



Spring 2003

Town of Historic Sykesville NEWSLETTER

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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

Parks and Recreation Committee
Third Monday of the month

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State of the Town Address

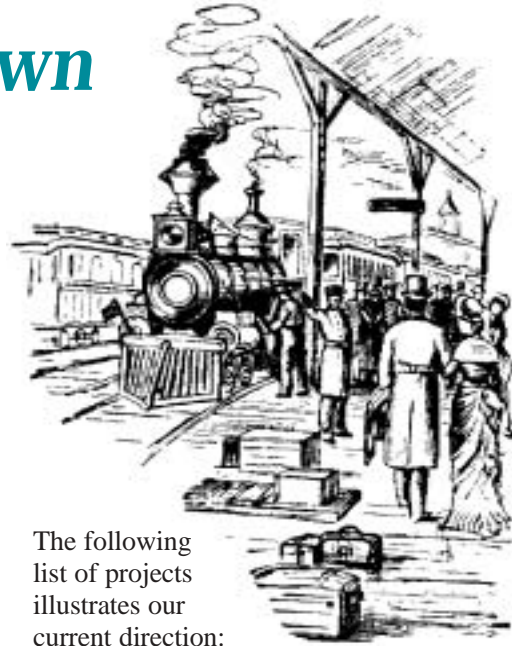
Although the Town of Sykesville was settled over 170 years ago, next year we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Town's incorporation. Our Centennial Celebration will take place next May (2004).

The last 100 years have brought significant changes in the Town and throughout the world. Historic black and white photographs in the Town's Gate House Museum, provide a glimpse of our past ... passengers waiting on the train station deck as a steam locomotive approaches ... views looking northward on an unpaved Main Street, with horse drawn wagons in the background, remind us of simpler times.

Early in our Town's history, to escape the heat and humidity of Baltimore City, people would travel by train to visit the cool, bucolic pastures and streams at their summer cottages, which dotted the early landscape. Sykesville became home to many who enjoyed its unique blend of easy access, sound commerce, and good quality of life.

These attributes are still apparent today. Automobiles using Interstate Route 70 have first-class access to Town. Economic development flourishes within our two historic districts: Main Street and the Warfield Complex. Town government efficiently provides a healthy and high-quality environment for its residents.

Sykesville's Mayor and Town Council work with dedicated and talented staff members, employees, commission members, and volunteers, on a variety of projects to ensure the future success of our Town, without sacrificing the inherent beauty of our past.



The following list of projects illustrates our current direction:

The Old Main Line Visitor Center & Post Office

This newly constructed replica/reconstruction of a railroad-switching tower, originally located near Penn Station in Baltimore, is now operational. This wonderful building houses a contract Post Office, public restrooms, and a conference center on the second floor. On April 11th we will have the official Grand Opening dedicating the Visitor Center and Post Office.

Train Station/Mill Property

This past December, the Town acquired title to the property immediately west of the Train Station. This portion of the old mill property, which is no longer needed for use by the Farm and Home Store, will be transformed into a River View Retail Development, Sykesville's own form of "Harbor Place." Farm and Home will continue regular business at its store, and will operate its feed, grain and fertilizer operation on the property to the west of our new development.

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MARCH 2003

- 1 Ladies Day on Main St.
Gate House Museum
Open 1 pm - 6 pm
- 2 Model Trains / Pullman Car
1 - 5 pm
Gate House Museum Open
Sundays 1 pm - 6 pm
- 3 Planning Commission
7 pm, Town House
- 5 Gate House Museum Open
Wednesdays 1 pm - 6 pm
- 7 Gate House Museum Open
Fridays 2 pm - 8 pm
- 10 Mayor & Town Council
7 pm, Town House
- 17 Parks & Recreation
7 pm, Town House
- 24 Mayor & Town Council
7 pm, Town House
- 25 Historic District Commission
7 pm, Town House

Dates and times subject to change.

The Sykesville Business Association

announced the winner of the *Light Up Our Town* contest. Main Street merchants decorate their storefronts for the Annual Christmas Open House and area school children cast a vote for their favorite storefront. The winner is awarded a rotating trophy with a name plate bearing their name. The trophy remains on display in the winners' store until next years' winner is announced.

Congratulations to Mary Martin, owner of Contrary Mary's at 7606 Main Street!

Sykesville Business Association Slate of Officers for 2003

Mary Martin, Contrary Mary's
President

Kelly Crum, The Inn at Norwood
Vice President

Kathy Philips, True Colors Hair Salon
Treasurer

Gene Gillispie, A.L.Howes Agency
Secretary

State of the Town Address *cont. from page 1*

Parks and Recreation/ Pathways

We have finally completed the Town's hiker-biker trail all the way to the Patapsco River. We are now working with the county to connect Sykesville's Linear Trail, at the north end, with Piney Run Park.

"Phase One" for the Wimmer/Talon open space, which consisted of tree plantings and a pathway, is now complete. This area will be called Bloomfield Park commemorating Bloomfield Manor, the original 100-acre farm that this development was built on.

"Phase One" for the open space along Brandenburg Circle, which also consisted of tree plantings and a pathway, is now complete. This area will be called Shannon Run Park, after the natural run located nearby.

New Developments on Main Street - J&B Auto Salvage Yard

The Town has acquired title to this property as part of our continuing efforts to effect positive change on Main Street. We will sell the building to be developed into retail businesses on the ground level, and apartments on the second floor. The Town will build a municipal parking lot on the remainder of this half-acre property.

