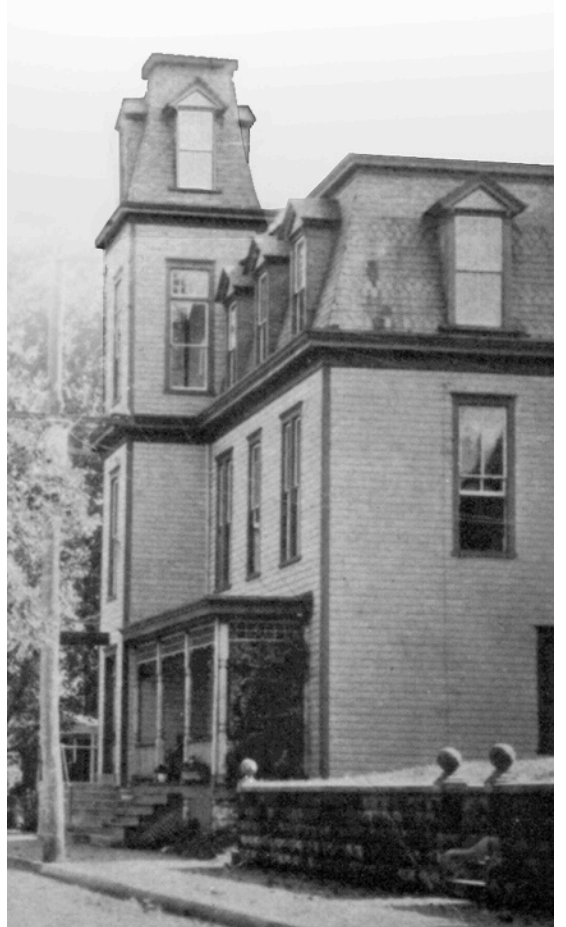


Town Hall - Smithsburg, Maryland

RESTORE *the* TOWN HALL TOWER



It's our Landmark
Opportunity.



SMITHSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Did you know that Town Hall ...

- ... was originally an opera house?
- ... is 110 years old?
- ... has a large auditorium & stage
- ... is incomplete?
- ... needs your help to put it back together?

Find out more at:

www.smithsburgtower.com
www.facebook.com/smithsburgtower

I want to help put the
tower back on top!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of _____ (Check # _____ Dated _____)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

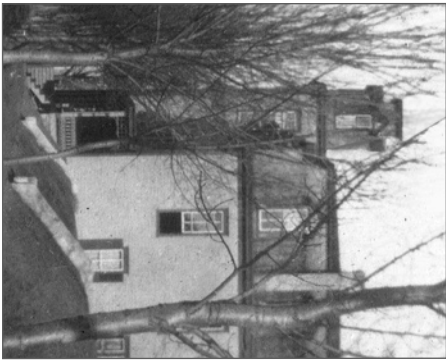
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Make checks payable to:

Smithsburg Historical Society, Inc.
memo: Town Hall Tower Fund

Mail to or drop off at:

Smithsburg Historical Society
P.O. Box 403
20 E. Water Street
Smithsburg, MD 21783



Citizen Contribution Corporate Contribution

<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2500
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	
<input type="checkbox"/> other _____		

I can donate: Materials Services

I can help with: _____

TOWN HALL HAS LOST ITS HEAD!

Let's put it back on again!

A group of citizens called The Town Hall Tower Team are spearheading an initiative to put a tower back atop the Smithsburg Town Hall. Due to neglect and deterioration, the tower was removed in the 1980's and vinyl siding was applied to the building. In the process, this beautiful building has become a shadow of its former glory.

Starting at Town Hall

An appeal was made to the Smithsburg Mayor and Council. They advised that, due to the economic crisis and funding cutbacks, the budget does not allow for this expenditure at the present time. They did, however, allot funds to pay for a cost estimate and also suggested that the committee set up a booth during Pride Days to bring attention to the project and to assess citizen support. Response was overwhelming!

A Timely Opportunity

Now is the perfect time to launch this project. Why? Because 2013 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of Smithsburg. The tower can be our bicentennial gift to the town! Granted, the project cannot be completed in this anniversary year, but it certainly can be started. It will take a few fundraising activities to demonstrate to the town leaders that the citizens are interested and willing to help.

Excelsior Hall History

Built in 1893 as the Excelsior Hall Opera House, the building is equipped with an auditorium and stage. It was the community's main center for cultural and social activities for many years. The Smithsburg Community Association owned it from 1925 until 1975 when it was turned over to the Town of Smithsburg to become "Town Hall."

Excelsior Hall is a jewel. It deserves a crown!

Let's work together to make this project happen!

We Can Do This!

Response to the survey taken at the 2013 Smithsburg Pride Days was 100% favorable. One third of the respondents indicated they would take an active role in the fund-raising efforts and many others promised monetary donation.

How Much Will It Cost?

The preliminary estimate from the architect for the proposed tower restoration is \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Who Can Help?

The Town Hall Tower Restoration Project needs you to get involved. You can make a tax-deductible donation, spread the word, and help with fund-raising activities. As a community, we can come together to restore dignity and architectural integrity to this historic symbol of our town and our community. Who can help?

All of Us!

According to the 2010 Census, Smithsburg has 3,000 residents with an average of 3 people per household.

If each of the 1,000 households gave \$20, we would have \$20,000, even without the fundraisers, grants or corporate donations.

Service Organizations

If you belong to a service organization, you can ask them to help with fund-raisers and public awareness. Scouts and school children can help too.

Business Owners

If you own a business, you can donate materials and services.

The Greater Community and Beyond

If you live in the greater Smithsburg area, or are one of the thousands of graduates of Smithsburg High School, this is a great way to express your connection to the town and the community.

