

**The Snow Hill  
River Current**

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**MEETINGS**

Monthly Town Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Train Station on Belt Street.

Work Sessions for the Mayor and Council are held the first and last Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm at the Train Station on Belt Street.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**FALL/WINTER 2016 EVENTS**

**September**

- 2 *First Friday Arts on the River*
- 17 *Ride To Sturgis motorcycle rally*
- 24 *Snow Hill Youth Fishing Derby, Byrd Park*

**October**

- 1-2 *Chesapeake Celtic Festival, Furnace Town*
- 1 *Free Admission for Locals Day, Museum*
- 1 *First Friday Arts on the River*
- 5 *Fun Walk, Byrd Park*
- 8 *FiberFest, Purnell Museum*
- 15 *Oktoberfest—Green Street*
- 22 *Flames at the Furnace Pig Roast, Furnace Town*
- 27 *Julia’s Birthday Party, Purnell Museum*

**November**

- 4 *First Friday Arts of the River*
- 8 *Fall Sausage Sale, Snow Hill Lions Club*
- 30 *Christmas Tree Lighting - Byrd Park*

**December**

- 2 *First Friday Arts on the River*
- 2 *Rotary Christmas Market, Old Firehouse*
- 3 *19th Century Christmas, Furnace Town*
- 4 *Victorian Christmas Celebration, Museum*
- 5 *Snow Hill Christmas Parade*
- 19 *Holiday Lighting Contest*



*Snow Hill*

**River Current**

Town of Snow Hill, Maryland

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**Get Your Motor Running  
with “Ride To Sturgis”**

**Ride to Sturgis**  
STURGIS PARK IN SNOW HILL

**GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNING!**

September 17, 2016 from noon to 4pm  
Downtown Snow Hill, Maryland  
Beer, food and great music on the Pocomoke River  
No attitudes, no weapons...just good fun!



[www.snowhillmd.com](http://www.snowhillmd.com)  
click on Events for more info  
or call 443-735-0957

**Come out on September 17, 2016 from Noon until 4:00pm!  
Downtown Snow Hill, Maryland...all on the Pocomoke River!**

**Beer, food and great music from “Harley Vincent and the  
Panhead Pickers”.**

**Mayor’s  
Message**



After a very hot summer, we are looking forward to cooler days as the children return to school. As we enter into the fall/winter season, I would like to encourage all residents to shop locally and support our local businesses, especially during the holiday season.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Byrd Park will kick off our winter festivities in town, followed by the First Friday Arts Stroll, the Victorian Christmas celebration at the Museum and the Snow Hill Lions Club Christmas Parade.

As always, I encourage you to attend our monthly town meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, as well as work sessions held on the first and last Tuesday of each month. We want to hear from you!

Thank you for taking a copy of this newsletter. Make sure to check out the Calendar of Events for fun ideas for you and your family.

Sincerely,

John “Charlie” Dorman  
Mayor, Town of Snow Hill.

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SNOW HILL  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Vacancies on Board and Commissions provide opportunities to maintain the vitality of our community.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please submit your name and contact information to the Town Manager for future consideration.

## VACANT & BLIGHTED BUILDING REGISTRATION

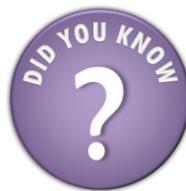
The Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 2016-01 “Vacant and Blighted Building Registration” in order to establish a mechanism to protect residential and commercial neighborhoods from becoming blighted through lack of adequate maintenance and to ensure the security of vacant properties.

Property owners are required to submit a registration form that includes their contact information and plan for their property (i.e. demolition, renovation, etc.).

Staff has mailed registration forms to all known vacant property owners. If you have a vacant property that has been unoccupied for more than 90 consecutive days, please contact Town Hall at 410-632-2080 to register your property.

### TOWN TRIVIA

Within Maryland, there is just one community named Snow Hill. However, 25 more communities in the United States that have the name of Snow Hill. These towns can be found in the following states: Alabama; Arkansas; Florida; Indiana; Kansas; Kentucky; New Jersey; North Carolina; Ohio; Tennessee; Texas; Virginia, and West Virginia.



### KNOX BOX DRIVE

KNOX and the Snow Hill Fire Department are working hand-in-hand to offer the best in fire protection and the finest in fast and secure emergency access.