Police Chief Williams and The Sykesville Police Department

The SPD continues to work on the Community Policing and Emergency Preparedness programs. Public meetings will be scheduled to inform you of our progress.

First Major Project Underway at Warfield

The Maryland State Police have begun construction of a \$20M educational training facility on a 38-acre parcel at the Warfield Complex. This new facility, which is situated within the northern- most boundary of our town, will include two historic buildings that will be used for a library, classrooms, dormitories, and administrative offices.

A new building will connect the two historic buildings: Hubner at 68,000 sq. ft. and "T" at 25,000 sq. ft. This connecting building will serve as the main entrance to the facility and include a cafeteria and more offices. An additional building, parade grounds and athletic fields will be constructed along Route 32, south of Second Street.

Ray Franklin, a top administrator with the Police Training Facility, recently gave Town officials a tour of the construction site and commented that *... the costs to renovate these huge architectural masterpieces was less than if they had built all new buildings.*

Jay French, our Warfield Project Manager, recently submitted an annual report for 2002. Please see a summary of this report on pages 8-10.

These and many other projects and programs, that are underway in our Town, will require continued vigilance and dedication. It is clear from our past successes that with a common vision and united efforts, Sykesville will remain an attractive destination for many more years to come. ♦

Jonathan Herman
Mayor



Town of Sykesville Elections for Town Council

Are you registered to vote in
Sykesville?

Do you want to run for elected office
in Sykesville?

The Town of Sykesville General Election
for Town Council is on

Tuesday, May 6, 2003.



See page 7
for details.

Grand Opening Scheduled for April 11, 2003



I hope you have had a chance to stop by the Town's new Post Office on the first floor of the Interlocking Tower on Oklahoma Road. The Post Office officially opened in late November and held an open house during Sykesville's Holiday Open House event in early December. We have received many positive comments about the convenience of having the Post Office in our downtown area.

On April 11, 2003, the Town will be holding a grand opening for the Post Office and the new Town Visitor Center. All town residents are invited to attend. We will be inviting officials from the U.S. Postal Services, the Carroll County Commissioners, various other elected officials, and local business leaders.

The Visitor Center, which should be completed in late March or early April, will occupy one half of the first floor and the Post Office the other. It is our hope that the Old Main Line Visitor Center & Post Office will not only be an asset to town residents but also helpful to those who visit our town.

We look forward to seeing you there. ♦



*Matthew Candland
Town Manager*

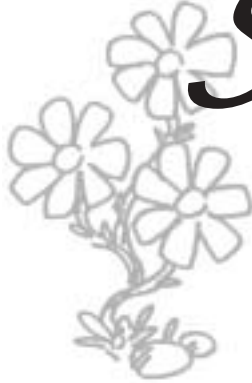
Main Street Events

Ladies Day in Historic Sykesville Saturday, March 1, 2003



Ladies, bring that someone special to join you for the day ... Gentlemen, bring your special someone and treat her to Ladies Day! Start the day with a stroll down Main Street and shop for specials at the Antique & Specialty shops. Be sure to stop and browse the new shop in Town – Artffects, Inc. Dine at E.W. Becks or Baldwin's Station and watch the trains roll by.

Spring Time Saturday, April 5



Visit the new shops in Sykesville, as well as your favorite antique and specialty shops, for spring and Easter bargains.

Stop by for yard and garden supplies.

Select some casual furniture for your porch, deck or patio.

Get your mower and yard equipment ready for the season.

Spruce up your home with new drapes or carpet cleaning.

Pamper yourself and your pet. Dine in our restaurants.

You can find everything you need on, and near, Main Street.

List of stores on our website.

Saturday, May 3

Three Great Events ... in the center of
Town, all on the same day!

- May Flower Power on Main Street
- Tea in the Town House
- Community Yard Sale

Downtown will be transformed into a garden from 10am to 3pm, when local growers and retailers display their **annual and perennial flowering plants**, herbs, vegetable plants and garden accessories along Main Street, in Historic Sykesville.



While strolling Main Street's garden, make plans to have **Tea in the Town House**, sponsored by the Sykesville Gate House Museum. Serving times are at 11:30 am, 12:45pm & 2:00pm. Seating is limited. \$5 per person. Make your reservation by contacting Kari Greenwalt at 410-549-5150.

Sykesville Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a **Community Yard Sale** from 8am - 12 Noon. Spaces are available at \$10 per space ... please bring your own table. Space is reserved on first come, first served basis. Contact Lynne Ronayne at 410-795-8959 or parksandrec@sykesville.net

20th Annual Strawberry Festival



Eat strawberries till you turn red! Strawberries ... Shortcake and with ice cream! **Saturday, June 7** at the Town House.

Model Railroad Festival July 5th!



Visit www.sykesville.net What's New & Coming Up. Or call 410-795-8959 x 40

Nobody knows the changes I've seen ...



Mark Rychwalski
Councilman

I came to Sykesville one lonely summer day in 1986, to begin a summer job as a laborer working on an historic home on Norwood Avenue. There was no problem finding a parking spot downtown, as the majority of storefronts were vacant.

There were two cars parked on Main Street, a couple of stray cats and a stray dog wandering around. The unpaved parking lot behind the Westminster Union Bank was filled with dump trucks and heavy road construction equipment. The Town garbage truck doubled as a snowplow. Police Headquarters was in the Town House where prisoners were handcuffed to the radiators! The ballot box for Town elections was a tiny wooden box with a small padlock. The ballot consisted of pieces of paper we folded and stuffed through the small slot. There were 2,500 Town residents!

