



# 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

## PROGRESS, BUDGETS, "THE NANNY" AND ELECTIONS

Ian Shaw, Mayor



I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. With the start of the New Year, we have had continued progress on many fronts and we hope to continue that for the foreseeable future. As of this writing much work continues on numerous projects. The Warfield Complex, South Branch Park, Main Street, The Military Memorial, The Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse and much more!

Through our strategic budget planning, it looks like the Town will remain in a stable budget situation for the upcoming fiscal year. Our budget planning process has proven to be a smart strategy to insulate us from the ebb and flow of state and county funding. We appear to be heading for a substantial reduction in some of our state aid, yet again, in this upcoming budget year. It remains to be seen how cuts to the county and from the state may affect Sykesville and other municipalities in Carroll County going forward.

That brings me to "The Nanny". Our state has been called the "Nanny State" due to the perception that the State of Maryland will take care of everything. Clearly that would be costly. In order not to need the "Nanny" in our Town, it is imperative that we take responsibility for our needs. We need to ask ourselves, can we do a little extra to assist the Town? Can we shovel some sidewalks that are not ours? Can we pick-up trash we see in the street? Can we recycle more? There are

so many ways to make sure there is no need for the "Nanny" in Sykesville, and I challenge you to think of ways to reduce the burden to our Town's resources. The money saved is yours.

I want to personally thank our residents who do make sure their side of the street is clean, so to speak. We really do appreciate that as your Town's leadership. Please consider taking that a step further and volunteering for one of our many committees. We Need Your Help!

Additionally, the Town will be exploring options to work more efficiently in numerous areas that may on some fronts require some adjustments to services provided by the Town.

Please put Town events on your calendar (see back page) and plan to attend as many as you can! Your Support is what makes all of our Events the success that they are!

Finally - This is an Election Year for the Town Council. I encourage you all to exercise your civic duty and vote on May 5. It really does make a difference and your vote matters, especially at the local level.

Best Wishes. Hope to see you soon ♦

## ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

On Tuesday, May 5, four Council Members will be elected to serve on the Town Council.

Nominations for candidacy will be accepted on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mayor and Town Council Meeting. There are four Council Member positions up for re-election. Three positions are for a Four Year Term and one position is for a Two Year Term.

All nominees must be a resident of the incorporated Town of Sykesville for one year at the time of the election and be a registered voter in Carroll County.

Each nominee needs to be nominated by one person and seconded by another person. All involved in the nomination process must be a resident of the incorporated Town of Sykesville and registered to vote in Carroll County.

To accept the nomination, the nominee must fill out a Financial Disclosure, and acceptance form and return it by the end of the Mayor and Town Council Meeting on April 13. ♦

See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

# 2015 Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Schedule

## 2015 HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGES

- ◆ July 3 - Recycling pick-up will be on Thursday, July 2.
- ◆ Wednesday, November 11, trash pick-up will be on Monday, November 9.
- ◆ Thanksgiving - Recycling pick-up will be on Wednesday, November 25.
- ◆ Christmas- Recycling pick-up moved from Friday, December 25, to Wednesday, December 23.
- ◆ New Year - Recycling pick-up moved from Friday, January 1, to Wednesday, December 30

## ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

- ◆ On Friday night, place unwanted items curb side.
- ◆ Remember no car parts, paint, chemicals, rocks, dirt, or tree stumps.
- ◆ No yard waste.

## SATURDAY, MAY 2 — FREE BULK PICK-UP!

- ◆ Nothing larger than a 4x4 pile of wood or other stack-able product.
- ◆ All appliances or any metal will be picked up on Monday, May 4.
- ◆ Nothing heavier than 50 pounds.
- ◆ Bulk pick-up or dumpster rentals are available to Town residents for a fee and are based on weight. Call 410-795-8959 to schedule or fill out the form on the website [www.sykesville.net/forms](http://www.sykesville.net/forms).
- ◆ Please place animal waste in plastic bags.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Trash pick-up is normally scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on where you live. Please place it at the curb the night before the scheduled pick-up.
- ◆ A 32 gallon container is the maximum size to hold trash & recycling.

