



Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 20772

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM

AGENDA

This meeting will be conducted in person.

Persons who are unable to attend the meeting may attend virtually via phone or the following Zoom Video Teleconference link:<https://uppermarlbormd-gov.zoom.us/j/86845716009> Persons who desire to speak during public comment shall sign-in with the Clerk

REGULAR TOWN MEETING AGENDA: 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Review of Agenda**
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Meeting Minutes
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Public Safety Report
 - D. Public Works Report
 - E. Administrative Report
6. **Business**

Public comment will be taken prior to Business line items (3 minutes per item)

 - A. Meeting Regulations (Council Vote)
 - B. MML Resolution 2026-03 (Council Vote)
 - C. FY 2027 Budget Survey (Council Discussion)
 - D. FY 2027 Budget Survey (Public Comment)
7. **Administrative Updates**
 - A. Councilmember Reports
8. **Public Comment**

For items not necessarily on the immediate agenda (3 minutes per item)
9. **Preliminary Approval of Next Meeting Agenda**
10. **Adjournment**



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Town of Upper Marlboro February 2026 Treasurer's Report Budget vs. Actuals: FY26 July 2025 - February 2026

Key Monthly Items

1. Financials year to date through February
2. YTD activity reflects a net gain of 805K, this gain will most likely decrease through the end of the fiscal year, the majority of the fiscal year's tax revenues have been received by the end of February.
3. Cash balance is approximately 15 months of operating spending(excludes grant or reimbursable spendi
This reflects a strong fund balance position.

Bank Accounts

1000 Checking Account (Premis) 6968	200,000
1001 Petty Cash	750
1010 Payroll Account (Premis) 6976	37,311
1020 ICS Sweep Account	556,993
1040 Parking Meter Checking (M&T) 0032	234,685
1045 Speed & Red Light (M&T) 0013	302,066
1140 MLGIP (MM)	1,617,087
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 2,948,892



Town of Upper Marlboro Police Department

14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 Tel: (301) 627-6905

David A. Burse
Chief of Police

For ALL Police Calls dial 911 or the Non-Emergency number at 301-352-1200

Police Reports can be obtained In-Person or By Mail for a fee of \$10.00 at the Prince George's County Police Records Division located at 6420 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Maryland 20748. Phone: 301-985-3638

Monthly Town Police Department Report For the Month of February 2026

Incidents Reported in Town:

Fraud Call 1	Domestic Call 2	Residential Alarm 1
911 Disconnect 1	Check Welfare 6	Traffic Complaint 1
Suspicious Person 1	Trespassing Call 1	Sexual Assault Call 1
County Vehicle Accident 2	Hit & Run Call 2	Notification Call 1
Vehicle Accident 3	Disorderly Call 4	Suspicious Auto 2
Break In Report 1	Family Dispute 1	Hold Up Alarm 1

Total calls responded by: Upper Marlboro Police 9 & Prince George's County Police 23

Chief Burse participated in the Prince George's Chiefs Association meeting.

Sgt. Dawson, Cpl. Anderson, and Pfc. Castilla conducted high visibility patrols throughout the Town.

Chief Burse participated in the weekly Prince George's County Police Crime meeting.

Chief Burse participated in the Maryland Chief's Meeting.

Chief Burse participated in the Municipal Chiefs Public Safety Partner Meeting with State's Attorney Jackson.

Chief Burse attended the District 2 & CSA23 Coffee Club Meeting.

Chief Burse participated in the quarterly Baltimore Metropolitan Regional Law Enforcement Coordination Call.

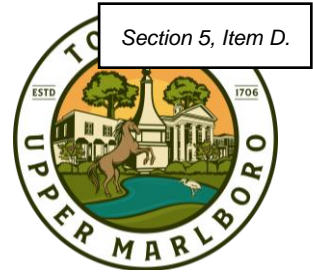
Chief Burse participated in the Swearing-in of Cottage City Police Chief David Martini.

Chief Burse participated in the Saturday special Town Budget meeting.

EVENTS:

Coffee with a Cop March 30, 2026, from 8am to 10 am at Town Hall 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Upper Marlboro Police will be collaborating with Prince George's County Police on "Operation Blue Night Lights" on March 20th & 21st from 2pm to 10 pm.



Date: Friday, March 20, 2026
Subject: Public Works' Monthly Report
RE: February 2026

Public Works Related

- PWD uploaded and approved bills for PW assigned in Bill.com.
- Payroll processing and review.
- New hires received all necessary codes and access cards.
- Emaculate Cleaning Service onboarded.
- Vehicle acquisition package wrapped up. Vehicles ordered.
- PWD met with multiple vendors to revise COI's to receive reimbursement from the state of MD. COI's accepted.
- Foreman Sheckels and I revised tractor specs and placed an order.
- FY-26 Budget Adjustment figures wrapped up and presented.

Maintenance and Beautification

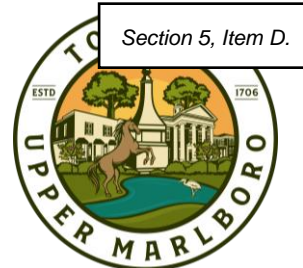
- Trucks and equipment were prepared for the 3rd snow event of the season. Accumulations far below what was expected
- Multiple issues sorted out with snow equipment during and after operations.
- PWD attended multiple meetings with State and County officials about storm operations.

Street and Sidewalk

- PWC pre-treated all Town roads and sidewalks ahead of snow event 2
- PWC performed storm drain checks and clearing of leaves and debris ahead of the storm.
- PWC performed multiple days of pushbacks and sidewalk clearing residuals from major winter weather event.
- Trucks were cleaned and equipment fixed and re-checked ahead of the third snow event of the season.
- PWC conducted routine litter patrols around Town.
- Water main break on Gov Oden Bowie Dr repaired by WSSC.

Projects Update

- **Pocket Park Electrification** - PWD met with the electrical contractor to discuss. Quote provided and accepted. Contract executed. Currently, electrical panels and outlets are installed. Awaiting PEPCO electrical drop and meter installation.
- **Town's Stormwater Management Property** - between Spring Branch Dr and Trinity Cemetery, stakeout was completed in late December, and associated



documents were provided in January. There is a code violation that needs to be resolved before we can request quotes to fence the property in.

