



WINTER 2015

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As yet another year comes to a close in our wonderful Town, on behalf of myself, Town Council and the staff, let me wish you a Safe, Happy, Joyous Holiday Season & Happy New Year!



We continue to make great strides on so many fronts in Town. We have many projects both in the works and many proposed to us that continue to keep us running at max capacity. I think this says a lot about the progress we have made as a Town over the last few years. Businesses, people and resources want to be a part of what we are doing here in Sykesville. So many people have stepped up to make a difference and support these efforts and that is what I am most proud of as your Mayor.

We continue to make great progress toward getting the Warfield Development Project closer to a reality. This has been a momentous task with so many entities involved. It has been one of the most intricate Real Estate transactions I have seen even after 17 years in the Real Estate industry. We are closer than we have ever been to bring the project online and create some fantastic opportunities for Sykesville. We hope to have the transaction finalized in late 2015. Stay tuned!

By now the new Skate Park at South Branch Park should be taking shape. South Branch Park has been such a unique collaboration of both Howard County and the Town and I am very proud of what we have accomplished. I look forward to South Branch Park as it continues to grow and become successful. This park truly is, in my opinion, a gateway to Sykesville and very important to our Town's future. A special thanks to all of those who have helped and continue to help and support the park! We are continuing to work with Howard County on other opportunities and we are all grateful for Howard County's partnership and support of Sykesville.

Thanks to all of you who have been patient with us, as the Town continues to move forward. We have had many projects/concerns to work on along with our day to day operations, and it truly can be overwhelming at times. The Town Council, staff and myself work hard to make sure the operations of the Town run smoothly and we strive to give the best level of service with the resources we have available. Occasionally, that requires some patience and we all appreciate that from you.

Please join us for our Merry Main Street celebration as Santa arrives in Sykesville. Please Support our Town Businesses on Main Street this Holiday Season and find some wonderful and unique gifts for those on your list. Visit, dine, shop and relax on Maryland's best Main Street - Sykesville!

Best wishes in the New Year, Mayor, Ian Shaw ♦

See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

The Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse

The bell is ringing happily at the Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse! A new walkway has put Sykesville's treasure back in full swing. The entire fifth grade from Friendship Valley Elementary School was welcomed for an October field trip, followed by a garden club, and the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory Women's Club. Each group has added to the Schoolhouse's effort to raise funds for historically correct interior storm windows, which will keep the heat in and the insects out. Our beloved graduate and frequent speaker, Warren Dorsey, has donated the stipendium he received for a presentation at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. His generosity put us over the top, so we now have the funds to order the windows and make the Schoolhouse cozier than it ever was when Warren and his eleven siblings learned the 3-R's within its walls. If your group would enjoy a Schoolhouse experience, please contact Pat Greenwald: patgreenwald@comcast.net.

Mark your Calendar!

- **Sunday, December 6:** *St. Nikolaus Day at the Schoolhouse* Holiday Crafts, Old World Refreshments, Tours
No charge, just fun! (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)
- **Sunday, February 7:** *Lace, Love, and Learning* at the Schoolhouse Create an Old-Fashioned Valentine for a loved one while enjoying the atmosphere of the Schoolhouse. (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

Introducing the

**Beasman
Boutique**

A Candy Striper Gift Shop

An Integrate Fairhaven
and Carroll Hospital Partnership

Inside The Beasman Center
at Fairhaven

7200 Third Avenue, Sykesville

Monday - Friday | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

410-795-8800

The Beasman Boutique is staffed by volunteers and features unique gifts, clothes and accessories, jewelry, licensed sports products, as well as select pieces from local artists and authors, plus items with comfort, wellness and strength in mind.

All proceeds benefit Carroll Hospital

Grand
Opening Special

20%

OFF ONE ITEM

at the Beasman Boutique

Some exclusions apply.

*Coupon valid
through 12/31/15.*

Integrate
FAIRHAVEN

CARROLL HOSPITAL
a LifeBridge Health center

Auxiliary

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 Tuesday December 15, so get out there and decorate your house.



Sykesville Police Department



Michael Spaulding, Chief of Police

As colder weather approaches, the Sykesville Police Department wishes to share some winter safety tips for both your vehicle and your home. As always, when planning travel, be aware of current and forecast weather conditions. And please, get your car ready for cold weather use *before* winter arrives, by doing the following:

- Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level; check tire tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires.
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.
- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded. Include:
 - blankets;
 - food and water;
 - booster cables, flares, tire pump, and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction);
 - compass and maps;
 - flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries;
 - first-aid kit; and
 - plastic bags (for sanitation).

TIP: SIGN UP FOR NIXLE
Text your zip code to 888777.
If there is an emergency public safety concern within the Town, a text message will be sent to you.

For your home, be prepared for weather-related emergencies, including power outages, by doing the following:

- Stock non-perishable food and water stored in clean containers.
- Ensure that your cell phone is fully charged.
- Keep an up-to-date emergency kit, including:
 - Battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and lamps;
 - extra batteries;
 - first-aid kit and extra medicine;
 - baby items; and
 - cat litter or sand for icy walkways.
- Protect your family from carbon monoxide.
 - Keep grills, camp stoves, and generators out of the house, basement and garage.
 - Locate generators at least 20 feet from the house.
 - Leave your home immediately if the CO detector sounds, and call 911.

We wish you
and your
family a
Happy Holiday
season!

