

**AN ORDINANCE
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO**

ORDINANCE: 2026-02
SESSION: Regular Town Meeting
INTRODUCED: May 26, 2026
DATE ENACTED: June 09, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 29, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 (FY2027), ESTABLISHING THE VARIOUS TOWN TAX RATES FOR FY2027, INCLUDING A VACANT PROPERTY TAX RATE, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING AND AMENDING SAME, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the legislative body of every incorporated municipality in this State pursuant to Local Government ("LG") Article, § 5-205 of the Annotated Code of Maryland ("State Code") is delegated express ordinance-making powers to expend municipal funds for any purpose deemed to be public and which affects the safety, health, and general welfare of the municipality and its occupants; and

WHEREAS, every municipal legislative body is further expressly delegated ordinance-making powers pursuant to said section of the State Code to expend municipal funds provided that any funds not appropriated at the time of the annual levy, shall not be expended, nor shall any funds appropriated be expended for any purpose other than that for which appropriated, except by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to the said legislative body; and

WHEREAS, Section 82-40 of the Charter of the Town of Upper Marlboro ("Charter") requires that the Town Manager at least thirty days before the beginning of each fiscal year. submit a budget to the Town Council ("Council"); and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year for each municipal corporation in the State of Maryland is mandated by State Code, LG Article, Section 16-101, and Charter, Section 82-39 to begin on July 1 of a calendar year and end on June 30 of the next calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-40 further prescribes that the budget shall provide a complete financial plan for the budget year and shall contain estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland proposes to set the following tax rates for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Town of Upper Marlboro: \$0.38 per \$100 of assessed valuation of residential real property; \$0.55 of assessed valuation for business personal property; \$0.57 of assessed valuation for commercial real property; \$1.50 for vacant property, \$0.25 agricultural use and \$2.50 of assessed valuation for public utility operating real personal property, subject to taxation by the Town of Upper Marlboro for general fund purposes, including debt service purposes. No increase in any of the tax rates are proposed for Fiscal Year 2027;

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-41 prescribes that before adopting the budget the Council may hold a public hearing thereon upon such notice as may be deemed appropriate and that the Council may increase, decrease or eliminate any item in the budget and may add new items thereto; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-41 further prescribes that the budget shall be adopted in the form of an ordinance and that a favorable vote of at least a majority of the total elected members of the Council shall be necessary for adoption; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-11 mandates that except in cases of emergency, no ordinance shall be passed at the same meeting at which it is introduced and that at any regular or special meeting of the Council held not less than six nor more than sixty days after the meeting at which the ordinance was introduced, it shall be passed, or passed as amended, or rejected, or its consideration deferred to some specified future date; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-11 further mandates that each ordinance shall be posted in the Town office, and each ordinance or a fair summary thereof, shall be published at least once, on the Town website; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-42 prescribes that no public money may be expended without having been appropriated by the Council, and that from the effective date of the budget, the several amounts stated therein as proposed expenditures shall be and become appropriated to the several objects and purposes named therein; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-43 prescribes that any transfer of funds between major appropriations for different purposes by the Town Manager must be approved by the Council before becoming effective; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-44 proscribes any expenditures or contracts to expend money or to incur any monetary liability in excess of the amounts appropriated for or transferred to a particular general classification of expenditure in the budget, and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-48 mandates that prior to June 30th of every year the Council shall determine the tax rates for the ensuing fiscal year, which determination shall constitute the tax levy for such year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Ordinance ("FY2027 Budget Ordinance") shall be divided into the following major anticipated revenue funds or groups having the estimated amounts as indicated below:

REVENUE SOURCE	BUDGET AMOUNT
Taxes	\$1,702,791.00
Fines Licenses & Permits	\$1,181,900.00
Intergovernmental	\$79,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$80,000.00
Grants/ Transfers	\$1,062,961.19
Total Revenues	\$4,106,652.19

Section 2. The total of the anticipated revenues and any estimated fund balance available for expenditure during the fiscal year within each of the aforesaid categories of the FY2027 Budget Ordinance shall equal or exceed the total of the proposed expenditures within the following general classifications of expenditures as set forth in the appropriations with the amounts as indicated below:

EXPENDITURES	BUDGET AMOUNT
General Government	\$1,049,820.19.
Public Safety	\$1,450,112.00
Public Works Department	\$1,586,602.00
Capital Improvements	\$20,118.00
Total Expenditures	\$4,106,652.19

Section 3. Notwithstanding this budget ordinance, the FY2027 Budget shall be presented and discussed in further detail by enumerating additional sub-categories or detailed items

pertaining to either revenues or expenditures as deemed necessary and expedient by the Town Manager and/or the (the "Detailed Budget"). Although not considered incorporated by reference or formally part of this FY2027 Budget Ordinance, the Detailed Budget, unless subsequently modified by the Town Manager, with approval of the Council as set forth in Section 4 below, shall reflect the various items discussed therein and shall remain substantially uniform throughout the fiscal year having essentially the same format and items as presented to the Council at the Town meeting wherein the FY2027 Budget was approved.

Section 4. All budget amendments transferring monies between general classifications of expenditure or appropriations as reflected in this FY2027 Budget Ordinance shall be submitted to the Council for approval, from time to time, by ordinance. Budget changes or amendments occurring within certain specified sub-categories or the various detailed items not reflected herein but shown in the Detailed Budget shall be approved from time to time by the Mayor subject to review and approval by the Council as recorded in the journal of its proceedings.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland that the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Town of Upper Marlboro shall hereby be set at \$0.38 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of residential real property; \$0.55 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for business personal property; \$0.57 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for commercial real property; \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation for vacant property, \$0.25 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for agricultural use and \$2.50 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for public utility operating real personal property, subject to taxation by the Town of Upper Marlboro for general fund purposes, including debt service purposes; and

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland that this ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following approval by the Town Council; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, that this ordinance shall be posted in the Town Hall office, and this FY 2027 Budget Ordinance or a fair summary of it shall be published on the Town's website.

INTRODUCED in a public session of the Council on this 26th day of May 2026.

