



# Straight Talk

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The Town of Poolesville

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## REPORT STREET LIGHTS

Please have the following information ready and call, or send your request via e-mail to [townhall@lan2wan.com](mailto:townhall@lan2wan.com)

1. Pole Number
2. Nearest Street Address
3. Nature of Problem

## FY2013 BUDGET

It is that time of year again when we begin drafting the fiscal year 2013 Budget, which encompasses the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 and reflects budgets for all municipal departments.

A municipality's budget is much more than an accounting document. It serves as an outline for how the Town should best use its resources to benefit the citizens. With an Annual Budget of just over \$2.5 million dollars, the Town has a pool of resources that it can utilize to perform the necessary Town functions. It is with this understanding that elected officials make decisions on which items should be included in the Annual Budget.

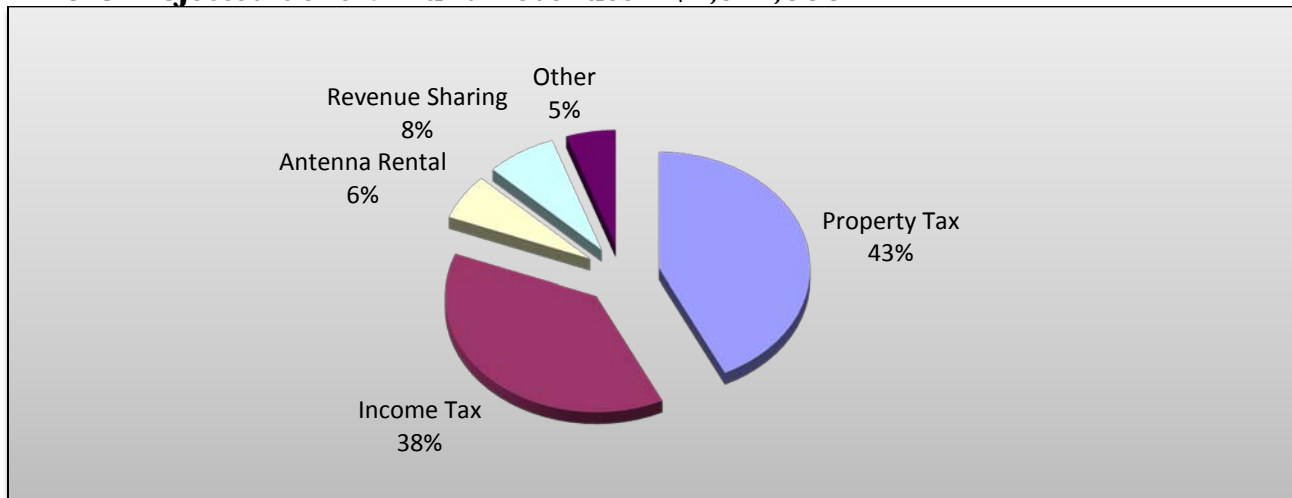
Preparation of the Draft Municipal Budget begins in January. Upon submission of a recommended budget by Commission President Eddie Kuhlman, the Commissioners hold several worksessions to review every operational and capital expenditure. These reviews are intended to ensure that appropriation requests are justified, and to make any modifications to such requests as may be deemed necessary. All budget worksessions are held at Town Hall and are open to the public. Once the review process is complete, the budget is made available for public inspection and a date is set for a public hearing.

One of the most commonly heard terms in municipal budget discussions is General Fund. The General Fund is the largest of two types of funds that Poolesville maintains. The General Fund is the Town's main operating fund. It pays for the core community services that use most of the Town's tax revenue, such as capital projects, parks and recreation, road repairs, salaries and refuse collection as well as other vital support functions.

The two major revenue sources for the General fund are Property Tax and Income Tax. These revenue sources are dependent on the economic environment and can fluctuate from year to year. Two additional revenue sources that the Town depends on, State Highway User Funds, which fund paving projects, and the County Revenue Sharing have been cut by both respective bodies to balance their own budgets. The State Highway Funds are of particular interest as the gas tax, which is proposed to increase again this year, is designed to specifically fund roadway improvements. Unfortunately, the money is not always kept in the transportation fund and can be reallocated to help balance the State's budget.

Other General Fund revenue sources are impacted by the economic environment, but not to the same degree. These other sources include Franchise Fees, Licenses and Permits, Interest Income, Wireless Antenna Rental Income and other minor income streams.

**FY 2013 Projected General Fund Revenues = \$2,522,000**



In addition to the General Fund, the Town maintains a separate Water & Sewer Fund. The reason for having multiple fund types is that certain monies should only be utilized for a specific purpose. Typically, Water & Sewer Funds are intended to be fully self-supporting through user fees and not subsidized by the General Fund.

For the most part, the expenses associated with operating water & sewer facilities are predetermined such as chemicals, electricity, sludge disposal and insurance. However, utilizing State Grant funding, the Town has managed to install LED lighting and variable speed motor controllers to decrease electric costs. This year should be interesting as the General Fund subsidy is increasing and most likely, user fees will be looked at very closely.

Budget worksessions will begin in February. Meeting dates and times will be posted online @ [www.ci.poolesville.md.us](http://www.ci.poolesville.md.us).

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## **MASTER PLAN**

After many months of hard work, Public Hearings and revisions, the Poolesville Master Plan was formally adopted. The Master Plan is a six year road map for the future of our Town and the way we live, work, and play in our neighborhoods. It guides decisions at every level of government, including water, sewer, parks and our elected officials. Overall, the contents of the Master Plan represent a vision with policies, strategies, and actions for getting us there.

The last comprehensive revision to Poolesville's Master Plan was in 2005 and primarily focused on adequate water and sewer issues. Since that time, the Town has made huge strides in adding wells to the system, expanding the Waste Water Treatment Plant and have begun moving forward on improving the quality of our drinking water.

