

# TOWN NOTES

*News from La Plata Town Hall*



## MAYOR'S CORNER

To say that 2008 was not a very good year economically is a major understatement. We all hope that 2009 will be an improvement over last year, but it takes time to move our vast economy from a downward trend to something moving in the opposite direction. Albeit all levels of government will be affected by what occurred in 2008, La Plata is fortunate to have a strong financial base which positions us well for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Nevertheless, we will have to project future revenues carefully and plan accordingly.

When you receive this newsletter we will have commenced our budget development process for the next fiscal year which commences on July 1. During this budget process we will look at all phases of Town government, needs and expectations of the residents, capital improvements, traffic and transportation issues, safety concerns, and many other important considerations. Looking back at the year that just closed is an important part of this process. Most projects are a learning experience for all those involved and we can gain substantial insight from a careful examination of what worked well and what may not have reached our expectations.

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## Maryland Municipal League (MML) Geocache Trail

*Treasure awaits!* Well, not exactly, but you could find a really cool pen, lapel pin, historic brochures or LP stickers. The Town of La Plata is participating in the MML Geocache Trail. A geocacher uses a handheld GPS (Global Positioning System) to plot map coordinates to locate the treasure or "cache." The geocacher accesses the official geocache website [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com), then goes to the MML account and downloads or manually enters the map coordinates for each cache on the Maryland Municipal League Geo Trail; then uses the GPS to find the caches. "It is deceptively easy."

A Geocache trail is a series of geocaches tied together by a common theme. The theme of the Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail is Celebrating Maryland's Cities and Towns. The trail is comprised of 78 city/town caches located in the 11 MML Districts (regions) throughout the state. A collectible, highly coveted Geo coin will be given to the first 500 geocachers who locate a minimum of 22 city/town caches throughout the state. To be eligible for the coin, geocachers must pick up a passport at any participating visitor center, use the stamp in each cache on their passports and write in the cache code word. After at least 2 municipal caches in each district are discovered, geocachers may return to one of the county visitor centers and have their passports validated to receive a collectable coin.

Geocaching is fairly inexpensive, can provide some exercise and involve the entire family. If you are not into following the MML Geocache Trail, there are several caches hidden in and around the Town to discover. Visit the official geocache website at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) for more information.

## Invitation to Apply for Future Vacancies on the Town's Boards and Commissions

To assist in carrying out its responsibilities, the Town Council has established a number of Boards and Commissions staffed by volunteers. These Boards and Commissions are very much a part of the decision-making process.

Any Town resident interested in being considered for appointment to any vacancies on any of the boards and commissions is encouraged to fill out the Town's personal history/application form and send it along with a letter of interest to the Town Clerk. A printable version of the form is on the Town's web page at [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org). Click on the "Commissions" link on the left side of the web page, then click on "Application to Boards-Commissions" to access the form. You may also call the Town Hall to have one sent to you, or stop by and pick one up.

## NOW OPEN IN LA PLATA AND COMING SOON TO LA PLATA

[This information is current as of January 8, 2009.]

The following businesses were issued Building Permits and/or Commercial Occupancy Permits during November and December 2008:

### Building Permits

**Civista Pharmacy**  
5 Garrett Avenue

**Custom Kitchens**  
6750 Crain Highway

**Construction Resolutions**  
305 Centennial Street, Suite D

### Occupancy Permits

**L'Amour (nail salon)**  
6539 Crain Highway

**Five Guys**  
230 Rosewick Road

**Lemon Drop (gift shop)**  
220 Rosewick Road

**Potomac Energy Holdings LLC**  
6365 Crain Highway

**Halo Salon (hair salon)**  
103 B St. Mary's Avenue

**Self Storage Plus**  
2 North La Plata Court

**PNC Bank**  
6315 Crain Highway

**Starbucks**  
6675 Crain Highway

## Email addresses wanted



The Town is compiling a database of resident email addresses in order to expand its use of email communication within the Town. Residents who send their email address to the Town will be able to receive information easily, quickly, and cost-effectively. Providing your email address to the Town is completely voluntary. The Town is simply seeking an additional means to be able to communicate with residents.

If you would like to have your email address included in our database for future communication, please send your email address to Carolyn at [cjohnson@townofla-plata.org](mailto:cjohnson@townofla-plata.org) along with your name and street address.

## Town Hall Closed

The Town Hall will be closed on the following day:

**Presidents' Day** Monday, February 16, 2009

If you have a **water or sewer emergency** after hours, call 301-934-8421 and follow the instructions given to report your emergency. The automated response system will alert the appropriate department to respond to you.