As I look back from the year 2003 I'm amazed at the changes. It started with the Town creating the Historic District and the subsequent restoration of the train station. On a personal note, in 1989 I opened a retail business on Main Street with a friend. We were in the only remaining original wooden storefront. We were successful from the beginning. I met my lovely wife Kim on Main Street, purchased and got married at an old house on Spout Hill Road and have been blessed with two wonderful children, Elizabeth and Alex. I joined the Historic Commission in 1995 and became a Town Councilman in 2002. Now I'm working back on Main Street in a family business. Sykesville has been good to me!



1983 photo of gas station now enclosed by Beck's carryout.

As I look around Town today, I'm proud of what we have accomplished. I remember thinking how nice it would be to have a couple of restaurants in Town, the aluminum siding off the Town House, a Town museum, new buildings on Main Street, more public parking, a Town Trail, and new residential developments that would provide a *small town feel*. We have accomplished this and more. Recently, the Town purchased the parking lot behind the Town House. This is great news for anyone trying to get into Beck's most evenings. The Town also acquired the mill property next to the train station and is currently leasing it back to Southern States. In January 2003, the Town purchased the J&B Motors property on upper Main Street, and entered into agreements with interested parties to rehabilitate the building and provide additional public parking. All of these projects are a result of the Town Master Plans that have been adopted over the last ten years. The majority of the funds needed for these projects have come from the Town Parking Fund, created for this purpose.

I'm excited about Sykesville's future. We have much to celebrate when the Town turns *100 years old* in 2004! In the meantime, don't forget to keep your eyes open so you don't miss all the changes.

Now everyone knows the changes I've seen, and in this case change has been good! Thanks for allowing me to serve you these many years. I look forward to doing so for years to come. ♦

Left: C. 1960's photo of pallet factory in what is now the parking lot off of Oklahoma Road.

Photos courtesy of Sykesville Gate House Museum of History Archives.





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

John R. Williams, Jr.,
Chief of Police

In recent months, we have seen an increase in preventable crime in our community and the surrounding area. Taking the time to secure our homes and vehicles could prevent many of these incidents. As a community, we can prevent becoming victims.

The SPD offers many services and programs to assist you in crime prevention. Our *Security Survey Program* can make your home or business safer. In one recent incident, a suspect entered an open garage uninvited and unknown to the homeowner. Simply keeping the garage door shut can prevent this type of intrusion.

Going out of town? Contact the SPD so a *regular check of your home* can be conducted in your absence. Leave the name of a relative or trusted neighbor with the SPD in case of emergency. SPD will keep you informed of issues in our town. Working together we can Make A Difference.

Any questions or concerns about your neighborhood should be directed to the SPD at 410-795-0757 or police@sykesville.net ♦

How Community Policing Works

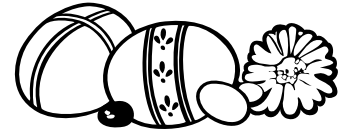
Community Policing is a philosophy of policing, based on the concept that police officers and private citizens working together in creative ways, can help solve community problems related to crime, fear of crime, social and physical disorder, and neighborhood decay. The philosophy is predicated on the belief that achieving these goals requires that police departments develop a new relationship with the law-abiding people in the community, allowing them a greater voice in setting local police priorities, and involving them in efforts to improve the overall quality of life in their neighborhoods. It shifts the focus of police work from handling random calls to solving community problems.

Through *Community Policing*, officers have a greater opportunity for direct, face-to-face contact with people in the same defined geographic area every day. The

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Town of Sykesville Parks and Recreation Events

Friday, April 18 – Easter Egg Hunt – 11:00 a.m.



11:00 a.m. ages 4 and under,
11:30 a.m. ages 5 through 10. New location! Bloomfield Park (Officially named 1/27/03.) Located at Wimmer Lane and Talon Drive. (Rain Date Saturday, April 19, 2003.)

Saturday, April 26 – Golf Tournament - 1:30 p.m.

2nd Annual Golf Tournament. River Downs Golfer's Club, located in Finksburg. Tee Time is 1:30 p.m. \$340 per team by 3/15/03. Registration forms will be available at the Town House and on the website, www.sykesville.net. Please contact Frank Robert at 410-552-5521 or e-mail Frank.C.Robert@pfizer.com

Sunday, April 27 – Adult Co-ed Softball League

The spring season will begin Sunday, April 27, 2003, for 9 weeks. Games will be played at Booty Welsh Field #1, located at the Springfield Hospital Center. For more information, contact Kevin at 410-684-6223 night or 410-684-7010 day. E-mail: parksandrec@sykesville.net

Saturday, May 3 – Yard Sale on Main Street

8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon Join our Yard Sale sponsored by the Town. This year promises to be bigger and better, as we will join the Friends of Historic Sykesville at the Flower Power event on Main Street (for more info, see events list on page 3). Spaces: \$10.00. Bring your own set-ups. No rain date.

Mail in your registration (below) along with a check in the amount of \$10.00 to:
Town of Sykesville, 7547 Main Street,
Sykesville, MD 21784,
attn: Parks & Recreation.