- **Marlborough Towne Streetlights** - Electrical Contractor hired to figure out issues with streetlights. A plan of action has been made for future repairs. Mayor Colbert, Vice Mayor Brooks, Town Manager Anderson, and I met with Marlborough Towne HOA leadership to discuss lighting issues. Three of four were repaired in February. Fourth light at the end of Marlborough Terrace was traced in mid-March. It was discovered that 175ft of wire needs to be replaced.
- **Church St lot** - Town Manager Anderson and I met with Site Design to discuss the design. Plans revised to include more spaces. The new plan includes more spaces and has been reviewed internally for feasibility.
- **Phase II Playground and Splash Pad** - Final permit issued. Change order received to update labor and material pricing and to include the needed bio-retention pond, which is a DPIE requirement and was not included in the original scope. Change Order was accepted, and they began silt fence installation in March.
- **Staff Training** – PWD has been working with the Senior Park Manager, Athletic Fields/Trails Manager of the Southern Region Parks Division of M-NCPPC on joint training opportunities for staff. We are requesting certification in pesticides, fertilization, and playground maintenance.
- Also, Crew lead Raynor, Foreman Sheckels and I plan to attend Joint MMLPWA meeting with MML Parks and Recreation for a 2-day meeting / Training in OC in mid-March.
- Foreman Sheckels completed the first leadership training with the Public Utilities & Waterworks Management Institute in December. He is scheduled for the upcoming advanced class in March.

Refuse Accumulations

- There were no dump truck rentals for the month.
- Bulk day refuse totals for items to landfill were tons.
- Yard waste totals for items to MES were tons.

Sincerely,

Darnell F. Bond / Director of Public Works



TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Town Manager, Clayton A. Anderson
RE: February Report – March 24, 2026

■ **FINANCE**

- Created a draft budget for FY 2027.

■ **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Met with Marlborough Towne HOA to discuss lighting.
- Reviewed Grave Ceremony event request for Dr. Bean to commemorate 250th anniversary celebrations.
- Coordinated grant writing event for local businesses.

■ **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Met with the Office of Central Services to discuss snow and ice removal.
- Attended DHCD Power Hour regarding conflicts of interest.
- Met with DHCD regarding the MIP Grant; received approval to submit a request for reimbursement.
- Invited to a meeting with the State’s Attorney.
- Payroll transitioning in-house.
- Completed the anticipated debt survey.

■ **GRANTS & FUNDING**

- Received funding for School/Wilson Lane for flood mitigation.
- Signed Facade Improvement Grant agreement.
- Reimbursement application accepted for two bond bills

■ **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Met with a consultant to discuss business retention and recruitment.
- First business received CIP allocation for business upgrades.
- Empower Upper Marlboro applications were disseminated.

■ **OFFICE STATISTICS**

383 Phone Calls Answered	1,485 Emails Received	6 Visitors to Town Hall
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ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY, APPLICABILITY, & AMENDMENT

1.1 Authority

Section 82-9 of the Charter of the Town of Upper Marlboro grants the Council of the Town of Upper Marlboro the right to determine its own rules of procedure and order of business. These rules are adopted pursuant to this authority.

1.2 Applicability - Robert's Rules

These Council rules of procedure apply to all Town Council meetings. Any procedural matter not covered by these rules shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

1.3 Amendment

The Council may amend these rules or adopt new ones by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting.

1.4 Recession and Suspension of Rules

The Council may suspend these rules by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting.

ARTICLE 2. GENERAL RULES OF PROCEDURES & POLICIES

2.1 Meetings

A meeting occurs when a quorum of the Council convenes to consider or transact public business.

- A. No ordinance shall be approved, nor any other action taken, without the favorable vote of a majority of the whole number of members elected to the Council.
- B. All meetings of the Council shall be governed by the Maryland Open Meetings Act (Maryland Code Ann., General Provisions, Title 3) and shall ordinarily be open to the public.
 - 1. The Act provides that the public has the right to attend and observe open meetings of the Council, but not the right to speak unless the Town Charter or meeting rules provide the right to speak..
 - 2. The Town Charter § 82-6 provides that the residents of the Town shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any regular meeting.
 - 3. Notices of Council meetings shall be posted as provided under the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

4. Nothing in this section precludes the Council from meeting in closed session as authorized in the Maryland Open Meetings Act.
5. The Council shall meet in accordance with the provisions of Town Charter, § 82-6 "Meetings of the Council."
6. The monthly meeting required by the Town Charter, § 82-6 shall be on the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless the fourth Tuesday is on or around a holiday or there is another conflict that prevents a quorum of the Council from meeting on the fourth Tuesday, in which case Council shall reschedule the meeting for a date on which a quorum of the Council can attend.

C. Work sessions

A work session of the Council is a public meeting for the in-depth review, study, and discussion of Town business, policies, or issues that may come before the Council, allowing council members to ask questions, obtain staff presentations, and prepare for official decisions.

1. Although work sessions are generally open meetings that the public may attend and observe, participation of the public at a work session is at the discretion of the Council.
2. The Council may call and hold work sessions as it deems necessary.
3. The formal adoption or passage of ordinances, resolutions, charter amendments, annexation resolutions, OR budget amendments, shall not be done at a work session.
4. Notice that formal action may occur at a work session should be noted on the agenda for the meeting in which the formal action will be taken.
5. In lieu of scheduling a separate work session to discuss an issue, the issue may be placed under new business on an agenda for a regular monthly meeting.

D. Special meetings.
A Special Meeting is a meeting to conduct business that requires action before the next monthly meeting of the Council.

1. Should an item of Town business require action before the next monthly meeting of the Council, the Council may call a special meeting.
2. A special meeting may be called at the request of the Mayor or a majority of the members of Council.
3. The Town shall provide at least three days' advance notice of a special meeting.

E. Emergency meetings.

Emergency meetings are a type of special meeting held to address urgent or unexpected circumstances that require immediate consideration.

1. In the case of urgent public necessity or unexpected circumstances that require immediate consideration, the Council may call an emergency meeting as set forth in this resolution.

2. The reason for the emergency meeting shall be included in the notice of the meeting.
3. An emergency meeting may be called after giving a minimum of two hours' advance notice to each Council Member, AND by posting notice on the Town website and at Town Hall and providing a copy of the notice to ANY media who regularly cover THE Town.
4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, the Council may take appropriate action, including introducing and adopting an emergency ordinance, at an emergency meeting.

F. Closed Sessions.
We should define what a closed session is, as we did for a work session.

1. The Council may close a meeting to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings Act, § 3-305 "Closed Session."
2. Notice of Closed Sessions shall be given as required by law.
3. The Council may meet in closed session to perform an administrative function such as to discuss the implementation of existing law, policy or administrative matters, and may not delve into policy or legislative or administrative rule making.
4. A closed session under the Maryland Open Meetings Act is sometimes referred to as an executive session.
5. The information required in 3-306 of the Open Meetings Act as to notify the public of the time, vote, persons present and topics discussed shall be appended to the minutes of the next public meeting.

G. Informational Meetings

An informational meeting is held by the Council to present information to, and obtain feedback from, residents of the Town.

1. The Council will determine the rules governing presentations at such meetings.

H. Public Hearings

This section is only used when a statutorily required public hearing is part of the order of business.