#### Reasons to Install a KNOX BOX

1. Eliminate needless, costly forced entry damage that may not be covered by your insurance deductible.
2. Assure immediate building entry for firefighters without delay or waiting for building keys.
3. Protect inventory, equipment and supplies from unnecessary water damage caused by delayed sprinkler shut-off.
4. Satisfy local fire codes and emergency access ordinances.
5. Save time and aggravation by not having to drive to your building at 2:00am for a false alarm.
6. Over the last 35 years, KNOX-BOX has been the chosen solution in more than 11,000 communities nationwide—communities just like ours!

## OPEN FOR BUSINESS

**A Diamond on Pearl, 111 Pearl Street** - Local art and gift gallery, interior decorating, custom drapery and window treatments, wedding and event tuxedo rentals, and recycled and repurposed art.

**The Daily Brew Coffeehouse, 213 N. Washington Street** - Coffee shop serving caffeinated beverages, tasty treats and lunch specials.

**Green Pearl Contemporary Fine Art, 114 Pearl Street** - Studio and gallery of artist Paul Volker. Offering original paintings and postcard-size prints.



## TOY TOWN COMING SOON!

Toy Town plans to move into the former Mason's Opera House building on N. Washington Street. Richard and Debbie Seaton, who currently have their store located in Berlin have begun working on the building in Snow Hill. The business will offer antique toys and trinkets and should be opening in spring 2017.

## Purnell House Being Marketed

The Oscar Purnell House, owned by the Town of Snow Hill is accepting business proposals for use of the vacant building.

The building will be advertised in Architectural Digest and on the Town website, as well as social media.

Interested parties should submit a business proposal and construction plans for review.

Please contact Kelly Pruitt or Michael Day at 410-632-2080 for more information.

## SNOW HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

We are addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

The Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting Fire Prevention Activities during the week at local schools.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME NOVEMBER 6, 2016



## TOWN WEBSITE

The Town of Snow Hill website is a great source of information for events, meetings, and news.

Check out  
[www.snowhillmd.com](http://www.snowhillmd.com)



"LIKE" our page!

"What's Happening  
in Snow Hill"

### CONSTANT CONTACT

Interested in updates on events or activities in Town? Want to know of pending legislation? Sign up for updates on our website at [www.snowhillmd.com](http://www.snowhillmd.com).

Select which mailing list you would prefer:

Business—for business owners

Visitors—general information

Residents—services, meetings, and government

## WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!

With school in session, motorists are asked to use extra caution while traveling through town and near the schools. It is a violation to pass a school bus that has activated its flashing lights and/or an extended stop sign arm.

Make sure to slow down your driving speed when in a school zone. Be aware of the RED SPEED cameras that are located near the schools.

The following safety tips can be used by parents and children:

- Walk on the sidewalk, when available.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Wear a helmet if you are riding a bicycle to school.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.

The Mayor and Council wish each student a successful school year.

### CONTACT THE TOWN

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"Rivers know this:  
there is no hurry.  
We shall get there  
someday."

~ A. A. Milne



### Volunteer Firefighter & EMS Providers Needed!

Contact the Fire  
Department for  
info.

410-632-2110

## Snow Hill Youth Fishing Tournament

Saturday, September 24, 2016

9:30am - 11:30AM



Byrd Park, Snow Hill

Pre-registration is preferred.  
Anyone registered by September 22nd  
will be entered to win a special prize!

Forms available at Town Hall and  
online at [www.snowhillmd.com](http://www.snowhillmd.com)

On-site registration  
9:00am

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED  
MORNING!

NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED!

PRIZES GIVEN  
FOR 1ST CATCH AND  
SMALLEST AND LARGEST  
FISH

LUNCH &  
PRIZES  
11:30am - 12:30pm



Sponsored by the OC/Berlin Optimist Club and the Snow Hill Police Dept.



# WINTER WEATHER



## Snow Removal on Streets

Winter is soon approaching and the Public Works staff is preparing for the snow season. Residential streets will be plowed and salted during significant snowfall. Snow removal is scheduled and prioritized to complete the downtown streets and main residential streets first. The State Highway Administration is responsible for clearing all state roads in town.

When bad weather is forecast, please don't park your vehicles on the street. The trucks that are plowing snow will need ample room to clear the roads. If you notice sections of the road that are extremely icy or have high drifts please call Town Hall during business hours at 410-632-2080.