ORDAINED, APPROVED, AND finally passed by the Town Council of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland on this 9th day of June, 2026, by:

Attest:

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

Telaya Bush, Town Clerk

Charles Colbert, Mayor

Derrick Brooks, Vice Mayor

Sarah Franklin, Councilmember

Karen Lotts, Councilmember

Joseph Hourcle', Councilmember

Reviewed and Approved for Legal Sufficiency

Karen Ruff, Esq., Town Attorney

Date: _____



**Town of Upper Marlboro
FY 2027 Budget Book**



TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO GOVERNMENT ORG CHART



RESIDENTS



TOWN COUNCIL



TOWN MANAGER



TOWN ATTORNEY



**PUBLIC
WORKS**



**POLICE
DEPT**



**GENERAL
GOVERNMENT**



**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER
WITH TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DEDICATION.**

Acknowledgments

Town Council

Charles Colbert, Mayor
Derrick Brooks, Vice Mayor
Sarah Franklin, Councilmember
Karen Lott, Councilmember
Joseph “ Joe” Hourcle, Councilmember

Administration

Clayton Anderson, Town Manager
Telaya Bush, Deputy Town Manager/ Town Clerk
David Burse, Police Chief
Darnell Bond, Public Works

Town Attorney

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

On behalf of the Town Council, it is my honor to present the Town of Upper Marlboro's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. This document represents our shared commitment to preserving the character of our community while making thoughtful investments that position Upper Marlboro for continued success.

The annual budget is one of the most important responsibilities of municipal government. It serves as a blueprint for how we deliver essential services, maintain public infrastructure, support community programs, and enhance the quality of life for everyone who calls Upper Marlboro home. Throughout this budget process, we have remained focused on fiscal responsibility, transparency, and the efficient and effective use of taxpayer resources.

This budget reflects our commitment to strengthening the Town's financial foundation while investing in priorities that matter most to our residents. From maintaining our public spaces and facilities to supporting economic development opportunities and community engagement initiatives, this spending plan is designed to meet today's needs while preparing for tomorrow's opportunities.

As one of Maryland's oldest municipalities and the seat of Prince George's County, Upper Marlboro continues to honor its rich heritage while embracing a bright future. The coming year will bring opportunities for residents and visitors to come together through community events, celebrations, and initiatives that showcase the unique spirit of our Town. As we look ahead to the nation's 250th anniversary and Upper Marlboro's continued role in our region's history, we remain committed to preserving what makes our community special while building for future generations.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Town staff, the Town Council, and residents who contributed their time, expertise, and feedback throughout the budget process. This was a collaborative process that relied on all stakeholders being engaged and accounted for. Your engagement helps ensure that our decisions reflect the priorities and aspirations of the community we serve.

Together, we will continue moving Upper Marlboro forward while preserving the small-town charm, character, and sense of community that make our Town such a special place.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Colbert

Mayor

Town of Upper Marlboro

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Budget Book FY 27

This book is a guide to Upper Marlboro's Budget for the Fiscal Year 2027. The Town's Fiscal Year runs from July 1st through June 30th. The Operating Budget described in this book covers the anticipated revenues and planned expenses for the operation of the Town government during this fiscal year. The Capital Improvement Plan accounts for expenses that are large investments by the Town and need to be planned for, with costs spread across multiple years. This allows the Town to responsibly plan for the future.

This book is organized into sections. To make it easier to find the information you want, this page provides a guide to the budget book's outline.

Public Engagement

These are the shared goals set forth by the Town Council and supported by the residents of Upper Marlboro.

Town of Upper Marlboro

This section includes a summary of Town History and Demographic Data that describes characteristics of our community.

Revenues & Expenses

This section describes the Town's sources of revenue and expenses. This is where you will find information about residential and business taxes.

Operating Budget

The Operating Budget allocates funding for the day-to-day operations of the Government of the Town of Upper Marlboro. The Town has three departments: General Government, Public Safety, and Public Works.

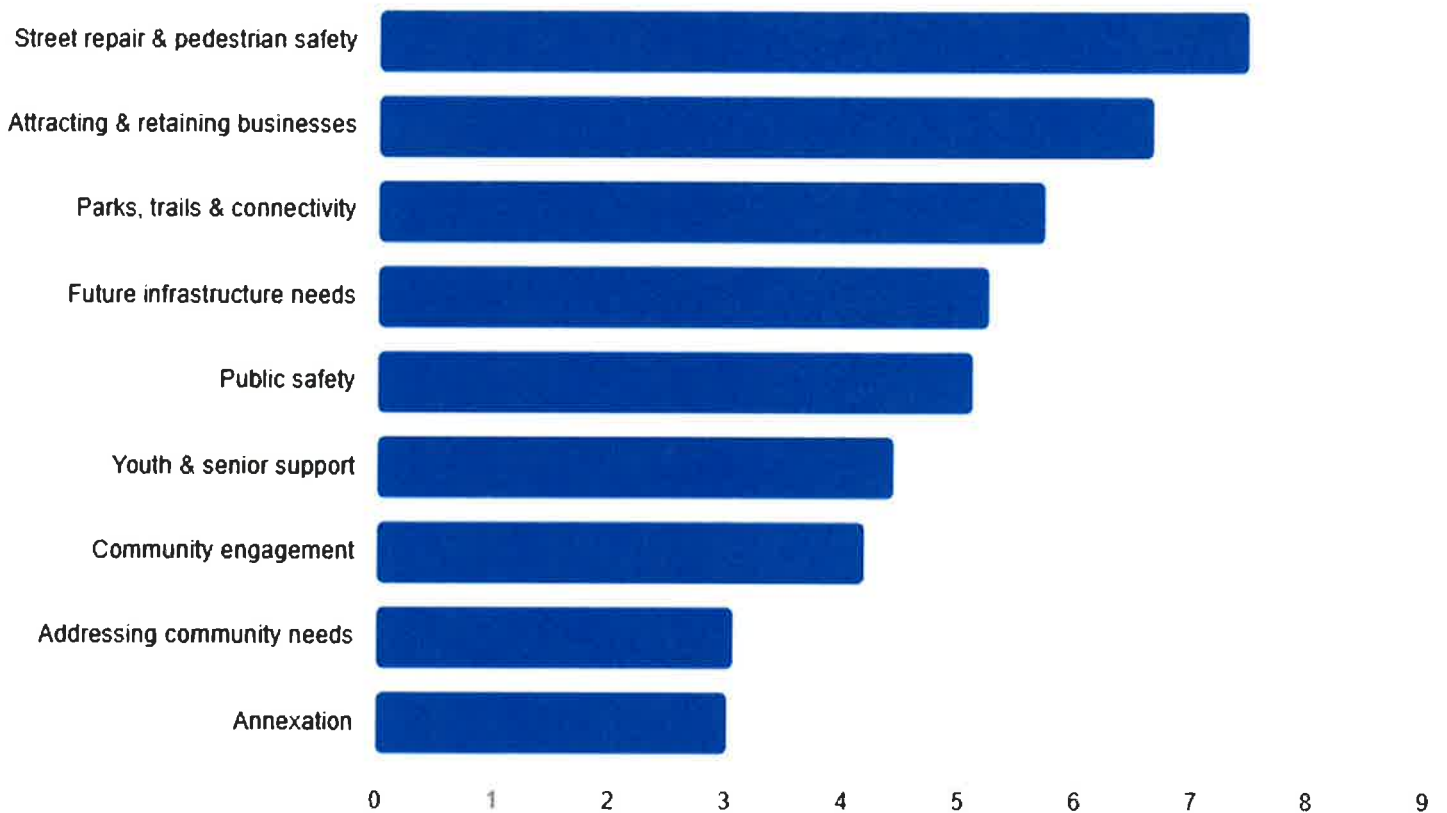
Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Large expenditures that are multi-year investments. Includes current year expenses and planned expenses for a five-year period.