1. The Presiding Officer shall open the public hearing and request staff comments.
2. The Presiding Officer shall then receive public input.
3. While the public hearing is open, the Council Members may ask questions of the speakers.
4. Those speaking at a public hearing are required to follow the rules established herein for citizen comments.
5. Upon conclusion of public comments and determining that Council

members do not have any further questions, the Presiding Officer may close the public hearing.

6. The Council then may deliberate or act on the matter at hand upon the closing of the public hearing.

2.2 Recessed Meetings

A meeting that is recessed shall be recessed to a date, time and location approved by motion of the Council.

2.3 Presiding Officer

The Mayor shall serve as the Presiding Officer for all meetings of the Council. In the absence of the Mayor, the Vice-Mayor shall serve as the Presiding Officer.

- A. In the absence of the Vice-Mayor, the clerk to the Council shall call the meeting to order if a quorum of the Council is present. The first order of business shall be for the Council to elect by majority vote, a temporary Presiding Officer from the members seated and in attendance. The temporary Presiding Officer shall serve in such capacity until the meeting is adjourned.

2.4 Roll Call and Attendance

- A. Before the Council proceeds with the business before it, the Town Clerk shall conduct a roll-call and declare whether there is a quorum present.
 1. The Town Clerk shall note the members present for the minutes.
 2. The late arrival of members shall be entered into the minutes.
- B. Except when participating by telephone or video conference members must be physically present at Council meetings.
 1. Proxy or absentee voting is not permitted.
 2. Participation by telephone or video conference is permitted provided the option to do so is properly advertised in the notice of the meeting. Council Members participating by video conference shall have their video on and their face visible to the public at all times.

2.5 Quorum

A quorum is a simple majority of all elected members of the Town Council.

- A. A quorum of the Council shall be required to conduct business.
- B. A lesser number may adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by Town legislation.

- C. Unless otherwise required by law or the Town Charter or Code, the affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the Council shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance, or approve any other action taken.
- D. A vote to adjourn or decide a procedural matter, or regarding the attendance of absent members, does not require a quorum, and may be adopted by a majority of the members present.
- E. If a meeting is conducted virtually or is an in-person meeting at which virtual attendance is permitted, a quorum of the Council shall be maintained at all times.

2.6 Loss of a Quorum

- A. If a quorum is lost after a meeting has been properly convened, the Presiding Officer (as defined in Sec. 2.3) shall declare the meeting recessed until a quorum is reestablished.
- B. All Council members have a duty to attend all meetings of the Council unless there is good cause to be absent.
- C. Upon re-establishment of A quorum, the Presiding Officer shall call the meeting back to order and the Council shall resume consideration of the matter before it at the time of the recess.
- D. If, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer, as defined in Sec. 2.3, a quorum cannot be obtained within a reasonable period of time; the Presiding Officer shall declare the meeting adjourned until the next scheduled meeting.
- E. At that next meeting, after taking up the usual preliminary matters, the Council shall resume its consideration of the matter that was before it when it previously adjourned.
- F. Loss of a quorum shall not prevent any Council member from moving to table , defer , postpone ¹ , or make any other appropriate motion described in Section 2.15 with respect to any pending matter.

2.7 Conflict of Interest

- A. A Council Member prevented from voting by a conflict of interest shall file a conflict-of-interest statement with the Town Clerk as soon as possible after the posting of an agenda that contains a conflict unless a prior conflict of interest statement has already been filed with the Town Clerk.
- B. A Council Member prevented from voting by a conflict shall, after complying with Section 3.2 Abstentions, step down from the dais and leave the room, shall not vote on the matter, shall not participate in discussions regarding the matter or attempt to influence the Council's deliberation of the matter in any way, shall not provide comment on the matter as a member of the public, and shall not attend Closed Sessions regarding the matter.

- C. Definitions and examples of conflicts or potential conflicts of interest may be found in Town Code, Chapter 2 "Administration," Article III "Officers and Employees," Division 2 "Public Ethics" , as amended.

2.8 Place of Meeting

All meetings of the Council, unless otherwise determined, shall be held at the Town of Upper Marlboro Town Hall, in the meeting/conference room.

- A. In addition to the customary forms of notification, notice of a change in the meeting place shall be prominently posted on the doors of Town Hall and all other locations where meeting notices are posted.

2.9 Length of Meeting

All meetings of the Council shall have a two-hour time limitation. After two hours Council discussion on business items will be halted.

- A. Any necessary announcements will be made by the Mayor or Staff and general public comment will be taken if the type of meeting being held contains general public comment.
- B. The council may vote to extend the meeting past two hours with the existing or a modified agenda for the remainder of the meeting.

2.10 Notice of the Meeting

Written notice of all public meetings of the Council shall be posted at Town Hall and posted on the Town's website and social media outlets, if any.

- A. The notice shall show the date, time, place and topic(s) of such meetings and shall include a proposed agenda if one is available at the time the notice is posted, and, if applicable, a notice that portions of the meeting may be closed.

2.11 Conduct of Meetings

- A. Council Members shall be recognized by the Presiding Officer before speaking.
- B. At each regular Town meeting, council members will be granted five minutes to address each business item with comments or questions.
 - 1. Council members may yield to another council member or reserve any unused time which will otherwise expire once the next business item is introduced.
 - 2. Other attendees at the meeting of the Council may speak when called upon or invited to do so by the Presiding Officer.

2.12 Courtesy, Decorum, Conduct and Order

These rules of order are meant to promote an atmosphere of courtesy and decorum appropriate for the efficient discussion of business. It is the responsibility of the Presiding Officer and members of the Council to maintain an atmosphere of courtesy and decorum. The Presiding Officer should always ensure that debate and discussion focus on the item and the policy in question. In order to assist in the creation and maintenance of that atmosphere the following rules shall govern all meetings:

- A. Before a Council member, staff member or an audience member may speak, they must first be recognized by the Presiding Officer.
- B. Upon recognition, the person requesting to speak shall hold the floor and shall make their point clearly and succinctly.
- C. If a council member believes the discussion has strayed from the agenda, the council member may make a motion to return to the agenda ("call for orders of the day"). The motion does not require a vote. If the Presiding Officer discovers that the discussion has strayed from the agenda, he or she shall simply return to the business of the day.
- D. If a person fails to request to speak before speaking, the Presiding Officer shall rule them "out of order" and remind them that they do not have the floor.
- E. Every person desiring to speak at a Council meeting shall address the entire body and hall, not single out a member of the Council, the audience, or a staff member, and shall confine their comments to the items on the agenda, avoiding all personal attacks and indecorous language.
- F. While the Council is in session, all members must preserve order and decorum. A person shall neither, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of any Council meeting, whether a Regular meeting, Special meeting or a work session, nor disturb any other person while speaking or refusing to obey the orders of the Presiding Officer.
- G. Members of the Council should not leave their seats during a meeting without first making a motion to recess.
- H. Members of the Town Council or staff shall not raise any personnel matters, especially those pertaining to alleged improper performance or conduct of any Town employee(s) or Council appointee(s), at a public open meeting. Any concerns about conduct or performance of any Town employee(s) or appointee(s) shall be brought to the attention of the Town Manager. Concerns about the conduct or performance of the Town Manager shall be brought to the attention of the Mayor.
- I. The Town Manager and Town Clerk shall have the right to take part in the discussion of all matters coming before the Council, and other members of staff shall be entitled to take part in discussions of the Council relating to their respective offices.