I'd like to reserve a space at the Yard Sale,
Saturday, May 3, 2003 8 a.m. - 12 Noon.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

officer serves as an outreach contact, one whose mission includes developing imaginative, new ways to address the broad spectrum of community concerns. The goal is to allow officers to own their beat areas so that they can develop the rapport and trust that is vital to encouraging people to become involved in efforts to address the problems in their neighborhoods. The officer also acts as the people's link to other public and private agencies that can help. The officer not only enforces the law but also supports and supervises community-based efforts aimed at local concerns. The officer allows people direct input in setting day-to-day, local police priorities, in exchange for their cooperation and participation in efforts to police themselves.

The Commitment

Community Policing requires both a philosophical shift in the way that the Police Department thinks about its mission as well as a commitment to the structural changes this new form of policing demands. It provides a new way for the Police Department to provide personalized police service that offers every law-abiding citizen an opportunity to become active in the police process.

Community Policing Assignments

This program is now in effect. Attached is a list of the Officers assigned to your neighborhood or area. These officers should be contacted

directly for non-emergency situations that do not require immediate police response. The officers will assist you with ongoing problems within our community. It is our hope that from time to time the police department and community groups can host meetings to discuss concerns, while working to find solutions.

Please find your location or address on the *Community Policing Assignment List*. Know who your outreach officer is and make contact with that officer about your concerns. The Police Department and our Town Government is looking forward to working with our community to identify and solve problems. ♦

Community Policing Assignment List

Area #1 – Officer Curry & Officer Kaszak

Baldwin Dr	Maple Ave
Cedar Ave	Mellor Ave
Central Ave	Norwood Ave
Centre Ave	Oklahoma Ave (Main to Schoolhouse)
Church St	Sandosky Rd
College Ave (Sandosky to 32)	Spout Hill Rd (Kalorama to Main)
Conoway St	Springfield Ave (Main to Third)
Cooper Dr	Vantage Point Dr
Jeroby Rd	Village Rd
Linden Ave	Walnut Ave
Main St	Wilson Ave

Area #2 – Officer White

Brown St	Locust St
Bunker Hill CT	Oak St
Carl Ave	Revere Ct
Central Ave	Spout Hill (Third to Kalorama)
Concord La	First Ave
Jennifer Way (Third to Kalorama)	Second Ave (Central to Kalorama)
Kalorama Rd	Third Ave (Obrecht Rd to Town Limits)

Area #3 – Sergeant Bradley

Caracara Ct	Hawk Ridge La
Dominique Ct	Norris Ave (Obrecht to Kalorama)
Gray Way	Talon La
Harlan La	Wimmer La

Area #4 – Sergeant Hewitt

Ashbrook Ct	Harmon Dr
Beasman St	Hawkins St
Braemar Ct	Norris Ave (Kalorama to Jennifer)
Brandenburg Cir	Patterson Ct

Area #5 – Officer Kilgore

Autumn Sky Ct	Pebble Dr
Boulder Ct	Schoolhouse Rd
Carter Rd	Second Ave (Kalorama to Oklahoma)
Jennifer Way (Norris to Kalorama)	Shimmering Run Ct
Manor Dr	Watkins Dr.
Norris Ave (Jennifer to Oklahoma)	Wind Swept Ct
Oklahoma Ave (Schoolhouse to dead-end)	

Area #6 – Officer Curry & Officer Kaszak

College Ave (east of Rt 32)

Area #7 – Officer Curry & Officer Kaszak

Springfield Hospital Area

Officers can be contacted at 410-795-0757.
Follow the menu instructions.

Voter Registration

The Town of Sykesville's General Election is Tuesday, May 6, 2003. Residents must be registered to vote at the Carroll County Board of Elections no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2003. Registration with the Carroll County Board of Elections by a qualified voter who has a domicile within the Town limits shall be deemed registration for Town elections. Registration forms may be picked up at the Sykesville Town House, 7547 Main Street, Sykesville, MD 21784 or at the Carroll County Board of Elections, 225 N. Center Street, Room 105, Westminster, MD 21157. For further information contact Laura at the Sykesville Town House at 410-795-8959 or email at town@sykesville.net, or call the Carroll County Board of Elections at 410-386-2080.



Town Resident Taxpayers

When completing the Maryland State Income Tax Form, remember to fill in **TOWN OF SYKESVILLE** in the block entitled *City, Town or Taxing Authority*. Contact the Town House or your tax preparer if you have questions. ♦

Nominations for Councilmember



The Town of Sykesville is accepting nominations for Councilmember on Monday, March 24, 2003 at the regular Town Council Meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Sykesville Town House, 7547 Main Street, Sykesville, MD 21784. The open positions are for three full-term (4-year) Council seats. The election for these positions is on Tuesday, May 6, 2003 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sykesville Town House.

Nominees for Councilmember:

- shall have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding their election,
- shall be registered voters of the Town, and
- shall maintain a permanent residence in the Town during their term of office.

Candidates may not run for more than one elected Town office at any one time.

Only registered voters shall have the right to participate in the nomination process at the public Town meeting.

A person shall be considered nominated for elective office by a motion from the floor that is properly seconded and accepted by the person nominated.

The nomination must be made at the March 24, 2003 regular Town Council Meeting.

A person nominated for elective office may accept such nomination by:

1. appearing in front of the Clerk/Treasurer and signing a Certification of Acceptance before the close of the regular Town Council meeting on April 14, 2003,
2. appearing and accepting in person at the regular Town Council Meeting on March 24, 2003, where the nomination was made, or
3. appearing and accepting in person at the regular Town Council Meeting on April 14, 2003.

