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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

Sykesville's summer winds down as fall approaches!

I wanted to say thank you to all who participated in this year's Town election. We had a great voter turnout as well as many quality residents who were seeking office and re-election. I am truly humbled to have been re-elected to represent you and our Town for an additional four years as Mayor. I look forward to continue working with everyone for our Town's ongoing success and prosperity.

Elections are challenging for us all, and it takes time to refocus our efforts back to the goals at hand and bring everyone back together. We had many talented individuals vying to represent our Town, and that speaks volumes of our success. They are to be commended as we were lucky to have this caliber of people with a willingness to serve our community. Many Towns are not as fortunate as Sykesville in this regard. I look forward to working with everyone as we continue to keep Sykesville moving in a positive, sustainable direction.



We continue to have many great challenges as well as opportunities for our Town ahead. As a result of our continued success we have faced some growing pains as well. As we confront each one head on we learn new and better ways to deal with challenges going forward. We truly are writing the book at times as we go. Many of the things we have done are new to us all and as a result it takes time to perfect and streamline so they run like a well-oiled machine. It can be frustrating at times, as new processes and structures are put in place to make things better for the future. I appreciate all of the people who consistently work hard for our Town's success and everyone's patience and cooperation as we learn better ways to operate each time. Government does seem to work slowly, but we as your elected officials need to follow processes to ensure compliance with rules and regulations that ensure our long term success.

It has been my goal as your Mayor to continue to consistently identify better, more efficient ways to operate across the entire Town's operations. This includes making sure we are constantly connecting all of the people and resources that we can for more efficient operation. Your input and participation have been extremely helpful for us to identify where we need to do better and what challenges exist. I encourage everyone to let us know where we can help as your elected officials. We are here to serve you!

On behalf of the entire Council and Staff, I wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable fall season and hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely, Ian Shaw, Mayor



See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

Important Information!

RECYCLING CHANGE

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, recycling will not be picked up on Thursday, November 23, 2017 or Thursday, November 30, 2017. Recycling will be picked up on Monday, November 27. Please place your bins at the curb the night before.

YARD WASTE

- The Town will pick up yard waste on your regular trash day. It will occur after trash pick up
- Carroll County prohibits yard waste from being mixed with standard household refuse
- Yard waste pick up will end on December 13, 2017
- Please have your yard waste in brown yard bags or bundle sticks together no more than 4 feet long
- Plastic bags will not be picked up
- Dumping of yard waste in the parks and other wooded areas in the Town or along the Linear Trail is prohibited.

PROTECT OUR PARKS AND RIVERS!

Dumping of yard waste in the streets, flood plains, parks, trails and Town property is prohibited. The parks and trails are used by all residents for recreation. Not only is this an eyesore, but it can be a hazard to safety and cause dangerous issues with water drainage during storms. Dumping yard waste can result in a Class C or Class D municipal infraction, depending on where the waste is dumped, which can carry fines up to \$500 per infraction, see §129-16 and §129-17 of the Town Code for more information.

Once you place leaves and grass trimmings in the street, they will end up in the storm drains and can release potentially harmful nutrients into the water. They can also clog the drains causing flooding. The drains are for water, rain, or snow only.



COMMISSION OPENINGS

Do you want to meet new people? Do you enjoy making things happen? Join one of the Town Commissions and help make a difference! The Planning Commission meets every first Monday of the month and helps guide plans for future developments, recommends zoning and subdivision regulations, approves site plans, and so much more! The Historic District Commission (HDC) meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to approve exterior alterations, new construction, or changes to landscape features in the Town's Historic District! HDC members should possess an interest in architecture, historic preservation, urban design or another related discipline. Both Commissions are involved with the development of the Warfield Commerce and Cultural Center! Contact the Town House at 410-795-8959 or town@sykesville.net for more information.

Thank you, everyone, for your patience as we repaved roads in Town and repaired the Linear Trail. We are striving to make this a better place to live and work each day.



The bike rack is located in Centennial Fountain Park near the Post Office for our visitors to safely (and elegantly) store their bikes while discovering the wonders of downtown Sykesville. It was forged by Eric King of Kings Forge and was funded by the Design Committee.



Personnel News

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Please say hi to our new Public Works Director, Derek Shreves. Derek joins the Town after having spent 28 years in the commercial trash business. When he is not hard at work making the Town look nice, Derek likes spending time with his five year old granddaughter, preparing family favorites on his smoker, and antiquing with his wife, Jeannell. If you see Derek or any of the other Public Works Maintenance Workers as they are around Town, please feel free to wave and say hi!