- J. Members of the public may speak for three (3) minutes, during Public Comment Period, at Regular Town meetings of the Council according to procedures established herein.
1. They will be called to speak at the podium in the order in which they are signed-in. If the meeting is held virtually, the public will be able to "raise their hand" or chat with the Town Clerk to sign up to speak.
 2. Each speaker is limited to one presentation per agenda item allowing for public comment per meeting and a maximum timed limit of three (3) minutes unless another limit is established.
 3. If the subject matter does not pertain to Town business, the Presiding Officer shall advise the individual and/or make a recommendation as to how the issue may be addressed.
 4. Citizens speaking on agenda items shall restrict their comments to the subject matter listed.
 5. Citizens speaking on non-agenda items shall only speak on matters pertaining to Town business or issues which the Council would have the authority to act upon if brought forth as an agenda item.
 6. The Council may not act upon or discuss any issue brought forth as a non-agenda item; except to: Make a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry, or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry.
 7. Proper respect, decorum, and conduct shall prevail at all times. Impertinent, slanderous, misleading, or personal attacks are strictly prohibited, and violators may be removed from the meeting.
 8. No placards, banners or signs may be displayed during Council meetings. Exhibits relating to a presentation are acceptable.
 9. Arguing, intimidation, swearing, foul or obscene language, or other disruptive behavior is prohibited.
- K. The Presiding Officer has the right to cut a speaker off if the discussion becomes too personal, too loud, too crude, inappropriate, disrespectful, redundant, misleading, or slanderous. The Presiding Officer may bar people making inappropriate, disrespectful and/or, personal attacks, overly redundant, misleading, or slanderous remarks from further comments before the Council during the meeting. The Maryland Open Meetings Act allows for the Presiding Officer or public body to remove an individual from a meeting if the Presiding Officer determines the behavior of the individual is disrupting an open session.
- L. Demonstration or Disorder Amongst Bystanders
1. If any confusion, demonstration or disorder arises during a Council meeting, the Presiding Officer may, upon his or her initiative or upon the request of any member, enforce order. The offending person(s) may be

ejected from the meeting. If any member of the Council shall object to the ruling of the Presiding Officer, such member shall have the right to appeal to the body by formal motion and vote to return the ejected person to the meeting..

- M. A member indulging in any language or conduct unbecoming a Council Member shall be called to order by the Presiding Officer, and, in such case, the offending member shall lose the floor and shall not proceed without the approval of a majority of the members present.
 - 1. The Council may, by majority vote, expel a member from a meeting for disorderly conduct or violation of Council rules.
 - 2. A member of the staff or the public can likewise be expelled by order of the Presiding Officer subject to review by the Council.
 - 3. The Presiding Officer may be expelled if a motion is made by a Council Member and approved unanimously by the Council. The Presiding Officer to continue the meeting shall be determined in accordance with Section 2. above.

2.13 Rules of Discussion of Pending Questions

After the previous question has been seconded and the main questions ordered, the member who has introduced, or the staff member who has reported on the matter under consideration, shall have ample time to discuss the proposition pending, at the close of which the vote shall be taken.

2.14 Motions: When Reduced to Writing

Any member of the Council may call for a motion that has been made and seconded to be written down and read by the Town Clerk before debate.

2.15 Other Procedural Motions

- A. Motion to Adjourn: This motion, if passed, requires the Council to immediately adjourn to its next regularly scheduled meetings. This motion requires a simple majority.
- B. Motion to Recess: This motion, if passed, requires the body to immediately take a recess. Normally the Presiding Officer will determine the length of the recess which could last for a few minutes to several hours. It requires a simple majority vote.
- C. Motion to Table: This motion, if passed, requires discussion of the agenda item to be halted immediately, and the agenda item to be placed on hold. The motion may or may not contain a specific date and time to bring the item up again. If no date and time is specified, the item shall be placed on the agenda at the following Town Council meeting.

- D. Motion to Remove from the Table: This motion, if passed, allows the Council to remove an item previously placed on hold. A vote in favor of removing an item from the table must be made before the body can take action on an item that was tabled.
- E. Withdraw a Motion: During the debate and discussion of a motion, the original maker of the motion on the floor, at any time, may interrupt the speaker to withdraw his or her motion. The motion is immediately deemed withdrawn and discussion on the motion shall cease. Council members are free to make the same motion or another motion.
- F. Motion to Postpone: Delays consideration of a pending motion until a specified later time or meeting. The original or main motion is set aside and becomes an order of business at a specified time or it is postponed indefinitely. Typically the reason for this motion is to obtain additional information to be better prepared to discuss an issue.
- G. Motion to Defer: This motion if passed, would delay a matter to a future time until a condition established by the Council is met (study session, research)

Table 1: Summary of Key Differences

Feature	Table (Lay on Table)	Postpone (to a Time)	Defer
Goal	Immediate, urgent switch	Intentional delay for review	Delay until condition met
When to return?	No specific time set	Specific time/meeting	Future time/condition
Debatable?	No	Yes	Yes
Return Method	Needs "Take from Table"	Automatic (Unfinished Biz)	Often needs new agenda item

Primary Use	Emergency/Urgency	Preparation/Information	Delay for further study
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2.16 Dissents and Protests

Every Council Member shall have the right to express dissent from or protest against any ordinance, resolution, or act of the Council and have the reason therefore entered into the minutes.

- A. Such dissent or protest may be filed in writing, if expressed in a respectful manner, and presented to the Clerk no later than the next regular meeting following the date of passage of the ordinance or other legislation.

