



SPRING 2020

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

HOPE FOR THE SPRING!

Well, after a fairly mild winter up to this point, it's time to gear up for spring! We have lots of exciting things planned. Hopefully, we will finally see the construction of the parking lot at South Branch Park! We have continued to coordinate with our partners in Howard County and hope to start soon. Please watch for notifications

of closures, and stay out of the construction area. Additionally, construction for the splash pad and park improvements at Cooper Park should also be starting in the Spring – stay tuned! It's very exciting.

We are working on a full LED streetlight retrofit. This will help save thousands in energy and maintenance costs. The Town staff, the Town Council, and I are all working on a good selection of products that maintain our charm while updating our lighting.

Keep an eye out for all the upcoming events sponsored by the DSC and our Merchants as well! See you all soon. Happy Spring!

Ian Shaw, Mayor



INTRODUCTION FROM TOWN MANAGER JOE COSENTINI

Being the new Town Manager in Sykesville, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the residents, business owners, and stakeholders for welcoming me to Town. My first six months have been a great experience meeting a lot of you, and I know that I've only scratched the surface.

My first impressions thus far have been very positive in that Sykesville is in a good financial position, has a dedicated staff, and has a group of elected and appointed officials that are truly working to make our community the best it can be. One of my many goals in the coming months is to make sure that we continue the positive momentum that began prior to my arrival.

To this end, the Town will be working to update our Community Master Plan which will help us prioritize Town goals and become more efficient in our decision making processes. We will also be looking to gain as much citizen and stakeholder input as possible. Be on the lookout for future community meetings and input sessions where we can hear directly from you regarding several topics including land use, in-fill redevelopment, historic preservation, transportation, and public safety to name a few.

Thank you again for the warm welcome! I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you as we work to keep Sykesville a great place to live, work, and play.

See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste!

TRASH AND RECYCLING CHANGES 2020

Veterans Day – November 11 – trash regularly picked up on Wednesday, November 11, will be picked up on Friday, November 13

Thanksgiving – November 26 – recycling regularly picked up on Thursday, November 26, will be picked up on Monday, November 30

Christmas Eve – December 24 – recycling regularly picked up on Thursday, December 24, will be picked up on Monday, December 28. There is no change to pickup on **New Years' Eve**, December 31.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP DAY IS APRIL 18, 2020 – FREE BULK PICK-UP!

- ◆ On Friday night, place unwanted items curbside.
- ◆ **NEW REGULATIONS:**
- ◆ Small items **MUST BE BOXED OR BAGGED**. Do not put loose trash at the curb.
- ◆ No more than **2 mattresses per address**.
- ◆ Appliances will be picked up on Monday, May 4, 2020
- ◆ Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: car parts, paint, chemicals, rocks, dirt, or rubble, tree stumps
- ◆ Construction debris **is not accepted**. Construction debris includes, but is not limited to sheetrock, concrete, wood, lumber, fencing, plywood.

If you have questions about what can be put out for pickup, please call or email the Town at 410-795-8959 or town@sykesville.net

YARD WASTE

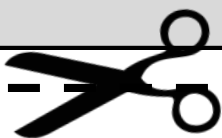
- ◆ The Town will pick up yard waste on your regular trash day. It will occur after trash pick up
- ◆ Carroll County prohibits yard waste from being mixed with standard household refuse
- ◆ Yard waste pick up will begin on April 7, 2020 and will end on December 2, 2020
- ◆ Please have your yard waste 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

GRASS TRIMMING

- ◆ Remember to keep your grass trimmed to less than 12 inches
- ◆ Do not put grass trimmings in the street

STORM DRAINS

Grass clippings and yard waste that gets into storm drains causes many problems. The clippings will break down in the storm drains and the nutrients released can be harmful to the water quality. The clippings can also clog the drains, potentially causing storm drain failure and flooding.



Sykesville Police Department

The Sykesville Police Department is proud to announce that we have hired a new police officer to fill the vacancy that we had. Officer Lee Brandenburg was officially hired on January 13, 2020. Officer Brandenburg comes to us from Anne Arundel County where he was an officer for 7 years. He brings a lot to the table - he is a graduate of the University of Maryland, University College, with a degree in Cyber Security, and he also has an Associate's Degree in Photography from Montgomery College. He was formerly the Officer of the Year with his prior department, and he received many other commendations for his work ethic and productivity. He was most recently a District Detective, where he was assigned to investigate the most serious crimes. He lives with his wife and young son in Howard County. We are very fortunate to have him as part of our team here in Sykesville. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Officer Brandenburg when you see him out on patrol.