*From left to right:
Derek Shreves, Kevin Rommel,
Jeff Sandosky, Rico Liberto, Ian
Cornelius-Rommel,
Andrew Stickles, and
Jeremy Lindamore*

SYKESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL NEWS



Please join the Sykesville Police Department, Mayor Ian Shaw and the members of the Sykesville Town Council in congratulating Sergeant Shawn D. Kilgore as he approaches his 20th anniversary with the Sykesville Police Department! Sergeant Kilgore began his career with the SPD in August of 1997, and he has risen through the ranks to become the Patrol Supervisor for the Department. Shawn is currently the senior tenured officer at the SPD, where he has served faithfully and tirelessly over the last 20 years. If you see Sergeant Kilgore out in Town, please take a moment to congratulate him on reaching this impressive milestone in his law enforcement career! We are all proud to have Sergeant Kilgore helping to lead the Department.

Also please join the Sykesville Police Department in welcoming two new additions to the force:

Officer Michael Schlaerth joined the Department in October of 2016. Prior to that, Michael was a Sergeant with the Morningside Police Department in Prince George's County, where he was employed for approximately 8 years. In addition to his police experience, Michael has a BA in History from Arizona State University and a MA in Criminal Justice from University of Nevada – Las Vegas. He and his family recently relocated to Westminster, MD, and upon doing so, Michael began looking for a municipal police agency similar to Morningside Police Department where he could practice "Community Policing." Officer Schlaerth had quickly proven himself to be a valuable addition to the staff at the SPD, and we are fortunate to have him.



Officer Richard Green joined the Department in June of this year. Officer Green retired from the Baltimore Police Department after 20 years of faithful service to that city. Richard spent half of his career working in a District and the other half working in Juvenile Booking. He is also a Veteran, having spent 4 years in the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman. He brings a vast amount of training and experience to the table, and it is believed that he will be an asset to the Sykesville Police Department. He has a strong commitment to Community Policing, which will fit well with our model of policing. Richard has an Associate's Degree in Computer Networking, and is currently pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice Management. We are very pleased to have Officer Green as a member of our Police Department, and we are looking forward to seeing what he will accomplish.

The Gate House Museum

Andrea White has joined the staff as the Curator of Development. Previously, Andrea worked as a volunteer and designed and set up many of the new display pieces and cabinets. Andrea is a graphic artist and long-time friend of the museum.

**The Town would like to thank Leo Fiander for more than 20 years of dedicated service as a member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Fiander retired from the Planning Commission in July of this year. His countless hours of hard work have helped make this Town what it is today.
Thank you, Leo!**

Sykesville Police Department



SYKESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S JR. CSI PROGRAM

The Sykesville Police Department, in conjunction with the Freedom District Lion's Club Youth Outreach program, is proud to announce that its popular Junior CSI Academy will be held again this year on September 19, September 26, October 3 and October 10. This year marks the ninth year that the program has been held here in Sykesville. As in the past, the Academy will be held at the Sykesville Middle School, further strengthening the bond between our community, school and the Police Department. The program is held on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, culminating with the final exam and graduation on the last day.

Applications can be obtained in person at the Police Department, Sykesville Middle School, or on-line on our website at www.townofsykesville.org. Class size is limited, so it is recommended that you get your application completed and turned-in soon.

MARYLAND'S HANDS-FREE DEVICE LAW

While directing traffic during recent Town events, Sykesville Police Officers have noticed that many drivers are not in compliance with Maryland's Hands-Free Device Law. Education and enforcement initiatives are being planned for the near future in order to make our residents aware of this important highway safety issue in an effort to prevent serious injury or death to our residents who are operating motor vehicles as well as those who are walking, running or bicycling in Town.

Maryland law prohibits the use of a handheld cell phone and texting while driving.

- The law states, "A driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion may not use the driver's hands to use a handheld telephone other than to initiate or terminate a wireless telephone call or to turn on or turn off the handheld telephone."
- First-time offenders face a maximum of an \$83 fine, second-time offenders a maximum of \$140 fine, and third-time offenders a maximum of \$160 fine (all figures include court costs). Points cannot be given unless the offense results in a crash.
- Exceptions to this law are made in the case of emergency calls to: 9-1-1, a hospital, an ambulance service provider, a fire department, law enforcement, or a first aid squad.

Drivers also can be ticketed for writing, sending, or reading a text or electronic message while driving.

- The fine is \$70 and one point, and if the use of the device contributes to a crash, the fine may increase to \$110 and three points.

Jake's Law:

- A driver that causes serious injury or death while talking on a handheld cell phone or texting may receive a prison sentence of up to three years and a fine up to \$5,000.

FHS
Farm & Home Service, Inc.