2.17 Council May Discipline its Own Members

- A. In the event a Council member violates a provision of the Town Charter, the Town Code, these rules or any other law or regulation of the Town or acts in a manner that causes embarrassment or disgrace to the Town of Upper Marlboro, the Town Council by majority vote of its members may discipline the offending member.
- B. Such action may only take place after an executive session is held to discuss the offense. The offending member shall be present at the executive session to answer any questions asked by members of the Council or make other statements as he or she may desire to make in his or her defense. If the offending member refuses to attend the executive session, the remaining members of the body may proceed in his or her absence.
- C. The outcome of the executive session may be as follows and shall be made publicly in open session in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act:
 - 1. No Action. The Council chooses to take no action.
 - 2. Private Censure: The Council may choose to privately censure the offending member, leaving their individual or collective comments to the offending member left in the confines of the closed session.
 - 3. Public Censure: The Council may choose to publicly censure the offending member through a written or oral resolution passed by majority vote and entered into the public record. The public censure may include a separate written letter of censure that will be a public record and placed in the member's personnel record along with any formal resolution.
- D. Town elected officials alleged or found to be in violation of the Town's Public Ethics Ordinance may, in addition to or in lieu of receiving a censure under these rules, be further subject to the enforcement procedures and penalties of the ethics ordinance.

ARTICLE 3. VOTING

3.1 Voting Rules

- A. When a question is put before the Council for a vote, every Council member present shall vote either in the affirmative or negative or abstain.
- B. All votes will be taken by a "roll call" by the Town Clerk with voting being made by voice vote, except when determined by the body to vote using another method. A record of the affirmative and negative votes and abstentions shall be entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the Council.
- C. Prior to a Council vote, the Mayor shall call each Council Member's name to check with each one individually if they have any comments, questions, or concerns, prior to the vote.

3.2 Voting - Abstention

- A. A member shall abstain from voting upon any matter on which the member is disqualified due to a conflict of interest, as described in Section 2.6, or participate in any quasi-judicial action regarding which the member is biased.
- B. A member shall openly state an abstention due to a conflict of interest or bias.
- C. A member who is abstaining due to a financial conflict of interest shall publicly identify the financial interest in detail sufficient to be understood by the public, except that disclosure of the exact street address of a residence is not required.
- D. As to any other conflict of interest, the member's determination may be accompanied by an oral or written disclosure of the conflict of interest.
- E. A member abstaining due to a conflict-of-interest shall comply with Section 2.6 of these regulations.
- F.

3.3 Tie Votes in Filling Vacancy

In the case of a vacancy under Section 82-32 of the Town Charter in the office of Mayor and the remaining elected members of the Board cannot agree on a successor to temporarily fill the office of Mayor, then the Council member who received the highest number of votes when compared among each council member's most recent election vote total shall become the Interim Mayor until the vacancy can be filled by a special election.

ARTICLE 4. MINUTES & RECORD KEEPING

4.1 Minutes of Meetings

Minutes of regular meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public meetings, and work sessions that have been approved by the Council at a regular meeting shall be made available to the Public by the Town Clerk. Approved minutes shall also be posted on the Town's website. Minutes of closed sessions of the body held in accordance with applicable state law shall not be open to public inspection, shall be approved in closed session, and shall remain sealed until the body votes to disclose them.

4.2 Record of Meetings

The Town Clerk or designee shall be responsible for minutes of each Regular or Special Meeting and Work Session of the Council and for maintaining the official record, which shall include all Council actions. Minutes shall include:

- A. All motions made, the name of the motion maker and second, the method and outcome of the votes taken, names of guests and their affiliation.
- B. Copies of resolutions, new or revised ordinances or other actions approved by the Town Council.
- C. All ordinances, charter amendment resolutions, and annexation resolutions shall have their titles and sequential numbers read into the record.

ARTICLE 5. SUSPENSION & AMENDMENT OF RULES

5.1 Suspension of Rules

Any provisions of these rules not governed or controlled by state law, or the Town Charter or ordinances, may be temporarily suspended by a majority vote of all elected members of the Town Council and may be amended in a similar fashion if such amendment was introduced at the previous regular meeting of the Town Council and shall have received preliminary approval of the Town Council at such meeting.

ARTICLE 6. THE AGENDA

6.1 Agenda

- A. The agenda shall outline the established order of business.
- B. Any agenda changes shall be made by request to the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Clerk five business days prior to the meeting. Inclusion in the meeting agenda shall be determined by the Mayor and Town Manager based on the length of the agenda and related staff workload.
- C. The Friday before each regular meeting, the Town Clerk shall provide each member of the Council a copy of the agenda for the forthcoming meeting, together with copies of all ordinances, resolutions, and background material of matters to be considered at the meeting.

- D. Under Section 3-302(c) of the Maryland Open Meetings Act found in the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code, the ability to observe does not mean that the public body must provide to the audience copies of the documents being reviewed by the members. However, the public must be given a grasp of what is being discussed and acted upon at the meeting. The Maryland Open Meetings Compliance Board has advised that an oral summary or general description of the documents in question will ordinarily serve this purpose.
- E. Copies of the agenda shall be posted on the Town website and at Town Hall at least one business day prior to each regular meeting. A reasonable number of copies of the agenda shall be available to the public at the Council meeting or earlier upon request, as available.
- F. All meeting agendas and amendments to the agenda shall be approved by the Town Council at the beginning of the meeting. Items on the agenda can be reordered by the Council during the scheduled meeting.
- G. Items of routine business that generally require no discussion by the body may be placed on the Consent Agenda of a Regular Meeting. At the beginning of any meeting, any member of the Council may remove an item from the Consent Agenda and place it under Action Items.
- H. Agendas for Regular Meetings and Work Sessions shall be published at least 3-5 days prior to the meeting. Agendas for special or emergency meetings may be published as far in advance as reasonably practicable.

6.2 Order of Business

The Town Council shall observe an order of business at Town regular or special meetings that fit the type of meeting and needs of the body given the agenda items addressed at the meeting, subject to amendments at the meeting. The order of business shall include, at a minimum, call to order, roll call, pledge of allegiance, approval of the agenda, approval of minutes and financial reports, staff reports, Council member reports, old business, new business, public comment, and adjournment.

ARTICLE 7. WORK SESSION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

7.1 Agenda

Only a limited number of matters shall be considered by the Council during a work session, and sufficient time for consideration of such matters shall be provided. An abbreviated agenda order shall be used for all work session agendas.

7.2 Documents and Exhibits to be Presented

When possible, staff shall make available to the Council all documents, proposed legislation, policies, contracts, exhibits, maps, plans, architectural drawings, specifications, correspondence, or other similar documents no later than the close of business on the fourth day prior to the meeting.

7.3 Technical or Legal Questions

All questions of a technical or legal nature, which require a detailed explanation for understanding, may be considered in a work Session. The Council Members may, through the Mayor, request the attendance of such staff members, the Town Attorney or outside experts as may be required to answer such questions. A work session or portion thereof, like any other public meeting, may be closed to confer with legal counsel, staff or other experts as permitted by the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

7.4 Audience Comments or Questions

Audience comments or questions will not be considered at a work session. Unless permitted by the Presiding Officer

ARTICLE 8. GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS

8.1 Council Member Requests

Council Member requests that deal with policy issues and Council Member requests that may be construed as direction or orders to staff shall be directed to the Town Manager or their designee, except for general inquiries or questions involving constituent services, in which case the Council Members may go to the Department Head.