## Town Code - Removal of Snow and Ice

The Town Code, Section 167-7 states that any occupant or owner of a property is required to keep the sidewalks in front of, or adjacent to their premises cleared from snow and ice which will impede passage.

Business district sidewalks should have sidewalks cleared within 4 hours after the cessation of any snow fall, freezing rain or sleet, or by the beginning of business hours of the next day, which every period is shorter.

Residential sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the cessation of snow fall, freezing rain or sleet.

## Trash Collection and Snow

During a storm, the Town's priority is keeping our residents safe. Collection of trash and/or recycling may be delayed due to the removal of snow. Please be patient with us. In the event of a heavy snow storm, trash and/or recycling may not be picked up until the next scheduled day.

## TOWN CLEANUP DAY

### October 24th

### Free To Town Residents

The Mayor and Council of Snow Hill take pride in our community and are giving residents the opportunity to spruce up their property.

We are offering pick up of regularly discarded materials, appliances, mattresses, box springs and furniture.

We will NOT pick up any liquids, poison, batteries, medical waste, tires, fuel tanks, electrical equipment, yard waste, wood, demolition materials, or anything that can possibly harm the environment.

All small discarded items must be in proper containers, such as garbage bags or cans.

All items must be placed curb side no later than 6:00am

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**All Life Threatening Emergencies**

Dial 9-1-1

**Police - Non-Emergency Number**

410-632-2447

**Water/Sewer After Hours**

410-632-1311

# BECOME INVOLVED WITH YOUR TOWN

## Boards and Commissions

**Vacancies on Boards and Commissions provide opportunities to maintain the vitality of our community. If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please submit your name and contact information to the Town Manager for future consideration at [kpruit@snowhillmd.com](mailto:kpruit@snowhillmd.com).**



## Interested in running for Elected Office?

Anyone interested in running for elected office must file a Certification of Candidacy with the Board of Elections Supervisors before the end of business day on the last day of March prior to a Town election.

Candidates for Mayor or Town Council must meet the following requirements:

- Must live in town a minimum of one (1) year prior to the election
- Must be a qualified voter in Snow Hill
- Must be a permanent resident within the town limits
- Must be at least eighteen (18) years old
- No convictions of common law felonies or of embezzlement, bribery, extortion, subordination of perjury, treason, or perjury
- Parties running for Town Council must live in the district in which they file for office

Contact Town Hall with any questions you may have.

## HALLOWEEN

### TRICK OR TREATING

The Town of Snow Hill will be holding Trick-or-Treating on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 5pm-8pm. This event is intended for children ages 12 and under.

The Town Code states that "it shall be unlawful for any person over twelve (12) years of age to appear in or upon any of the streets, highways, alleys, public parks or other public places in the Town of Snow Hill in any mask or disguise, whereby the identity of such person is concealed, without permission of the Chief of Police".

Parents may take their children for candy scanning at the front entrance of the Court House from 6pm-8pm.

North Washington Street will be closed between Federal and Belt Streets from 5pm – 8pm.

We encourage everyone to remember traffic law and to walk safely through town. Make sure your children stay with parents or friends.

If you see any suspicious activity or have any concerns, please contact 9-1-1 for assistance.



## SNOW HILL ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST



February 26, 2016

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Firehouse on Green Street



## Shop Snow Hill for the Holidays

The busiest shopping season of the year is upon us! Don't forget to Shop Snow Hill to help keep sales tax dollars local.

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Town offices will be closed on the following days in observance of National holidays:

October 10, 2016

November 8, 2016

November 11, 2016

November 24-25, 2016

December 23, 2016 (closing at noon)

December 26, 2016

### RECYCLING CHANGE

No recycling collection will be done on Thursday, November 24th. Collection will be done on Wednesday, November 23rd.

### FREEZING PIPES

Public Works wants to remind you that when temperatures fall below 20 degrees to please let your faucets on a slow trickle to avoid freezing pipes and potential pipes bursting.



*"I had the privilege of living most of my life in a small town." ~ Sarah Palin*

### DO YOUR DUTY! CLEAN UP THE "DOODY"!

Dog waste is one of the easiest pollutants in our water ways to prevent. Dog waste on the ground does not disappear. Rainwater washes it into our streams and eventually into the bay and ocean. Pet feces often carry bacteria, such as e-Coli, viruses and parasites that end up in our waterways. Side effects for unsuspecting swimmers can include infections, diarrhea and rashes. Nutrient rich waste can also kill marine life.