7625 Main Street Sykesville, MD 21784 410-795-1234	9064 Frederick Road Ellicott City, MD 21043 410-465-0930	23000 Davis Mill Road Germantown, MD 20876 301-916-8147
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Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee



We are having a great year! There were a few event cancellations, and we are always sad to have our events rained out, but outdoor events are at the whim of Mother Nature. We were especially sorry to miss our friends from We Rescue Love due to the cancellation of *Secret Life of Pets*. We hope to bring them both back next year. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to bringing more events to our parks.

We had two very wonderful park clean up days on April 22 and 29. The volume of trash picked up was overwhelming. Thank you to all of our volunteers for that, and please stay tuned to our Facebook page for more park clean-up days. These, like all of our events, are great volunteer opportunities for teens in need of community service hours. Please contact us for more info.

Jones Park got a little facelift! Thanks to our wonderful volunteers the swing set was sanded, painted, and oiled. No longer rusty and squeaky. Also, coming soon to Jones Park is a new Mommy & Me swing. The swing has been ordered and hopefully to be installed this season. To help you find this little diamond in the rough we are also installing a new sign!

Linear Trail widening and reconstruction continues. During construction, a portion of this trail will be closed to the public. We appreciate your patience.

The inaugural year for Yoga in the Parks was a huge success. Special thanks to Sykesville Wellness Partners, Branches of Yoga, Tri-Sport Junction, and I Am Fitness for coming together to make this happen. Most sessions had over 50 participants! We are looking forward to a Fall session. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for details. Namaste.



Sykesville Cinema - With a 12 foot inflatable movie screen and a powerful audio and video system, the Sykesville Parks and Recreation Committee runs four quality movies each summer. Movies are shown on the second Saturday of each month throughout the summer.



Finding Dory was rained out in May and we are so fortunate to be able to show it on our rain date **Saturday, September 9**. We are also very proud to announce our first ever Halloween movie, **The Blair Witch Project**, on **Saturday, October 14**.



BLAIR WITCH

The committee meets at the Town House on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm. We are looking for additional members and volunteers who are interested in making a difference in our parks, recreational activities, and events for our families and friends. If you have a few hours a month to spare, please call 410-795-8959 or email parks@sykesville.net. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Sykesvilleparksandrecreationcommittee and get up-to-date information on events and projects.



Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office



The Train is chugging along down here at Old Main Line Visitors Center and Post Office! We continue to hear great feedback about how excited the Town of Sykesville is to continue to have a Post Office available in Town to do their business.

As always this location does its best to give you quick quality service with a smile.

Also, we make it a priority to get the stamps in that everyone is looking for whether it be for weddings or everyday. Please stop in for all of your postal needs this fall and remember us for the Holidays too. We will have all of the holiday favorites in early November.

As a reminder, we have our "Room with a View" for rent above the Post Office. It is a great place to have a meeting, small party or gathering.

Gate House Museum

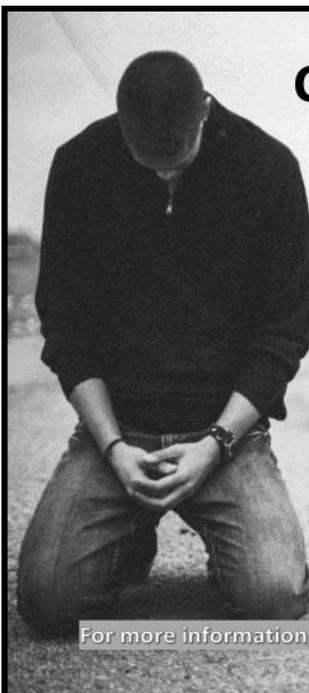
The Gate House recently participated in a Smithsonian-sponsored exhibit with the Carroll County Farm Museum and other county museums. It was a great success with many visitors and quite a few enthusiastic children enjoying the passport program and looking for the answers to four questions on our walls.

Almost everything in the museum has been redesigned. The current exhibit, which is called "100 Years Ago in Sykesville, the World War I Era" is loaded with information, interesting artifacts, wall displays, and photographs, and a small area devoted to World War I, which the US entered about 100 years ago. The exhibit will explore history through the year 1918.

On a sad note, two of the museum's most stalwart supporters and friends passed away within the past few months. Howard Smith and George Horvath have both been dedicated to the museum since its early days and both brought a great deal of knowledge, skill, and enthusiasm. Their names are everywhere throughout the museum. We'll miss Howard and George and extend our sympathies to their families.

7283 Cooper Drive
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410-549-5150
[http://www.townofsykesville.org/2157/
Gate-House-Museum-of-History](http://www.townofsykesville.org/2157/Gate-House-Museum-of-History)



Community Prayer Service
Let's come together to pray for those struggling with addiction in our community. All are welcome!

