



WINTER 2016

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

Happy Holidays!

Ian Shaw, Mayor

As yet another year comes to a close in our Coolest Small Town in America, on behalf of myself, the Town Council, and Our Entire Staff, let me wish you a safe, happy, and joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

I think a lot can be said of the progress we have made as a Town over the last few years. I continue to be amazed at all of the work so many talented people continue to do for our success. We have facilitated this process, and it is paying off. Still, much remains to accomplish, but I am proud yet again of the strides we have made and the passionate efforts of so many that have helped to make it all possible.

Our Main Street efforts, South Branch Park, Warfield, Streetscape Redesign for Springfield Avenue and MD 851 (Main Street), Gatehouse Programs, Colored School-house work, as well as day to day operations continue to move the Town forward to new and exciting places. We have been working on many projects at the same time, and it is good to see some of them finally come to fruition and others to expansion and revitalization.

Thanks to all of you who have been participating with us as the Town continues to move forward. Without the support of the people we serve many of the things we have been able to accomplish would not have happened. We all strive to remember each

day that we are here to serve our customers and they are our citizens. Thank you for your support!



Please be mindful of your speed throughout the Town, not just at the Holidays, but year round. We have had many concerns this year, yet again. This continues to be one of the Town's ongoing challenges. We have taken some steps toward better communication, as well as important enforcement

measures to be implemented going forward. Please remember to be courteous to your neighbors, and Don't Speed in Town!

The few minutes saved are not worth it. Our families and children are at risk when you speed. Be safe and avoid the tickets and points as well!

In closing, please join us for our Merry Main Street celebration as Santa arrives in Sykesville. Please also support all of our Town's Businesses first this Holiday Season where you can find some wonderful and unique gifts for all those on your list. Visit, dine, shop and relax on Maryland's Best Main Street - The Coolest Small Town in America - Sykesville!

Best wishes from our families to yours for a Safe & Happy holiday and a Prosperous New Year!

Sincerely, Ian Shaw - Mayor



See upcoming EVENTS on the back cover.

2016 Trash, Recycling, and Inclement Weather

CHRISTMAS TREE & YARD WASTE PICKUP

- Yard waste pick up will end on December 14. Please have your yard waste in the brown yard bags or bundle sticks together no more than 4 feet long.
- Christmas Trees will be picked up on January 11 and 18.
- Please have your tree by the curb the night before pickup
- Remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and other decorations before placing your tree at the curb.

Recycling pick-up for Town residents is Thursday. Please place it at the curb the night before the scheduled pick-up.



SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES INFORMATION

- The Town of Sykesville does not determine when a snow emergency is in effect. They are declared by the Maryland State Police.
- Visit their website to see declared snow emergencies:

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

- IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO STAY INFORMED
- When a snow emergency is declared for Carroll County, parking is prohibited on the following Town roads and courts.
- Sykesville Police Department will remove cars in violation *at the owner's expense*.
- A Town Citation may also be issued with fines ranging from a minimum of \$100 to \$500.

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
Willow Bottom Road*

* Newly Added

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.
- Don't push, plow, or blow the snow into the road.
- Please keep vehicles off the road during snow events.
- Please clear ice and snow from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowstorm.



SPEEDING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS – A Serious Concern

The Sykesville Police Department receives many complaints about speeding in our neighborhoods throughout the year. We take these complaints very seriously. Speeding in residential areas causes five basic types of harm:

- It makes citizens fear for children's safety;
- It makes pedestrians and bicyclists fear for their safety;
- It increases the risk of vehicle crashes;
- It increases the seriousness of injuries to other drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and bicyclists struck by a vehicle;
- It increases noise from engine acceleration and tire friction.

The SPD's plan to address this issue is based upon the "3 E's" of Traffic Enforcement:

1. Engineering – Involves looking at various traffic calming measures, roadway design features, placing additional road signs, etc. We have already placed new signs in many areas of our town and are considering other traffic calming measures as well.
2. Education – Involves conducting anti-speeding public awareness campaigns through various media such as town websites, Facebook, Newsletters, fliers, etc. We will be starting this phase of our response shortly.
3. Enforcement – Involves frequent and sustained enforcement efforts, via traffic enforcement initiatives and the use of a radar speed display trailer (which is on order). To-date, the SPD has conducted over 700 traffic enforcement initiatives within town since January 1st.

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.

The SPD is asking all of our residents to obey the speed limits in town, and to report speeding motorists with information as to the date, time, location, and description of vehicle and driver. Together, we can make our roadways safer for all of our residents and visitors!

OLD MAIN LINE VISITOR'S CENTER / POST OFFICE

- ◇ Santa's Mailbox is accepting letters! Deliver your letter by December 16 to receive a response.
- ◇ Holiday stamps include Nativity, Madonna/Child, Holiday Windows, Songbirds in Snow, and Peanuts.
- ◇ We will be open from 6-8 PM on December 3 for Santa's Arrival! Come have a cookie while you wait.
- ◇ Mrs. Claus, the Grinch, Elves, and Frosty will also accompany Santa's Arrival.

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 on December 13, so get out there and decorate your house.

HOLIDAY MOVIE!

During Santa's arrival, please join us in enjoying a winter movie, *Frosty the Snowman*! Mrs. Claus, the Grinch, Elves, and Frosty will also be in attendance! There will be carpet squares for children to sit on.



Sykesville WINTER Events

12 Hours of Christmas | December 2, 10am-10pm

Main Street Shops

Late Shopping Hours – Giveaways & Raffles – Support Neighborhood Business

Santa's Arrival | December 3, 6pm-9pm

Main Street and S&P Railway

Tree Lighting – Photos with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty, and others – Free Hot Chocolate – Holiday Movie

An Old-Fashioned Christmas | December 4, 2pm-4pm

Sykesville Historic Colored Schoolhouse

Schoolhouse refreshments – crafts – tours, all reflecting the history of Sykesville's unique schoolhouse treasure

Cookies on Main Street | December 9

Main Street Shops

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

Merry Main Street | December 10, 12pm-4pm

Sykesville Town House

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

First Fridays | Every First Friday, 5pm -

Main Street

Live Music – Sips & Snacks – Open Late

For more information check out:

www.sykesvillemainstreet.com

www.townofsykesville.org

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*Events are subject to change. Please visit the websites listed above for the most up-to-date information about all Sykesville events.