Scientists estimate that pet waste contributes between 20-30 percent of the water pollution in America!

Take the following actions to help protect our waterways:



**Pick up after your pet:** Flushing waste down the toilet is best because it will be treated at the wastewater plant.

**Bag your pet waste:** Bag it and put in your trash receptacle if you cannot flush it. Carry a bag dispenser on your leash.

**Spread the word:** Tell your friends and neighbors about the harmful impacts of pet waste and how they can better the environment by picking up behind their pets.



## SNOW HILL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join us Wednesday, November 30th, at 5:30pm for our Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony in Byrd Park. Celebrate the beginning of our holiday season with the singing of carols, decorating the Town tree with bows and sipping hot cocoa. Santa will arrive and kids can gather around for a reading of "Twas The Night Before Christmas". The Christmas tree will be illuminated, along with the beautiful display of holiday lights around the park.

The downtown lights will be lit, as well.

### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Live Christmas trees will be collected curbside on Monday, January 2, 2016 and Monday, January 9, 2016. Residents are reminded to place the tree on the curb no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection and to remove all decorations, nails, stands and plastic bags.



## FiberFest!: Purnell Museum Presents Annual Arts Festival

The Julia A. Purnell Museum is pleased to present FiberFest!, its annual textile arts festival, to take place on the museum grounds on Market Street in downtown Snow Hill on Saturday, October 8 from 10am-4pm. Those who love to wear, display, or collect beautiful, handcrafted items will find plenty to enjoy, with vendors offering art pieces, clothing, and home décor items perfect for holiday gifts. Fiber artists, including knitters, crocheters, quilters, weavers and spinners will find a wide array of specialty supplies. Throughout the day there will be sheep-shearing and demonstrations of dyeing and spinning wool for all to enjoy. Free craft activities for children round out a full day of fun.

“Our FiberFest is a yearly destination for artisans and art lovers across Delmarva,” says Dr. Cindy Byrd, the Purnell Museum's executive director. “They look forward to greeting old friends and seeing wonderful new crafts each year.”

The museum's annual textile art exhibit, the Delmarva Needle Art Show & Competition will be on display at the museum during FiberFest, and the winners of the competition will be announced at a 1pm Ribbon Ceremony. Festival admission is free, and the museum will be open and free for the day as well. For more information, find us on Facebook or contact the museum at 410-632-0515.



## Worcester County Recreation & Parks

### Fall/Winter Youth Activities

#### Youth Soccer

Sat, Mon, & Wed

Sept. 10—Oct 29

John Walter Smith Park

Ages 3 - 8th Graders

\$30 per person

(\$25 second child)

#### Youth Basketball

Saturdays

September 10—November 12

Grades K-1: 9am-10am

Grades 2-3: 10am-11am

Grades 4-5: 11am—12pm

\$30 per person

#### TODDLER GYM

Tuesdays

September 20—December 13

10:00 am—11:00 am

Ages 18—48 months

\$30 per child

\$25 each additional child

#### Little All-Stars

Spike Express Volleyball

After School Track

Kids Zumba

Check in November for these winter activities!

#### Snow Hill Lions Club Annual

##### Sausage Sale

November 8, 2016

All sausage is sold through pre-orders.



Contact a Lions Club member.

## SNOW HILL OCTOBERFEST



October 15th, 2016

11am

Green Street

Featuring the Frank Nanna "CowPolkas"

German Food & Seasonal Beer

In case of rain, the event will move into the Firehouse on Green Street.

All ages welcome!

Contact 410-632-2144 to register or for more information.

[www.WorcesterRecandParks.org](http://www.WorcesterRecandParks.org)



## SNOW HILL LIBRARY

### STORY TIME

**Ages 2-5**  
Thursday's 10:30 am

September 1, 15, 29  
October 6, 20  
November 17, 19

### PLAY TIME

**Ages Infant–5 yrs.**

Parents and children explore educational toys together in an interactive, free play program.