Public Engagement

Public involvement is extremely important to the Town Council. Through regular meetings, dedicated budget sessions, and a community-wide survey, the Town ensured that council priorities were directly shaped by residents' needs and voices. The Town also has a community engagement portal on its website.

The goals that were described in the survey included Economic Development and Sustainability, Street Repair and Pedestrian Safety, Economic Development, Public Safety, Future infrastructure needs, Youth and Senior Support, Parks and Trail expansion, and Community engagement.



Town of Upper Marlboro

History

The Town of Upper Marlboro has a rich history. Originally settled on the ancestral lands of the Piscataway people in 1695 and known as Colonel Belt's Landing, the Town was incorporated in 1706. Named for a member of the British nobility, the Duke of Marlborough, the area was an active port in the trade of tobacco and enslaved peoples. Its incorporation was largely driven by its economic importance to the tobacco industry.

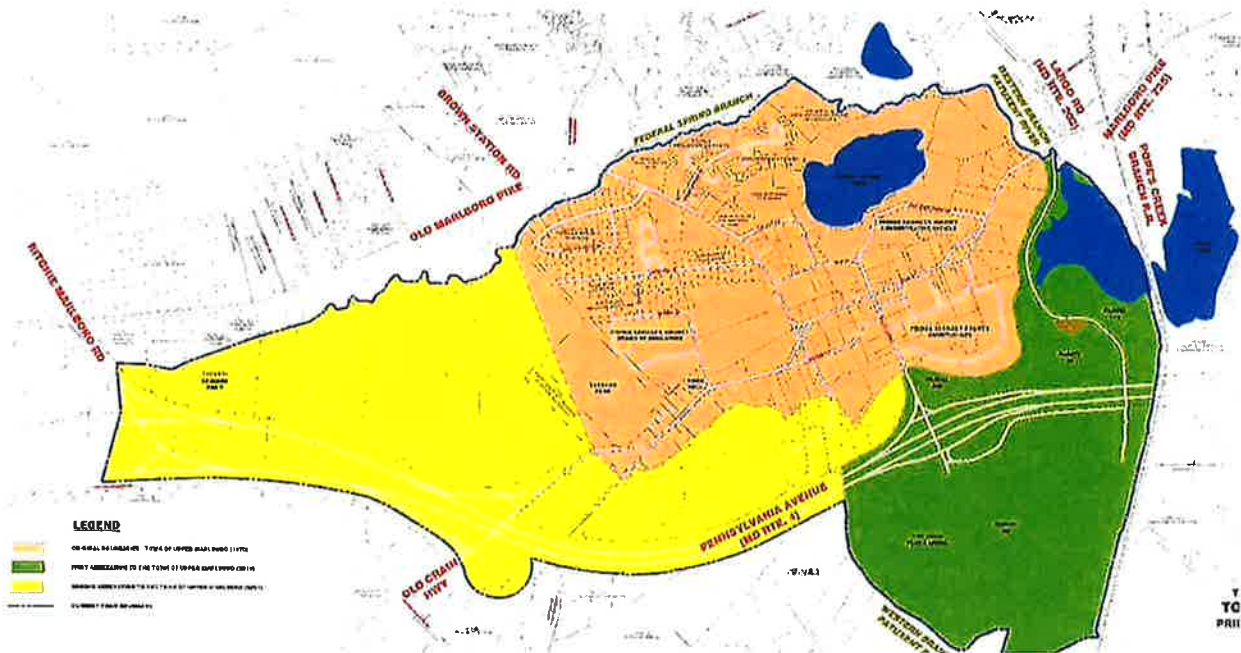
In 1721, the courthouse was located in Upper Marlboro, making it the seat of Prince George's County government. Valley Lane, annexed into the Town in 2024, was a center of the free Black community in Upper Marlboro. This area was the original location of Union Chapel and the ancestor of today's Frederick Douglass School. Many of the buildings in the area have been lost over time. The Union United Methodist Church (the descendant of Union Chapel) maintains a historic cemetery on Valley Lane.

In 1927, Crain Highway officially opened, establishing the first direct road connection between Southern Maryland and Baltimore. In 1922, a monument was erected at the intersection of Old Crain Highway, Main Street, and Old Marlboro Pike to commemorate and symbolize connection and progress. In 2022, the Town celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Crain Monument's construction by welcoming delegations from surrounding counties to honor its historical significance.

The Town has also been a key location in Maryland's equestrian history. For generations, it has hosted horse shows at the Showplace Arena and Equestrian Center. Prince George's County and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission have been revitalizing this resource in recent years. Today, this tradition continues with a full season of equestrian events that runs from April through November. Major equestrian events throughout the season, such as the Capital Challenge Horse Show, the Bill Pickett Rodeo, and the Washington International Horse Show, draw regional and national attention.

