PROJECT UPDATES

- **Market Street / Purnell Street Water & Sewer:** Final permitting is in process. Expect to have comments in April, bidding to follow afterwards (in April/May), which will take 2 months. Construction will happen when state and agencies approve, which may happen during August/September.

- **I&I Study:** Received all information from DBF and their study, which is now being put together in a report. Will be submitted to Public Works Director Randy Barfield and Town Manager Rick Pollitt within a week or two's time!

- **Byrd Park Flood Study:** As part of the annual budget process, Mayor Pruitt has formally asked the Worcester County Commissioners for nearly $99,000 to help begin implementing flood mitigation measures at Byrd Park based on the recent recommendations of a master study performed by Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Town engineers. He also requested consideration of some $63,000 to restore the basketball courts at the Park. We believe that Byrd Park is a true county resource as it serves a wide variety of county citizens and visitors alike and is the site of the annual County Fair!

- **Belt Street Upgrade:** Storm drain upgrade on Belt Street is going to be put in at same time as Market / Purnell Street upgrade, but may need to wait for the Town to acquire additional funds.

RESIDENTS!

Bulk-Trash Pick up day is April 10th!

What's Allowed:

- Limit of **2** large items (i.e sofa, dining table, box spring mattress, large televisions, etc.)
- Unlimited smaller items (but must be in bags/cans)
- Leave these items out on your curbside **after 5:00pm April 9th and before 6:00am April 10th**, as the pick-up will happen that Monday morning!

****Will not accept: liquids, poison, batteries, medical waste, tires, fuel tanks, electrical equipment, yard waste, wood, demolition materials, or anything harmful to the environment****

*Call us at **410-632-2080** or email **csullivan@snowhillmd.com** with any questions!*

The Town of Snow Hill wishes everyone a JOYOUS & WARM SEASON!

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APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE RIVER

News from the Mayor & Town Council

Budget Report: One of the primary responsibilities of the Mayor is to propose a balanced budget each year for the provision of all local governmental services. Many of the services provided from Town Hall are paid for by our property taxes. Water and sewer services and expenses are paid by separate water and sewer fees. Income from all of our taxes and fees must be able to pay the bills. For more than 20 years, there has been no adjustment to the property tax rate in Snow Hill, despite the rising costs of the services people expect from us.

A recent study of our water and sewer system indicates the cost of providing clean and efficient service is “upside down” when compared to the money we raise to pay for the service. In other words, our water and sewer systems are currently operating at a severe deficit. You cannot run your household budget this way, nor can the Town manage your community this way.

The Mayor’s budget proposes to increase the property tax rate by seven and three-quarter cents with every bit of it to be applied to public safety; our police and fire and ambulance services. The water and sewer fees must be increased dramatically in order to meet the expense of the service and to avoid repetition of the rash of recent violations of our operating permit at our wastewater treatment plant. For details of the proposed budget, visit our web site or stop by Town Hall for a hard copy. Our residents need to be informed of the challenge before us and become a part of the solution.

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Community Legacy Grant Update: On February 14, 2023, the Town opened the application submission period to commercial properties seeking up to $10,000 of grant funding. Five applications were submitted by the March 23 deadline. These applications will be reviewed and scored by a Scoring Panel staffed by John Rankin, Martin Sullivan and Barry Laws.

During the scoring process, commercial projects that improve the value and aesthetic/historical character of a structure will receive the Panel's highest consideration. Projects that improve accessibility, health and safety, and business development will also receive high scoring. The Panel will complete its evaluation work by April 13, 2023.

Contact the Town's Grants Administrator, John Rankin, at jrankin@snowhillmd.com with any questions!

Upcoming Mayor & Council Meetings

Content & Dates subject to change

TOWN HALL MEETINGS 2nd TUESDAYS @ 7PM:

- April 11
- May 9
- June 13

WORK SESSIONS First & Last TUESDAYS @ 4:30PM:

- April 4 *(CANCELLED!)*
- April 25 (public hearing on budget at 7:00pm at Old Fire Hall!)
- May 2
- May 30
- June 6
- June 27

Location: Old Fire Hall @ 212 West Green Street

Town Manager
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WANT TO REMAIN CONNECTED?

Town of Snow has social media platforms, regularly updated with the latest breaking information!

Find us on Facebook by searching: ***What's Happening in Snow Hill***

Find us on Instagram by searching: ***downtownsnowhill***

You can also find all this and more by visiting our website at: ***www.snowhillmd.gov***

Events!

Call us at 410-632-2080 and ask for Lorissa McAllister for more information!

Apr 1st, **Opening Day & Spring Egg Hunt**, Furnace Town, 10am

Apr 7th, **First Friday Arts on the River**, Downtown, 5-8pm

Apr 8th, **Easter Egg Hunt**, Sturgis Park, 11am-3pm

Apr 15th, **Free Admission for Locals,** Purnell Museum, 10am-4pm

May 5th, **First Friday Arts on the River**, Downtown, 5-8pm

May 13th, **Furnace Fairies & Gnomes**, Furnace Town, 10am

May 13th, **Community Bike Ride**, Byrd Park

May 20th, **Free Admission for Locals**, Purnell Museum, 10am-4pm

May 20th, **Dancing Under the Stars,** Sturgis Park, 7-10pm

June 2nd, **First Friday. Arts on the River,** Downtown, 5-8pm

June 10th & 24th, **Summer Music Series,** Furnace Town, 5-8pm

June 15th, **Free Admission for Locals,** Purnell Museum, 10am-4pm

June 17th, **Juneteenth Freedom Walk & Festival,** Byrd Park, 8:30am-3pm

June 17th, **Dancing Under the Stars,** Sturgis Park, 7-10pm

June 24th, **RiverFest,** Byrd Park/Sturgis Park/Gateway Park

Town Hall Closings:

April 7th: Good Friday

May 29th: Memorial Day

Observed June 19th: Juneteenth

DON'T GET LEFT HANGING DRY AFTER A PIPE LEAK!

Repairing unattended leaks can lead to costly repairs and expenses! Please check to make sure that all your lines are secure and in optimal working condition after the chilly winter we had. Check out the following graphic to see how large of a leak could cost you:

Water Loss In Gallons					
Leak this Size	Loss Per Day	Loss Per Month	Leak this Size	Loss Per Day	Loss Per Month
•	120	3,600	●	6,640	199,520
•	300	10,800	●	6,964	209,520
•	693	20,790	●	8,424	252,720
•	1,200	36,000	●	9,585	296,640
•	1,920	57,600	●	11,324	339,720
•	3,095	92,880	●	12,750	361,600
•	4,295	128,880	●	14,952	448,560

If you do have a leak and like an adjustment on your water bill, the Town can provide assistance:

- Get a copy of your plumber bill
- Notify the Town as soon as you can about the leak and repair, and provide the copy to Connie Watson either to her email at **clerk@snowhillmd.com**, stopping by our offices or by calling us at 410-632-2080