



FALL 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

IAN SHAW, MAYOR

Summer is Fading Away - Time to Gear Up for Fall and say "Hello!" to our new Town Manager!



It's hard to believe, but another summer has flown by! We have had a lot going on in Town and a lot of great things coming. Once again, I want to thank all of those who keep helping us with their volunteer hours and efforts across all areas in Town. Truly, we could not do it without everyone coming together. Thank You!

As many of you know, we have been in the search for a new Town Manager since the departure of Aretha Adams earlier this year.

The Council and I are excited to welcome our new Town Manager, Joseph Cosentini. Joe comes to us from Tennessee, and his extensive background in local government, planning, and technical advisory experience will help him assist us and our staff to continue the great progress we have had here in Town. We look forward to working with Joe and making great progress moving forward!

We had a comprehensive search process, and I wanted to thank all of the candidates who participated, the citizens who assisted, our staff, and Council for all of the hard work that went into yet another search process. It was a great process, and we are excited to have selected Joe.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Joe at any upcoming events or stop by the Town House for a personal introduction. I am sure he is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible and assisting you with any needs you may have.

We will be embarking on an ambitious 10 Year Master Plan update this fiscal year. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to participate! We need as much participation as possible to ensure the future of the Town meets the needs of our citizens and staff over the next 10 years.

As fall approaches, please remember DO NOT PUT leaves in the storm drains. This causes a lot of issues such as clogs. We are working to keep our streets safe and clean and need your assistance to achieve that goal. Also, PLEASE recycle, but do it RIGHT. Check the list of approved items to recycle, and follow that carefully. It is so important! We really want to keep being the best we can be and that requires us all to take the small steps to work together for the success of the whole Town. Everyone's efforts matter!

Lots of great fall activities planned, so join us if you can! I hope to see you all soon, Sincerely, Ian Shaw, Mayor

See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste!

TRASH AND RECYCLING CHANGES

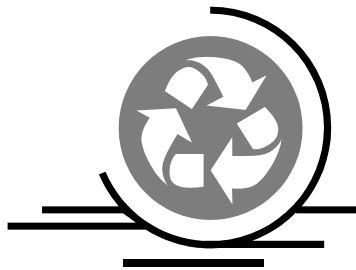
- ♦ The following holidays will affect the trash and recycling changes.
- ♦ **Thanksgiving, November 28, 2019:** Recycling normally picked up on November 28 will be picked up on Monday, December 2.
- ♦ The weeks of December 23 and December 30 will follow the schedule below.

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

The dynamics of the recycling process have changed nationwide, largely due to overseas processing facilities where a majority of US materials are sold. These changes have forced regional recovery facilities to minimize contamination of single stream recycling being delivered by local haulers.



The Carroll County facility has imposed stricter limits on levels of contamination allowed, and this affects the individual households in Sykesville.

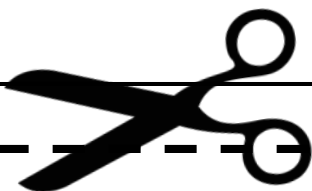
The Town of Sykesville provides weekly curbside single stream recycling for town residents every Thursday. One important item to note is that the service is for a special commodity, "Single Stream" Recyclables. When most people think of "recyclables" they think of items such as plastic, glass, paper and metal. While all of these items can be recycled in some way, single stream recycling does not include all types of these materials.

- Paper- virtually all paper products are allowed in the Single Stream including cardboards, paperback books, newspapers, magazines and junk mail. But no soiled napkins, paper towels and facial tissues.
- Metals -only empty metal containers and foil -used empty food and beverage containers, aerosol cans and aluminum foil products. Do not put metal pipes, sheet metal, small appliances out for recycling
- Plastic-only empty plastic bottles #1-7, most empty plastic jars and tubs. No plastic pipe, toys, appliances, furniture or electronics.
- Glass- any color empty bottles and jars. No mirrors, windows or light bulbs.
- No Styrofoam or Plastic #6 (meat trays, restaurant boxes, certain egg cartons, disposable plate and cups)
- Wood items are not single stream recyclable.

Plastic bags/films are not permitted in any form. Grocery bags, newspaper bags, shrink wrap, bulk and case wrapping. Recyclables must be placed loose in bin. Recyclables in plastic bags will not be picked up.

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.



Sykesville Police Department



Sykesville Police Department to rename popular community program, "Chief John R. Williams Jr. CSI Academy."