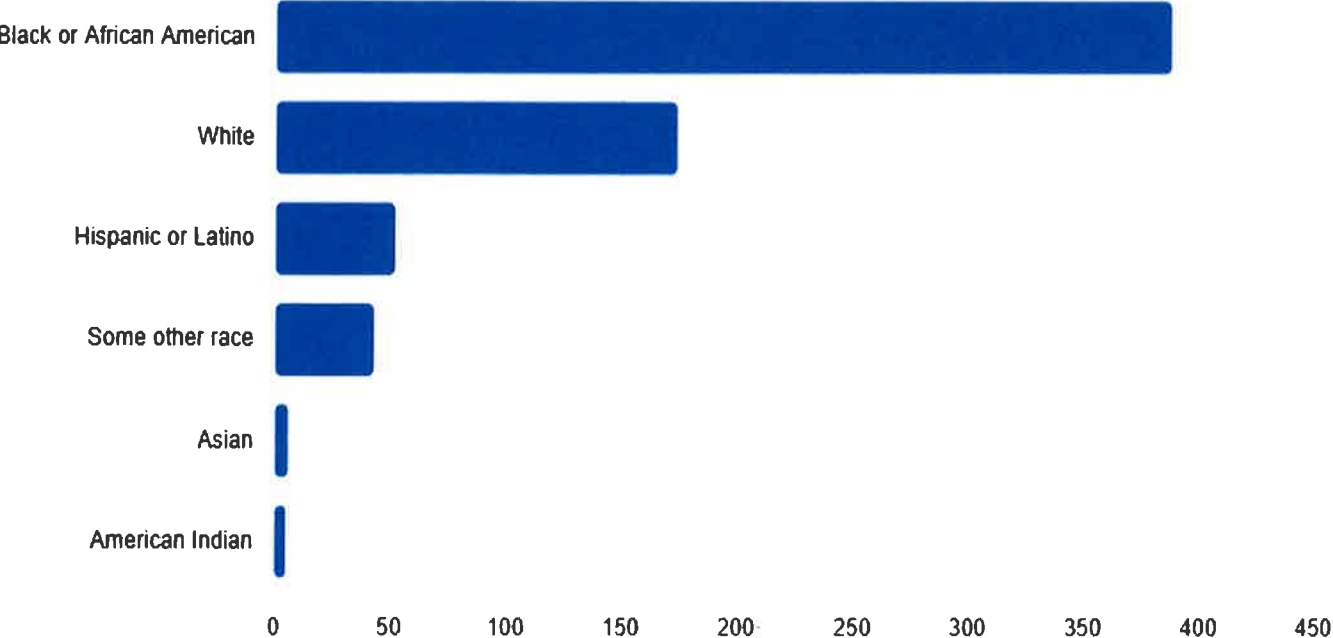
Demographics

Today, Upper Marlboro is one square mile between Maryland Routes 4 and 202 and between John Rodgers Boulevard and the Show Place Arena.



According to the 2020 American Community Survey, the Town of Upper Marlboro is home to 652 residents who live in a total of 302 households. The median age for residents is 38.5 years. Around half of these households have children living in them. The Town of Upper Marlboro has an employment rate of 77.4%. The median household income is \$116,875.00, and 52.8% of residents have earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

Residents by Race



Revenue

Accurately projecting the Town's expected revenues is essential to ensure that the priorities and plans for the coming year can be realized. The chart on this page shows the breakdown of revenues by one of the following five categories:

Fines, licenses, and permits - This category includes parking fees and fines, the Town's business licensing program, and other small fees.

Intergovernmental Revenue - This category includes funding from other levels of government in the form of rebates for Town services and other small remittances.

Taxes - This category includes residential and commercial property taxes, income tax, business personal property tax, and utilities taxes.

Miscellaneous Revenue - This category includes small services rendered by Town Hall staff that have an associated fee, Event Revenue, and transfers from the Reserve Fund.

Grants - This category includes grants and bond bills from state and county government.

Fiscal Year 2027 Revenue

Acct	Description	FY27 Budget
4000 — Taxes		
4010	Real Estate Taxes	\$503,255.00
4100	Personal Property Taxes	\$49,536.00
4150	PPT Public Utilities	\$925,000.00
4310	Income Taxes	\$225,000.00
	Total 4000 — Taxes	\$1,702,791.00

4200 — Fines, Licenses & Permits		
4220	Town Permits	\$1,000.00
4230	Business License	\$9,000.00
4240	Parking Meters	\$197,000.00
4250	Speed & Red Light Cameras	\$910,000.00
4260	Parking Fines / Penalties	\$55,000.00
4280	Pub/Edu/Govt Broadcasting	\$3,900.00
4290	Trader's Franchise Fees	\$6,000.00
	Total 4200 — Fines, Licenses & Permits	\$1,181,900.00

4300 — Intergovernmental		
4320	Highway User Fee	\$45,000.00
4330	State Police Aid	\$34,000.00
	Total 4300 — Intergovernmental	\$79,000.00

4400 — Miscellaneous Revenue		
4410	Miscellaneous	\$15,000.00
4420	Interest Earnings / Investment Pool	\$63,000.00
4430	Town Hall Services — Misc Revenue	\$1,000.00
4440	Transfer from Reserve	
4450	Special Events / Donations	\$1,000.00
	Total 4400 — Miscellaneous Revenue	\$80,000.00

4500 — Grants & Transfers		
4530	FIP (DHCD) Grant	\$50,000.00
4560	Transfer from MLGIP Snow Equip /	\$40,000.00
4592	FY22 Bond Bill in 26 / M&T Transfer in 27	\$18,000.00
4594	FY23 Bond Bill in 26 / M&T Transfer in 27	\$13,800.00
4596	PGCO CIP	\$240,000.00
4630	BJAG	
4640	Police Security Installation — Savings Rollover	\$50,000.00
4593	NED 2026 030/Splash PAD LBI	\$150,000.00
4594	22-661 Bond Bill Spalsh Pad	\$275,000.00
4595	19-G122 Down town Upper Marlboro	\$155,000.00
4650	Community Parks & Playgrounds Grant	\$71,161.19
	Total 4500 — Grants & Transfers	\$1,062,961.19

TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,106,652.19
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Revenue Estimates

In estimating the Town's revenues, a combination of methods was used. This section outlines the Town's sources of revenue. Taxes are explained and analyzed in detail at the end of this section.

Income Taxes

For FY27 projections, Income Taxes are based on state-provided projected income tax data.

Property Taxes

Property Taxes (Residential & Commercial) for the Town were calculated based on FY 26 income.

Utility Taxes

The State sends us the assessed values for utilities. We then bill the utilities based on our tax rate.

Vacant Property Tax

Vacant developed property tax is a real property tax classification for vacant buildings, different from those established under the Maryland code. Vacant developed property is classified with Prince George's County and billed accordingly. The Town Council adopted this tax to compensate for the loss of Business Personal Property Taxes because of vacant property as well as to encourage property owners to maintain and rent vacant spaces in the interest of the Town's growth and economic development.