For further information contact Laura at the Sykesville Town House at (410) 795-8959 or email town@sykesville.net. ♦



Stepping Stones Pre-School Daycare

Nancy Diefenbach
Director



7300 Spout Hill Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
Phone: (410) 549-6585

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday 6 am - 6 pm

Children 2 - 8 years of age



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Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.

SUMMARY OF THE 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

For the Warfield Complex

Below: The "W" Building, also known as the Warfield Cottage, was designed by the architectural firm Owens & Sisco. Other buildings designed by them are the Gate House at Loudon Park Cemetery, and miscellaneous Sparrows Point buildings. Built in 1905 by J. H. Fowble, who also built other buildings in Town, including the Sykesville Town House and Baldwin's Train Station.



1. Fund Raising for Development Expenses

We have applied for and received new grant funds in the aggregate amount of \$2,840,000. These funds include \$2.7 million for construction of the State Highway's new intersection at the entrance to Warfield and the Town of Sykesville. Mayor Herman secured these funds in a meeting with Governor Glendening.

Also, we have been awarded \$140,000 of State Community Legacy Funds for rehabilitation of the second floor of the Cafeteria-Auditorium Building. We have expanded the uses of funds permitted for the Carroll County Commissioners' Trust funds in the amount of \$300,000 to include a wider variety of eligible expenses.

2. Expanding Existing Partnerships with Political Leaders, Companies and Government Agencies that can Assist the Town in Redeveloping Warfield

During the year Mayor Herman, Matthew Candland, Town Manager, Mike Burgoyne, Chairman of the Warfield Development Corporation, and Jay French, Project Manager and the Town's legal counsel, met at various times with the following groups and individuals to discuss the project and to seek funding, support and ideas for further development:

- Governor Glendening and the Governor's Chief of Staff
- State Community Legacy officials
- State Agencies: Maryland Environmental Service, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Springfield Hospital Center
- Maryland Historical Trust
- Carroll County's State Legislative Delegation (Senator Robert H. Kittleman and Delegate Susan W. Krebs have been particularly helpful)
- Carroll County Commissioners, County staff in the Public Works Department, Economic Development Office, and Planning Office
- Carroll Community College officials
- Representatives of the Episcopal Ministries to the Aging (EMA)
- Key utility companies: Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and Verizon
- Numerous private sector prospects

3. Commencing Operations of the Warfield Development Corporation

The Warfield Development Corporation corporate charter and application for non-profit tax status with the Internal Revenue Service were filed this year. An initial Board of three Directors was elected and several meetings of this Board were held during the year. Additional Directors will be elected in 2003 as the Board takes greater control of the day-to-day operations of the Corporation and of development of the Warfield Complex. This year the Corporation expects that the Town will enter into a long-term lease of the Warfield property to the Corporation.

4. Painting and Carpentry Repairs to the Warfield Buildings

Using a grant of \$50,000 received from the State Department of Housing and Community Development under the Community Legacy Program, the Town employed a local painting contractor to

scrape, sand and prime much of the deteriorating exterior wood trim of the Warfield buildings. These historic structures have not been painted for many years and there was a risk of permanent damage. These funds were also used to repair a portion of the roofs over the Cafeteria-Auditorium Building.

5. Route 32 Intersection Design and Funding

The Town's civil engineer, Bob Bond, started design of the new Warfield-Sykesville intersection under a contract with the Town. A grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation for \$400,000 funded the contract. Preliminary plans (30 percent complete) have been reviewed and submitted to the State Highway Administration for their consideration and approval.

6. The Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) Incubator Feasibility Study

Marsha Schachtel of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies and Richard Clinch of the Jacob France Institute at the University of Baltimore performed the Incubator Feasibility Study. An incubator is a facility that houses start-up businesses and small businesses looking to expand. Businesses share services as they grow and develop, eventually moving out on their own. The study was funded by a matching grant of up to \$25,000 from TEDCO and matching funds from the Carroll County Commissioners as part of the \$300,000 grant of Trust funds referred to earlier. The study determined that South Carroll County was not ready for a technology incubator. However, the study consultants concluded that Warfield was, "... the premier economic development site in Carroll County." The Town was encouraged to explore business, office and educational uses for the space.

7. A Land Plan for Warfield

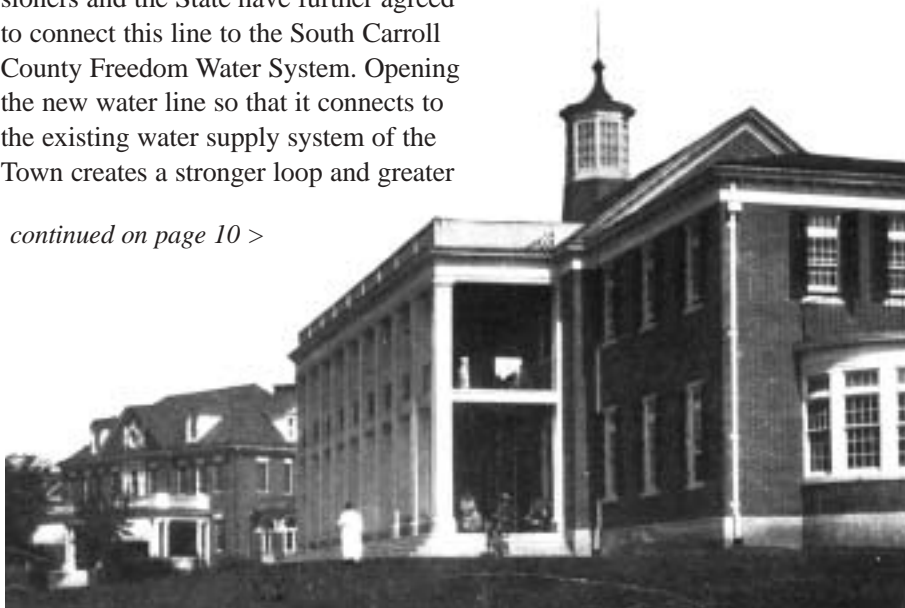
The land-planning firm of LDR/HTN of Columbia completed its conceptual design for the use of the unimproved parcels at Warfield and its design of infrastructure features, including roads, parking lots and sidewalks. The land plan (based on the 1998 Concept Plan created during a five-day charette, or planning exercise) incorporated a wetlands study by The Wilson T. Ballard Company which identified wetland areas that must be avoided in construction. The new land plan provided alternative building sizes and heights for five development parcels at Warfield.

