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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
Third Monday as necessary

Economic Development
Third Tuesday of the month

Parks and Recreation Committee
Third Monday of the month

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TOWN OF HISTORIC SYKESVILLE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2002

My daughter was in her elementary school chorus and at the end of the year her class participated in *eisteddfod*, the annual singing competition. I was sitting in a large auditorium watching every Carroll County elementary school chorus perform.

Some of the classes were quite animated, the students singing, were genuinely happy, full of spirit, energy and enthusiasm. However, other classes seemed stiff, sounded restrained and looked uncomfortable. One class had incorporated

From that day on I became quicker to note how every group, business, organization, or institution is really the extension and reflection of its leader. Every family has leaders, whether they are parents or grandparents who set the tone for their kin. In business and in life, we all work with a variety of individuals. Some have staffs that are always smiling and operating at maximum efficiency. Others are sometimes disorganized and unproductive.

This little bit of insight becomes a lot more important when viewed on a larger scale.

Every institution is but the lengthened shadow of one man.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

choreography into its songs. They sang with jubilation. Each group was dramatically different. As I sat and watched each group perform I had an epiphany — a sudden intuitive realization.

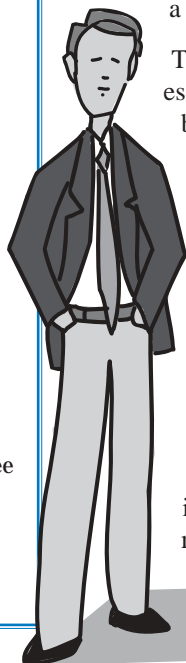
These large groups of students essentially had similar talent, but the performances were so radically different. The only true variable was the music teachers waiving their arms and guiding their groups. Each teacher had instilled upon their class (through their own leadership qualities) creativity, enthusiasm, and spirit. The students were merely a reflection of their teachers. It was very clear in this particular forum. You could hear it and see it in the different performances with simple precision.

For example, the effect of a ruler on a nation can have serious consequences, leading their people to prosperity or poverty, war or peace.

In November, we will hold general elections in Carroll County. We are fortunate enough to be able to choose the people who will lead us. We have the power to influence our quality of life for years to come.

The one contest that bears the greatest influence on our way of life is the race for the office of Carroll County Commissioner. These three people will cast a shadow on us for years. I urge you to educate yourselves and vote wisely so that we elect those candidates who, like the children, make us want to sing joyfully. ♦

Jonathan Herman
Mayor, Sykesville



Contract Post Office to Open in Downtown Sykesville



It looks like it is actually going to happen! A new post office will be opening in downtown Sykesville this coming fall.



Some of you may have heard that the Town was working on bringing a post office back to town. A few years ago the U.S. Postal Service decided to move our post office from its former Village Road location up to Progress Way in Eldersburg.

Through the leadership of Mayor Herman, the Town was able to convince the Postal Service of the need to open a contract office in Town. After years of working with the Postal Service we recently received the official OK.

The Post Office will be located on the first floor of the Interlocking Tower building (pictured above), at the corner of Oklahoma Road and Baldwin Drive. We have already started

receiving all of the cabinets, countertops, and other equipment necessary to operate a post office. Contractors have begun assembling the equipment on the first floor.

Several weeks ago, we advertised to fill part-time positions to operate the post office and we were pleasantly surprised at the number and quality of the candidates. We are hopeful that employees will be hired in September and trained in October. It is anticipated the Post Office will open in October or November. Please feel free to call me at 410-795-6390 with any questions. ♦

