



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

IT'S ALL ABOUT TEAM WORK

Ian Shaw, Mayor



First of all I wanted to wish you all Happy Holidays! It is a wonderful time for the Town and you really should consider shopping in Town for some unique and special items for those on your list this Holiday Season. Shop local and experience the difference!

That brings me to the theme as I write this, Team Work. As some of you may already know it is with great joy we wish Ivy Wells much luck in her new position as the Director of Economic Development with the Town of Berlin, MD. While happy for her, we will miss her talent as our Main Street Manager here in the Town of Sykesville. Ivy brought many ideas and creativity to our great Town events both as a Volunteer for years and as the Main Street Manager for the last few years. We really have enjoyed those events and all the other things she did for our Town. We all will miss her and wish her the best of luck in her new position.

Now is the time for all of us all to step up and take responsibility for the success of Sykesville's future. We have accomplished so much by the efforts of so many people working toward the same goal, a brighter more vibrant future for Main Street and the Town of Sykesville. It is through these continued efforts that I and the Town Council will be looking to redefine the future of our Economic Development here in Town.

I look at these challenges as great opportunities. As we look to fill that position for Sykesville it will be an opportunity to take the great progress we have made to the next level.

It truly has been the tenacious spirit of many of you who have helped create what we have today. It really is the backbone of our current success. It has not been one person working individually to achieve the success we have. It has been a unique set of different people from all different backgrounds combined with their selfless service that we have come so far.

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See page 7 for information on Veteran services.



NEW TREE LIGHTING LOCATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Santa Claus arrives on the Sykesville Fire Truck at 6:00 p.m. to light the Christmas Tree at Centennial Fountain on Baldwin Drive and Oklahoma Drive. Santa's next stop will be the Caboose. While waiting in line to see Santa and get your picture taken, and enjoy the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". ♦

See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve has announced that the Sykesville Post Office will be a designated drop off location for Toys for Tots. If you would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy, please stop by the Post Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. and on Saturday, between 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be collecting toys through December 15. If you have any questions, you can call 410-795-8959 or email town@sykesville.net.

LIGHT UP THE TOWN – HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

READY, SET, DECORATE! The Mayor and Town Council will once again drive through all the neighborhoods and decide which houses are the best decorated. When a winner is selected, they will ring the doorbell and present the resident with a yard sign declaring the house a **“Holiday Decorating Contest Winner”**. Judging will take place Monday evening, December 15, so get out there and decorate your house.



LEAVES AND STORM DRAINS

Please keep from placing your yard waste (leaves) on the street. Once you place leaves in the street, they will end up in the storm drains and cause flooding. The drains need to be used for water, rain, or snow only. We are also requesting you keep from disposing your yard waste in our parks. Our parks are used by all our residents for recreation. Yard waste should be placed in brown craft bags and put out on your trash pick-up day. The last day for yard waste pick-up will be December 3.



CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING DATES

Thursday, January 8, 2015
Thursday, January 15, 2015

YARD WASTE– PICK UP ENDS DECEMBER 3



- ◆ The Town will pick-up yard waste on your trash day through December 3.
- ◆ Carroll County’s Solid Waste Ordinance prohibits yard waste from being mixed with standard household refuse.
- ◆ 2015 Yard waste pick up resumes on April 13.
- ◆ Yard Waste must be packaged in paper lawn bags. Plastic bags will not be collected. All brush and limbs must be bundled in 4x4 piles.
- ◆ Loose limbs at the curb will not be collected.
- ◆ Dumping of yard waste in the street or the parks and other wooded areas in the Town or along the Linear Trail is prohibited.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S

TRASH AND RECYCLING PICK UP SCHEDULE

Normal Trash Pick-up day	Holiday Trash Pick-up day	Recycling pick-up day
Tuesday December 23 and December 30	Tuesday December 23 and December 30	Friday December 26 and January 2
Wednesday December 24 and December 31	Monday December 22 and December 29	Friday December 26 and January 2

For up-to-date information, call 410-795-3186.

Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

The holidays are here, and the children are excited about getting gifts from Santa. Starting December 1 through December 19, the Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office will have a Santa Express mail box that will go to the North Pole. Have your child bring their letter for Santa to the Post Office, and Santa will send a reply.

This year we have plenty of the just-released 2014 Holiday Forever stamps, such as Poinsettia, Winter Fun, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and Christmas Magi. These will go fast, so come in early for the best selection!

Postage stamps make a thoughtful and practical gift as stocking stuffers. They are especially appreciated by students and seniors, and the "Forever" stamp assures that they won't need to purchase additional stamps when rates go up.