The 2012 Master Plan focuses more on the revitalization of the business districts, developing streetscape, protecting schools and preserving the "small town character".

The Planning Commission will now begin to develop implementation strategies to bring these visions to life. With Chairman George Coakley at the helm, the Commission is prepared for the task at hand, but rely on public participation for the endeavor to be successful. The Planning Commission meets once per month, typically on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 PM. Meeting schedules and agendas are posted online @ [www.ci.poolesville.md.us](http://www.ci.poolesville.md.us).

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## DESTINATION: POOLESVILLE

Community Business Fair 2012  
Saturday, March 10, 10 AM to 2 PM  
Poolesville Baptist Church



Mark your calendars to either attend or exhibit at the Third Annual Poolesville Area Spring Community/Business Fair sponsored by the Community and Economic Development Committee and Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce. Last year was a huge success! The event sold out with 40 vendors and drew a crowd of over 250 people! **Destination:**

**Poolesville** will feature shopping, food, entertainment, prizes, the paper shredding truck, and two new attractions: an electronics recycling truck and educational seminars from our local business owners. Clean out your homes and home offices and come by the event on March 10 and be a part of what makes Poolesville special!

### Calling all Business Owners!

Are you a local business or entrepreneur looking to build your client list and encourage "repeat and referral rate" with ease? Poolesville residents need to know who *YOU* are and what you love to do! Consider signing up to have a vendor booth, contribute a prize, and / or provide a 30 minute educational seminar to residents during the business fair.

Residents "shop local" in town because of the people they have confidence in and enjoy relationships with. Use the business fair to start building these relationships, and over time, people will remember you, tell their friends about you, and help your business grow.

For details and forms, contact Cathy Bupp at [catbupp@aol.com](mailto:catbupp@aol.com) or visit [www.poolesville.com](http://www.poolesville.com) or [www.poolesvillechamber.com](http://www.poolesvillechamber.com)



# RECYCLING INFORMATION

## WE ACCEPT THESE GLASS ITEMS:

All food and beverage jars and bottles made of clear, brown and green glass.



## WE DO NOT ACCEPT THESE GLASS ITEMS:

Any other glass or ceramic products, Window glass or Mirrors

## WE ACCEPT THESE PLASTIC ITEMS:

Plastic bottles that contained food, drink and household products, medicine and vitamin bottles, nursery and flower pots (**Resin numbers** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7)

Containers, tubs and lids, pails and buckets  
(**Resin numbers** 2, 3, 4, 5, 7)

Tupperware™ or Rubbermaid™ -type durable plastic containers and lids, and Beverage (stadium) cups

## WE DO NOT ACCEPT THESE ITEMS:

Any biodegradable or compostable plastic items

Any plastic bottle or container that held automotive products or hazardous materials

Plastic wrap, bags, or film , Plastic hangers

Non-bottle items made from resins #1 (polyethylene terephthalate) or any type of #6 (polystyrene and

## WE ACCEPT THESE METAL ITEMS:

All metal food, beverage, and pet food cans



Aluminum foil products

**Examples:** foil wrap, pie plates, and other food trays

Tins from cookies, fruit cakes, popcorn, and similar items

Non-hazardous aerosol cans and caps **Examples:** whipped topping, spray cooking oil, deodorant, hair spray, shaving cream

## WE DO NOT ACCEPT THESE ITEMS:

Hazardous aerosol cans

Any other container that held automotive products or hazardous materials.

Any container holding syringes or other sharps.

Foil bags used for coffee beans or ground coffee

Foil-lined boxes for juice and other beverages, soup and other food products

**\*\*Add these to your paper recycling bundle or bin.**

## WE ACCEPT THESE PAPER ITEMS:

Newspapers and inserts, white and colored office and printing paper, shredded paper, books, magazines and catalogs

Cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, juice and drink boxes, produce and fruit boxes, shoe boxes, snack food and cookie boxes, other boxes, egg cartons (cardboard only) and paper bags

Frozen food containers (frozen meals and vegetables), paper ice cream containers and lids, milk and juice cartons, paper coffee and beverage cups, unwanted mail (with or without windows), wrapping paper, all other clean and dry paper

## WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

Carbon paper, foil gift wrap, leather-bound books, packing material such as styrofoam or plastic, paper or cardboard contaminated with paint, chemicals, food, or kitty litter, paper towels, napkins, or tissues and photographs/photographic paper.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

COMMISSIONERS: FEBRUARY 6 & 21

PLANNING COMMISSION: FEBRUARY 15

PARKS BOARD: FEBRUARY 8

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: FEBRUARY 22

### COMMUNITY & BUSINESS

#### DIRECTORY 2012

It's time to update your information for the 2012 Directory. If your information is incorrect, missing, or you would like to be removed from the directory, visit [www.poolesvillechamber.com](http://www.poolesvillechamber.com) to make corrections.

### TOWN RECEIVES \$70,000

#### GRANT

The Maryland Board of Public Works has announced the award of a \$70,000 Community Parks and Playground grant for the L.M. Steven's Park Upgrade. The renovation of this park is part of the overall plan approved by the Poolesville Park's Board to upgrade all of Poolesville's Parks to meet the American Disabilities Act requirements.

Water/Sewer Emergency  
Contacts

- 240-286-3389
- 240-286-3359

### SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

This is a reminder that 24 hours after a snow/ice storm the owners, managers and tenants of properties in the Town must clear the sidewalks abutting their property.

### EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

Emergency snow routes throughout the subdivisions must be kept clear of parked vehicles during snow removal operations. Vehicles that remain illegally parked will be towed and/or ticketed.



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*Town Manager*

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