Highway User Fee

The Maryland Department of Transportation sends a letter with the amount that will be given to the Town in highway user fees.

Speed Cameras

This budget projects FY27 income from speed cameras based on the previous year's activity. This budget also accounts for speed cameras to be installed in the annexation area within six months of annexation.

Taxes

Taxpayers have many questions regarding taxes. What is the tax rate, how are tax dollars spent, and what is the difference between town taxes and county taxes? This section addresses the most common questions and concerns regarding taxes.

Tax Rates

Tax Classification	FY25 Rate	FY27 Rate	Classification Description
Residential Property	\$0.38	\$0.38	Residentially zoned properties
Commercial Property	\$0.57	\$0.57	Commercial zoned properties
Business Personal Property	\$0.55	\$0.55	Business's personal property
Public Utilities	\$2.50	\$2.50	Pepco, Verizon, WSSC, Comcast, etc.
Vacant Property		\$1.50	Vacant property

County Taxes & Municipal Differential

Town taxes are only a portion of our tax bills. Residents pay taxes in the County and the Town each year. The County taxes pay for services the County provides, not the Town. This includes public schools, the fire service, and the library. The breakdown of how your tax dollars are spent on Town services is provided above. The following table illustrates what part of your tax bill goes to County taxes and what part goes to Town.

Assessment*	County Tax	Town Tax	Total in-town bill
\$ 50,000.00	\$ 464.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 654.00
\$ 100,000.00	\$ 928.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 1,308.00
\$ 150,000.00	\$ 1,392.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 1,962.00
\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,856.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 2,616.00
\$ 250,000.00	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 3,270.00
\$ 300,000.00	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 3,924.00
\$ 350,000.00	\$ 3,248.00	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 4,578.00
\$ 400,000.00	\$ 3,712.00	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 5,232.00
\$ 450,000.00	\$ 4,176.00	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 5,886.00
\$ 500,000.00	\$ 4,640.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 6,540.00
\$ 550,000.00	\$ 5,104.00	\$ 2,090.00	\$ 7,194.00
\$ 600,000.00	\$ 5,568.00	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 7,848.00
\$ 650,000.00	\$ 6,032.00	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 8,502.00
\$ 700,000.00	\$ 6,496.00	\$ 2,660.00	\$ 9,156.00
\$ 750,000.00	\$ 6,960.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 9,810.00
\$ 800,000.00	\$ 7,424.00	\$ 3,040.00	\$ 10,464.00

**This is not the price you could get for your home, but the value the County assesses your home at. You can find this information at: <http://taxinquiry.princegeorgescountymd.gov/> or <https://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealPropertyIPages/default.aspx>*

Expenditures

General Government ensures the Town's administrative functions are met, provides quality customer service to residents, and administers improvements to the Town, including funding for committees and events. Responsible for the daily operations of town government, General Government coordinates with departments and other stakeholders to keep the Town running smoothly.

General Government works directly with the business community and other stakeholders to support a thriving local environment. The department also prepares the annual budget and actively seeks out grants and other funding opportunities to advance Town priorities and services.

Public Safety ensures that the Town is a safe place to work, live, and play. The Police Department is responsible for maintaining public safety and enforcing parking regulations throughout the community.

The Police Department is committed to building strong relationships with residents through active community engagement. Officers connect with the public through events such as National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, and Movies in the Park, fostering trust and partnership between law enforcement and the community.

Public Works ensures that the Town's roads are clear and well-maintained, public areas are kept in great condition, and the Town remains beautiful year-round. The department is responsible for snow removal on Town roads, maintaining parks and downtown amenities, and ensuring that Town streetlights are operational and properly maintained throughout the community.

Public Works also oversees the Town's disposal contract and coordinates bulk item pickup for residents. Additional services include a dump truck rental program available to residents. Through these wide-ranging services, Public Works engage with the community daily, playing a vital role in the quality of life for everyone who lives, works, and visits the Town.

The expenditure section of the budget represents the Town's plan for allocating resources and achieving its goals across all departments. Each department provides a wide range of services to residents, businesses, workers, and visitors, and the breakdown of expenses by department offers a transparent view of how public funds are put to work. The chart below illustrates how the Town's budget is distributed, reflecting the community's priorities and the commitment to delivering quality services in every area of Town operations.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT



Leading, Managing, Supporting Our Community.



OPERATIONS

Operational coordination and daily support



BUDGET

Planning, forecasting and responsible allocation of resources



PAYROLL

Accurate and timely employee compensation



HR

Supporting our employees and organization



FINANCE

Accounting, reporting and financial stewardship



ADMIN

Administrative support and organizational excellence



GRANTS

Identifying opportunities and managing grants to support our community



WORKING TOGETHER FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.

General Government Department – FY26 Highlights and Achievements

The General Government Department continued to advance the Town's strategic priorities through successful grant acquisition, economic development initiatives, community engagement, and responsive customer service. During FY26, staff focused on securing external funding, supporting Main Street revitalization efforts, enhancing public spaces, and improving services for residents and businesses. Key accomplishments include:

- Secured \$250,000 in federal funding for flood mitigation projects to improve stormwater management and community resilience.
- Obtained a \$250,000 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) allocation from Prince George's County to support economic development initiatives.
- Awarded \$50,000 in grant funding for Main Street façade improvements to enhance the appearance and attractiveness of the Town's commercial district.
- Initiated development of a five-year Main Street Strategic Revitalization Plan to guide future economic growth and redevelopment efforts.
- Partnered with a consultant to develop plans for upgrades and enhancements to the Main Street Pocket Park, creating a more vibrant public gathering space.
- Successfully hosted the Town's annual Trunk-or-Treat event, attracting nearly 800 residents and visitors and strengthening community engagement.
- Hosted the annual holiday event for the community.
- Welcomed several new businesses to Main Street, including Michael's Restaurant, Study Buddy, Mix and Mingle, and Centre Point Counseling, contributing to economic growth and business development.
- Continued progress toward the opening of the Town's highly anticipated Splash Pad, scheduled to open in Summer 2026.
- Provided exceptional customer service by responding to approximately 20,000 calls and emails between August 2025 and April 2026.
- Published the Landings Quarterly Newsletter.
- Supports the Economic Development Work Group, Historic Committee, and the Events Committee.
- Supported Town operations through effective administration, intergovernmental coordination, grant management, and public engagement initiatives.