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- Embroidery (*shirts, caps, jackets, etc.*)
- Signs, Banners, Posters
- Graphic Design
- Personalized Gifts
- Promotional Items
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INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS AND SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

The Town of Sykesville does not determine when a snow emergency is in effect. Only the Maryland State Police will declare a snow emergency. Sykesville residents can find out whether a snow emergency has been declared and is in effect by visiting the following State Police website. http://www.chart.state.md.us/StormInfo/snow_emergency_plans.asp

Weather and road conditions will be announced on local TV and radio stations and the internet. It is your responsibility to keep informed.

If a significant snow fall is predicted, 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.

Also the following actions would help our crew:

- Clear ice and snow from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow storm.
- Remove vehicles from the road before snow events, if possible.
- Don't push, plow, or blow the snow into the road.

As a reminder, when a snow emergency is declared for Carroll County, parking is prohibited for the following Town locations, and vehicles must be removed from these designated roads and courts. Please see below for the designated roads:

CUL-DE-SACS	ROADS
Autumn Sky Court	Harlan Lane
Braemar Court	Jennifer Way
Bunker Hill Court	Kalorama Road
Concord Lane	Main Street
Dominique Court	Norris Avenue
Patterson Court	O'brecht Road
Revere Court	Oklahoma Avenue
Shimmering Run Court	Second Avenue
Windswept Court	Spout Hill Road
	Springfield Avenue
	Third Avenue

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

YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGE	
<p>REMINDER!!</p> <p>Curbside Christmas Tree removal will be Thursday, January 7, and January 14.</p> <p>Please remove decorations from the trees.</p>	<p><i>Note change:</i></p> <p><u>YARD WASTE pick-up ends Wednesday, December 9.</u></p>
	<p>Recycling pick-up on Friday, December 25, has changed to Wednesday, December 23.</p> <p>Recycling pick-up on Friday, January 1, has changed to Wednesday, December 30</p>
	<p>Trash pick-up will remain the same</p> <p>QUESTIONS? CALL 410-795-8959</p>



SANTA ARRIVAL AND TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 6:00 PM
AT THE CENTENNIAL FOUNTAIN/POST OFFICE

- ☆ Model Trains Open 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
- ☆ Post Office Open 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Stop in and have punch and cookies when Santa arrives.

Watch a Charlie Brown Christmas while lined up to visit Santa. Mrs. Claus, elves, Frosty, and the Grinch will also be walking around.



Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office - Holiday Services

- ☆ Children mail your letter to Santa in the Santa Express mail box by December 15 and you will get a response.
- ☆ Shop for your supply of Christmas stamps featuring, Linus, Snoopy, Lucy, Peppermint Patty and all the gang.
- ☆ The Post Office has plenty of mailing supplies to mail all your wonderful gifts including geometric snowflakes for your holiday letters.
- ☆ The Sykesville Post Office will give you the fastest service around.

Old Main Line Visitors Center & Post Office, 731 Oklahoma Ave. • 410-552-9975

Monday - Friday

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

Note: Closed at 2:00 pm on December 24

Saturday

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

The deadline for getting priority mail delivered by Christmas is December 21.

Sykesville Parks & Recreation

- ☆ Go to www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreationcommittee and vote for which summer movies you would like to see in 2016. **Voting will be December 6 - 16.**
- ☆ Parks and Recreation meeting will be on December 17 @ 7:00 pm at the Town House. Come and join us with your ideas. For more information: parks@sykesville.net.



Sykesville Main Street

As we all prepare to take on the sometimes joyful, sometimes stressful task of shopping for the holiday season, I'd like to remind you about shopping locally and supporting neighborhood businesses. Shopping at small, local businesses isn't a new concept - but it is one that's recently been brought back into the spotlight with events like Small Business Saturday and movements like Farm to Fork.

Did you know that buying the same goods locally instead of online keeps **four times** the amount of money in the local economy? Creating jobs, increasing tax revenue, and stimulating additional community investment are just a few of the ways that a couple extra dollars spent in your local coffee shop (instead of a chain) can have a BIG impact on the community. And of course, don't forget the human element - there are plenty of friendly faces and helping hands waiting for you!

So as you start to make your shopping plans, consider taking a trip to Main Street to check some items off your list. With dozens of retail, restaurant and service businesses, you're guaranteed to find familiar staples and new ideas to bring your loved ones joy this season. ♦

Sykesville **WINTER** Events

First Fridays | Every First Friday, 5pm-8pm

Main Street

Live Music – Sips & Snacks – Open Late

12 Hours of Christmas | December 4, 10am-10pm

Main Street Shops

Late Shopping Hours – Giveaways & Raffles – Support Neighborhood Business

Santa's Arrival | December 5, 6pm-9pm

Centennial Fountain / Post Office, Oklahoma Avenue

Tree Lighting – Photos with Santa – Free Hot Chocolate – Holiday Movie & Music – S&P Train Club

St. Nikolaus Day at the Schoolhouse | December 6, 1pm-4pm

Holiday Crafts – Old World Refreshments – Tours – No charge, just fun!

Cookies on Main Street | December 11, 6pm-8pm

Main Street Shops

Homemade Cookies & Recipes – Cookie-Inspired Cocktails – Shop Local

Merry Main Street | December 12, 12pm-4pm

Sykesville Town House

Crafts & Activities – Storytime with Mrs. Claus – Christmas Carols – Letters to Santa

Next Year **2016**

IceFest | February 6, 9am-5pm

Main Street

Ice Sculptures – Games & Activities – Winter Fun for the Whole Family!

Lace, Love, and Learning at the Schoolhouse | February 7, 1pm-4pm

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For more information check out:

www.sykesvillemainstreet.com

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