*Matthew Candland
Town Manager*

TOWN OF SYKESVILLE Meetings & Events Schedule

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
5 FALL FEST - Main Street (see back cover for details)	2 HOLIDAY TEA Main Street Merchants	2 Planning Commission 7 pm, Town House
6 GOSPEL CHOIR (page 8)	Gate House Museum Open 1pm - 6 pm	6 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Main Street
7 Planning Commission 7 pm, Town House	4 PUBLIC HEARING ON MASTER PLAN	7 Gate House Museum Open 1pm - 6 pm
14 COLUMBUS DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED (commercial trash will be collected)	Planning Commission 7 pm, Town House	8 HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR 1pm - 6 pm
15 Mayor & Town Council 7 pm, Town House	11 VETERANS DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED (commercial trash will be collected)	9 Mayor & Town Council 7 pm, Town House* (one meeting scheduled this month)
21 Parks & Recreation 7 pm, Town House (Board of Zoning Appeals if necessary)	12 Mayor & Town Council 7 pm, Town House	16 Parks & Recreation 7 pm, Town House
22 Historic District Commission 7 pm, Town House	18 Parks & Recreation 7 pm, Town House	24 Historic District Commission 7 pm, Town House* (regularly scheduled meeting may be cancelled)
28 Mayor & Town Council 7 pm, Town House	25 Mayor & Town Council 7 pm, Town House	25 CHRISTMAS TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
	26 Historic District Commission 7 pm, Town House	26 Trash will be collected
	27 Commercial Trash pick up	
	28 THANKSGIVING TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	
	29 All Town Offices Open RECYCLING collected	

* Dates and times subject to change.



New Tourism Director

The Friends of Historic Sykesville would like to introduce Margaret (Peggy) Soper as the new Tourism Director for Sykesville. She was the Public Relations Director for the Montgomery County Agricultural Center in Gaithersburg. Peggy has lived in Carroll County all her life and is a Carroll County 4-H volunteer.

Peggy will be developing new First Weekend events and coordinating existing events such as the Sykesville Christmas Open House, Historic House Tour, Strawberry Festival and the 2nd Annual Model Railroad Festival. She will be working closely with many volunteer groups and businesses that host the events.

Other duties include developing sponsorships, advertising and promotion of the events while maintaining the historical perspective of Sykesville. ♦

Peggy Soper
Tourism Director

You're Invited to a
Open House Tea

November 2, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
November 3, 12 – 5 p.m.

Enjoy a hot cup of tea or beverage and refreshments as you browse through the shops of participating merchants throughout the town of Sykesville.



*Mark Your Calendar
and tell Your Friends*

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Open House



In Historic Sykesville

**Friday, December 6
6 – 9 p.m.**

Santa will be in the Little Red Caboose – just off Main Street. Town Tree Lighting Ceremony, Entertainment, and Sykesville Shops Stay Open Late!

Sykesville's Christmas

Historic House Tour

**December 8, 2002
1 – 6 p.m.**

Tickets will be available at the Gate House Museum and Sykesville Town House.



Contact: Peggy Soper, Sykesville Tourism Director, 410.795.8959 or e-mail tourismdirector@sykesville.net

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Friends of Historic Sykesville

Putting Sykesville First

As a member of the *Friends of Historic Sykesville* (FOHS) board, I had hoped that I would get a chance to attend the **1st Annual Model Railroad Festival** held on June 1, 2002. I did, and it was a resounding success! The crowd was estimated to be 3,500 and came from all parts of Maryland and from surrounding states. The efforts of many were involved in making the event a success, but two individuals went above and beyond the norm: Margaret Spurlock (Sykesville's recently departed Tourism Director) and Joe Moltz of the S & P Railroad. Many thanks to both of them for their efforts. Mother Nature also cooperated in a big way.

Next year's Festival is already in the planning phase. It will be held on July 5, 2003 to coincide with the *Fair of the Iron Horse* (the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the B & O Railroad). The B & O Museum in Baltimore is expecting several million people to attend the 10-day event. A similar event held for the 100th Anniversary drew more than two million visitors!

The addition of a third major event is also exciting. The **Model Railroad Festival** joins the ever-popular **Fall Fest** and **Christmas Open House** as premier Sykesville events drawing large crowds.

The Friends of Historic Sykesville is a group of Main Street business people, Town officials, and other interested individuals whose purpose is to steer the effort to make Sykesville an interesting, exciting, and fun place to visit.