8. Town-Warfield Water Line Set For Construction

When the State asked the Town to agree to the transfer of the Hubner and "T" buildings at Warfield to the Maryland State Police, the State agreed to install a new water supply line for the benefit of the entire Springfield Hospital Center, including the State Police and the Warfield Development Complex. This new line will be constructed by Maryland Environmental Service (MES) and will replace an old and much deteriorated water line that was inadequate for the development of Warfield. At the request of Mayor Herman the County Commissioners and the State have further agreed to connect this line to the South Carroll County Freedom Water System. Opening the new water line so that it connects to the existing water supply system of the Town creates a stronger loop and greater

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Below: Building "F", also known as the Austin Crother Cottage, was named after the Maryland Governor at that time. It was designed by the architectural firm Parker, Thomas & Rice. Other buildings they designed are the Belvedere Hotel, the Savings Bank of Baltimore, The B&O Rail Road Central Offices, and Johns Hopkins Homewood Campus.



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security for the Town's water supply in the event of an interruption of service at some point.

9. Partnership With The Carroll County Commissioners and the Carroll County Economic Development Office

One of the most important highlights of the year was a greatly expanded and improved partnership with the County Commissioners and the Carroll County Economic Development Office. The

Commissioners have made a number of important modifications to the original grant of \$300,000 from County Trust funds to the Town to permit the Town to continue to cover the expenses of the redevelopment of Warfield. Further, the Commissioners have supported opening the new State water line at both ends of the Warfield Complex so that it connects to the Town's water system and thereby improves the redundancy of the Town's distribution system.

The Carroll County Economic Development Office has, at the Town's request, initiated exploratory discussions with the State Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) for substantial capital funding for Warfield. This includes the offer to help obtain funding from sources within the County as well as from the DBED for the rehabilitation of a "spec" building at Warfield and the renovation of the exterior of the four Service Buildings known as buildings A, B, C and Service. ♦

Below: The Cafeteria/Auditorium was also known as the Dining Hall. The architects Owen & Sisco also designed this building. It was built from 1911-1912.



The four Service Buildings were designed by architect Joseph Evans Sperry and built in the early 1900's. He also designed several of the Enoch Pratt Library buildings, the Har Sinai Temple, the Brewers Exchange, and most popularly, The Bromo Seltzer Tower in Baltimore City.

Town of Sykesville Parks & Recreation Events 2003

Friday, April 18 – Easter Egg Hunt

New location! (See ad on page 5).

Sunday, April 27 – Adult Co-ed Softball League

(See ad on page 5)

Saturday, April 26 – Golf Tournament

River Downs Golfer's Club (See ad on page 5).

Saturday, May 3 – Yard Sale on Main Street

(See ad on page 5)

Weds. June 18 – Stories in the Park

Parks and Recreation teams up with the Eldersburg Branch of the Carroll County Library to offer a FREE weekly story time at Millard Cooper Park. Wednesday's at 11:00 am (8 weeks) through August 6, 2003. No registration required. All ages welcome.

Saturday, July 5 – Family Fun Day

Sykesville families love this special day! Enjoy games, pony rides, crafts, food and entertainment. This year the festival will occur along with our 2nd Annual Model Railroad Festival down on Main Street.

Friday, July 11 – Concerts in the Park

FREE summer concert series at Millard Cooper Park. 6 weeks through Friday, August 15, 2003. Snack bar will be open. Alcohol is not permitted in the park.

Saturday, Oct. 25 – Children's Halloween Costume Contest

Just as fun for adults, bring your little ghosts and goblins (up to age 10) at 10:00 a.m. Prizes and candy. FREE. Location to be determined.

Friday, Dec. 5 – Holiday Open House

Craft activity for children, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (as long as supplies last).

For information on any of these events call 410-795-8959
e-mail parcsandrec@sykesville.net
Town of Sykesville Website: www.Sykesville.net

In Search Of ... We are looking for a few good people to help out with this years' **Family Fun Day** scheduled for Saturday, July 5, 2003. We are looking for teen and adult volunteers, as well as entertainers who may be interested in performing at our festival. ♦



By now you have seen that work has begun on the new bridge on Route 32. The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) reports that the new bridge on Route 32 should be completed by this time next year.

The existing bridge will not be removed and may be used as a potential pedestrian access point. The SHA indicates that this bridge has historic value, as it is one of the few remaining aluminum girder bridges.