Loved ones in the military? We have discounted "APO" boxes and Medal of Honor stamps

Are you looking for different gift ideas? Plan to stop by the Old Main Line during the holidays. Don't forget your 2014 Sykesville "limited edition" orna-



ment. It is a brass image of Main Street with Baldwin Station in the background available for a donation of \$20. The proceeds go for holiday decorations on Main Street. We also have Town history books, the "21784" hats, T-shirts, prints from local artists, and a variety of train-related gifts.

Besides our regular Saturday hours, we will open for *Merry Main Street* on Saturday, December 6, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Stop in to enjoy for some cookies and candy canes, or just to say "hi". You can pick up stamps, mailing supplies, and gifts all at the same time.

To give you the best service and to keep our lines moving, we will have two clerks working from December 8 - 23, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays). For the fastest service, please stop by between these hours. Please note that we will close at 2:00 p.m. on December 24, which is the last pick-up before Christmas.

Old Main Line Visitors Center & Post Office

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.



E. W. Beck's Pub
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Sykesville Police Department

Michael Spaulding, Chief of Police



From Left to Right: Ofc. Robert Reed, Ofc. Jason Kirkner, Auxiliary Officer Robert Kenny, Auxiliary Officer Jason Niver, Auxiliary Capt. Michael Blair, Chief's Admin Barbara Prawdzyk, Chief Michael Spaulding, PFC Nicholas Betcher, PFC Carl Bird, SGT. Shawn Kilgore, Ofc. Steven Deal, Auxiliary Officer Tony Gioio, Auxiliary Officer Kenneth Noel.

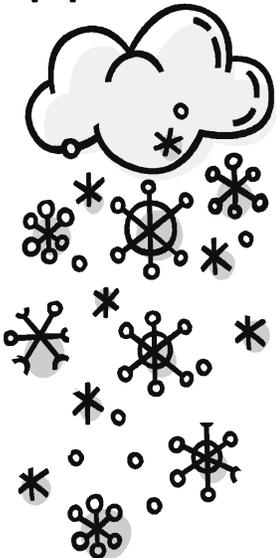
QUICK NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS

Chief Spaulding set up a new tool called Nixle to notify residents of an emergency public safety concern within the Town limits. All you need to do is text your zip code to 888777. If there is an emergency public concern, within the Town, a text message will be sent to you outlining the circumstance.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES & PARKING FINES

Winter weather is approaching, and snow and ice conditions may call for a snow emergency plan to be put into effect.

Only the Maryland State Police will declare a snow emergency. Once the plan is put into effect, parking is prohibited at the following locations.



- CUL-DE-SACS
- Autumn Sky Court
- Braemar Court
- Bunker Hill Court
- Concord Lane
- Dominique Court
- Patterson Court
- Revere Court
- Shimmering Run Court
- Windswept Court

- ROADS
- Harlan Lane
- Jennifer Way
- Kalorama Road
- Main Street
- Norris Avenue
- O'brecht Road
- Oklahoma Avenue
- Sandosky Road
- Second Avenue
- Spout Hill Road
- Springfield Avenue
- Third Avenue

The Sykesville Police Department will remove the violating vehicle, **at the owner's expense**. A Town Citation will also be issued with fines ranging from a minimum of \$100 to \$500.

Sykesville residents can find out if a snow emergency is in effect by visiting the following State Police website.

http://www.chart.state.md.us/StormInfo/snow_emergency_plans.asp



Andra Dennett, Curator

At the Gate House

Embracing Our History!

Once a historic residence, the Gate House Museum is now home to a number of displays on

Sykesville's past and welcomes visitors of all ages to come see our little Town's big history.

As we enjoy the holiday season and begin the New Year, the Gate House Museum would like to invite you to come visit our newest display "Open the Doors: Sykesville's Places of Worship" which features the stories of many of our local churches.

Local mining-historian Johnny Johnson will be returning this spring to lead a tour on March 29, 2015, of one of the area's historic mines. Watch for further information on our Facebook page or register to become a member at the museum and receive our quarterly newsletter.

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

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Sykesville Main Street

By Economic Development / Main Street Manager, Ivy Wells



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www.sykesvillemainstreet.com



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Thank You's I want to give.



