

Mount Airy Town Council Meeting Recap

February 2, 2026

Weather Related Alert System moves forward

At the January meeting, the Town Council unanimously passed Resolution 2026-1 designed to implement a weather-related alert system for the Town. Several weeks later, Mayor Larry Hushour and Town staff toured the Carroll County Emergency Communications Center in New Windsor. Mayor Hushour noted the tour was very educational and plans to tour the Frederick County Department of Emergency Communications soon. Carroll County Sheriff Jim DeWees came to Town Hall in January for a meeting with the Mayor, Councilmember Stephen Domotor and Town Staff to discuss potential funding for the weather sirens which are expected to be installed in Fiscal Year 2027.

Water and Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance Introduced

Ordinance 2026-3, a water and sewer rate increase, was introduced with a vote set to take place during the March 2 Town Council meeting. During his Council report, Councilmember Domotor noted the revised ordinance received a favorable review from Water and Sewer Commission members during their monthly meeting.

Upcoming Recycling and Sanitation events

The Town's Recycling and Sanitation Commission will be hosting several events in the spring. A community shredding and battery collection event will take place Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to noon in Watkins Park, 615 Center St. This is a residential shredding only. No businesses will be allowed. Please only bring confidential documents to the event. Newspapers, advertisements and magazines can be placed in your recycling.

The Town, along with the American Legion Auxiliary Gold Star Unit 191, will be hosting an Electronic Recycle Day on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to noon (or until full) at 801 Prospect Rd. The annual Curbside Bulk Trash Pickup will take place on Saturday, May 9. Only two items per household and have them on the curb in front of your home by 6 a.m. on the day of pickup. Check the Town's website and social media pages for the list of accepted items for both events.

Praise for Public Works snow removal

The Town received more than 7 inches of snow and ice as a part of a winter storm on Jan. 25. Mayor Hushour, as well as council members, offered high praise for the Town's Public Works staff who worked tirelessly for days to clear the roads and sidewalks. Several local businesses including Catonsville Homes and Seven Springs Landscaping also helped with snow removal which the Mayor and Council appreciated.

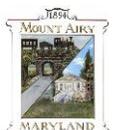
Resolution 2026-2 approved

The Town Council approved Resolution 2026-2, the establishment of the Town's available water and sewer capacity yield from 2026 through 2027. Three voted in favor, Councilmember Domotor was against and Council President Tim Washabaugh was absent. The capacity yield is voted on every two years. Councilmember Domotor declined to support the resolution because he wanted more information on the Town's website regarding how the number was calculated citing the Town Code.

Mount Airy Hall of Fame inductees named

The Mount Airy Hall of Fame will be welcoming five new members to their ranks on March 17 as a part of an annual induction ceremony at the American Legion Gold Star Post 191 on Prospect Road. Tickets for the event are on sale at Blossom and Basket Boutique at 3 N. Main St.

The inductees are Martha Edmiston for her years of dedication to a number of local organizations including the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary; Palmer Grotte for his service as a Maryland State Police Resident Trooper and annually hosting Shop with a Cop; Mark Moxley worked for years for the Town and has served on numerous town commissions; Alfred Schmidt has volunteered for 60 years at the American Legion Gold Star Post 191 and served as the Department of Maryland Commander from 1999 to 2000; and Dick Wilcher who has held multiple roles with the Mount Airy Rotary and chaired a number of committees including the Mount Airy Duck Race, Mount Airy Mile and Let's Talk Trash annual clean up events.



Upcoming winter events in Town

Come have a fun night for a great cause! The Historical Society of Mount Airy will be hosting their 10th annual Box and Bag Bingo on Saturday, March 7th with doors opening at 5 p.m. and games beginning at 7 p.m. at the MAVFC Reception Hall (1008 Twin Arch Rd.).

10th Annual Box and Bag Bingo

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, 2026
Doors open at 5:00pm / Bingo Starts at 7:00pm

MAVFC Reception Hall (1008 Twin Arch Road, Mount Airy)
Featuring filled box "theme" prizes and designer bags by Coach, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley, Spartina & Michael Kors

To benefit the Historical Society of Mount Airy,
Rails to Trails, MAC the Caboose, and The Flat Iron Preservation Project

BINGO BUNDLE: Purchase a Bingo Bundle (\$40) in advance -20 regular games (2 packs/6 cards) and 1 strip/3 cards for each special. Upon check-in you will receive your complete bundle & be shown to your assigned seat.

BINGO WILL COST \$45 AT THE DOOR

Call 301-703-1430 to reserve your spots or use QR Code to pay online



There will be 20 regular games, 4 specials, raffles, and 50/50. Dinner Platters & Snacks will be available for purchase from the MAVFC Auxiliary starting at 5:00pm.



Call for vendors at farmers market

APPLY NOW

CALL FOR VENDORS

FOR THE MOUNT AIRY FARMERS MARKET

WEDNESDAYS
3 TO 7 P.M.
MAY TO
SEPTEMBER



Calling all farmers market vendors! We want you to join the Mount Airy Farmers Market! We want seafood! We want meats! We want cheeses! We want maple syrup! We want different cuisines from around the world! We want it all!

Scan the QR code to apply or you can go to the Town's website (www.mountairymd.gov) and click on the banner. The market is open Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. May 6 to Sept. 23 and features dozens of locally and area owned and operated small businesses. Operating rain or shine, the market is held in beautiful Watkins Park (615 Center St.) featuring ample parking for vendors and visitors alike as well as an all-inclusive playground right by the event!

Each market date is different as we not only feature full and part-time vendors but also area nonprofits and an exciting free entertainment option to include live music, animal ambassadors and classes. Don't miss out on being a part of one of the biggest events of the warm weather season! Come check out the Mount Airy Farmers Market!

Please be advised that some vendor areas such as sourdough, tie dyes, hot dogs, Mexican food, and wood fired pizza have already filled up and are on a wait list. We do still have openings in many areas including meats, cheese, maple syrup, diverse cuisine, dried pasta and much more. Please fill out an application and we will let you know if you have been accepted.

Love Your Park Week is coming!

April 17-25

