

QUEENSTOWN NEWS

APRIL 2023

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER -

- Representatives of the State Highway Administration will be meeting with the Commissioners at the April 11 Commissioners meeting to discuss ongoing speeding concerns within Town and possible solutions. Residents as always are invited to attend all public Town meetings.
- The Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm on Ordinance 23-01 titled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF QUEENSTOWN TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE TOWN PROCUREMENT POLICY TO GOVERN PURCHASES BY THE TOWN". A copy of the Ordinance is available at queenstown-md.com and is available for inspection and review at the Queenstown Town Office during the normal business hours of 8:30 am until 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.
- To stay up to date, we welcome you to attend a Town Commissioners and/or Planning Commission meeting, or view meeting minutes posted on our website.

EVENTS IN TOWN -

- **YOGA AT THE PARK** - Taught by a certified yoga instructor, relax your body and reduce your stress with an all-levels yoga class at the Queenstown Community Park. The cost is \$8.00 per person/per class (cash or Venmo). Please bring your own yoga mat/towel and water. Classes will be weather permitting from 9:15am-10:00am on the following Saturday mornings: April 15 & 29, May 13 & 27, June 10 & 24. For more information contact Samantha at dmvyoga@gmail.com.
- **MARYLAND HOUSE AND GARDEN PILGRIMAGE TOUR** - The tour will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 10 am to 5 pm and will include stops at the Queenstown Colonial Courthouse and Bowlingly along with stops at sites in Centreville and Churchill locations. Please see other side of newsletter for more information.
- Have an upcoming event in Town you want to get the word out about? Have suggestions for events you'd like to see in Town? Let us know! Comments can be sent to townoffice@queenstown-md.com.

2023 LANDING PERMITS AVAILABLE - Landing Permits for the Skipjack Cove Landing Area for 2023 are now available for purchase. Applications are available on the town website or at the Town Office. Permits are \$25. Applicants are required to be residents or property owners in the incorporated limits of Queenstown. Vehicles parked at or launching vessels from the landing must display a valid 2023 permit.

SIDEWALK PARKING PROHIBITED - We would like to remind all residents to keep sidewalks clear of obstructions to provide safe walking paths throughout the town. Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3.5 (A) of the Town Code prohibits parking on sidewalks by any vehicles/trailers/etc. We also ask residents to be sure to avoid blocking driveways or mailboxes when parking along streets in the town.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - A reminder as Spring weather arrives that lawns must be maintained at a height of 8 inches or less. Please avoid blowing leaves and cut grass onto roadways and sidewalks. Also, a reminder that open burning (including leaves) is prohibited within the Town. The Town offers bulk pickup service every Monday and will gladly collect any bagged leaves, grass and yard debris left out for pickup.

DID YOU KNOW?? - Queenstown Town Code Chapter 14, Section 14.12 requires property owners to have performed, at their expense, certain water and sewer inspections to be completed prior to the sale or transfer of any property that receives Town water and/or sewer services. These inspections are the seller's responsibility to have completed and the Town must be provided with results of any inspections. Please contact the Town Office or visit www.queenstown-md.com/services/water-sewer/#selling-your-house for more information if you are planning on selling/transferring your property to a new owner.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETINGS

Planning Commission:		
Wednesday, April	5,	7 pm
Wednesday, May	3,	7 pm
Town Commissioners:		
Tuesday, April	11,	4 pm
Wednesday, April	26,	6 pm

Dates subject to change.

More info at: www.queenstown-md.com/events-meetings/#meetings

UPCOMING SCHEDULED RECYCLE DAYS

Wednesday,	April	12
Wednesday,	April	26
Wednesday,	May	10
Wednesday,	May	24

More info at: www.queenstown-md.com/services/collection-services/

TOWN OFFICE & SERVICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Good Friday - Apr. 7

Town Office will be closed Friday, April 7 for Good Friday. Bulk and trash services will run on normal schedules.

More info at: www.queenstown-md.com/events-meetings/#calendar

Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour

Queen Anne's County

Queenstown, Centreville, Church Hill

Saturday, May 13, 2023 – 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Complete information at: www.mhgp.org/tours

To purchase tickets and begin the tour, start at Queenstown Town Hall, 7013 Main Street, Queenstown 21658. Parking is available in the lot to the right of the building.

Proceeds to benefit the exterior restoration of the Tucker House, built in 1797, a great architectural example of Federal Period. The original “one room wide” home was enlarged twice in 1815 and again in the late 19th century and was gifted to the Historical Society in 1968. The house now contains the county’s historic record archives.

1. Queenstown Colonial Court House, 100 Del Rhodes Avenue, Queenstown 21658. located across the street from the Queenstown Town Hall. The original Queen Anne’s County Court House is a frame structure, dating to 1709 with a brick section added circa 1820-40. The Court House is open for the tour and includes historic documents and items. Records reveal some offenders were subject to lashings, branding, or execution by hanging in Gallows Field. In 1782, the Queen Anne’s County seat of government was established in Centreville and a new Court House was built and completed in 1794.

2. Bowlingly, 111 Bowlingly Circle, Queenstown 21658. The history of the property begins in September 1658 with a survey, and in January 1659, the Proprietor granted this property to James Bowling and all lands called Bowlingly. The house, also known as The Ferry House, is a historic Flemish Bond, Georgian center hall colonial, constructed in 1733 on a bluff overlooking Queenstown Creek. The original house is a two-story brick structure that is seven bays long and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys at either end of the pitched gable roof. On August 13, 1813, a flotilla of British Royal Navy warships landed at Bowlingly’s wharf during the War of 1812. British troops who disembarked from the warships proceeded to sack the home before engaging the local Maryland militia.

Centreville sites: White Bank, Strothe Farm, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Wright's Chance, The James Croney House, Tucker House Gardens, The Kennard School, Landsdowne

Churchill sites: The Churchill Theater