



# 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

### AUTUMN APPROACHES

Ian Shaw, Mayor



I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. Sykesville has had a busy and exciting summer with movies and concerts in the park, concerts on Main Street, the Farmers Market, Art and Wine Festival and our new endeavor "Coffee with a Cop".

With fall approaching, we will continue the busy trend with more events such as Chili and Beer Festival, the Fall Festival and, of course, back to school. Thank you for all who continue to make these events possible and to all who attend and make them a success.

As you may have noticed progress has been made through the first phase at South Branch Park. There will be a ribbon cutting of the playground on September 6, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. with Howard County Executive Ken Ulman. Please come and join us. We are grateful for the much needed help and support from Howard County on this project. We look forward to working with them on future phases. Stay tuned to be involved.

There has been a lot of progress to allow the Town to finalize the potential sale of the Warfield property. There will be public meetings this fall to get input on amendments to the Town's master land

use plan and Zoning Ordinance, related to Warfield. See more information below.

Main Street has been busy. Our Main Street Manager, Ivy Wells, and many volunteers continue to find new and exciting ways to bring excitement to downtown. The Farmers Market continues through November 23, what a great success it has been. Stop down Sundays from 9-2 if you have not already.

Staff and I continue to work on so many projects that are critical to the Town's daily operations. The staff members do a great job. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the Town's operations and we will be glad to assist you.

Please be mindful of our traffic laws and particularly your speed on Town roads as our children return to school. Their safety is counting on it! In closing have a wonderful Fall Season, I hope to personally see and meet you at our next Town event. ♦

### WARFIELD COMPLEX UPDATE

The Town has entered into negotiations for the sale of the Warfield Complex for the purpose of developing a mixed use commercial/office, retail and residential development.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

- September 2 Planning Commission review of Master Plan Amendment text.
- September 16 Planning Commission Workshop to discuss the Zoning Ordinance Amendment.
- October 6 Planning Commission Public Hearing on Master Plan Amendment and Zoning Ordinance Amendment.
- October 20 Planning Commission Workshop on Zoning Ordinance Amendment.
- November 4 Planning Commission Public Hearing on Master Plan Amendment and Zoning Ordinance Amendment.
- November 10 Introduction of Ordinance Amendment and Master Plan Amendment at the Mayor and Town Council meeting.
- November 24 Public Hearing on Ordinance Amendment and Master Plan Amendment at the Mayor and Town Council meeting.

As part of the process the Town will be amending its master land use plan and Zoning Ordinance to allow for mixed uses at Warfield.

There will be several public meetings, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Town House.

See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

**YARD WASTE- PICK UP ENDS NOV. 26**

- ◆ The Town will pick-up yard waste on your trash day through **November 26**.
- ◆ Carroll County's Solid Waste Ordinance prohibits yard waste from being mixed with standard household refuse.
- ◆ Yard Waste must be packaged in paper lawn bags. Plastic bags will not be collected. No Larger than 4" diameter.
- ◆ 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 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 2015.

**2014 HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGES**

- ◆ *Thanksgiving - Recycling pick-up will be on Wednesday, November 26.*
- ◆ Christmas Eve - Trash pick-up moved from Wednesday, December 24 to Monday, December 22.
- ◆ New Year's Eve - Trash pick-up moved from Wednesday, December 31 to Monday, December 29

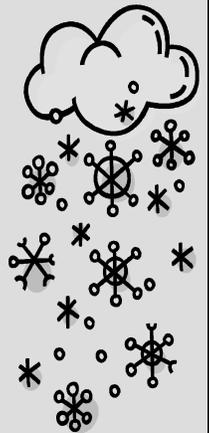
**RECYCLING**

- ◆ A 32 gallon trash receptacle (maximum size) may be used to hold recycling.
- ◆ Nothing heavier than 50 pounds.
- ◆ To find out what you can recycle, go to [www.sykesville.net/recycle2](http://www.sykesville.net/recycle2).
- ◆ Recycling in plastic bags will not be picked up.



**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.
- ◆ Don't push, plow, or blow the snow into the road.



**PATCHING AND PAVING TOWN ROADS**

The Mayor and Town Council approved a contract for patching, paving and/or sealing some Town roads. This work should be completed by October. The roads scheduled for paving are College Avenue (east and west of MD 32), Norris Avenue, Norwood Avenue, Mellor Avenue, Oak Street, Baldwin Drive and Conoway Drive. Patching and/or sealing will be on Second Avenue, Kalorama Drive, Harlan Lane, Boulder Court, Autumn Sky Court, Windswept Court, Hawkins Drive and Old Norris Road. Sign up for newflash notifications by sending an email to [town@sykesville.net](mailto:town@sykesville.net).