**Mark your calendars for the
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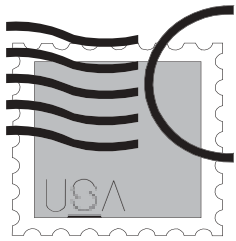
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Website at www.usps.com for additional postal information, as well as zip code lookup.

Watch for the spring *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony* on April 11, 2003, and plan to visit this unique addition to Historic Sykesville! ♦

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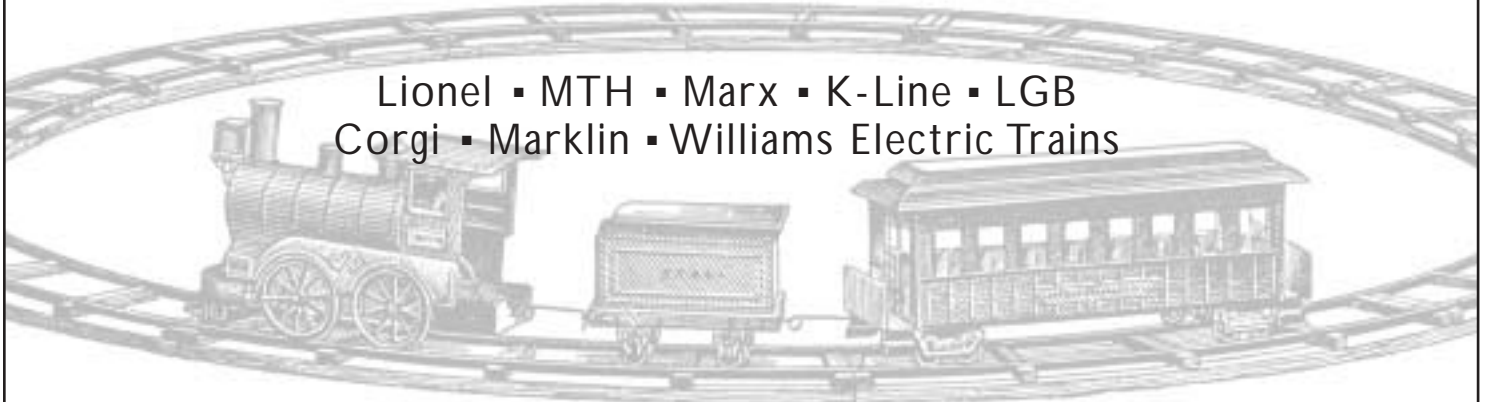


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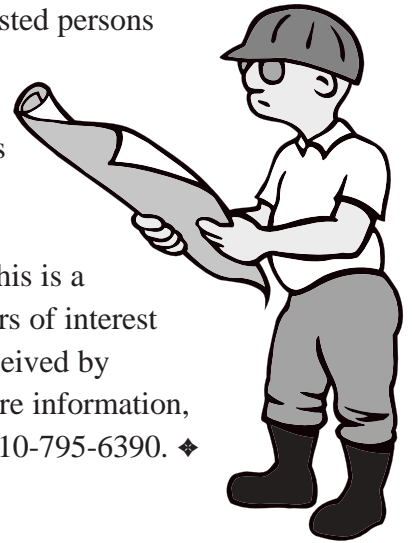
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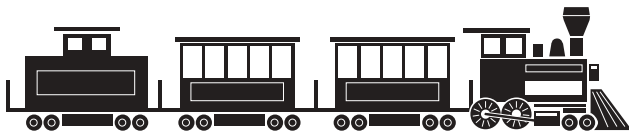
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Approved Names for Sykesville's Parks!

Town parks are a wonderful resource to enjoy! Perhaps you have been using an informal name for a park near you. Over the past two years, input from town residents, Park & Recreation committee members, Town Staff, and historical research helped to create a list of names. Recently, the Mayor and Town Council officially adopted the following names for our parks.

Beach Park

(formerly Autumn Sky Tot Lot)

Historical Significance: The Springfield Academy, the first school in Sykesville, was opened in 1838 and was operated by members of the Springfield Presbyterian Church. By 1878, the school (now called The Springfield Institute) was headed by Suzanna and Jemima Beach, and offered classes to boarding and day students. The park is located about two blocks from the location of this first school.

Shannon Run Park

(formerly Brandenburg Circle)

Historical Significance: This park was set aside as open space as part of the Shannon Run subdivision built in the 1980's - 90's. This section of the subdivision was designed using the Town's innovative Small Town Planning Guidelines. These Guidelines encouraged traditional town design standards and marked a departure from the conventional subdivision design prevalent since the 1940's.

Harold Burkett Park

(known as Burkett Park)

Historical Significance: In the 1980's, Harold Burkett was instrumental in operating the Carroll County Food Bank out of the Town House kitchen. After a few years, the distribution center became too large to be housed in the Town House and was moved to Westminster.

Millard Cooper Park - (known as Cooper Park)

Historical Significance: Cooper Park, the Town's first park, was named for Millard Cooper. "Coop", as he was called, was the Chief of Police for the Town, the Maintenance Superintendent, snow removal expert, and a friend to many Sykesville residents.

Lexington Run Park

(formerly Jennifer Way Playground)

Historical Significance: This park is part of a subdivision that was constructed in the early 1980's called Lexington Run Subdivision.

Jones Park - (formerly Kalorama Tot Lot)

Historical Significance: Ida, Fanny, and Elsie Jones were local celebrities. They photographed people and places and later hand-tinted these photos. Landscapes, still life scenes, and buildings were favorite subjects for the Jones sisters. Their efforts contributed to a great photographic record of their times.