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
7538 Main Street Sykesville
October 10, 2017 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Tim Weber,
Carroll County States Attorney's Office, Drug Education & Treatment Liaison, and author of *Gutters & Roses*
Personal testimony from Jeremy Simons
Resources and support offered

For more information, contact St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 410-795-0714



Sykesville Main Street



<http://www.facebook.com/sykesville>

www.SykesvilleMainStreet.com

As we are gearing up to pumpkin season, we wanted to invite you to be part of our nonprofit. We are working closely with our awesome business owner community, the Town of Sykesville, and are composed of 5 committees. Our committees are always looking forward to include more community members while working on keeping Sykesville the Coolest Small Town in America!

- ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE builds consensus and cooperation within the Main Street Association, recruits volunteers, facilitates the website and newsletter, and fundraises.

Chairperson: Mary Ellen Will; sykesville.main.volunteers@gmail.com

- DESIGN COMMITTEE works to enhance the physical appearance of downtown and Main Street.

Chairperson: Dana Alonzi; dalonzi1@jhmi.edu

- PROMOTION COMMITTEE markets the downtown Main Street district by planning community events and assists with merchants' promotions.

Chairperson: Rachael Beck; rachael@ewbecks.com

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE works to strengthen and expand the district's economic base.

Chairperson: Rich Austin; rich@tremblinggiantmarketing.com

- CLEAN, GREEN, and SAFE COMMITTEE helps with sustainability and green options for our downtown, and assists the SYKESVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN and FARMERS' MARKET with promotion and maintenance.

Chairperson: Whitney Thompson; wthompson914@gmail.com

Farmers Market Manager: Beth Currence; ekcurrence@gmail.com

- OR sign up to be an EVENT VOLUNTEER, and we will notify you when help is needed at any of our community events.

Email Mary Ellen Will; sykesville.main.volunteers@gmail.com

What have we been up to this summer besides rocking the Farmers' Market?



We have restored the Main Street sign with State grant money and Green Committee volunteer time!

We are expecting the installation of our beautiful train bike rack (forged by Kings Forge's blacksmith Doug King) in Centennial Park near the Post Office.

The bike rack project was funded with the money raised by Sykesville Main Street volunteers at our past Chili & Beer and Art and Wine Festivals as an effort of our Design Committee to give back to the community.

Another project funded by Sykesville Main Street's Economic Development Committee and its sponsors is the "Carroll Business Academy". This popular workshop program welcomes guests wanting to learn about current topics. It is free to attend, and the next one is scheduled for September 13 (visit our Facebook page and its event schedule to save your seat or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/sykesville-main-street-8028078911>).

The Harvest Festival is right around the corner: October 8, 9 am to 2 pm, with more than 50 craft and food vendors, live entertainment, and a FREE kid's zone for families to enjoy. This year, we are welcoming the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Public Works Department (with vehicles), and the Town of Sykesville.

The Sykesville Craft Beer festival is scheduled for November 4 and promises to be tons of fun with many renowned local microbreweries, fantastic crafters and a bunch of amazing food trucks!

As always, we are looking forward to seeing you on Main Street!

Sykesville **FALL** Events

First Fridays on Main Street | Every First Friday | 6pm-9pm

Live Music – Sips & Snacks – Open Late

Sykesville Farmers' Market | Every Sunday | 9am-1pm through October 29

Parking lot down the hill from Little Sykes Railroad

Sykesville Cinema | September 9 – Finding Dory | October 14 – The Blair Witch Project | Movies begin at dusk | Miller Cooper Park

Harvest Festival | October 8 | 9am-4pm

Food & Craft Vendors – Live Entertainment – Petting Zoo – Circus School — and more!

Halloween on Main Street | October 26 | 5-7pm

Trick-or-Treat – Crafts & Activities – Costumes

Craft Beer Festival on Main Street | November 4 | 12-5pm

Local Craft Beer – Food Trucks – Live Entertainment

Gate House Museum of History

The Gate House Museum is open on Fridays and Sundays from 1pm to 5pm. Stop in and learn about local history!

Historic Colored Schoolhouse

The Historic Colored Schoolhouse is available for private tours by appointment. Please contact Pat Greenwald at schoolhouse@sykesville.net to schedule a tour. You can also visit the Schoolhouse during one of their events:

Open House | From the Forest Floor! | October 8 | 2pm-4pm

Join us in using nature's bounty to craft woodland animals, just as the pupils of yesteryear might have done!

Open House | O Christmas Tree | December 2 | 2pm-4pm

Join us in celebrating and children will learn how to create old-fashioned decorations for their holiday trees.

For more information check out:

www.townofsykesville.org • www.sykesvillemainstreet.com

Note: Events are subject to change. Please visit the websites listed above for the most up-to-date information.