## RECYCLING

- ◆ Recycling pick-up for Town residents is Friday. Please place it at the curb the night before the scheduled pick-up.
- ◆ Recycling is single stream which means all recycling can be put together. To find out what you can recycle, go to [www.sykesville.net/recycle2](http://www.sykesville.net/recycle2).
- ◆ Recycling in clear plastic bags will be picked up.
- ◆ Need another recycling bin? Call 410-795-8959.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

- ◆ Trash and recycling operations may be rescheduled to allow our crew to make sure roads are safe for travel.
- ◆ Call 410-795-3186 for updates and information about trash and recycling.
- ◆ Please clear ice and snow from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow storm.
- ◆ Please keep vehicles off the road during snow events.
- ◆ Don't push, plow, or blow the snow into the road.



## YARD WASTE

- ◆ The Town will pick-up yard waste on your trash day between April 14 and run through December 2.
- ◆ Carroll County's Solid Waste Ordinance prohibits yard waste from being mixed with standard household trash.
- ◆ Yard Waste must be packaged in paper lawn bags.
- ◆ Plastic bags will not be collected.
- ◆ Loose limbs at the curb will not be collected.
- ◆ Dumping of yard waste in the parks and other wooded areas in the Town or along the Linear Trail is prohibited.
- ◆ Christmas trees will be picked up on the first two Thursdays in January 2016 (7&14).
- ◆ All brush and limbs must be bundled in 4x4 piles.

- ◆ Recycling event Electronics - Sunday, April 12 from 9:00 - 2:00
- ◆ Recycling event for Batteries - Sunday, June 21 from 9:00 - 2:00

Location Public Works Department



# Sykesville Parks & Recreation



Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC) meets at the Town House on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm. For more information, please call 410-795-8959 or email [parks@sykesville.net](mailto:parks@sykesville.net).

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Friday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m. at Millard Cooper Park for children 8 years and under. There will be a separate area for kids 3 years old and younger. The Easter Bunny is scheduled to make an appearance so remember to bring your camera as well as your Easter basket. Save the date and don't be late!



## SPARC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

With your help, Sykesville Parks and Recreation hopes to support various charities within our community. During the 2015 Sykesville Cinema Summer Series, we'll be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for **Carroll County Food Sunday**. Please help us with this very worthy cause by placing your donated items in the marked plastic bins found as you enter the park during movie nights.

Carroll County Food Sunday encourages donors to give the kind of nutritious, non-perishable food they would serve their own families. Listed below is their Wish List.

- Canned Fruit
- Hot or Cold Cereal
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Tuna, Chicken, Salmon
- Plain Rice
- Canned Soup
- Spaghetti in one pound boxes, Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter, Canned Beans
- Tomato Sauce



Sykesville  
Concerts in the Park

## SYKESVILLE CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Sykesville Parks & Recreation Committee is planning a wonderful 2015 season! See dates on the back page. Bands are being finalized. Concerts will be held at Millard Cooper Park.

Keep an eye out for more details on Facebook and [www.sykesville.net/sparc](http://www.sykesville.net/sparc).

## SYKESVILLE CINEMA RETURNS FOR ITS 5<sup>TH</sup> SEASON!

With a 12' inflatable movie screen and a powerful audio and video system, the Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee will be returning with quality run movie performances. Movies will once again be shown the second Saturday of each month throughout the summer. This year's Summer Series will be held at **Millard Cooper Park**.

Each show begins around dusk - so come early to get a good seat and bring your lawn chair. General parking is available at nearby Sykesville Middle School. Millard Cooper Park includes easy access handicapped parking. The **Snack Shack** will be serving delicious, freshly popped popcorn, hot dogs, Hoffman's ice cream, candy, soda pop, bottled water, and glow sticks.

Get re-acquainted with our Town by spending the day visiting our many fine shops and restaurants; enjoying our parks and trails; and take the kids to ride the Little Sykes miniature train. Then enjoy a FREE movie under the stars at Millard Cooper Park.



## SYKESVILLE CINEMA 2015 SUMMER SERIES

Saturday, May 9  
*The Lorax*

Saturday, June 13  
*Night at the Museum 2*

Saturday, July 11  
*Earth to Echo*

Saturday, August 8  
*The Lego Movie*

Reserved Rain Date: Saturday, September 12



## VOLUNTEERS

The Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for additional members and volunteers who are interested in making a difference in our parks, recreational activities and events for our families and others. If you have a few hours a month to spare and would like to join the team, please email [parks@sykesville.net](mailto:parks@sykesville.net) or call 410-795-8959.

# Sykesville Police Department



*Michael Spaulding, Chief of Police*

Chief Spaulding would like to recognize the following officers for 2014.

