

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Green Team Minutes September 17, 2026

Approved

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Green Team was called to order at 7:03 pm with the following present: Chairman Jeff Russell, Team Member Sandy Lord, Evan Wiegand, Amy Thomas, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from August 27, 2026 were approved.

Guest Speaker: Randy Robinson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, "Bald Eagles of the Potomac Watershed"

Mr. Robinson provided an interesting and informative presentation regarding the life and habits of Bald Eagles. He said they are doing well and population is coming back. Other migratory birds are not doing so well. Researchers estimate we have lost 3 billion migratory birds since 1970. Lights out during migration is a huge help. He has been watching Bald Eagles for 23 years. The first Bald Eagle nest at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV was 8 feet wide and 5 feet deep. After 22 years, the original nest was destroyed by a windstorm on April 19, 2025. Sadly, the three eaglets didn't survive the 90 ft fall. They were only 4 weeks old. The Eagles have built another nest about 15 ft lower in the same tree. Bald Eagles typically use their nest from September or October through July. Eaglets are about 11-12 weeks, by mid-June before leaving the nest for the first time. Cameras were installed at NCTC in the fall of 2005. There are about 50 nests across the country that have cameras on them now. You can watch the NCTC Eagle Cams at <https://www.fws.gov/nctc/eagle-cam>

Old Business

Sustainable Maryland Grant – The deadline to apply is November 13th. There was some discussion about applying for the restroom mural as last year, the church, or the pocket park. The team agreed to submit for the restroom art project again this year and focus on the front wall. We will only apply for \$10k-12k instead of the full \$20k.

Wildlife Habitat Program – A site visit is planned for early October, (5th, 6th or 9th). Date and time are to be determined soon. This is to decide where to install the habitats then we can get approval from the Mayor & Council. Ms. Pangle confirmed the reason for the high cost of the bat house is due to it being a brooding house that can house about 200 bats. It is made of a much higher quality material than what is found on the retail market. The Green Team decided at last month's meeting to fund a Bluebird and Bat house. The Soil Conservation District will fund the Chimney Swift house.

Fall Yard Sale/Bulk Trash Dates – The yard sale will be held on October 10th and bulk trash on October 17th. Mr. Wiegand will create the flyers and post on social media. Ms. Thomas suggested for next year to have our community yard sale the same weekend as Boonesborough Day's. This event is usually held the weekend after Labor Day.

October 16th Tree Planting in Taylor Park/Multi-Sport Court – Ms. Twigg with DNR provided an updated map and will be out on September 23rd to flag the planting locations for the trees. She will contact Miss Utility before we dig. Ms. Twigg and a colleague will come out early on the 16th to auger the holes to be ready for planting. Depending on when the pickleball court is finished some trees may need to be planted in Spring 2027.

New Business

Solar Simplified – Ms. Pangle reported on a visit from Solar Simplified on 9/9/26. They offer a program specifically for residents to save money on their electric bills. There are no long-term contracts, costs, or fees. The solar credits are deducted from their Potomac Edison electric bill, and are about 10%. Solar Simplified would like to present their information at a Green Team meeting. Ms. Lord suggested we could have them as another speaker for our Guest Speaker Series. The Green Team agreed to have them attend the January 2027 meeting. We will promote their visit to encourage residents to attend.

Comments by Team

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: August 27, 2026 minutes.

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Old Business: SM Grant; Wildlife Habitat Program; Fall Yard Sale/Bulk Trash Dates; Oct 16th Tree Planting in Taylor Park/Multi-Sport Court.

New Business: Solar Simplified Visit;

Comments by Residents

Comments by Team

Adjournment