As the warm weather approaches, please remember to obey the posted speed limit, buckle your seatbelt, and avoid distractions (like cell phones) while you are driving. As always, never operate a motor vehicle if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Also, please remember to lock your vehicle at all times and avoid leaving valuables in plain sight. Let's strive to make 2020 the safest year on record for our town. Please do not hesitate to call us if we can be of any service to you.

Gate House Museum

We have a challenge for you. Solve it and win one of our very nice Gate House baseball caps. But hurry, because we've only got about ten left.

Between 1983 and 1985, two people went around and took pictures of almost every building and every house in Sykesville, mostly in black and white. It's really a nice collection of interesting, old, and dilapidated structures.

Now this was about the time, when people were calling Sykesville a veritable ghost town. Well, after stringing those photos together in a little movie, we realized that the pictures create that exact effect, Sykesville the ghost town, because there are no people in the pictures, the windows of just about every building are covered with thick drapes, and the whole place just seems abandoned. There's hardly even a shadow.

The movie is fun to watch, just to see all the old buildings and what Sykesville looked like about 35 years ago. Plus, we've added music and sound effects. But here's the challenge.

Somehow some people slipped into the pictures, and so did at least one dog. Find the dog, find six people and one baby and you can have a hat.

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THE NEED TO KNOW OF THE CENSUS 2020

- The U.S. Postal Service will stagger the delivery of these invitations beginning March 12.
- Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail or by phone. Businesses use Census Bureau data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores.
- Local government officials use the census to ensure public safety, emergency preparedness and plan new schools and hospitals.
- Real estate developers and city planners use the census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods.

It means \$675 billion - Census data determine how more than \$675 billion are spent, supporting our state, county and community's vital programs.

IS THE CENSUS SAFE?

- Your data is confidential - By law we cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.
- Data is collected for statistical purposes only and personal data is never disclosed.
- All census information is private and protected by law in Title 13 of the U.S. Code with violations punishable up to five years in federal prison and/or a \$250,000 fine.

IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER!

- College students should be counted at their college address, either on or off campus. They should be counted at their parents' home ONLY if they live and sleep there.
- All children must be counted including those under five (5) years old.

For more information please visit the Census 2020 website!

www.2020census.gov

Or Facebook Page www.facebook.com/uscensusbureau



Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee

Spring is almost here, and we at The Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC) cannot wait! We have a lot of fun activities coming up so please mark your calendars! To stay up-to-date with any changes, be sure to like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreationcommittee.

Easter Egg Hunt – Friday, April 10

The SPARC annual Easter Egg Hunt is back and better than ever this year at Millard Cooper Park. The Easter Egg Hunt is designed for children 8 years old and younger, with a separate area for children 3 years old and younger. Along with the egg hunt, there will be crafts to enjoy as well as The Easter Bunny. Eggs go fast, so please arrive early. Event starts at 10AM.

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Park Clean Up and BBQ

Help keep our parks beautiful. Please join us on April 25 for our annual cleanup day. After the cleanup, join us for a barbeque and fun activities. Stay tuned for more information.

Sykesville Cinema Returns for its 11th Season!

Come enjoy movies under the stars every 2nd Saturday of each month from June – October. Sykesville Cinema takes place at Millard Cooper park and is completely free (donations of non-perishable food items for *Carroll County Food Sunday* are appreciated). We have an exciting line up of movies and thematic events this year. Come early for the preshow activities and come hungry for the fresh popcorn and other delights from our Snack Shack.

The preshow activity starts an hour before sundown and 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 and an ADA-accessible viewing pad.

Sykesville Cinema 2020 Summer Series

June 13 - TBD | July 11 - TBD

August 18 - TBD | September 12 - *Reserved Rain Date*

October 10 - *Vote on our Facebook Page*

Yoga in the Park

Back by popular demand after a successful second year, SPARC is sponsoring a Yoga in the Park Series.