Patrolman First Class Nicholas Betcher is a 5 year veteran of the Sykesville Police Department. He was selected as the Sykesville Police Department Officer of the Year for his outstanding performance during 2014, a year in which he led the Sykesville Police Department in motor vehicle violations issued and reports written, while also taking on more responsibilities and assisting the newer members of the Department.

Auxiliary Officer Anthony Gioio is an 8 year veteran of the Sykesville Auxiliary Police. He was selected as the Sykesville Auxiliary Officer of the year for his performance during 2014, a year in which he was able to re-dedicate himself to the Police Auxiliary and participate in a majority of the Town events.

Chief Spaulding praised both officers by stating, "The Town of Sykesville is fortunate to have officers of this caliber. Both officers are highly deserving of this award and the recognition, and I am very proud of them both."

## TIP: SIGN UP FOR NIXLE

Text your zip code to 888777. If there is an emergency public concern within the Town, a text message will be sent to you.

# Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office



We would like to thank our loyal customers for making 2014 a very successful year. We continue to see many new faces at our Old Main Line Post Office and Visitor's Center. We welcome our support-

ive town customers who continue to use our services.

Here at the Old Main Line Post Office, we have supplies to meet all of your postal needs. We have flat rate boxes for mailing packages and padded envelopes for special items.

The newest stamp available for purchase is "The Battle of New Orleans" which celebrates the last major battle of the War of 1812. Wedding/bridal stamps are also available.

In case you have not had the opportunity to meet our team, allow us to introduce ourselves.

Jenn has been with the town since January 2013, and as our veteran staff member, she has done a phenomenal job training our Post Office team.

Lori has been employed with the town since July 2013. Stop in and see Lori's smiling face on Saturdays, when we are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We welcomed Cecelia in March 2014. She is a life-long resident of Carroll County. Stop in to ask her a question on county or Town history.

Steve joined our team during November 2014 and has lived in Sykesville for almost 14 years. He enjoys seeing all of the familiar faces at the Post Office.

Please stop in and say "Hello" to our team! Remember Old Main Line for all of your postage and shipping needs, conveniently located at 731 Oklahoma Avenue. We are one block from Main Street and across from the French Twist Café.



*Lori, Jen, Cecelia, and Steve*

**Old Main Line Visitors Center & Post Office, 731 Oklahoma Ave.**

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
& 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**410-552-9975**



# Sykesville Main Street



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[www.sykesvillemainstreet.com](http://www.sykesvillemainstreet.com)

Please welcome Steven Colella to the Town of Sykesville as the Economic Development / Main Street Manager.

## MAIN STREET HAPPENINGS

We are excited to report the opening of several new businesses on Main Street over the past few months.

- ◆ Branches of Yoga is located in the lower level of Alexandra's Attic at 7540 Main Street Suite C.
- ◆ Georgie Lu's Children's Consignment Shop is located in the lower level of Alexandra's Attic at 7540 Main Street.
- ◆ Time Warp Media Video Games is located at 7568 Main Street, Suite B.

Steven graduated from James Madison University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. Since then, he has taken on numerous roles in marketing, public and community relations, and event planning. He is coming to the Town of Sykesville from Downtown Frederick Partnership, an economic development non-profit organization operating in Frederick, MD.

Steven plans to relocate to Sykesville in the near future, but currently resides in Ballenger Creek, MD. In his free time, he enjoys writing, spending time with his 6 month old puppy, and exploring the great outdoors.

In addition to these new businesses, Salazon Chocolate Company has moved to a larger location and changed their name. They moved to 7556 Main Street and are now known as Market Tavern. Cowboys and Angels Boutique has expanded their shop into the space once occupied by Salazon Chocolate at 7552 Main Street.

For more information on these and our other businesses on Main Street, please visit the Sykesville Main Street website at [www.sykesvillemainstreet.com](http://www.sykesvillemainstreet.com) and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/sykesville](http://www.facebook.com/sykesville).

### COMMUNITY GARDEN FUNDRAISER



On Monday, March 9, EW Beck's restaurant is hosting a fundraiser for the Sykesville Community Garden. 10% of your carry-out, lunch and or dinner bill will go to the Sykesville Community Garden. Present the flyer to your server which can be found at [www.sykesvillemainstreet.com](http://www.sykesvillemainstreet.com)

On Sunday, May 3, between noon and 5:00 p.m. the annual Art and Wine Festival will take place in downtown Main Street. Come out and taste wine, listen to music and meet Steven Colella, Economic Development/ Main Street Coordinator.