**SOUTH BRANCH PARK RIBBON CUTTING- YOU ARE INVITED**

The ribbon cutting for the playground and pavilion will take place on **September 6, at 11:00 a.m.** County Executive Ken Ulman and Mayor Ian Shaw will be present to celebrate. Howard County has been instrumental in helping with this project.

The Rt. 32 Intersection improvements at Sandosky Road and Raincliffe Road are expected to be completed by September 30.

WalkCarroll on Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m., at South Branch Park

Discussions about the streetscape design along Main Street and Springfield Avenue will begin this fall. Join us for an overview of the project on September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mayor and Town Council meeting. Thanks to the State Highway Administration for funding this.

# Sykesville Parks & Recreation



## HAPPENINGS

Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee meets at the Town House on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. 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 or call 410-795-8959.

On **Saturday, September 13**, weather permitting, *How to Train Your Dragon* will be shown at Millard Cooper Park. The show begins around dusk – don't forget to bring your lawn chair. Parking is available at Sykesville Middle School; accessible parking is available at the park. Please, no pets or alcohol permitted. The **Snack Shack** is open during the movie and serves Hoffman's hand-dipped ice cream, hot dogs, freshly-popped popcorn, nachos and cheese, candy, drinks, and glow sticks.

SPARC would like to thank Sykesville's Police Department, Auxiliary Police, and Public Works Department. Sykesville Cinema and the Concerts in the Park series would not be possible without their support.

Please be sure to visit this year's Sykesville Cinema sponsors:

- ◆ Baldwin's Station
- ◆ Cork & Bottle
- ◆ Elaine Gossage Agency - State Farm
- ◆ E.W. Beck's Pub
- ◆ Olde Towne Motor Company
- ◆ Sykesville Main Street Rentals

The Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC) believes this is an ideal time to enjoy the parks and hiking/biking trails throughout our Town. Sykesville parks, trails are open every day from dawn to dusk. For more information go to [www.sykesville.net/sparc](http://www.sykesville.net/sparc).



### Sykesville Cinema final show for the year:

*"How to Train your Dragon"*

September 13, at dusk  
at Millard Cooper Park



*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped re-open Burkett Park playground by laying the weed barrier and spreading the mulch!*



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*Andra Dennett, Curator*

## At the Gate House

### FALL FUN!

As the kids gear up for another school year, remember that the museum can be a great resource for project research and high school community service hours. Visit during our regular hours or come see us at the Sykesville Fall Festival!

7283 Cooper Drive  
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#### Hours of Operation:

Friday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 6** - In honor of the ongoing 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Civil War, join us at the Gate House Museum to meet a soldier from the 1800's.

Examine genuine civil war artifacts, watch a demonstration of a musket being fired, and talk with our visiting soldier about his uniform, his weapons, and life in the army during the war.

Visit our website at [www.sykesville.net/gatehouse](http://www.sykesville.net/gatehouse) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/gatehousemuseum](http://www.facebook.com/gatehousemuseum) for more information on the museum and its mission.

## The Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse

### A TREASURE FOR EVERYONE!

*Saturday, October 4,  
Apple Open House from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

Back in its days of educating young people, the Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse was an integral part of the local African-American community. Today it is owned and operated as a historic site by the Town of Sykesville and it is there for all of us to enjoy. It has lessons to teach, along with doling out a lot of fun! If you have not visited the site, why not come by on October 4 for the *Apple Open House* from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Adults will enjoy a tour and refreshments, while the kids might try their hand at Fall Crafts and Games.

Can't make it October 4? Contact coordinator Pat Greenwald at [patgreenwald@comcast.net](mailto:patgreenwald@comcast.net) to arrange a personal visit. Consider a Schoolhouse venue for an upcoming meeting or celebration. Meaningful activities are available for School Groups, Scout Troops, and Church Groups. Let's get creative and make good use of Sykesville's unique treasure!



**ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE:** The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Town of Sykesville government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring service for effective communication or reasonable accommodation should contact Sandy Cazares, The Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, 410.795.8959, or email [scazares@sykesville.net](mailto:scazares@sykesville.net) for accommodations.

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# Sykesville Main Street

By Economic Development / Main Street Manager, Ivy Wells



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## PUT YOUR MONEY

### WHERE YOUR MAIN STREET IS...

**W**ant to help make a difference in your community? Join one of our Main Street Committees! Meeting schedules are listed under the Get Involved tab at [www.SykesvilleMainStreet.com](http://www.SykesvilleMainStreet.com)

**Design:** Take a look at our new History Window location in the State Farm window. Thank you to Elaine Gossage and Pat Greenwald for all of your help to make this happen. So what's up with the phone booth? This will be our new 3D bulletin board information kiosk. Look for walking tour maps, event and shop information & more.