Sykesville Linear Trail

(formerly Linear Trail)

Historical Significance: In the late 1980's, the Shannon Run and Hawk Ridge Farms Subdivisions were reviewed and approved by the Town. The Linear Trail was carefully designed into both subdivisions to provide a pleasant walking trail that runs from Obrecht Road to the Patapsco River.

Little Sykes Railway Park

Historical Significance: In 1999, the Town acquired a 1949, 12-gauge miniature train built by the Miniature Train Company. With the help of volunteers like Richard Doxzen, the Town located the miniature train to this park along Sandosky Road.



Bloomfield Park

(formerly Wimmer/Talon open space)

Historical Significance: Bloomfield Manor, an historic home, is situated nearby. Bloomfield Manor farm originally included this park.

Old Main Line Park

(next to Interlocking Tower)

Historical Significance: The Park is situated next to the original B&O Railroad line which was called the Old Main Line. The B&O, incorporated 1828, was the first commercial railroad line in the United States. Trains were operating on this line in Sykesville by 1831.



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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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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. Rental fee must be paid before dumpster is placed.

Dump Truck Rental

\$50.00 per weekend plus tipping fees. 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

Please contact the Town House at 410-795-8959 to set up an appointment for Public Works to inspect your items and calculate the fee. Charges are paid prior to pick-up.

Recycling Reminders

- Loose cardboard must be tied and bundled.
- No plastic bags of shredded paper. ♦

Used Oil and Antifreeze – should be poured into the proper drums located at the Sykesville Public Works Facility. Do not pour anything on the ground. It is your responsibility to empty your containers into the drums. Please take your empty containers with you. The drums are emptied by the State. If they are full, please return at another time. ♦

Millard Cooper Park Pavilions –

- **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.

Horseshoe equipment is available.

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

Refund checks are mailed every two weeks. Only those pets on a leash are allowed in the park. Persons with pets are responsible for the removal of all pet wastes. ♦



Spring and DOGGY DOO!

Imagine taking a long leisurely stroll on a beautiful, fresh, balmy spring day and stepping in IT!!!! Or, imagine the little ones outside playing in the fresh air and rolling in IT!!!! Please be sensitive to our environment and courteous to your neighbors. **CLEAN IT UP!**

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 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. ♦

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. ♦

Bicycle Helmet Law

The Bicycle Helmet Safety Law, Ordinance Number 203, requires any person, regardless of age, to be properly outfitted, wearing an approved bike helmet that meets the ANSI or DOT standards. Any person, in the Town limits of Sykesville, operating or riding a bicycle on a public roadway, bicycle path, linear parkway, Town path, or any right-of-way under the jurisdiction and control of the Town, shall wear a protective helmet designed for public safety. Any persons violating this ordinance are subject to:

First offense - \$25.00

This fine may be waived providing the person supplies the Town Police Department with proof that between the date of violation and thirty (30) days thereafter, the person purchased a helmet which meets the requirements of this subtitle.

Second offense - \$50.00

Third offense - \$75.00

Impoundment of bicycle until fine is paid. An impoundment fee of \$10.00 and proof of purchase of a safety helmet shall be required to regain a bicycle. ♦

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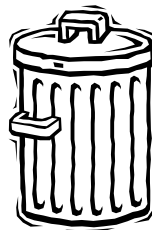
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Buckle Up - It's the Law

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



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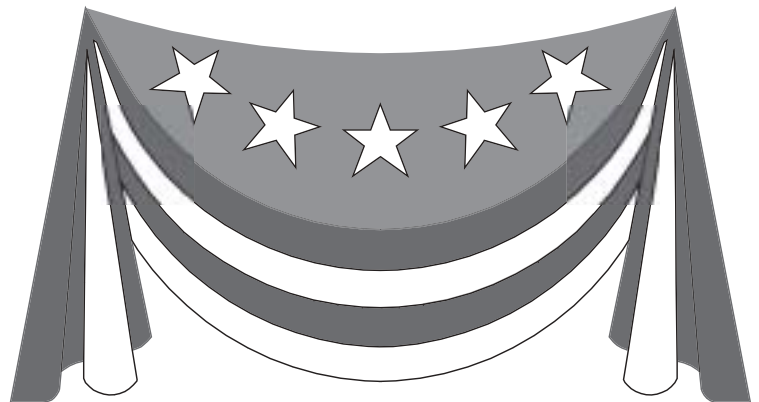
Though “Sykesville” has been around since the 1820’s, it was not until the early 1900’s that the Town took a monumental leap forward. On May 3, 1904, the Town of Sykesville became an incorporated municipality in Carroll County. On May 1, 2004 (the Saturday closest to the actual anniversary), we will celebrate the Town’s Centennial birthday. Planning for this event has just begun. Preliminary ideas for the celebration include a parade down Main Street, activities for children, re-enactors, eating contests, and a bed race.

A Centennial Planning Committee is being formed now. Peggy Soper (Tourism Director) and I (as chair) welcome any and all interested parties. This is a celebration for all Sykesville residents, past and present.

If you wish to join in the planning for this event, please contact the Town House or email me at rgv_cpa@msn.com.



100 **Centennial Celebration**



The committee’s first meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Town House conference room. If you have ideas as to how to make this celebration special (but cannot attend meetings), please feel free to pass them along to Peggy Soper or myself. ♦

*Russ Vreeland
Councilman*