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# # getsyked

Do you own a business in town?



Would you like to meet other Sykesville business owners?

Join us for coffee & conversation on February 27, March 27, April 24, & May 29 at 9:00am at E.W. Beck's Pub.  
Contact [rachael@ewbecks.com](mailto:rachael@ewbecks.com) for more info and meeting updates.



*Andra Dennett, Curator*

## At the Gate House

The Gate House would like to continue welcoming the community to explore the Town's history. Remember that the Gate House can be a great resource for school projects, or for simply getting to know your ancestors a bit better. *Springfield Hospital: A Glimpse at the Past*, an exhibit on the founding and development of Springfield Hospital Center remains open and visitors are invited to come out and see our new display, *Open the Doors: Sykesville's Places of Worship*.

### Sunday March 29, 2015 - Copper Ridge Mine Tour

Join us for an educational tour of the site of the old Sykesville Mine with mining historian Johnny Johnsson. Explore what remains of this 19<sup>th</sup>-century mine site and learn about the engineering knowledge and sheer bravery of the men who put their lives on the line here. Register for the event by phone (410-549-5150) or email ([adennett@sykesville.net](mailto:adennett@sykesville.net)).

Keep an eye out for information on a 5K Fundraiser as we head into summer. Runners, break out your racing sneakers and start practicing!

Remember to visit our website at [www.sykesville.net/gatehouse](http://www.sykesville.net/gatehouse) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/gatehousemuseum](http://www.facebook.com/gatehousemuseum) for more information on the museum.



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**NEED SPACE FOR AN OUTDOOR EVENT?**

Looking for a place to hold an outdoor event? The Town of Sykesville has places you can rent. Millard Cooper Park has 2 pavilions to choose from. Each includes a grill and picnic tables. The park has a playground and hiking trails. The fee for a resident of the incorporated Town is \$50, for all others it is \$75. South Branch Park has a large pavilion, picnic tables, and a playground. The cost for a Town or Howard County resident is \$150; all others it is \$180.

All requestors must fill out a Rental permit application that can be found on our website [www.sykesville.net/forms](http://www.sykesville.net/forms) and submit it to the Town House at 7547 Main Street office along with a copy of a Driver's License. Questions? Call 410-795-8959.

**UPDATES**

**Warfield** - In the fall, the Town updated its Master Plan and Zoning to allow mixed use development. The property is under contract for sale with an anticipated closing date in 2015.

**Military Memorial** - The area in front of the Town House has been marked, and we have the bricks, granite, and medallions. We are ready to move forward and honor our veterans and those currently in the service. This project is anticipated to break ground as soon as the weather permits.

**Streetscape** - The State Highway Administration (SHA) has begun the process of designing improvements for MD 851 (Main Street and Springfield Ave.). Survey crews have been out and about. The lines that are being painted on people's property are then transported via GIS to electronic files to aid in the design process. This project will take several years to complete but we are excited to start. In addition, a task force has been developed that includes residents and business owners that will act as a liaison to the rest of the Sykesville community so that all key issues and concerns are heard.

**Lighting** - The Town applied and received a grant to get extra lighting in the public alley between the McElroy parking lot and Main Street. We hope by the summer you will see the alley brightly lit up.



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- Screen Printing (t-shirts, hoodies, etc.)
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to Spring!



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12 PM - 5 PM

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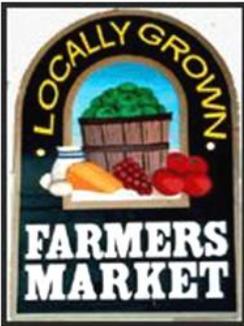
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March 9 at EW Beck's  
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[www.facebook.com/pages/sykesville-community-garden](http://www.facebook.com/pages/sykesville-community-garden)

**Little Sykes Railway Opens May 2**



The Little Sykes Railway operates a 12" gauge train for kids to ride. Located on Sandosky Road and open every Saturday from May through October from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm and 1-3 pm. Donations are appreciated. All riders must be at least 3 years old and no taller than 48 inches.

**EVENTS AT MILLARD COOPER PARK**

**Sykesville Cinema**

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August 8 - *The Lego Movie*

*\*Movies start at dusk*

*Snack Shack will be open selling: Popcorn, hot dogs, nachos, candy, drinks and Hoffman's homemade ice cream*

**Concerts in the Park**

Fridays in July  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

July 10  
July 17  
July 24  
July 31



**Sykesville**  
Concerts in the Park

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