These accomplishments demonstrate the General Government Department's commitment to advancing economic development, improving public amenities, securing external funding, and delivering high-quality services that enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses throughout the Town.

FY 2027 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

Code	Description	FY27
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
5105	GG Commissioner Salaries	\$34,000.00
5107	GG Commission Conferences and Fees / Expenses	\$10,000.00
5110	GG Salaries	\$338,600.00
5111	GG Salaries - Bonuses	\$3,300.00
5120	GG FICA	\$28,000.00
5130	GG Health/Life/Dental Benefits	\$42,754.00
	GG Reserve	\$10,062.19
	GG Pension Benefits	\$21,500.00
5100	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$488,216.19
5300	GG PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
5310	GG Accounting	\$36,000.00
5320	GG Audit	\$14,000.00
5330	GG Payroll Processing	
5340	GG Town Attorney & Legal	\$35,000.00
5350	GG IT Support & Equipment	\$24,000.00
5360	GG Media Relations	\$1,000.00
5370	GG Government Relations	\$36,000.00
5380	GG Human Resources Services	\$4,500.00
5390	GG Planning Firm	\$5,000.00
	Total 5300 GG Professional Services	\$155,500.00
5400	GG OPERATING	
5200	GG Town Hall / General Government Insurance & Benefits	
5410	GG Contingency	\$10,000.00
5415	GG Merchant Services Fees	\$10,306.00
5435	GG Training	\$7,000.00
5440	GG Dues & Subscriptions	\$25,000.00
5445	GG Postage	\$3,500.00
5450	GG Printing	\$11,500.00
5455	GG General Supplies / Staff Refreshments	\$7,000.00
5460a	GG Communications upgrades	\$10,059.00
5465	GG Town Hall Office Phones	\$9,000.00
5470	GG Mobile Phones	\$5,000.00
5475	GG Town Elections	\$3,000.00
5480	GG Town Hall Utilities	\$14,000.00
5485	GG Town Hall Repair & Maintenance	
5490	GG Other / Vehicle Fuel	\$3,030.00
5495	GG Resident Assistance / Contributions	\$4,000.00
5496	GG Annexation	10,000.00

	Total 5400 GG Operating	\$132,395.00
5900	GG COMMITTEE EXPENSES	
5905	Events Committee	\$2,000.00
5910	CERT Team	\$964.00
5915	Historical Committee	\$1,195.00
5925	Green Team	\$2,000.00
5930	TOUM Event	\$2,500.00
5935	Trunk or Treat	\$2,500.00
5940	Marlboro Day	\$17,000.00
5950	Community Day	\$2,500.00
5955	Winter Holiday	\$2,250.00
	Total 5900 GG Committee Expenses	\$32,909.00
	TOTAL 5000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$788,899.00
6000	PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY CIP	
6100	Prince Georges County CIP Funding	\$240,000.00
	Total Prince Georges County CIP	\$240,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,049,820.19



PUBLIC SAFETY

Protecting, Serving, and Responding for Our Community.



POLICE

Law enforcement, patrol, and public protection



COMMUNITY POLICING

Building trust, outreach, and neighborhood engagement



PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Managing parking compliance and safe access



EMERGENCY

Emergency response, preparedness, and rapid support



WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, SUPPORTED AND PREPARED.

Public Safety Department – FY26 Highlights and Achievements

The Town of Upper Marlboro Police Department continued to enhance public safety services, strengthen community partnerships, and improve operational effectiveness throughout FY26. The Department remained committed to proactive policing, community engagement, and modernizing its services to better meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors. Key accomplishments during the fiscal year include:

- Hired a full-time Investigator, expanding the Department's capacity to conduct criminal investigations internally and improving investigative response and case management.
- Modernized and upgraded the Town's Parking Enforcement Program, increasing efficiency and improving enforcement capabilities.
- Continued operations from the Town's dedicated Police Office, providing a visible and accessible public safety presence within the community.
- Hosted a Police Department Open House, creating opportunities for residents to learn about police operations, meet officers, and strengthen community relationships.
- Conducted multiple Coffee with a Cop events, fostering meaningful dialogue between officers, residents, business owners, and community stakeholders.
- Increased patrol hours and days of coverage, enhancing police visibility and proactive public safety efforts throughout the Town.
- Participated in National Night Out, promoting crime prevention awareness and strengthening partnerships between law enforcement and the community.
- Supported Purple Lights Night, raising awareness for victims and survivors of domestic violence and demonstrating the Town's commitment to community advocacy.
- Partnered with and supported the Marlboro Mustangs Football Team, reinforcing positive youth engagement and community involvement.
- Partnered with the Prince George's County Police Dept to support the Special Olympics
- Continued to build trust and collaboration with residents through proactive outreach, visibility, and community-based policing initiatives.

These accomplishments reflect the Department's ongoing commitment to public safety, community engagement, and the delivery of high-quality police services that contribute to a safe and welcoming environment for all who live, work, and visit the Town of Upper Marlboro.

FY 2027 PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET

Code	DESCRIPTION	FY27 Budget
6000	PUBLIC SAFETY	
6110	PS Salaries	\$380,000.00
6111	PS Overtime	\$20,000.00
6112	PS Bonus(Holiday)	\$5,000.00
6120	PS FICA	\$33,000.00
6130	PS Health Benefits	\$20,000.00
6150	PS Pension Benefits	\$51,000.00
6200	PS Uniforms	\$6,000.00
6210	PS Weapons & Duty Equipment	\$20,000.00
6220	PS Training & Memberships	\$5,000.00
6230	PS Pre Employment	\$5,000.00
6260	PS Mobile Technology and IT	\$8,000.00
6270	PS Supplies	\$8,000.00
6300	PS Professional Services - Legal Fees	\$5,000.00
6400	PS Occupancy	\$105,000.00
6500	PS Miscellaneous	\$3,000.00
6505	PS Petty Cash	\$500.00
6510	PS Community Engagement	\$2,000.00
6515	PS Contingency	\$10,000.00
6600	PS Utilities	\$5,000.00
6700	PS Vehicle Repairs	\$15,000.00
6710	PS Vehicle Fuel	\$18,000.00
6720	PS Insurance	\$22,500.00
6750	GOCCP Police State Aid	\$34,000.00
	PS Public Safety Budget Total	\$781,000.00
6850	PS SPEED CAMERA BUDGET	
6851	PS Speed Camera Admin Fee - 4 Cameras	\$200,000.00
6852	PS Speed Camera Service Fees	\$68,000.00
6853	PS Speed Camera Salaries	\$180,000.00
6854	PS Speed Camera FICA	\$10,000.00
6855	PS Speed Camera Occupancy	\$80,000.00
6856	PS Speed Camera General Supplies	\$2,000.00
6857	PS Speed Camera Overtime	\$8,000.00
6858	PS Speed Camera Uniforms	\$2,000.00
6859	PS Speed Camera Weapons & Duty Equipment	\$1,000.00
6860	PS Speed Camera Training & Membership	\$200.00
6861	PS Speed Camera Pre-Employment	\$2,500.00
6862	PS Speed Camera Mobile Technology	\$5,000.00
6863	PS Speed Camera Supplies	\$500.00