## TOWN OF LA PLATA OFFICIALS

Mayor: Roy G. Hale

### Council:

Jim Goldsmith ..... Ward 1

Scot D. Lucas ..... Ward 2

Paddy Mudd ..... Ward 3

Vic E. Newman ..... Ward 4

### Town Manager:

Daniel J. Mears

Treasurer: Robert W. Oliphant

Assistant Town Manager:

Michelle D. Miner

Town Clerk: Judith T. Frazier

Project Manager: Steven F. Schroeder

Police Chief: Cassin B. Gittings

Director of Inspections: Jorge A. Thompson

Director of Municipal Development:

David M. Jenkins

Director of Planning and Zoning:

Catherine N. Flerlage

Director of Operations: Robert F. Stahl, Jr.

Acting Director of Public Works:

Jeffrey S. Garner

305 Queen Anne Street,

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Website: [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Port Tobacco Players (PTP) productions

#### • A Man for All Seasons

**March 13 – 29: Fridays and  
Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.; Sundays  
at 3:00 p.m.**

Ticket information: \$17 – Adults;  
\$14 – Seniors (60 and over) and  
Students (through high school). For  
reservations, call the PTP box office  
at 301-932-6819 or visit the PTP  
web page at [www.ptplayers.com](http://www.ptplayers.com) for  
on-line tickets.

### MAYOR'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

The La Plata Planning Commission and Town Staff are working long hours on our new Comprehensive Plan that will provide direction and goals for the Town over the next six years. This plan, together with the Town's Vision Plan, is our roadmap from which we must, over time, implement the infrastructure, development plans and community design guidelines necessary to ensure that our Town remains one of the premier communities in the State. The La Plata Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the La Plata Beautification Commission are constantly looking for ways to upgrade our park system as well as improve the overall appearance of the Town. The people who dedicate their time and talents to all our boards and commissions warrant our deep appreciation and support.

Since my return to the La Plata Town Council a few short months ago, I have been impressed by the dedication and expertise of the Town Staff. I believe the Town is currently staffed to accomplish the intricate planning and make the critical decisions necessary to lead La Plata forward, moving in the right direction at the right speed. A difficult task in a period of reduced financial resources, but one I feel confident we will accomplish.

As your Mayor, I will always welcome your comments, be they positive or critical. You can reach me at the Town Hall (301-934-8421) or at home (301-934-4850).

# COUNCIL COLUMN

## Councilman Jim Goldsmith Ward 1

I hope all had a joyous holiday with family and friends. It was an opportunity to spend time with my family and grandboys on a family vacation together. I find time with the family is the best gift to give each other. Now it is time to get down to the business of the new year. First on the agenda is the budgeting process I mentioned last time.

We will be facing the problems created by the troubled economy. We will be working with limited funds to provide the services for the citizens of the Town of La Plata. We have just completed the latest citizens' survey. We have "your" input to help guide us in allocation of limited funds. We will do our best to cover the highest priorities.

I feel good about the direction the Town is going and the improvements that are occurring in our Town. If you have any input or suggestions feel free to contact with that input. Please send me an email at [jgoldsmth@townofaplata.com](mailto:jgoldsmth@townofaplata.com).

Happy New Year.

## Councilman Scot D. Lucas Ward 2

As you might have read in the newspaper, the Town of La Plata started its geocaching program in January. I was amazed to see how many families have already visited the site in such a short period of time. It was the Council's intent to bring people to the Town who might not have ordinarily come. We have read several blogs from the people who have visited the site. Some of the comments have been how quickly the Town had recovered from the tornado, how beautiful the Town is, how some spent time in Town with their families, etc. We hope this positive response continues for many years.

This is the last Town Notes that will be coming to you before the primary election in March (This assumes more than two candidates run for a particular office). I bring this up to ask you to vote. We sometimes miss opportunities

to change the landscape of where and how we live. Please come in March and then again in May to show your support for our Town. Please vote for the candidates who will work to make the Town of La Plata the best place to live.

## Councilwoman Paddy Mudd Ward 3

I hope you all had a happy and safe holiday season. I want to commend our manager, Dan Mears, and his entire staff on a job well done in 2008. We had a great response in our citizens' survey to our educational and informational sessions pertaining to the Town's infrastructure. All our Town events have been well attended and have received much praise from everyone.

The Council and staff began our 2010 budget planning sessions in mid-January. I very much would like input from you – it is not too late – in these tight fiscal times as to where you want your tax dollars spent. Please understand we can't please everyone, but I truly believe this Mayor and Council is united on almost all issues and committed to a conservative, realistic but still idealistic outlook for La Plata.

