



SUMMER 2023

Town of Historic Sykesville NEWSLETTER

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The Town House
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

TOWN MEETINGS

Mayor and Town Council
Second & fourth Mondays
of the month

Planning Commission
First Monday of the month

Historic District Commission
Fourth Wednesday of the month

Board of Zoning Appeals
Monthly as necessary

Parks &
Recreation Commission
Fourth Thursday of the month

THE LATEST FROM MAYOR LINK

Stacy Link, Mayor



I am delighted to share some exciting news with you all! In the recent Sykesville Council elections, our community has once again chosen a group of highly experienced individuals to represent us. I am thrilled to reintroduce the re-elected members who will continue their remarkable service on the Sykesville Council, bringing with them 18 years of combined experience.

These dedicated public servants have amassed a wealth of knowledge, insights, and accomplishments throughout their tenures. Each possesses a deep understanding of Sykesville's unique needs and challenges. I look forward to our continued collaboration in ongoing projects and initiatives.

I encourage you to connect with your councilmembers, attend community meetings, and share your valuable feedback and ideas. By actively participating, we can collectively work towards fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and prosperous Sykesville.

Once again, congratulations to our re-elected councilmembers! We eagerly anticipate the positive impact they will continue to make on our town.

Anna Carter



My family and I have been in Sykesville for the last 14 years. This quaint and diverse community continues to inspire me to protect these characteristics. My goal on Council has always been to serve as the voice of citizens and maintain our unique characteristics. If you have any questions, please email me at acarter@sykesville.net.

Mark Dyer



My family and I moved to Sykesville in 1996. I am a retired federal employee and have served in such roles as computer scientist and division manager. I am dedicated to ensuring that Sykesville maintains its small-town feel. 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 Sykesville in 2011. We have two daughters, Suzanna (age 22) and Phoenix (age 20). I am a graduate of Messiah College and City University of Seattle. I also attended post-graduate courses and received certifications from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and the College of Executive Coaching. I have served the American Public for the last 23 years at the Social Security Administration, holding several different positions of increasing responsibility. For the last six years, I have served the Town of Sykesville, four years as a Council Member and two years as a Planning Commissioner. I am interested in continuing to build 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 you may have at jschofield@sykesville.net.



Sykesville Police Department

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2023 SYKESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CSI ACADEMY

The Sykesville Police Department is proud to announce that the 14th Annual Junior CSI Academy will be returning this year on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Once again, this year's program will be held outdoors at the Millard Cooper Park here in town. The program starts at 9:30 am and concludes with graduation and a certificate ceremony at 2:30 pm. Parents are welcome to attend the graduation at 2:30, but we are asking that parents not stay for the entire day. We will have additional staff to monitor and supervise the students throughout the day. This program is geared toward middle school students, so we would ask that you only register those children who are within that age group. This program is once again generously supported by the Freedom District Lion's Club Youth Outreach program.

The academy will once again be led by Sykesville Chief of Police Michael Spaulding, with assistance from Sergeant Padraic Lacy, Sykesville Police Department, Detective Earl Kratsch, a retired homicide investigator from Baltimore Police Department, and CSI Supervisor Brittaney Soto of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. Students will be exposed to the various aspects of crime scene investigations during the one-day course. They will have the opportunity to learn about collecting latent fingerprints, performing grid searches, the use of canine dogs in locating evidence, and the importance of properly marking, photographing and collecting evidence, as well as maintaining the integrity of a crime scene.

The instructors are from nearby agencies such as the Maryland State Police, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, the Sykesville Police Department and the Baltimore City and County Police Departments, and all are experts in crime-scene investigations.

Applications can be obtained in person at the Police Department, Sykesville Middle School, or on-line at <https://www.sykesvillepolice.org/>. Class size is limited, and 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.



14th Annual Sykesville National Night Out

*Hosted by the Sykesville Police Department,
Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department and the Freedom District Lions Club*

August 1, 2023

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (rain or shine)

Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department Grounds

Free food, drinks, snow cones, face -painting, giveaways and much more!

For more information, contact Paula Shiloh @ 443-375-6645 or pbuck@sykesvillefire.org



Sykesville Parks and Recreation Commission



2023 SPARC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for these fun and family friendly events. All SPARC events are free!
More details will be posted to SPARC's Facebook page and the Town website closer to each event.