6864	PS Speed Camera Vehicle Repairs	\$2,000.00
6865	PS Speed Camera Vehicle Fuel	\$3,000.00
6866	PS Speed Camera Miscellaneous	\$1,500.00
6867	PS Speed Camera FY27 Police Vehicle #1	\$18,000.00
6868	PS Speed Camera FY27 Police Vehicle #2	\$18,000.00
6869	PS Speed Camera FY27 Police Vehicle #3	\$18,000.00
6870	PS Speed Camera Marlboro VFD Support	\$10,000.00
6872	PS Speed Camera Health Benefits	\$19,412.32
6873	PS Speed Camera Pension Benefits	\$10,000.00
6874	PS Speed Camera Pedestrian Safety	\$10,000.00
6880	PS Speed Camera Due to State	
Total 6850 PS Speed Camera Budget		\$669,112.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES		\$1,450,112.00

PUBLIC WORKS



Maintaining, Improving, and Preparing Our Community.



FACILITIES

Maintaining public buildings and infrastructure



FLEET VEHICLES

Managing and servicing municipal vehicles and equipment



STREET MAINTENANCE & LIGHTS

Caring for roads, signs, and street lighting



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Planning, coordination, and readiness for emergencies



SNOW REMOVAL

Keeping roads clear and safe during winter weather



ROAD PROJECTS

Improving transportation routes and public infrastructure



PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION

Enhancing parks, green spaces, and community appearance



WORKING TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, FUNCTIONAL, AND BEAUTIFUL.

Public Works Department – FY26 Budget Highlights and Achievements

The Public Works Department plays a critical role in maintaining the Town's infrastructure, facilities, and public spaces, as well as the Town's overall operational readiness. Throughout FY26, the Department continued to advance key capital improvement projects, enhance public safety, support beautification efforts, and respond to weather-related events while ensuring the efficient maintenance of Town assets. Key accomplishments include:

- Led the evaluation of the historic Stone Building to assess its condition and structural viability.
- Coordinated the Town's annual Community Clean-Up Day, promoting neighborhood pride and environmental stewardship.
- Continued to advance the Town's Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Plan in partnership with engineering consultants, supporting long-term infrastructure resilience and flood reduction efforts.
- Finalized the design and proposed paving improvements for the Church Street Parking Lot, enhancing accessibility and parking capacity in the Town.
- Monitored and maintained all **TOWN-owned streetlights**, helping to ensure public safety and visibility throughout the community.
- Managed ongoing Main Street beautification efforts, including landscaping, maintenance, and enhancements that contribute to the Town's appearance and economic vitality.
- Repaired and maintained potholes on all **Town-owned roads**, improving roadway conditions and transportation safety.
- Successfully cleared all **TOWN-owned roads and rights-of-way** of snow and ice within 24 hours following winter weather events, ensuring safe travel for residents and visitors.
- Prepared for and responded to various weather-related emergencies, including snowstorms, wind events, and flooding, helping to protect public infrastructure and maintain essential services.
- Maintained all Town facilities, ensuring municipal buildings remained safe, functional, and operational throughout the year.
- Supports all Town-sponsored events
- Manages the Town's waste disposal contractor
- Responsible for the Town's bulk item removal program
- Manages the Town's flatbed use program, which allows residents to load acceptable waste for removal
- Responsible for the Town's tree canopy and overall tree maintenance
- Responsible for all grass cutting on **TOWN-owned roads**, ditches, and parks
- Continued to provide responsive and efficient public works services that enhance the quality of life, public safety, and appearance of the Town.

These accomplishments reflect the Public Works Department's commitment to maintaining critical infrastructure, supporting capital improvement projects, ensuring operational readiness, and delivering essential services that keep the Town of Upper Marlboro safe, attractive, and well-maintained.

FY 2027 PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET

Code	Description	FY27
7000	PUBLIC WORKS	
7110	PW Salaries	\$380,000.00
7111	PW Overtime	\$11,000.00
7112	PW Bonus	\$6,500.00
7120	PW FICA	\$25,000.00
7130	PW Health-Life-Dental	\$55,000.00
7150	PW Pension Benefits	\$50,000.00
	Total 7000 PUBLIC WORKS	\$527,500.00
7240	PUBLIC WORKS OPERATING	
7210	PW Waste Collection/Disposal Fees	\$6,500.00
7220	PW Waste Disposal/Contractor	\$78,030.00
7250	PW Beautification	\$10,000.00
7254	PW Facility Repairs	\$12,000.00
7252	PW Facility Maintenance	\$15,000.00
7253	PW Splash Pad Maintenance	\$5,000.00
7260	PW Training & Memberships - Dues	\$7,000.00
7270	PW Miscellaneous	\$3,500.00
7271	PW Petty Cash	\$500.00
7279	PW Street Light Maintenance for Marlborough Towne	\$14,000
7280	PW Streets Maintenance	\$45,000.00
7281	PW Marlborough Towne Electricity	\$5,000.00
7282	PW Tree Removal / Arborist	\$7,000.00
7284	PW Contingency	\$10,000.00
	PW Splash Pad	\$598,622.00
7285	PW Tractor/Vehicle Debt	\$64,250.00
7340	PW Vehicle Maintenance	\$16,000.00
7350	PW Utilities	\$4,000.00
7360	PW Mobile Phone	\$10,000.00
7370	PW Small Tools & Equipment	\$12,000.00
7372	PW Office Supplies	\$2,000.00
7374	PW Computer Software & Equipment	\$4,000.00
7380	PW Septic Tank	\$3,000.00
7385	PW Uniforms	\$6,000.00
7390	PW Weather Related Expenses	\$10,000.00
7397	PW Vehicle Fuel	\$19,500.00
7400	PW Streetlight Electricity	\$9,000.00
7410	PW Facilities and Fleet Insurance	\$35,000.00
7420	PW Mosquito Control	\$4,700.00
7450	PW Holiday	\$2,500.00
7453	UTV/ Maintenance Equipment	\$40,000.00
	Total 7240 Public Works Operating	\$1,059,102.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,586,602.00