The last couple of years have seen significant changes to the business and tourism climate in Sykesville. The *first Saturday* concept was designed so that during the first weekend of each month, something of general interest will be happening in our town. Watch for (and read) the monthly Calendar and quarterly Newsletter for upcoming events.

The FOHS board keeps the following in mind when planning: the event, major or minor, should offer people a reason to visit our quaint little town every month, and the event should work to improve the business climate, making Sykesville attractive to new merchants and businesses.

This is accomplished by individuals volunteering their time and knowledge. The coordinator of the events is the town's newly installed Tourism Director, Peggy Soper. Peggy comes to us after working on the Montgomery County Fair planning staff.

Please take advantage of the wonderful opportunities offered by the Town in partnership with the Friends of Historic Sykesville, the Parks & Recreation Committee, and the Historic District Commission. Your participation will only serve to enhance the image of *your* town. ♦



Russell G. Vreeland
Town Councilmember



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

John R. Williams, Jr.
Chief of Police

With FALL comes the changing of the leaves, bright colors, a crispness in the air and the changing of our clocks. It is also a season that brings us Ghosts & Goblins, as our children wait patiently for Halloween. An event that even I remember as a child! It is a time for fun but it is also a time when we need to plan for a safe celebration. The Sykesville Police Department would like to offer some safety tips:

- Go *trick-or-treating* with a grownup or in large, supervised groups.
- Visit only people you know.
- Make sure your costume lets you see and hear perfectly. You need to be able to watch and listen for cars.
- Make sure your costume fits! It is easy to trip on costumes that are too long or in shoes that are too big.
- Wear brightly colored clothing. Put *glow-in-the-dark* patches or strips on your costume so drivers can see you.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Don't eat treats until you show them to your parents or a trusted adult.

If you are driving that night, please be extra attentive for children crossing the street...they might not be looking both ways!

Remember: this is a fun time for our children, so let's all make it a safe night in Sykesville! ♦

Sincerely,
John R. Williams, Jr.
Chief of Police



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Notes from Sykesville Police Department

Thank You!

Sheila M. Sauer, Administrator for the Sykesville Police Department, would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their continued support, dedication, and donations which helped to make “**National Night Out**” a great success.

The residents of the Town of Sykesville and their neighbors!

E. W. Beck's ... hot dogs, rolls, and chips

C & O Distributing ... helium

Wm. Paul Holland of State Farm Insurance

*Tim Caldwell from North Point Police Dept. C.O.P.S for
“drunken goggles” and golf cart*

Tom Fell from BGE who assisted COPS

Andrea Pastor & girls ... face painting

Bridget Leahy and Girl Scout Troop 1837 ... face painting

MADD - Pat Kressig

Carroll County State's Attorney's Office

*Amy Jarkiewicz - Domestic Violence Program for
Carroll County*

*Sue Griffen - Community Educator for Rape Crisis
Intervention of Carroll County*

*Barbara Lilly - Sykesville Development/Colored
Schoolhouse*

*Kari Greenwalt - Curator of Sykesville Gate House
Museum*

*Lynne Ronayne - Sykesville Parks & Recreation,
who did a great job getting sticky making
cotton candy!*

*Jeannie Nichols - Sykesville Town Councilmember
who pops the best corn!*

*Last, but not least, Frank Gaither, supervisor
Sykesville Public Works Department, and his crew,
for always being there to help us haul, set up, pick up
and clean up!*

Finally, the Sykesville Police Department and Auxiliary.

Hope to see you next year on the first Tuesday in August!