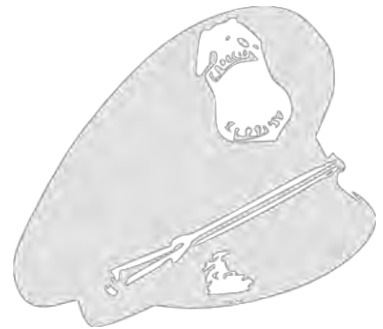
The SPD will be hosting its 11th annual Jr. CSI Academy on September 17, September 25, October 2, and October 9, 2019. This year, we will be renaming this popular community program in honor of former

Chief of Police John R. Williams, Jr., who suddenly passed away in July. Chief Williams created this program back in 2008, and to honor his legacy, current Chief of Police Michael Spaulding has decided to name the program after Chief Williams. The academy will be held at the Sykesville Middle School, further strengthening the bond between our community, middle school and the police department. Instructors come from nearby agencies such as the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, Baltimore County Police, Baltimore City Police, and the Frederick Police. The program runs from 4:00 to 6:30 pm and culminates with a final exam, during which the students must face mock crimes scenes and demonstrate what they have learned throughout the four weeks of the program. The program is generously sponsored by the Freedom District Lion's Club.

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 – if 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 area 10 feet around a school bus 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



Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office

The Old Main Line Post Office & Visitor Center is here to welcome visitors to our Coolest Small Town in America and to meet all of your postal needs!

Our new forever stamps include:

CELEBRATION

FROGS

SESAME STREET

GEORGE H.W. BUSH

WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

WEDDING STAMPS BY SPECIAL ORDER



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

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

Ask the friendly staff (Cel, Joyce and Tom) for more information.

Our hours are:

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM with a 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM break for lunch and mail pick-up.

Saturday hours are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Phone -410-552-9975 ♦ Email- postoffice@sykesville.net



Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Summer is ending, but the fun doesn't stop! The Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC) invites you to our fall events. To stay up-to-date with any changes, be sure to like us on Facebook. www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreationcommittee.

Sykesville Cinema Ends the Season with a Spooktacular Double Feature!

Come enjoy a Halloween open-air movie with your neighbors and friends with our powerful audio and video system. **This October, we're featuring *Beetlejuice* with a pre-feature showing of *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*.** Come hungry and enjoy fresh popcorn and other delights from our Snack Shack.



This Spooktacular double feature is Saturday, October 12 at Millard Cooper Park (next to Sykesville Middle). The movie previews start at 6:30 PM. Join us early for a costume contest and a pre-movie activity by Impact Church. 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 and an ADA-accessible viewing pad. Sykesville Cinema is free, but we request your dona-

tions of non-perishable food items. Collection bins are available onsite.

As the season ends, we'd like to give a big thanks to our sponsors and our amazing volunteers for making Sykesville Cinema possible! Our 2019 sponsors are Olde Towne Motor Company, E.W. Beck's Pub, and Patapsco Distilling Company.



Yoga in the Park

Join us for a free relaxing yoga class taught by Becky Berg from Branches of Yoga. Yoga in the Park is offered on the following dates at Millard Cooper Park from 9 AM - 10 AM. Be sure to bring a yoga mat and water.

September 15 | October 13

Find Your Perfect Park this Fall

Fall is the perfect time to check out Sykesville's many parks! As the weather cools, check out the cool equipment at Burkett Park. Grab your camera and walk down the Linear Trail to see the leaves changing colors. As the days get shorter, there's no need to travel to find a great place to take the kids. Check out Sykesville's hidden gems in your neighborhood, like Jones Park, Lexington Run Park, Beach Park, and more. Looking for a place to host your event? Rent a pavilion at Millard Cooper Park. To learn more about Sykesville's parks, go to <https://www.townofsykesville.org/Facilities>.





Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee

Farmer's Market Appearances

SPARC has been making appearances at the Sykesville Farmer's Market. If you see our booth, stop by to say hello and get a picture with Sparky!



July Concert Series

We hope you enjoyed our Friday night concerts in July at Millard Cooper Park. Thank you to the Downtown Sykesville Connection for contributing to our 2019 concert series!



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Enjoy our events? Help us continue to put on these fun free events by donating some of your time. SPARC is a 100% volunteer group, and we are 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 fourth 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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- Advocating & Negotiating For His Clients
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Gate House Museum

The Gate House is hosting another successful summer and fall of free porch talks. Stop by any Sunday afternoon at 2, and there's likely to be something interesting going on into October. Warren Dorsey, who will turn 99 this fall, will give another of his fascinating talks about his family's struggles during the early days of the Town, and no doubt he'll belt out a terrific song or two.

Jack White will read his "Curse of the Snallygaster," which tells a twisted version of Town history based on the recollections of 180-year-old man who's obsessed by a monster he encountered during the great flood that washed out the town in 1868. Barbara Miles will talk about Sykesville's pioneering Jones Sisters, local artists and photographic innovators, whose hand-painted photos were once prominently and proudly displayed in homes all over the Town and County.

And finally, the Gate House will be participating in Holy Trinity's visitation day in October and even providing the mystery guest from the past.

There will also be some renovations starting later in the summer, much-needed structural improvements to the basement, and a complete remodel of the kitchen.

Remember, we're open on Fridays and Sundays in the afternoon from 1 PM to 5 PM.