8.2 Council Member Requests for Funding

Council Member requests requiring funding must go through the Mayor and the Town Manager and may require Council approval. The Mayor and the Town Manager shall respond in a timely manner.

8.3 Use of Staff Resources

A request for the use of staff time, other than standard requests for information from department heads, by a Council Member must be made through the Town Manager unless already approved by the Council.

ARTICLE 9. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

9.1 Representation or position by the Council or the Mayor

When the individual Council members give a public statement in their elected capacity on an issue affecting the Town, the Council member shall first identify the adopted position of the Town Council with respect to that subject, if any. Thereafter, the elected official may provide a statement of opinion or comment (including a minority or opposing viewpoint), provided the Council member expressly acknowledges that such statements do not represent the position of the Town.

The Town of Upper Marlboro

RESOLUTION: 2026-03

SESSION: Regular Town Hall Meeting

DATED: March 24, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 , ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Upper Marlboro provides essential frontline services to its residents, including administrative, public safety, code enforcement, street maintenance and public works, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland’s municipalities are a primary driver of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Upper Marlboro:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Upper Marlboro formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report.

- 2. Communication of Resolution: A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 - 1. **The Senator representing District 23**
 - 2. **Each Delegate representing District 23**
 - 3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

ADOPTED this 24th day of March 2026.

The Town Council of the Town Of Upper Marlboro

Charles Colbert , Mayor

ATTEST:

Telaya Bush, Town Clerk

TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO FY 2027 Budget Survey

Total Respondents: 43 | Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Planning

Summary

This report presents the results of the Town of Upper Marlboro's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Survey. A total of 43 residents participated, representing neighborhoods and areas throughout the town.

Key findings at a glance:

Highest Priority	Lowest Priority
Street Repair & Pedestrian Safety Average Rank: 2.51 67.44% ranked #1 or #2	Annexation Average Rank: 6.98 51.16% ranked last (#9)
#2: Attracting & Retaining Businesses Average Rank: 3.33 39.53% ranked #1 or #2	#2 Lowest: Addressing Community Needs Average Rank: 6.93 34.88% ranked last (#9)

Question 1: What Part of Town Do You Live In?

Respondents were asked to identify their neighborhood or area within Upper Marlboro. The survey received 43 total responses. The largest concentration of respondents resided along the Old Crain Highway / Valley Lane corridor (20.93%), followed by Spring Branch (18.60%) and the Rectory area (13.95%).

Neighborhood / Area	Response %	# Responses	Rank
Old Crain Highway / Valley Lane	20.93%	9	1
Spring Branch	18.60%	8	2
Rectory	13.95%	6	3
Old Marlboro Pike	11.63%	5	4
Marlborough Town	9.30%	4	5
Other	6.98%	3	6
Old Mill / Elm	4.65%	2	7
Church / Trinity	4.65%	2	8
Main Street	4.65%	2	9
School Lane	4.65%	2	10
Wilson Lane	0.00%	0	—
TOTAL	100%	43	

Question 2: Where Would Funds Be Most Impactful?

Respondents were asked to rank nine spending priority areas from 1 (highest priority) to 9 (lowest priority). The table below presents the average rank for each category — a lower average rank indicates a higher community priority.

#	Spending Priority Area	Avg. Rank	Total Responses	Priority Level
1	Street repair and pedestrian safety	2.51	43	HIGH
2	Attracting/retaining businesses	3.33	43	HIGH
3	More focus on parks, trails and connectivity	4.26	43	HIGH
4	Allocate funding for infrastructure needs	4.74	43	MEDIUM
5	Public Safety	4.88	43	MEDIUM
6	Explore opportunities for youth and seniors	5.56	43	MEDIUM
7	Community engagement	5.81	43	LOW
8	Addressing community needs	6.93	43	LOW
9	Annexation	6.98	43	LOW

Note: Respondents ranked all nine areas; a rank of 1 = highest priority, 9 = lowest priority. Average ranks are calculated across all 43 respondents.

Detailed Response Distributions by Priority Area

The following tables present the full rank distribution for each of the nine spending priority areas, ordered by average rank from highest to lowest priority.

Street repair and pedestrian safety (Average Rank: 2.51)

Rank	% of Respondents	Count	Visual
1 (Highest)	32.56%	14	
2	34.88%	15	
3	11.63%	5	
4	6.98%	3	
5	6.98%	3	
6	2.33%	1	
7	2.33%	1	
8	0.00%	0	
9 (Lowest)	2.33%	1	

Attracting/retaining businesses (Average Rank: 3.33)

Rank	% of Respondents	Count	Visual
1 (Highest)	25.58%	11	
2	13.95%	6	
3	11.63%	5	
4	20.93%	9	
5	13.95%	6	
6	6.98%	3	
7	6.98%	3	
8	0.00%	0	
9 (Lowest)	0.00%	0	

More focus on parks, trails and connectivity (Average Rank: 4.26)

Rank	% of Respondents	Count	Visual
1 (Highest)	16.28%	7	
2	11.63%	5	
3	20.93%	9	
4	13.95%	6	
5	6.98%	3	
6	4.65%	2	
7	6.98%	3	
8	11.63%	5	
9 (Lowest)	6.98%	3	

Allocate funding for future infrastructure (Average Rank: 4.74)

Rank	% of Respondents	Count	Visual
1 (Highest)	9.30%	4	
2	16.28%	7	
3	2.33%	1	
4	18.60%	8	
5	13.95%	6	
6	16.28%	7	
7	2.33%	1	
8	20.93%	9	
9 (Lowest)	0.00%	0	

Public Safety (Average Rank: 4.88)

Rank	% of Respondents	Count	Visual
1 (Highest)	9.30%	4	
2	9.30%	4	
3	11.63%	5	
4	11.63%	5	
5	25.58%	11	
6	4.65%	2	
7	9.30%	4	
8	9.30%	4	
9 (Lowest)	9.30%	4	








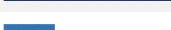

Explore opportunities for youth and seniors (Average Rank: 5.56)

Rank	% of Respondents	Count	Visual
1 (Highest)	0.00%	0	
2	6.98%	3	
3	13.95%	6	
4	13.95%	6	
5	4.65%	2	
6	25.58%	11	
7	18.60%	8	
8	9.30%	4	
9 (Lowest)	6.98%	3	










Community engagement (Average Rank: 5.81)