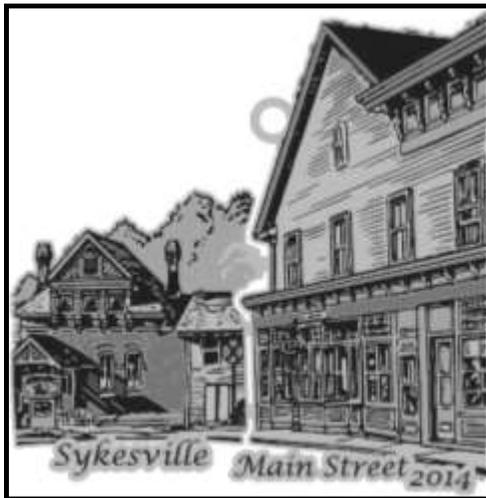
It all started with a grant to save a historic building. Who would have thought that moment would be so pivotal to the future of our downtown revitalization? Who would have thought that Main Street would be such a popular shopping and dining destination eight years ago? Look how far we've come. There are no vacancies on our Main Street and the businesses are thriving. We have added some amazing events; some even winning awards. The Farmers Market is back and better than we could have even imagined. We started a Façade Improvement Grant Program. We have a beautiful Community Garden. New banners on our light poles. New recycle and trash receptacles. A vintage phone booth for Town information. New lighting will be installed. A new roof on the gazebo. A Town History Window...and the list goes on.

This could not have happened without YOUR support. You came to the events. You shopped and dined here. You spread the word. YOU are just as responsible for the success of downtown as we are.

The people who have touched my life over these 20 years will forever remain in my heart. Please keep the momentum going. Volunteer. Get involved.

I hope you look me up when visiting the Town of Berlin, where I will be the Director of Economic and Community Development. I wish you all the Happiest of Holidays and a very special Happy New Year to you from me.

The 2014 Sykesville Christmas Ornament is available at our Post Office Visitor's Center for a \$20 donation.



Designed by artist John Kachik

All proceeds go towards holiday decorations for Sykesville Main Street

*Cash or check made payable to the Sykesville Main Street Association only

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If you have been one of those who have been going the extra mile – thank you! We all appreciate you very much and need your continued support for the success of our future.

If you have not been able to in the past, perhaps it should be your New Year's resolution to get involved and help your Town! It really is a great way to give back and you will reap the rewards of knowing you helped play a role in the success of your Town.

Finally, I have been anxious to get involved to help not only Sykesville's veterans, but all veterans especially those here in Carroll County. Take a look at the resources here in Carroll County and contact myself or Town staff if you know someone who needs help with veteran resources. Much is available and we want to help get the word to those veterans in need of these services. We hope to be posting where to get help in each upcoming newsletter. (See more info. below).

Best wishes for the New Year! I hope to see you all at some of the Holiday Activities and in a new role helping the Town in the New Year! ♦

VETERANS SERVICES

Carroll County Veterans Services Program offers services to veterans of any age, a widow or widower of a veteran, a child of a deceased or disabled veteran and parents who lost a son or daughter in military service.

Services available to veterans are:

- Collaborate with the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Service Organizations in securing benefits for veterans.
- Assist veterans with obtaining their military discharge (DD214).
- Help with preparing and submitting compensation/pension claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration.
- Link veterans to the VA Healthcare system, advocate for veterans and their families and connect veterans to other community agencies, services and providers
- Track claims and assist with additional development requests made by the Veterans Benefits Administration.
- Assist with denied claims by filing Notices of Disagreement or filing appeals to reverse the negative decision.
- FREE VETERANS SHUTTLE
- Free shuttle to transport veterans to VA medical facilities.
 - Pick up at convenient, centralized locations.
 - Caregivers also ride for free.

Located within the Carroll County Bureau of Aging & Disabilities at 125 Stoner Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. The phone number is 410-386-3800 and the website is www.carrollveterans.com.

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**12 Hours of
Christmas Special
Shopping Event!
Friday,
December 5
10am-10pm**
Wine Tastings, Raffles
Refreshments
Sales & Savings!

**Merry Main Street
Saturday,
December 6**

Santa arrives at 6pm



**Friday, December 12
6:00pm-8:00pm**

Each participating
business on
Main Street will offer a
homemade cookie to try &
you get to take the recipe
home with you!



Merry Main Street



MAIN STREET



Merry Main Street is Saturday December 6

2pm-5pm: Sykesville Town House

Letters to Santa, Story time with Mrs. Claus, Live Music, Crafts & more

2pm-4pm: Little Sykes Train Rides, weather permitting

MODEL TRAINS OPEN 3pm-9pm

POST OFFICE OPEN 5pm-8pm



Santa arrives at 6pm to light the tree by the Fountain Park
& in the Sykesville Caboose for photos (bring your camera).

Sykesville Parks & Recreation Outdoor Movie will
be the cartoon 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'



Sykesville Parks and Recreation will be showing the
original animated movie, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*,
just outside the *Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office*
during this year's *Merry Main Street* event. The movie will be
in full view of the kids and parents as they line up for a visit
with Santa Claus. Don't miss the surprise visit by the
Grinch himself!