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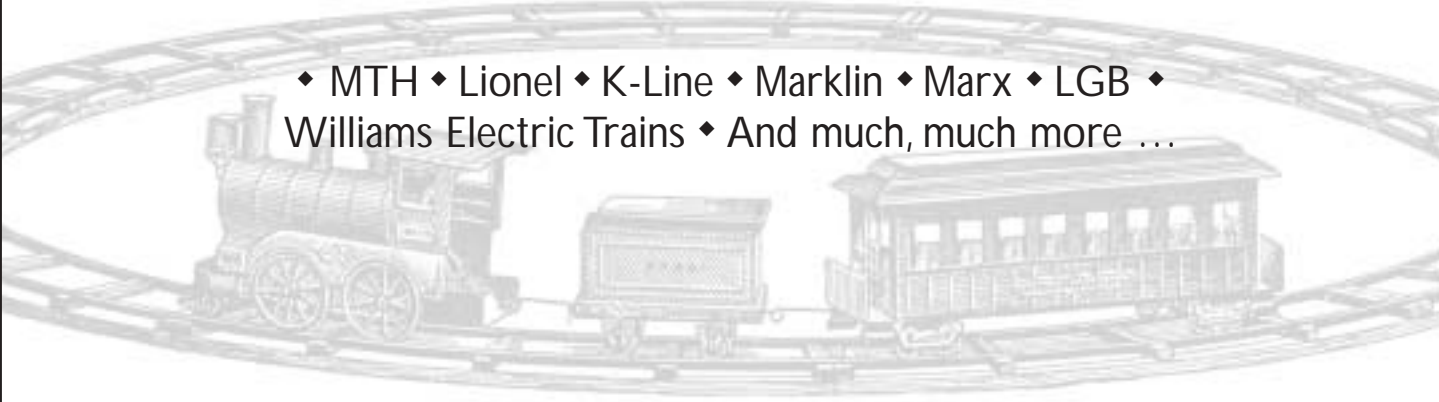
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Town Park
Projects
Underway

Town of Sykesville Parks and Recreation

Three exciting park development projects are underway in Town. It is anticipated that all three projects will be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Parks at Wimmer/Talon Lanes and Brandenburg Circle

Each of these two parks will be developed in three phases. This Fall Phases I and II will be completed.

Phase I

This phase, which includes site grading and path construction, begins the week of September 16, 2002. This first week will include the staking out of the work to be done, the placement of sediment and erosion control measures, and the installation of the construction entrances.

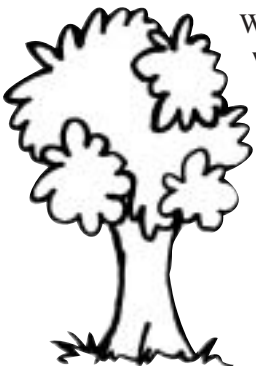
Actual construction will begin the week of September 23, 2002. It is anticipated that, weather permitting, construction will last approximately three (3) weeks.

Phase II

This phase, which includes the installation of trees, will begin sometime near the end of November or beginning of December. We have tried to schedule this work as late in the season as possible to ensure that grass is established and that the trees are dormant during planting. This phase will not be nearly as intensive and will likely be completed within a week or two.

Linear Trail Extension

Construction is underway to extend the Linear Trail from the pond down to the Patapsco River and back. It is anticipated that construction should be completed by the middle or end of September. This extension will significantly increase the length of this pathway.



We would like to thank the residents who live close to the parks for their patience during construction. Anyone who has questions about these projects can call me at 410-795-6390. ♦

Matthew Candland
Town Manager
mcandland@sykesville.net

Parks and Recreation had a great summer! Our first ever **Stories in the Park** program held at Millard Cooper Park was a great success thanks to an arrangement made with the Eldersburg Branch of the Carroll County Public Library. Each Wednesday at 11 a.m., Parks and Recreation and the Eldersburg Library presented stories on a different topic of interest. At the first storytime there were more than 50 children in attendance. Thanks so much for your support. We plan to have this program again next summer.

The **Family Fun Day** held on Saturday, July 6th was a great success with more than 1000 people in attendance. The weather was wonderful, the entertainment was great and it was so good to see so many Sykesville residents enjoying themselves. We still need to work on a few things ... like getting a slice of pizza out in less than 10 minutes ... We couldn't have done it without all the wonderful volunteers from Sykesville and Eldersburg who helped make the day such a success.

Thank you !