Capital Improvement Budget (CIP)

	Roads Fund	\$10,059.00
	Roof Maintenance Fund	\$10,059.00
	Total CIP	\$20,118.00

The Town of Upper Marlboro has adopted a balanced budget totaling **\$4,106,652.19**. This budget reflects the Town Council's commitment to fiscal responsibility while ensuring that essential services, programs, and infrastructure needs are adequately funded. The budget is designed to meet the current and future needs of residents, support community priorities, and advance the strategic goals established by the Town Council. Through careful planning and resource allocation, the Town continues to maintain financial stability while investing in services that enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, and visit Upper Marlboro.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$4,106,652.19

Appendix A: Description of Line Items Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

4010 Real Estate Taxes	Property Taxes from homeowners and property owners
4100 Personal Property Taxes	Property Taxes from businesses
4150 PPT Public Utilities	Taxes on public utilities located in the Town of Upper Marlboro
4310 Income Taxes	Income taxes from residents distributed by the State of Maryland
4220 Town Permits	Parking permits, room rentals,
4230 Business License	In-town business licensing program
4240 Parking Meters	Payments to parking meters including via parking apps
4250 Speed Cameras	Speed camera income, expenses are restricted
4260 Parking Fines/Penalties	Tickets and fines for illegal parking
4280 Pub/Edu/Govt Broadcasting	Fee distributed to the Town for cable access
4290 Trader's Franchise Fees	Miscellaneous fees collected by the court system for banks and institutions in town.
4320 Highway User Fee	Money from the state for streets maintenance and infrastructure projects
4330 State Police Aid	Money from the state to enhance the Town Police Department
4410 Miscellaneous	Misc. Revenues
4420 Interest Earnings	Interest on MLGIP investment pool account
4430 Town Hall Services - Misc Rev	Notary services, room rentals, etc.
4440 Transfer from Reserve	
4450 Special Events/Donations	Sponsorships, vendor booth fees
4530 FIP	Community Legacy Grant for facade improvement on Main Street
4560 DHCD Circuit Rider Grant	Grant that funds our grant writer position
4630 BJAG Grant	Federal funding to support the Police Dept.
4594 Bond Bill 22-661	
5105 GG Commissioner Salaries	Town Council Salaries
5107 GG Commission Conferences and Training	Conferences, Per Diem, Dues,
5110 GG Salaries	Staff Salaries
5111 GG Salaries - Bonuses	Holiday Bonuses
5120 GG FICA	Federal Payroll Taxes

5130 GG Health/Life/Dental Benefits	Employee Health Benefits
5150 GG Pension Benefits	Maryland State Retirement Plan
5310 GG Accounting	Accounting Services
5320 GG Audit	Annual Audit
5330 GG Payroll Processing	Payroll Processing Service
5340 GG Town Attorney & Legal	Legal Fees
5350 GG IT Support & Equipment	IT Services, Subscriptions, and Equipment
5360 GG Media Relations	Media Relations Support
5370 GG Government Relations	Government Relations Firm
5380 GG Human Resources Services	Human Resources Support
5390 GG Planning Firm	Economic Development/ Strategic Planning
5200 GG Town Facility and Vehicle Insurance	Insurance through Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT)
5415 GG Merchant Services Fees	Fees for credit card payments and systems
5435 GG Training	Staff Training
5440 GG Dues & Subscriptions	Professional and Software Subscriptions
5445 GG Postage	Postage
5450 GG Printing	Internal Printing, Newsletters, Flyers, Signs, Banners
5455 GG General Supplies	General office supplies
5465 GG Town Hall Office Phones	Office Phones (Verizon and AT and T)
5470 GG Mobile Phones	Mobile Phones (Verizon)
5475 GG Town Elections	Elections
5480 GG Town Hall Utilities	Electricity, Water, etc.
5490 GG Other	Misc.
5495 GG Resident Assistance	Donations and Resident Assistance
5510 Contingency	Contingency for unplanned emergency expenses
5905 Events Committee	Events Committee for community events
5910 CERT Team	CERT
5496 Vehicle Fuel and Maintenance	Fuel for Gen Gov Vehicle
5500 Staff accommodations/ Dinner	Coffee, water, snacks, food
5505 Annexation	Survey Costs, advertising cost, posting cost
5915 Historical Committee	Historical Committee
5925 Green Team	Green Team
5930 TOUJUM Event	Small Town events & Hosting partners

5935	Trunk or Treat	Trunk-or-Treat
5940	Marlboro Day	Marlboro Day
5950	Economic Development Working Group	Economic Development Workgroup
5955	Winter Holiday	Tree Lighting
6100C	Code Vehicle Maintenance	Vehicle Maintenance
6200C	Code Parking Meter Maintenance	Parking Meter Maintenance
6110 PS	Salaries	Police Department Salaries
6111 PS	Overtime	Overtime for Police Department
6112 PS	Bonus	Holiday Bonuses
6120PS	FICA	Federal Payroll Taxes
6130 PS	Health Benefits	Employee Benefits
6150 PS	Pension Benefits	MSRP pension
6200 PS	Uniforms	Uniforms
6210 PS	Weapons & Duty Equipment	Weapons and other equipment for officers
6220 PS	Training & Memberships	Training for Police Officers
6230 PS	Pre Employment	Pre-employment expenses for police officers
6260 PS	Mobile Technology and IT	Mobile Phones and NTI
6270 PS	Supplies	General supplies
6300 PS	Professional Services	Accounting, HR, Legal, etc.
6400 PS	Occupancy	Police Office Space
6600 PS	Utilities	Electric, Water, etc.
6700 PS	Vehicle Repairs	Repairs to police vehicles
6710 PS	Vehicle Fuel	Fuel for police vehicles
6720 PS	Insurance	Insurance
6750	Police State Aid	The State Aid for Police Protection Fund is a formula-driven funding program used to supplement resources for police protection in our local communities. State funds provide additional revenue to support the operational costs of local and county police agencies.
6851 PS	Speed Camera Admin Fee - 4 Cameras	Fees for speed cameras
6852 PS	Speed Camera Service Fees	Service fees for speed cameras