

# PROJECT UPDATES

## MARKET STREET

The Market Street sewer lining project is nearly complete. This grant-funded project will accomplish two major goals: protect the environment, specifically the Pocomoke River watershed, from infiltration of wastewater from the Town's sewer system and recapture capacity at our wastewater treatment plant, opening the doors to new development, benefitting our economic base and presenting new opportunities for growth in jobs and housing.

## PURNELL STREET

The Purnell Street Utility & Roadway Improvements Project has received the final go-ahead for funding by the Maryland Board of Public Works. A pre-construction meeting took place the first week of January with start of construction expected by mid to late February. A construction period of 90 to 120 days is anticipated with new water & sewer lines, curbing, drainage, street and sidewalk repairs all in the plan.

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

With the hiring of a new plant superintendent, Snow Hill continues to make great strides making repairs and bringing our plant into compliance with State permits. Much remains to be done and Town leadership and staff are working diligently to secure the necessary funding to make it happen.

## STURGIS PARK RESTROOM REHABILITATION

A second round of bidding has been opened for the grant funded rehabilitation of the Sturgis Park restrooms. Once a successful bidder is chosen, the project will commence and should be completed by late Spring.

Visit us anytime at: [www.snowhillmd.gov](http://www.snowhillmd.gov) 

## 2024 Election Year ON THE BALLOT MAYOR & EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL SEAT

### Interested in becoming a candidate?

Pick up a Candidate Certification packet at Town Hall.

### Last day for Candidate filing:

Submission deadline is March 28th, 2024 by 4:30pm

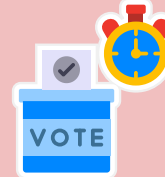
### Voter Registration Information:

Voter Registration deadline is March 28th, 2024

Voter Registration information is available at the Board of Elections

Contact by phone: (410) 632-1321 or visit their website:

[www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/board-elections](http://www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/board-elections)



## Election Day

**When: May 7th 2024**

**Where: Train Station**

200 Belt Street, Snow Hill, MD

**The Town of Snow Hill wishes everyone a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**Fellow  
Snow Hill  
Citizens**

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ECRWSS  
US Postage  
Paid  
EDDM Retail  
CRID 12414186

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024



# MESSAGE FROM THE RIVER

## News from Snow Hill Town Hall

### **Community Legacy Grant returns in the Spring!**

The Town has been awarded \$50,000 from the State's "Community Legacy" program for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The program has multiple purposes, including improvements to business properties; the development of mixed-use projects; streetscape improvements; and the acquisition or improvement of vacant buildings.

Projects that improve the value and aesthetic/historical character of a business structure will receive the highest consideration. Projects that improve accessibility, health and safety, and business development will also receive high consideration. Detailed information about eligible projects will be provided before the application period opens later this spring.

To stay abreast of this grant opportunity, keep an eye out for the following publicity channels which the Town will use to announce future developments: this newsletter; the Town's Facebook page ("What's Happening in Snow Hill"); Instagram; the outdoor kiosk in front of Town Hall; and the Town's webpage (snowhillmd.gov)

You may also contact the Town's Grants Administrator, Paul Bessette, at [pbessette@snowhillmd.com](mailto:pbessette@snowhillmd.com)

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**New 2024 Holiday Closing Schedule: Check it out on our website, our social media or pick-up a copy of it at Town Hall!**

**The Mayor and Council are here for you: Want to get in touch with leadership? Please contact any of our helpful elected officials with any concerns, ideas and questions you have!**

## Upcoming Mayor & Council Meetings

*\*Content & Dates  
subject to change\**

### TOWN HALL MEETINGS 2nd TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM:

- February 13
- March 12

### WORK SESSIONS First & Last TUESDAYS @ 5:00PM:

- January 30
- February 6
- February 27
- March 5
- March 26

Location: Old Fire Hall @ 212 West Green Street

**Town Manager**

Rick Pollitt

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**THE HUNT  
IS ON!**



Starting January 27th, hearts will go up around participating businesses in Snow Hill.

Hunt them down to be entered into a drawing for an amazing prize!

To celebrate, businesses will have extended hours on February 3rd!

Ballots are due by Feb 13th, and the winner will be drawn on Feb 14th.

Good Luck!

# Events!

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

Jan 27th, **Hunt for the Heart**, Downtown Businesses, 10am-4pm

Find all the **hearts** around local participating stores all across Snow Hill for a chance to **win** a Snow Hill Goodie Basket!



Jan 29, **Creative Aging with Care: Caregivers Information Session**, Snow Hill Library, 5:30pm

Feb 3rd, **Hunt for the Heart Kick-Off**, Downtown

Extended Downtown Business hours to celebrate the Hunt!

Feb 13th, **Ballots Due for Hunt** | Feb 14th, **Drawing Winner**

Feb 5th, **The Many Hues of Power**, Snow Hill Library, 5:30pm

Feb 17th, **Free Admission for Locals**, Purnell Museum, 10am-4pm

Mar 1st, **First Friday. Arts on the River**, Downtown, 5-8pm

Mar 6th, **Notable African American Women in History**,

Snow Hill Library, 5:30pm

Mar 16th, **Free Admission for Locals**, Purnell Museum,

10am-4pm

Mar 24th, **13th Annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast**,



Downtown Snow Hill, 1-5pm, **Ticket Sales Open Feb. 1st at 10am**

[www.snowhillchamber.com/annual-oyster-roast](http://www.snowhillchamber.com/annual-oyster-roast)

**Town Hall Closings:** Feb 19th: Presidents Day

Mar 29th: Good Friday

## Julia A. Purnell Museum Adds 1840s Painting to its Collection Dr. Cynthia Byrd Executive Director January 5, 2024

The museum has received the donation of a large mid-1800s painting depicting Jane Holland Townsend Quigg (1835-1913) and Mary Ann Holland Porter (1822-1861). The portrait is the gift of Helen Regan of Brunswick, Maine, a descendant of the family.

Mary Ann Holland Porter was the mother of James Porter Townsend (1856-1910). James was the cashier at First National Bank, and his wife Helen Jones Townsend was the sister of Dr. Paul Jones. The painter is unknown but was likely an itinerant artist. These artists often traveled with canvases prepared with the background scene completed and ready for the addition of the sitter. Museum staff are excited to display this piece of Snow Hill's history this winter!