Halloween Party



Get your little ghosts and goblins ready for the annual Halloween costume judging contest at the Town House, **Saturday, October 26, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.**

Children up to age 10. Prizes and candy. Free. Please register when you arrive. For more information, contact Lynne at 410-795-8959, or e-mail parksandrec@sykesville.net ♦

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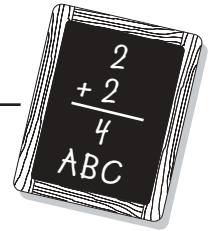
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Janet O'Braden
Designer



SCHOOLHOUSE REPORT CARD



Singing Praise for the Schoolhouse with the McDaniel College Gospel Choir



The Sykesville Schoolhouse Museum and Sykesville Development Corporation are thrilled and honored to announce a benefit concert to support the Schoolhouse restoration by McDaniel College Gospel Choir under the direction of Eric Byrd on October 6th, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. The concert will be held in the new sanctuary of Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church, 961 Johnsville Road, Eldersburg. The church is located on Johnsville Road just south of Route 26 and is handicapped accessible. There are no tickets for the concert but donations will be requested.

The McDaniel College Gospel Choir and Eric Byrd have toured internationally as well as in the United States to great acclaim. They have established a tradition of reaching out to and supporting the community with the goal of breaking down stereotypes and barriers. They have regularly aided the Rape Crisis Center and have raised funds to support a Taneytown family victimized by racial harassment. These efforts and other good works earned Eric and the Choir the "Carroll County Human Services/Relations Award" in 1997. When the Choir's faculty director, Eric Byrd, heard about the efforts to save the Schoolhouse, he wanted to do something to help. He graciously volunteered to bring the choir down for a benefit concert performance. The Sykesville Schoolhouse benefit concert continues the McDaniel College Gospel Choir's tradition of 'doing good' throughout the community.

Eric's musical accomplishments include not only his work with the Choir but success with his group, the Eric Byrd Trio. A 1993 alumnus of McDaniel and a faculty member since 1994, Eric and the Trio have been selected as Jazz Ambassadors by the Kennedy Center, have played at major jazz festivals including Montreux, FestiJazz and are frequent performers at Washington and Baltimore area clubs such as Blues Alley.

His piano accompaniment brings an extra layer of energy and sparkle to the joyous sounds of the Choir.

This will be a great chance for the community to enjoy a truly memorable evening of music and joy plus a chance to help save a portion of our past. For anyone who has heard the McDaniel College Gospel Choir perform, **you know** that you are in for a treat. If you've yet to hear this powerful and inspiring group of musicians **you must** make plans to hear them locally. ♦

*Barbara Lilly
Schoolhouse Administrator
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October 5 ** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 6 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
November 21:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
November 3 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 1 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 6 * 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
December 7 * . . . 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
December 8 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 1412:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
December 151:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

* *Santa in the B&O Caboose*

** *Sykesville Fall Festival*

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Call Miss Utility at least two business days before any earth is moved. Miss Utility will arrange for member utility operators to have the underground lines at project sites marked. (NOTE: The homeowner is responsible for identifying private utilities, such as sprinkler systems, accent outdoor lighting, and etc.)

If you have hired contractors to work on your property, verify with them that they have called Miss Utility. If they have not called, do not allow work to begin until all underground lines have been marked and the "All Clear" is given. ♦

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Basketball Frames And Rims

The Town would like to remind you that all basketball frames and rims must be removed from the Town rights-of-way.

This means they should not be protruding into the roadways to interfere with vehicular traffic. Our equipment and personnel will not be held responsible for any damage and/or repairs.

Thank you for your cooperation. ♦

Streetlights

The streetlights in the Town of Sykesville are maintained by BGE. To report a streetlight out contact BGE at 410-685-0123 and they will assist you and answer any questions you may have. ♦

Getting Ready for Fall



The Sykesville Public Works Department would like you to follow these easy steps when collecting LEAVES in your yard:

- leaves should be bagged in **clear** trash bags;
- bagged leaves go out with your regular trash;
- there is a 10-bag limit for leaves on trash day.

Only leaves or other yard waste should be in the clear bags.