Rank	% of Respondents	Count	Visual
1 (Highest)	0.00%	0	
2	2.33%	1	
3	18.60%	8	
4	2.33%	1	
5	16.28%	7	
6	23.26%	10	
7	18.60%	8	
8	6.98%	3	
9 (Lowest)	11.63%	5	

Addressing community needs (Average Rank: 6.93)

Rank	% of Respondents	Count	Visual
1 (Highest)	0.00%	0	
2	2.33%	1	
3	4.65%	2	
4	2.33%	1	
5	9.30%	4	
6	9.30%	4	
7	25.58%	11	
8	34.88%	15	
9 (Lowest)	11.63%	5	

Annexation (Average Rank: 6.98)

Rank	% of Respondents	Count	Visual
1 (Highest)	6.98%	3	
2	2.33%	1	
3	4.65%	2	
4	9.30%	4	
5	2.33%	1	
6	6.98%	3	
7	9.30%	4	
8	6.98%	3	
9 (Lowest)	51.16%	22	

TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

FY 2027 Budget Survey

Question 4: Additional Comments

Total Responses: 16 | Survey Period: February – March 2026

Survey Question:

Q4: Do you have any additional comments you would like to share?

The following 16 responses were submitted by residents of the Town of Upper Marlboro as part of the FY 2027 Budget Survey. Responses are presented in chronological order, most recent first, and reproduced as submitted (with only minor formatting adjustments).

Response 1 — 3/8/2026

Trash gets picked up, streets are maintained, crime is low, police are visible and respond when called (same for fire department), elected officials are accessible and responsive . . . important aspects of local government. Roadways need some repair but mostly those maintained by the state. Please continue to work with MNCPPC to increase trails in the area especially the Chesapeake Beach rail trail. I chose to move to Upper Marlboro because of the small town appeal. I understand the fiscal benefits of annexation but the larger Upper Marlboro gets the less appealing it becomes.

Response 2 — 3/4/2026

Post a sign at the Town entrances to notify/remind citizens of Town Meetings

Response 3 — 3/3/2026

Road improvement is critical to the residents of School Lane. Our home/property specifically has suffered great loss on 3 separate occasions. A letter was written to the previous Mayor regarding the 2024 accident where our home and 2 vehicles were hit by a driver who mistook our driveway as a main road. These individuals are not familiar with the area with at least one driving impaired. These accidents have been major and life threatening to us and the drivers. I brought my concerns to the previous Mayor and no action or acknowledgement of the matter was taken. This concern should be a high priority for the town, as residents are also concerned their homes and safety could be affected next. I am asking the Mayor and board to be creative and find the monies to get this done in 2026, not another year can go by - we've waited long enough and it's overdue. The daily traffic load on School Lane from school board employees, visitors, vendors, deliveries, tractor trailers, Sasscer field games and residents is not designed or up to par to protect or support the demand. Lastly, why would TUM still push annexation when the town is suffering from a lack of repair/infrastructure. How can you take on more when this place is falling apart. Please do the first things first. Prioritize please, for all of our sake and safety.

Response 4 — 3/3/2026

Businesses don't stay open long enough and are often closed on Sunday. Incentives to stay open and create more gathering opportunities.

Response 5 — 3/2/2026

Noise monitoring during holidays. Too many gun pops and backyard fireworks.

Response 6 — 3/2/2026

Employees engaging with community

Response 7 — 2/28/2026

In answering the survey I didn't want the ranking to indicate my position is negative towards any of those items (for example, public safety is critical but I ranked lower), but noting that I am looking at the one to three year range from now, where I see best investments in this timeframe to help the Town thrive economically and to help improve our sense of community.

Response 8 — 2/24/2026

Put more money in the budget for UMF. An organizational chart. A detailed line item budget. Available to the public every quarter upon request.

Response 9 — 2/22/2026

1. Seafood market
2. Sports bar (multiple TVs, big bar)
3. Public parking garage

Response 10 — 2/21/2026

We would like to see funding and programs to help start up businesses and non profit organizations not just start but to sustain. Classes would be helpful for these businesses and organizations to stand the test of time. Courses that help the owners and help create youth jobs and opportunities.

Response 11 — 2/17/2026

Note: above, public health and safety is always #1, but unclear as it stands what that means. Police? Not my priority, but would be much better to bring police dept back into town. Why not restore the stone telephone exchange building?

Response 12 — 2/16/2026

Semi trucks, cars, motorcycles, and bicycles have run through and into my property at this very confusing intersection. As a result, my property has been repeatedly damaged; multiple plants and trees ruined, fencing damaged, mailbox run over twice, and last March my home was flooded with nearly five feet of water after a speeding vehicle struck the fire hydrant at this intersection. My property has suffered tens of thousands of dollars of damage due to the traffic at this intersection. Please consider budgeting toward improvements, upgrades, or anything that would help to keep this from happening over and over again.

Response 13 — 2/16/2026

Would love to see a local farmer's market once a month or once a week (in warmer weather) in town - would be a great way to support local businesses and access fresh local produce.

Response 14 — 2/16/2026

Core responsibilities of town government are infrastructure and public safety. Snow removal this year was disastrous; need additional drivers to keep plowing during snow storm.

Response 15 — 2/16/2026

Marlboro Pike is becoming a major throughway for commuters passing through the county down to 301 and farther south to Charles and St. Mary's counties. We need to slow traffic down, improve the friendliness of the driving to minimize car horns, minimize noisy vehicles at night with intentionally loud mufflers. The traffic noise is making the town unlivable. Please also ask if trash collectors could leave receptacles standing upright and not strewn in the roadways.

Response 16 — 2/13/2026

I've petitioned the County Executive, my council representative many times over the years - Sydney Harrison - without even the courtesy of a reply from either. Additionally, I've spoken and written to three of our Town Presidents, including Sarah Franklin. Still, no action. When there were similar situations near the Town Hall funds were found to fix that issue even though no homes were involved. Over the years my

family and I, and a succession of next door neighbors have had to pony up literally thousands to fix the damage. We've lost our VA funding due to flooding on the day of the inspector's visit (cost \$6K). DO BETTER, FORGET ABOUT PLAYGROUNDS AND THEIR FLOODING, WHY NOT PROTECT THE HOMES OF RESIDENTS??

Total Responses Captured: 16 | Survey Period: February 13 – March 8, 2026

Responses are unedited and represent the views of individual respondents.

TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

FY 2027 Budget Survey

Question 3: Open-Ended Resident Responses

Total Responses: 32 | Survey Period: February – March 2026

Survey Question:

Q3: What's ONE change or improvement that would make living in Town better for you? (No idea is too big or too small.)

The following 32 responses were submitted by residents of the Town of Upper Marlboro as part of the FY 2027 Budget Survey. Responses are presented in chronological order, most recent first, and reproduced as submitted (with only minor formatting adjustments for readability).