Please email me at [paddymudd@comcast.net](mailto:paddymudd@comcast.net) with your concerns – also let us know what you like that we are doing.

## Councilman Vic Newman Ward 4

### **FY10 Budget Process Begins**

During the last Council work session, members of the Council started getting ready for the next Town Budget process. This is a lengthy process and will cover several months. During this time there will be opportunities for Town residents to express their concerns. The Budget process begins as stated:

- Starting mid-January key members of your Town Government (i.e. Treasurer, Police Chief, Dir. of Public Works, Dir. of Community Development, and Asst. Town Manager) will meet with the Town Manager and Town Treasurer to discuss the budget cycle and budget calendar.
- Council begins sessions on setting

goals and priorities for FY10.

- Town Manager and Treasurer firm up revenue estimates and discuss Council goals and priorities.
- Town Government discusses their budget needs with the Town Council.
- For the next couple months the Town Council begins to hold budget work sessions.
- FY10 Budget is introduced. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEGIN.
- Town Council discusses public comments and adjustments are made to budget, if appropriate.
- Sometime in late spring 2009, Budget is adopted.

This is an excellent opportunity to be part of the decision making process. The Council and Town Government need your participation; it is your tax dollars at work. Dates will be published on your Town website. [www.townofaplata.org](http://www.townofaplata.org)

This will be a busy and interesting year for your Town. Please come out and take part in the various Town meetings published on the Town website. BE A VOICE!

### **Elections May 2009**

The Town of La Plata will hold a General Election on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the La Plata Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata, Maryland, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. Beginning with the 2009 Elections, the Mayor and Councilmen will no longer serve staggered terms and all qualified voters of the Town will be able to vote for candidates for all of the five Council seats, to serve 4-year terms of office.

If you would like to run for one of these seats, please fill out a Certificate of Nomination form and return it (bearing original signatures) to the Town Clerk in the La Plata Town Hall no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2009. Certificate of Nomination forms are available at the La Plata Town Hall, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and on the Town's web page at <http://www.townofaplata.org>. Please come out and VOTE.

# LA PLATA TOWN SERVICES

## Special Trash Pickup

Bulk items are picked up the first Monday of each month, or the following Monday if the first one is a holiday. Large amounts of loose material (such as brush) should be bundled or bagged in such a manner that the weight is less than 50 lbs. The Town reserves the right not to pick up items too heavy to safely handle. General construction cleanup and hazardous materials are not eligible. Items must be at curbside by 7:30 a.m. on pickup day. Call Town Hall before pickup day to be placed on the list. Minimum fee: \$11.75 for 5

minutes loading time; each additional minute is \$1.10. A fee of \$6.00, or the current Landfill disposal fee, shall be charged for each tire collected. *Billing for special trash pickup is included on your quarterly utility bill.*

## Yard Waste Pickup

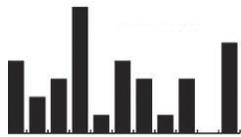
Containers of yard waste ONLY - leaves, grass and shrub clippings,

brush or branches - may be put out on your regular trash day for pickup that day **or the next day**. The containers must be marked "Yard Waste." Brush or branches must be bundled, weigh no more than 50 lbs. per bundle, and the branches may not be larger than 4 inches in diameter or more than 4 feet long. *Plastic bags are not allowed - if you bag yard waste you must use paper bags.*

## Trash Collection Schedule Adjustment

(There are no changes to the trash collection schedule for February and March 2009).

# WEBSITE POLL



Visit the Town of La Plata's website at <http://www.townofaplata.org> to participate in an online poll. Click on the 'Snap Poll' link on the left side of the web page to go to the poll and see the results to date. The current question is:

*There is the greatest need for community activities for which age group?*

- Children ages 2-5
- Children ages 6-12
- Children ages 13-17
- Young adults
- Adults
- Seniors

## Website Poll Results from last issue of Town Notes

Below are the website 'Snap Poll' results from the last issue. The question and results are:

*La Plata's recent investments in water and sewer infrastructure were needed and should*

*be continued to preserve the quality and reliability of these vital municipal utilities.*

- Strongly Agree - 51%
- Somewhat Agree - 19%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree - 9%
- Somewhat Disagree - 4%
- Strongly Disagree - 9%
- Don't Know - 8%

LaPlata has added a new elevated water tower and a new ground level storage tank to increase the amount of water stored in case of an emergency. If the Town's water pumps stop working for an extended period, the Town has a significant amount more water in reserve than just two years ago. The Town has added a new major water production well which adds to the redundancy and reliability of producing the water we use every day. The Town has added to the number of backup generators, which increase the amount of time the Town can produce water in the event of a power failure. All of these elements improve the reliability

of the system to help ensure fresh water is there when you need it.