September 22nd 10:30am  
October 27th 10:30 am

### STEAM Story Time

**Ages 2-5 years**

November 3 10:30am Stone Soup  
November 9 3:30pm Paper Airplane Science

### STEAM PM

**Ages 6 & up**  
Monday 3:45pm

Ben Franklin, America's Inventor

### YOUNG AND RESTLESS

**Ages 3–7**

Thursdays 10:30 am

October 13 Experiment w/ Color & Light  
November 10 Magnet Fun

### TWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

**Ages 10-13**

Wednesday, October 19th  
5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Chance to win cool prizes!

### Halloween at the Library

October 31st  
4:00pm - 6:30pm

Drop in for Halloween candy, spooky games, and show of your costumes!

### "Talk Like A Pirate" Party

**Ages 3 - 13**

September 19th 4:00pm

Come dresses as a pirate, play games, win prizes and have pirate themed snacks!

## ADULT WORKSHOPS

*Screen Painting*  
With John Iampieri  
October 13 1:00pm

Must register to attend

*The Corner Shoppe Chef*  
November 7 2:00pm

Learn simple recipes to enjoy!

## DELMARVA BIRDING WEEKEND

JANUARY 27-29, 2017



Questions about the Delmarva Birding Weekend?

Email [dlitedirector@comcast.net](mailto:dlitedirector@comcast.net)  
or [marshhawk67@gmail.com](mailto:marshhawk67@gmail.com)

## CHESAPEAKE CELTIC FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 1-2, 2016

During the weekend of October 1 & 2, 2016 the Chesapeake Celtic Festival will once again magically transform Furnace Town into Brigadoon with flags and banners flying, sounds of bagpipe music and dancing feet, the soft touch of wool from sheep and alpacas, and the wonderful smells and tastes of Celtic food and drink.

### Daily Admission:

\$15.00 age 19 and up

\$5.00 age 4 - 18

FREE for ages 3 and under

\$5.00 Military with ID.

\$7.00 Adult / \$3.00 Child for Nature Conservancy and Furnace Town members

For more information visit [www.celticfest.net](http://www.celticfest.net).



The Delmarva Paddling Weekend will be held September 30 through October 2, 2016. Excursions and clinics by kayak, canoe and stand-up paddleboard will take place on the Nanticoke and Pocomoke Rivers, Broad Creek and Nassawango Creek, the mill ponds of Western Sussex County, DE, and Chincoteague Bay near Snow Hill, MD.

Participating paddlers will be helping local conservation efforts by promoting outdoor recreation on Delmarva's waterways. Paddlers, both novice and experienced, can make an important statement about the economic value of low-impact tourism on the Peninsula. Paddlers are encouraged to remind local businesses that they are here to enjoy Delmarva's natural areas and world-class paddling experiences.

To find out more contact us at:

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Dave Wilson – [marshhawk67@gmail.com](mailto:marshhawk67@gmail.com) – (443) 523-2201

## BE MINDFUL WHEN YOU MOW

The Town of Snow Hill needs help from you to keep grass clippings and leaves off our streets and out of our river. Left in the street, grass clippings and leaves not only are an eyesore and a hazard to cyclists and motorists, they damage our creeks and rivers, clog storm drains, cause flooding, and increase maintenance costs. They also can lead to citations and fines.

Street runoff of rainwater washes grass clippings, leaves, and other debris into storm drains and neighborhood storm water conveyance systems. This material not only clogs up the system, it ends up in our river where it decays, using up oxygen and releasing nitrogen and phosphorus – fertilizers that feed algal blooms and can kill fish and other aquatic life.

For these and other reasons, Town code prohibits leaving your yard waste in the street, and Town inspectors can issue citations and fines to residents and contractors who do not comply.

There are simple ways to maintain attractive landscapes without casting yard waste into the street:

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn (they are fertilizer)
- Direct mowers to cast clippings away from pavements when possible
- Sweep or blow clippings from pavements back onto the lawn
- Mix grass clippings with leaves and soil to make compost, a soil conditioner
- Properly prepare leaves and other yard waste for curbside pickup by the Town

We appreciate your help keeping the streets of Snow Hill clean and our storm water system flowing. It takes the whole community – citizens, businesses, and government – working together to make the difference!



## SNOW HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

James Pilchard,  
Chief of Police



Worcester County  
Warriors Against Opiate  
Addiction

A community group that is raising awareness of the growing heroin problem in the area.

Check their website for local meeting dates and times.

[www.wocowarriors.org](http://www.wocowarriors.org)

or

Check their Facebook page for information.