**Promotions:** Chili Cook-Off & Beer Festival is Saturday, September 6, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot behind EW Beck's. Taste a variety of chili's and over 30 different craft beers. The Event is FREE, however, if you want to taste the beer or chili the cost is \$25 for 15 beer and/or chili tastings. There will be live music, crafts, pit beef & more. Visit the website for advance ticket sales. **Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 am – 5:00 p.m.** Entertainment, crafts, music, food, trains, & more. Parking for both events will be at South Branch Park.

**Green:** We hope everyone likes our new trashcan and recycle receptacles – hopefully adding more soon. Our Community Garden has added a solar dehydrator and a new information sign. We will be giving out sunflower seeds at the Fall Festival and adding another kid's craft activity. Our **Farmers Market continues through November 23, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** We have fresh produce, fruit, baked goods, meats, nuts, honey, pickles & more.

**Economic Development:** Wind River, a women's clothing store is now open on Main Street and Headmasters, a salon just for men will be opening soon on Main Street. Look for several of your favorite shops expanding into larger locations as well. Want to open a business downtown? Contact Ivy Wells at [ivy@sykesville.net](mailto:ivy@sykesville.net)

**Organization:** We are starting our Christmas Ornament series with the beautiful design created by artist John Kachik. We will only have 300 in this series. For a \$20 tax-deductible donation, to the Main Street Association, you will receive a beautiful ornament and certificate about the artist. We hope to raise \$3,000 to use to purchase more holiday decorations for Main Street.



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We have specialty "Forever" stamps to offer such as the Star Spangled Banner stamp, commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our National Anthem.

Here at the Old Main Line P.O. we have flat rate boxes for mailing packages and padded envelopes for special items. We have all your postal needs.

For the train and history buffs, we have new train related post cards and the second edition of "Sykesville Past and Present" for sale.

Don't forget our "Room with a View" over top the P.O. is available for rent for special occasions such as birthday parties, showers and meetings.

Stop by and say "hello" to your friendly staff: Jenn, Lori and Cecelia



## Old Main Line Visitors Center & Post Office

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# Sykesville Police Department

Michael Spaulding, Chief of Police



## AUTO THEFT PREVENTION

Preventing theft from a motor vehicle is easier than you think. You just have to remove the desire, ability and the opportunity. The following are some tips to help remove the opportunity:

- Roll up your windows before parking – do not leave them cracked open even an inch!
- Keep the vehicle locked when unattended.
- Keep packages, loose change, garage door openers and other valuables out of sight or in the trunk.
- Look for parking spaces in well-lighted areas.
- Install a motion activated spot light directed at your driveway.
- Avoid parking near dumpsters, large vans, or trucks that would obstruct the public view of your vehicle.
- Replace T-shaped door locks with straight locks.
- Install and use a car alarm.
- Use your garage, if you have one, and lock it.
- Avoid parking your vehicle on the street, if possible.
- Park in attended parking lots when available.
- Record serial numbers for cell phones, GPS units, computer equipment, and other items frequently used in your vehicle.
- If you see suspicious persons/vehicles in your neighborhood after dark, obtain descriptive information and notify the police.

Remember, a thief already has the desire and the ability to take your stuff – the only thing lacking is the opportunity. **Don't provide the opportunity!** Lock your doors, keep your windows up, and remove all inviting items from plain view.



On July 24, 2014 the Sykesville Police Department certified 4 officers for Bike Patrol – Instructor Jeffery Prawdzik, Auxiliary officer Tony Gioio and Jason Niver, Officer Nicholas Betcher and Officer Steven Deal

# sykesville **fall** events

**first fridays on main st:** sept 5, 7-9 live music by **the usual suspects**  
*wine – refreshments – shops open late*

**farmers markets:** baldwin dr. **every sunday 9-2 thru nov23**

**chili & beer festival:** sandosky rd & pkg lot **saturday sept6; 12-5**  
*chili cook-off/tastings - craft beers - food – music*  
*free to attend. \$25 for chili and/or beer tastings*  
Visit [www.sykesvillemainstreet.com](http://www.sykesvillemainstreet.com) for more details

**meet a civil war soldier:** gatehouse museum - **saturday sept6; 1pm**

**movie in the park:** cooper park **saturday, sept13**  
*'how to train your dragon' - movie starts at dusk - no pets permitted*

**walkcarroll:** south branch park, **sunday, sept21; 10am**  
*join mayor shaw for a walk through historic sykesville*

**apple open house:** sykesville colored schoolhouse **saturday, oct4; 1-4**  
*fall crafts, games, refreshments*

**main street fall festival:** **saturday oct11; 10-5**  
*entertainment, food, music, kids activities, train displays*

**ghosts & legends tours:** check [www.sykesvillemainstreet.com](http://www.sykesvillemainstreet.com) for dates & times

**pumpkin carving & trick or treat on main street:** **thursday oct30; 5-7**

**merry main street:** **saturday dec6**