7283 Cooper Drive
Sykesville, MD 21784

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

The Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse



When Warren Gamaliel Dorsey was delivered prematurely by his grandmother on the hilltop above Sykesville in 1920, he was not expected to survive. Well, survive he did! Please join us at the Schoolhouse on November 17 to help Mr. Dorsey celebrate his 99th birthday with song and refreshments. He will regale us with tales of his 99 years on this Earth, most of which take place right here in Sykesville. In fact, many take place in the Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse where he first learned to read and discovered that there is a world beyond his little hilltop.

Young Warren was the ninth of the twelve children of Carrie and Ed Dorsey. He entered the Schoolhouse in September of 1926, following in the steps of his older siblings. In the fourth grade, he was switched to the Johnsville Colored Schoolhouse, meaning a 4-1/2 mile walk in the morning and again in the afternoon. But walk he did. Reinforced by his mother, Carrie, he knew the value of an education. Having no way to get to Westminster to attend Robert Moton High School, the secondary school for students of color, he thought his education had ended. However, the community purchased a rickety

old bus and off the local kids went!

Graduating at the top of his class from Moton, he again thought his days in the classroom were over. With hard work and ingenuity, Mr. Dorsey cobbled together a way to attend Morgan State College. World War II came next, and Uncle Sam sent the new college graduate to Virginia for the war years. Returning to Maryland with his bride, Carolyn Baugh Dorsey, Warren put his microbiology degree to work at Fort Detrick in Frederick. His remarkable career took a twist, and he ended up principal of an elementary school. But we will let him tell you all about that!

Please join us at the Schoolhouse on November 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. to celebrate and thank Mr. Dorsey for all he has done for our community. If you have not read Jack White's insightful book, *In Carrie's Footprints*, try to get hold of a copy before the event. It is available at the Schoolhouse, the Library, or *A Likely Story Bookstore*.





Sykesville Main Street

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Sykesville Parklet surveys are in!

We collected about two dozen surveys in the Main Street shops, and over 100 people filled the electronic version. The surveys showed that 74% enjoy the Parklet, wish to see it return, and hope for a longer summer display! These results do not include the hundreds of “likes” from the social media posts that reached thousands in the community.

We celebrated the success of this placemaking experiment on Main Street on August 20 with cookies, ice cream, and kombucha (thanks to Sweet Simplicitea, Norwood Icecream & Candy Co, and Gypsy Systers)!



From left to right: Stacy Link (Town Council, DSC volunteer), Leo Keenan (Town Council, DSC liaison), Mark Dyer (Town Council), Ed Rothstein (Carroll County Commissioner), Katie Fry Hester (Maryland Senate D9), Rich Austin (DSC Board Vice-President), Lisa Berman (DSC Secretary), Julie Della-Maria (DSC Exec. Dir.), Jane Linde (DSC Board), Denise Baum (DSC fan), Jeremiah Schofield (Town Council), Rudy Linde (DSC Treasurer), Helene Taylor (DSC fan) and Dana Alonzi (DSC Board President)

The DSC has rebranded its Promotion Committee to welcome new volunteers and community members to connect together and discover the current DSC projects or discuss new concepts or activities. Our meetings take place on the **second Tuesday of the month**. The location changes every month (check the Facebook event) to partner with our local bars and restaurants. Current projects include a Main Street Coloring Book, block parties, and a Main Street “birthday club”. New concepts include “Bike with the Cop”, “Sykesville 5K”, and more!

The DSC is currently working on its **Carroll Business Academy** program. This series of workshops is designed to give participants the tools to be successful in their business! Business owners and entrepreneurs are invited to join us for our professional development sessions featuring experts in business “hot topics”, and including this year a speaker from Google! Sept 27, Oct 10 and 25, and Nov 7. Reserve your seat at www.Eventbrite.com. Events are free to attend (exceptions apply for food and drinks).

The DSC hopes to welcome you on Main street on

- October 26, 5 to 7 pm for **Trick or Treats on Main Street**
- November 9, 12 to 5 pm for the **Sykesville Craft Beer Festival** (tickets available soon at www.downtownsykesville.com, under the event tab)
- **Merchants First Fridays**, 6 to 9 pm every month. Check www.Facebook.com/Sykesville for the “Flavor of the Month”.



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 27

Now located on Baldwin's Drive!

Sykesville Carroll Business Academy | September 27, October 10, October 25, and November 7

Free business classes on trending topics – Reserve your seat at www.eventbrite.com

Sykesville Cinema | October 12 – *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!* And *Beetlejuice*

Movies begin at dusk – Millard Cooper Park

Trick or Treats on Main Street | October 26 | 5pm – 7pm

Join us for a fun way to trick or treat! Merchants will be handing out candies and other treats!

Craft Beer Festival on Main Street | November 9 | 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 | Sundays | 2-3pm

Join us and our guest speakers to discuss local history! Visit their Facebook for topics.

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.

Creepy Critters Open House! | October 27 | 2-4pm

Happy Birthday, Mr. Dorsey! | Program and Party | November 17 | 2-4pm

For more information check out:

www.townofsykesville.org • www.downtownsykesville.com • [#getsyked](https://twitter.com/getsyked)

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