### DISTRACTED DRIVING

Texting and phone use are leading causes of distracted driving. The law in Maryland prohibits the use of a handheld phone while driving. This includes the writing, sending or reading of a text or electronic message. Avoid a fine and park the phone before you drive.

All distractions endanger drivers, passengers and pedestrians. When you make a call on a hand-held phone you are not only holding and looking at the phone, you are also dialing, listening and thinking about the conversation.

Driver distractions include:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone or smartphone
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video

Remember distractions are:

- Visual - looking at something other than the road
- Auditory - hearing something not related to driving
- Manual - manipulating something other than the wheel
- Cognitive - thinking about something other than driving



### FOOTBALL SEASON SAFETY

Are you ready for some football? As the season kicks off into gear, take a few minutes to remember the laws that could put a damper on your tailgating and game day festivities.

**Open Containers:** Don't let your cold drink land you in hot water. It is unlawful to have an open container in your vehicle or on your person while in public, unless at an approved event.

**Drinking and Driving:** If you plan on drinking before or after your gathering, plan to have a designated sober driver or alternative method of transportation.

**Public Intoxication:** Excitement on game day, mixed with alcohol consumption, can lead to behavior that escalates beyond that which is safe. Many times a police officer can charge a person with public intoxication and disorderly conduct together.

We encourage you to enjoy football season but just be mindful of your behavior to avoid causing disturbances and being stopped by the police. Don't let too much fun lead to charges on your record.



## Recently Adopted Legislation

### **Ordinance No. 2016-01 Vacant or Blighted Building Registration**

This Ordinance establishes a registration policy for vacant and/or blighted residential or commercial properties in town.

### **Ordinance No. 2016-05 Budget 2016-2017**

This Ordinance adopts a budget for the FY 2016-2017. The tax levied for fiscal year 2016-2017 shall be \$0.86 per \$100.00 of assessed value on real property and \$1.82 per \$100.00 of assessed value on corporate personal property and is incorporated in the budget as such.

### **Resolution No. 2016-02 Amusement Tax**

This Resolution changes the amusement tax rate from the current 2% to 5%.

### **Resolution No. 2016-02 Charter Amendment - Elections**

This Resolution is a Charter Amendment, changing the conduct of elections by removing the option of write-in candidates for elections.

### **Resolution No. 2016-05 Memorandum of Agreement—Toy Town**

This Resolution approved the disposal of the former Opera House property by conveyance to Richard and Debbie Seaton, subject to the Memorandum of Understanding dated July 12, 2016 and signed by the Mayor and Council and Richard and Debbie Seaton

## Snow Hill 4th Annual “Walk for Awareness”

The Town of Snow Hill and the Worcester County Health Department are hosting the 3rd Annual Fun Walk in Byrd Park. The walk takes place on Wednesday, October

7, 2016, with a rain date of  
Thursday, October 8, 2016.

Registration begins at 5:00pm,  
followed by the walk at 5:30pm.

“Making Strides for Awareness” is our annual theme, providing information and awareness for breast cancer, domestic violence and healthy lifestyles. Prizes will be given to the first 50 registrants, as well as bags of information provided by the Health Department.

A Tai Chi demonstration will be  
provided, followed by a warm up  
before the 1.1 miles walk around  
Byrd Park. Make sure to wear  
comfortable clothes and shoes and  
join us for a fun walk!

For more information or to register,  
call 410-632-0056.



## HURRICANE SEASON

As many of us know, hurricane season runs through the end of November. Town staff works diligently to prepare for storm events and prepares needed equipment and vehicles for emergency response needs. When a weather event occurs, we ask that you refrain from putting your trash and/or recycling curbside, as collection will not occur during a storm and high winds can cause a great deal of damage and debris issues.



## TREE TRIMMING

Snow Hill is a beautiful community filled with tree-lined streets. With the location of most vegetation, it is crucial that property owners maintain their trees and shrubs to avoid problems with vehicle and foot traffic. Overhanging trees are a hindrance to the street sweeper; snow plow; garbage truck; school buses and emergency response vehicles. Please make sure to keep your trees, as well as shrubbery, trimmed to avoid any concerns with the streets or sidewalks.



## BULK TRASH

Furniture, large  
household items, and  
other items that cannot fit  
into your trash roll cart  
are considered to be bulk  
trash.

These items can be  
collected for a fee.

