians together. The Parklet was no exception and community involvement started at the conceptual phases with Stacy Link's (Town Council, Historic District Commission) leading site review and design concept. The project piqued the curiosity of Pat Browne of Thomas & Son Woodwork, and his colleague Will Brenner, both Sykesville residents. The parklet was born of their ingenious creativity that combined tin roof material, reclaimed wood and pallets to create a space that belonged in our quaint and charming Town.

The Parklet will be set across the 4 parking spots at the intersection of Main Street And Sandosky Road for the summer months. It will be the ideal spot to enjoy a jar of Kombucha, a coffee or an ice cream, in the shade of the trees lining St Joe's church, lulled by the tunes of the Main street speakers.



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





Name
Address
City, State Zip

Sykesville **SUMMER** Events

Main Street

First Fridays | Every First Friday

The Sykesville Merchants will still be open late and have specials and deals on First Fridays. Details available at www.facebook.com/sykesville

Sykesville Farmers' Market | Every Sunday, through October 27 (9am-1pm)

Baldwin's Drive right next to the Post Office

Fresh Produce – Local Proteins – Baked Goods & More – Live Music – Family Fun

Cooler Mile on Main Street | June 30

Family Fun Run! Get timed or just run for a good time! Visit the DSC website (www.downtownsykesville.com) to register. The **Let Freedom Ring Parade** will begin at 3:30 pm.

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!

Concerts in the Park*

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

Saturday, July 13

Moana

Saturday, August 10

Wonderwoman

Saturday, September 7

Rain Date

Saturday, October 13

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown and Beetlejuice

Friday, July 5

Friday, July 12

Friday, July 19

Friday, July 26

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 June. Find the speaker schedule on their Facebook page. The Gate House will also be hosting Bluegrass Jam sessions at the Museum! Stop by to hear some great music!

Historic Colored Schoolhouse

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

School Days! School Days! Open House | June 27 (10 am-12pm)

Oldtime Flower Crafts Open House | July 13 (2pm-4pm)

Butterflies! Flutterbies! Open House | July 26 (2pm-4pm))



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 &
20th century train cars

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

Visit facebook.com/sprailway
for details & special events.

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.