NEVER burn your leaves. ♦



Town Services – Residents Only

Dumpster Rental

Two-yard dumpster is available @ \$50.00 per week or per pick up. Dumpster will be picked up on a Monday or Thursday only or there will be a \$5.00 pick-up charge. Rental fee must be paid before dumpster is placed.

Dump Truck Rental

\$50.00 per weekend plus tipping fees at \$47.00 per ton. Truck is available weekends only (Friday 3:00 p.m. until Monday 8:00 a.m.) Truck rental fee must be paid before truck is placed on site.

Bulk Trash Pick Up is available for a fee. Please contact the Town House at 410-795-8959 to set up an appointment for the Sanitation Department to inspect debris for calculation of fees. Fees are to be paid prior to pick-up.

Automobile Tires – pick up available for a charge of \$2 per tire. Must be off the rim. No rims or large commercial tires. ♦



Town Services – General Public

Used Oil – should be poured into the drum located at the Sykesville Public Works Facility. Do not pour oil on the ground or leave oil at the drum. It is your responsibility to empty it into the drum. Please discard all containers. Do not leave empty containers at the drum. The Town of Sykesville reserves the right to remove the drum from the premises as a result of these rules not being followed properly. ♦

Millard Cooper Park Pavilions – are available for rental March 30 - November 1, 2001.

- **Residents** - (incorporated Town limits)
- \$25.00 plus a \$10.00 refundable clean-up fee.
- **Non-residents** - \$40.00 plus a \$10.00 refundable clean up fee.

Volleyball and horseshoe equipment is available.

All equipment must be returned the next day if equipment is used Monday-Thursday and on Monday if used on a weekend. Failure to do so will result in loss of \$10.00 clean up fee.

Checks for clean up fees are mailed every two weeks only. Only those pets on a leash are allowed at the park. Persons with pets are responsible for the removal of all pet wastes. ♦

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Building Permits

A building permit is required from the Town of Sykesville and from Carroll County for improvements to the exterior of your property, including but not limited to: decks, pools, sheds, garages, additions, and retaining walls. Please call Dinah Riley at the Town House at 410-795-6390 and/or the Carroll County Permits & Inspections at 410-386-2674.

Property owners in the Sykesville Historic District must also submit an application. Please call Mary Buckley at the Town House at 410-795-8959 for information. ♦

Buckle Up - It's the Law

It's not negotiable!

A vehicle occupant safety reminder from the Sykesville Police Department. ♦

Waste Collection

Reminder- All trash **MUST** be placed curbside by 5 a.m. to insure pick up on your designated trash day.



Fridays-
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29th Annual Sykesville 
 *Fall Festival* 
 *Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*

The 29th annual Sykesville Fall Festival continues the spirit of past events by focusing on Main Street America and its' family values. The theme is [A Family Day the Sykesville Way](#) and reminds us that family and friendship are still alive and well in this great community.

The Festival will begin at 9 a.m. [The Liberty High School Marching Band](#), under the able direction of Mr. Joe Fischer, begins a daylong entertainment schedule. There will be self defense and karate demonstrations by [Tri-Star Martial Arts](#) and the [International Tae Kwon Do Academy](#). The Family Branch of the [Carroll County YMCA](#) will do a fitness exhibition. We are pleased to announce that the [SRCS All Star Dance Team](#) will perform again and we have [DJ Mike](#) for the entire day. There will be [Civil War Living History](#) displays including [Art Twigg](#) as [General Robert E. Lee](#), and the [Sykesville and Patapsco Railway](#) model trains will be running.

There will be plenty for the kids to do including lots of games and riding the [Little Sykes](#) scale model train.

All we need are our friends and neighbors; so please come enjoy [A Family Day the Sykesville Way](#).

Door prizes will be given away every hour and a 50-50 drawing will be held at 4:30 p.m. (you need not be present to win). We'll have lots of great food and a large assortment of arts and handmade crafts available.

Free transportation between Main Street and the **free parking area** at Warfield Complex, Springfield Hospital (follow the signs).

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Gene Gillispie, Sykesville Business Association