If you wish to schedule a  
bulk pick up, please  
contact Town Hall at  
410-632-2080.

Public Works will provide  
a price quote. Collection  
for bulk is on  
Wednesdays.



**Notes from the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce:**

Greetings from the Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce. We enjoyed a fabulous spring and summer and look forward to what the upcoming fall and winter have to offer.

The Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce continues to grow and thrive. In recent months several new businesses joined our membership that we are excited about including A Diamond on Pearl, Green Pearl Contemporary Fine Art, Chesapeake Utilities, the Lower Shore Land Trust, the Mar-Va Theater, Simplistic Design LLC, Vintage Pink Quilt Studio, Joe Kane, the Snow Hill Library and the soon to open Olde Town Candy Company. M&T Bank has also rejoined our membership. For more information regarding membership in our organization please visit our website at [www.snowhillareachamber.com](http://www.snowhillareachamber.com). On July 2, 2016, we held our annual fireworks event. A big THANK YOU goes to our sponsors for their generous support of this event: the Town of Snow Hill, OC/Berlin Optimist Club and an anonymous donor. Thanks also to the Snow Hill Police Department, Snow Hill Fire Department and the Public Works Department for your assistance in providing a safe environment for our event. The event was well attended and our non-profit vendors were able to raise some funds for each of their organizations. The Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce takes great joy in providing this family friendly event to our community each year.

Congratulations to Gary Weber! Gary won our "Explore Snow Hill Raffle" on August 6, 2016, valued at over \$1,000.00. Profits raised from this raffle will be used to help offset the expense of the annual fireworks event.

The Chamber Bar will be set up at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Oktoberfest on October 15, 2016. We look forward to this event hosted by the town of Snow Hill and hope you will come out and enjoy it.

The annual holiday lighting contest will be held on December 19, 2016. Light up your homes and businesses to win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons and bragging rights! 1<sup>st</sup> place businesses also receive one year free membership in the Snow hill Chamber of Commerce.

Last but not least don't forget to mark your calendars now for the Annual Oyster Roast held on February 26th. Tickets will go on sale January 1, 2017, and they sell out very quickly!

If you would like more information about the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce or would like to join our membership please visit our website at [www.snowhillareachamber.com](http://www.snowhillareachamber.com), call (410)632-0809 or email [jlmoyer212@comcast.net](mailto:jlmoyer212@comcast.net).

Please don't forget to shop local as the holiday season approaches! Enjoy your fall and winter and thank you for your continued support!

Lisa Moyer  
Executive Director



# TOWN OF SNOW HILL 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST

JOIN THE FUN & WIN  
RESIDENTS & BUSINESS OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENTER

2016

**REGISTER**

- Please submit completed registration form & a payment of \$15 to Town Hall.
- You will receive your scarecrow frame 6' H x 3' W
- Registration deadline SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

**SCARECROW DESIGN SPECS**

- Entries **must include straw** in some way.
- Scarecrows must have a name.
- Materials must be durable and constructed to withstand all weather conditions.
- All ornamentation must be securely attached.

**SET-UP INFO**

- All Scarecrows will be displayed downtown.
- You will be contacted with a location and number.
- Scarecrows can be installed October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Bring along all necessary tools to set up your scarecrow.
- Equipment and tools will not be provided.

**VOTING**

- Voting will take place on First Friday, October 7th & Oktoberfest, October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ballot boxes Can Be found in the downtown store fronts.
- The judging of the scarecrows will be "People's Choice"!
- Winners will be awarded cash prizes!
- Winners to be announced during Oktoberfest 2016!

I understand that the Town of Snow Hill is not responsible for the maintenance of my scarecrow during this contest. The Town is not responsible for any damage, vandalism or theft incurred during the contest. The Town may use photos of entries and names of entrants for promotional purposes. Entrants must keep scarecrows on display from October 2 – October 31, 2016. Entries must be removed by November 4, 2016 or they will be sent to the pumpkin patch (the trash)!

I have read and understand the contest rules:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Signature)

REGISTRATION

Name/Business \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Scarecrow Name \_\_\_\_\_

2016 REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

SUBMIT FORMS & \$15 TO:

Town of Snow Hill  
103 Bank St. Snow Hill, MD 21863

Questions Please Email:  
[day@snowhillmd.com](mailto:day@snowhillmd.com)