Response 1 — 3/8/2026

An improved Main Street . . . aesthetically and business types.

Response 2 — 3/6/2026

RE: Economic development & third spaces

Hello! I am wondering if it is possible for the town to solicit for specific businesses in the walkable downtown area that would encourage community building, connection and help grow local economic development? Businesses like a bakery, ice cream shop, thrift store, record/music store, coffee shop, bookstore or library, beauty and barber shops, kids play place, space for farmers market and include outside seating, lawn area that people could enjoy the weather and space to host music festivals, parades and other celebrations. A lot of other local townships have this and our community would thrive with an area that brings us all together, support small businesses and circulating money in the community and creating revenue for the town.

Response 3 — 3/6/2026

Bring in a large employer.

Response 4 — 3/4/2026

Working with the County to do something about the unoccupied buildings in Town. And working with Main St businesses to upgrade the look of the Town (i.e. like Michaels).

Response 5 — 3/4/2026

Town Community outreach/communication

Response 6 — 3/3/2026

Installation of new roads with curbs on School Lane and Rectory. To include street parking on both sides of School Lane as it is now in front of residents homes, with noted designated parking for residents. This could be accomplished by marking (painting) the spaces as "Reserved".

Response 7 — 3/3/2026

A proper grocery store and a community center.

Response 8 — 3/2/2026

More food options. Possibly annexing Old Marlboro Pike between 202 and 301 as it's currently an eyesore and wasted space.

Response 9 — 3/2/2026

Driving/parking tickets go toward property tax reduction before allocation to programs or town workforce.

Response 10 — 3/2/2026

Communication

Response 11 — 3/2/2026

Adding bike trails and connecting to other communities.

Response 12 — 3/2/2026

Better inclement weather prep

Response 13 — 3/2/2026

Make sure all the street lights are working. Sidewalk along the sections of Marlboro Pike that don't have it (near the monument)

Response 14 — 3/1/2026

More spaces for recreational activity

Response 15 — 3/1/2026

Walkability between Town neighborhoods

Response 16 — 3/1/2026

Side walks

Response 17 — 2/28/2026

Keep taxes as low as possible. Although an increase in revenues helps the town grow and provide more/better services, look at new revenue sources to diversify away from the current heavy reliance on income and real estate taxes. This would simplify retirement for myself and others in the older town population (looking at resident ages 55-60, 60-65, 65-70 I noticed some significant numbers).

Response 18 — 2/28/2026

I support by idea and financial

Response 19 — 2/22/2026

A seafood market that sells fresh raw seafood and crabs

Response 20 — 2/21/2026

We need healthy options, good choices and access to organic food. A sprouts, a Trader Joe's which would be the first in PG county, and/or a mom's organic market to make the community more marketable and bring more tax revenue to the town. And more access to local farmers.

Response 21 — 2/21/2026

Appreciate the bus to the court; however parking is lacking and very inconvenient, limited to do business in the heart of town without it being a huge hassle. Folks who are not tech savvy are flustered with parking etc! We pay more than enough taxes. Parking should be free!

Response 22 — 2/17/2026

Better roads and making the downtown area more appealing.

Response 23 — 2/16/2026

If Only One thing: to not feel trapped by rt 725 traffic. My too Big idea is to get by-pass for that state road, get rid of its noise pollution and safety hazards for animals and children. My outlandish idea goes one big step further: make downtown pedestrian only. I personally feel detached from natural areas because need a car to get to parks/trails. Dangerous to bike and no bike trails. Sidewalks spotty. Dangerous intersection at Main, 725 and Old Crain highway. Need a YIELD OR STOP SIGN(s) there. Who has right of way? Not clear!

IF MANY THINGS ALLOWED, here goes: a major priority not listed is to get old school house and old telephone exchange buildings revitalized. That feeds into Big Vision. Enter Town of Upper Marlboro. Leafy trees line Main Street and tasteful reproduction historic light poles line the street. Waterways have been dredged and kayaks and canoes are out (paddle boats?). There is a big elder home linked to youth/childhood center. The young/old assist one another and engage with reading, creating art, story-telling, tutoring, study hall time. That is situated in the refurbished CAB building. Across the street on the hill the old school house has been refurbished as well. Perhaps a Trader Joe's has installed itself, a winery, or a workspace incubator for individuals and small businesses (hard to afford 3-D printers, carpentry tools/machines, office equipment etc). Police officers are walking down Main Street from the old telephone exchange building to grab lunch, construction noise arises from construction of new ice rink and resort/holistic wellness center designed for rejuvenation of guests. Clients check in from DC and further away. It is linked to the new Marlboro Hotel which up front is a reproduction of the old one pictured in town hall. The visitors center is on the corner and it emphasizes historical tours, large displays, reenactment events, ghost tours. The town is leaning into its historical roots and new building is reproduction of old structures. About 6 new businesses have popped up. Including an array of restaurants singly or in a food court at corner of Water & Main. Indian, Thai, indigenous Piscataway, Italian gelato with paninis, pastas and soups for sale. A Shuttle comes in from Westphalia housing development so residents can get some quaintness and shopping at local boutiques and tea/spice shop. Still, parking abounds and is free.

Response 24 — 2/16/2026

A traffic circle (or other traffic calming solutions) at the Crain Hwy Monument.

Response 25 — 2/16/2026

More play areas for young children (7 and under) within walking distance of the town. Would love to see the playground concept for young children (near city hall) completed - would be a huge value add for residents and visitors with young children.

Response 26 — 2/16/2026

More retail, trails, and speed control.

Response 27 — 2/16/2026

I need a job, so more employment opportunities to serve my community would be impactful on my life.

Response 28 — 2/16/2026

Natural gas lines in residential and commercial zones

Response 29 — 2/16/2026

Need to slow down traffic along Main Street and Marlboro Pike to reduce noise and car horns. Need traffic calming measures, clearer signage, local police presence for dangerous driving, and dissuade Marlboro from being a cut through town for people commuting beyond the region.

Response 30 — 2/15/2026

Disband the town directors. Waste of money!!! The whole town of Upper Marlboro is a SCAM!!! We pay more than \$1,200 to the town in property taxes and we don't see the return!!

Response 31 — 2/14/2026

Start getting additional input on what to do with the vacant school. Perhaps some part could be a business incubator, with a commercial kitchen.

Response 32 — 2/13/2026

The long awaited resolution to the severe storm water run off from Sasscer Field and the Board of Education building. The current grates are not adequate and the run off crests School Lane in front of Board of Education and flows in a river downhill to Rectory Lane between 14111 and 14113. Both homes are determined by all the real estate apps to be in a 7/10 flood zone, which means very likely to flood.

Total Responses Captured: 32 | Survey Period: February 13 – March 8, 2026

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