Yoga will be offered for free on the following dates beginning at 9AM (be sure to bring your yoga mat, towel, and water):

June 14 | July 12 | August 9 | September 13 | October 11

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. Whether you would like to help a few hours once or are looking for an ongoing opportunity, there are plenty of ways you can make a difference! If you're interested in learning more, please email parks@sykesville.net, stop by a SPARC meeting, or ask us about volunteer opportunities when you see us at an event.

SPARC meets at the Town House on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm.

Gate House Museum *(continued from page 3.)*

Also, there's an old baseball game between the Yankees and the Orioles playing in the background. It's actually a game from the sixties. Name the year of the game and you can also win a hat. It was an important year in baseball history, and there's a clue in the game.

And finally, here's a clue to help you find the dog, which is very hard to see. Listen for the chickens.

We're open on Fridays and Sundays from 1 PM to 5 PM. Just stop in and say, "Show me the houses, Jack." And then try to find the dog, the baby, and the people, watch Sykesville's ghostly past go by, and remember, listen for the chickens.

7283 Cooper Drive
Sykesville, MD 21784

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



Sykesville Main Street

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THE YEAR OF THE WOMEN IN DOWNTOWN SYKESVILLE

As proclaimed by Governor Hogan, 2020 is the year of the women in Maryland – in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women’s constitutional right to vote. With Sykesville Main Street mostly women-owned and the DSC staff, Board and volunteers majority female, we thought we would take this opportunity to tell you more about our (Main) women, throughout the year, and what a difference they have made for this community.



Let’s start with **Beth Horneman Currence**, our Downtown Sykesville Farmer’s Market Manager. She is a mother of three, a beautiful soul and hard-working woman who has successfully managed our Farmer’s Market through its growth and location changes for the past four years. Under Beth’s leadership the Market grew to 45 vendors and 500 guests per week! It provides free kids’ entertainment, a venue for food trucks, artisans, and the best of the local agriculture. Beth’s vision and dedication have made our market a destination.



After some time off with family, Beth is back with new ideas and concepts that will set the Sykesville Farmers Market apart from any other.

One of these is bringing downtown educational recycling programs and recycling stations. In partnership with the Town of Sykesville and another female leader, **Stacy Link**, Council Woman and Liaison to Sykesville Parks and Recreation (SPARC), it will be all hands-on deck to keep our beloved Town clean and green.

As the matter of fact, the ladies of the **DSC Green Committee**, the DSC Executive Director, **Julie Della-Maria** have been working jointly with the Town and SPARC to obtain the “Keep Sykesville Beautiful” designation. This national designation will support a collective effort to free our town from littering.

Come visit these ladies at the **Farmer’s Market** most **Sundays from May 17 to October 25, 9am to 1pm**. Connect with the DSC Board members or the group in charge of the welcome tent that week! Find out the weekly treat that Beth came up with, drop off your plastic bags or used batteries or just enjoy a relaxing Sunday morning in our beautiful downtown.

If you want to reach Beth to volunteer, get some service hours, or participate in the Market, please email her at: SykesvilleFarmersMarket@gmail.com.

You can follow the Market planning and programming on our website: www.sykesvillemainstreet.com/Farmers-Market/ or on its Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sykesvillefarmersmarket/



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.





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Sykesville **SPRING** Events

First Fridays | Every First Friday (6pm-9pm)

Main Street

Live Music – Sips & Snacks – Open Late

Mimosas on Main Street | April 19 (1pm-4pm)

Brought to you by the Main Street Merchants

Easter Egg Hunt | April 10 (10am-12pm)

Millard Cooper Park

Kids Activities – Outdoor Fun – Easter Celebration

10th Annual Art & Wine Festival | May 3 (12pm-5pm)

Main Street

Unlimited Wine Sampling – Food Vendors – Local Art – Live Art Demos

Sykesville Farmers' Market | Every Sunday, May 17– October 25 (9am-1pm)

Downtown Sykesville

Live Music – Locally sourced produce, meat and more

Artisanal cheeses – Baked goods – Body products

Nonprofit showcase – Junior Farmers' Market



Little Sykes Railroad

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

Every Sunday May through
October 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

Please see the Parks and Recreation page for the Sykesville Cinema schedule!

	Our Main Street has entered a National Contest Recognizing America's Best Main Streets! Vote now to advance SYKESVILLE MAIN STREET to the next round: www.mainstreetcontest.com/profile/28
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**No pets are allowed at events on Town property.
Please refer to Town Ordinance NO. 301, Chapter 51, Article II.**

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.