Sykesville Cinema Millard Cooper Park Second Saturday of the month from June through October Sunset	Come enjoy open-air movies with your neighbors and friends with our powerful audio and video system. August 12 - Encanto September 9 - The Mighty Ducks October 14 - Ghostbusters (and costume contest!)
<i>Pre-movie activities start about an hour before sunset.</i> Come to Cooper Park early for fun crafts, face painting, and games! Interested in touring the historic Warfield area at Springfield? Join the Gate House Museum one hour before the movie starts in front of the Route 32 tunnel entrance.	
Music in the Park Millard Cooper Park August 26 September 23 / 30 5PM - 7PM	Bring a chair and enjoy live music by great local artists. August 26 - Liberty Road September 23 - TBD September 30 - Here 'Til Sunday
Park Cleanup Location TBD Fall: September 23 (Rain Date: September 30) 9AM - Noon	Let's come together as a community to keep our parks beautiful for families to enjoy for years to come! The park and activities vary. This is a great opportunity for student service hours.
Skateboard Competition Sykesville Skatepark October 7	In coordination with Shrimptown Skate Shop, SPARC is hosting its 1 st ever skateboarding competition! More information, including competition rules and registration, will be available closer to the event date.
Santa's Arrival Downtown Sykesville December 2 3PM - 6PM	Santa is coming to Sykesville! Join us for a visit with Santa followed by the tree lighting.

In addition to these great events, look for *Sparky at the Let Freedom Ring Parade (July 1)* and *Trick or Treat on Main (October 28)*.

OUR PARKS ARE ALWAYS IN SEASON

What's one of the best things about summer? Extra daylight to enjoy Sykesville's many parks! Carrie Dorsey Park and the Sykesville Linear Trail offer great trails for walking and enjoying nature. Need a break while shopping downtown? Rest at the Old Main Line Park. Bring your little ones to ride the train at the Little Sykes Railway Park (runs during the Downtown Sykesville Farmers Market). Many of our parks offer playgrounds and afterwards, cool off at the splash pad at Millard Cooper Park. There's something for everyone! To learn more about Sykesville's parks, go to <https://www.townofsykesville.org/Facilities>.



Like us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreation
 and get up-to-date information on events and projects.

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 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.



Planning an event this year? Pavilion rentals are available at Cooper Park and South Branch Park. To learn more, call 410-795-8959.



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A story of love ... and hard work



Monday, June 19, was Dana Alonzi's last meeting as the DSC Board President. Her boundless love for the Main Street Program, and what she has done for our organization - getting the Downtown Sykesville Connection (DSC) where it is today - is a powerful testimony to one's inherent goodness and generosity to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Dana

It also was hard work.



By design, Dana is an occupational therapist, a vocation driven by boundless compassion. It is this compassionate nature, intricately interwoven with her wealth of leadership experience, that catapulted her into the role of Board President, propelling the DSC into its most transformative and prolific strategy to date.

From the very moment Dana assumed the mantle of presidency, her focus has been to erect a sturdy foundation and cultivate a harmonious and solid framework within our organization. And my, oh my, did she ever hit it out of the ballpark! These indispensable structures, vital for our program's sustainability, provided a fertile ground for strategic development. This arduous endeavor, undertaken during our transition to a nonprofit entity, demanded nothing short of a cultural metamorphosis and the daunting task of tackling the most challenging of obstacles. Yet, Dana possesses an extraordinary gift—a mastery of turning adversity into mere stepping stones, rendering the seemingly insurmountable appear effortlessly surmountable.

Her selflessness, unwavering dedication, and meticulous attention to detail set her apart from the rest. Over the course of these four years, Dana's boundless ingenuity and visionary leadership paved our path toward unprecedented achievements.



It was very hard work.

Dana will remain the chair of the Design Committee. Her tenure in this role traces back to the very inception of our Main Street program in 2011, as she stood at the forefront of the committee's formation.

As she confided to a teary room on Monday, leading and molding the DSC to its current stature was one of her favorite things to have done in her life.

I know co-piloting the DSC with Dana was hand-down the crowning jewel of my professional journey.

Thank you, Dana, for what you have done for your Main Street and the Sykesville community, Julie Della-Maria, DSC ED



Gate House

CURRENT SEASONAL HOURS:

Monday: 9:30-12:30

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 9:30-12:30

Thursday: 4:30-7:30

Friday: 4:30-7:30

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 12:00-5:00



Gate House hours will change at the beginning of September. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date hours at <https://www.thegatehousemuseum.com/>

SUMMER EVENTS!

August 12: 7pm Warfield Tour before the SPARC movie (meets at the tunnel)

Sept 9: 6:30 pm Warfield Tour before the SPARC movie

Sept 17: 5:30pm Linear Trail History Walk (rescheduled from April) @basketball court on Kalorama Rd.



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.

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
- 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



ONLINE SAFETY

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An introduction to safety in the digital world!

Friday,
August 4

Sykesville Town
House
Council Chamber

1:00PM -
3:00PM

NO REGISTRATION FEE!

Identify scams
and phishing
attempts

Set a secure
password for
your accounts

Safely use social
media and
browse the web

Secure your
personal
devices

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Questions can be directed to 410-795-8959

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