La Plata has improved its processes at the wastewater treatment plant to improve efficiency. New sewer lines have been installed to improve the flow of waste to the plant, reducing sewer overflows. The Town is currently designing an upgrade to the plant to comply with the Maryland Department of the Environment requirement that the Town treat sewage to an Enhanced Nutrient Removal standard, which will provide consistently clearer water be discharged into the Port Tobacco watershed. Improvements over the past two years have enabled our plant to increase the available treatment capacity, despite a growth in customers. La Plata is required by the State, and can do much more, to improve the efficiency and reliability of our water and sewer systems. Thank you for your participation in the last online poll.

# CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2008 Christmas Decorations Contest, and thank you to all who decorated your homes and businesses.

## Residential - Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ida Connatser, 510 Scarlet Oak Road
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Penny Arbin, 134 W. Quail Lane

## Residential - Whimsical

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ashley Martin, 1024 Glen Oak Court
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: William and Marianne Yeckley, 115 Mallard Lane

## Commercial

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Martin's, 309 Charles Street
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Royal Tea Room, 110 Charles Street

# FEBRUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Special trash pick-up day (Call by 4:00 p.m. Fri., 1/30 to schedule)	3 7:00 p.m., Planning Commission meeting	4 9:00 a.m., Design Review Board meeting 7:30 p.m., Crime Watch Council meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10 7:00 p.m., Town Council work session	11 5:00 p.m., Parks and Recreation Commission meeting	12	13	14
15	16 Town Hall Closed (No change to trash schedule.)	17 7:00 p.m., Town Council work session	18 9:00 a.m., Design Review Board meeting	19	20	21
22	23 4:00 p.m., Beautification Commission meeting (Rescheduled from 2/16)	24 7:00 p.m., Town Council regular meeting	25	26	27	28

# MARCH 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Special trash pickup day (Call by 4:00 p.m. Fri., 2/27 to schedule)	3 7:00 p.m., Planning Commission meeting	4 9:00 a.m., Design Review Board meeting 7:30 p.m., Crime Watch Council meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10 7:00 p.m., Town Council work session	11 5:00 p.m., Parks and Recreation Commission meeting	12	13	14
15	16 4:00 p.m., Beautification Commission meeting	17 7:00 p.m., Town Council work session	18 9:00 a.m., Design Review Board meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24 7:00 p.m., Town Council regular meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Conservation Corner

From the field, through processing, through retail, and to us as consumers, it is estimated that up to 50% of the food that is produced is actually wasted. While most of us cannot control what happens to food before we buy it, there are things we can do to reduce the amount of food we waste, and what we do with that food waste. Our actions with food can not only save us money, by purchasing only the food we need, but it can also have positive impacts on our environment.

Whether at a restaurant or a grocery store, be sure to be thoughtful about the amount of food you and your family will consume. The most important step to ensuring we don't waste food, is to not overbuy.

- Take stock of the food in your refrigerator and cupboards to ensure food does not expire.
- Plan meals and portions and develop a shopping list of what you need and at the right time. (Coupons and store circulars can help you buy needed items at the best price.)
- Avoid buying items just to have them in stock, buying in bulk for more than you need, or impulse buys of items not on your list.



- Store your food properly, in quality reusable storage containers so it does not expire earlier than it needs to.
- Overeating is also food waste and is not good for you. Control your portion size.

With your own food preparation, cooking, and what is left uneaten, there will be food waste generated in your home. What you do with that food waste also impacts our environment. Do not use your sink as a means to dispose of food waste. Food waste entering the sewer system increases the chance of clogs and adds to the amount of nutrients that ultimately go to our creeks and rivers.

- Never pour cooking oil or grease down your sink drain.
- Scrape all of your dishes and cooking tools so food solids do not go down your sink drain.
- If you have room on your property, consider composting to turn food waste into soil for your garden. (Avoid composting meats, dairy, grease, and oil.)
- Reduce the amount of food that you throw in your garbage. Landfill charges are based upon weight; less food waste means lower landfill costs, which means lower trash hauling rates.

Cutting down on food waste will save you money and improve our environment. Thank you for your help in reducing food waste and its impact on our community.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Recycle La Plata Spring  
Community Yard Sale**  
**Saturday, March 21, 8:00 a.m.  
to 12:00 noon**  
**Rain date: Saturday, March 28**  
**La Plata Town Hall**

Join us for our first Community Yard Sale on the grounds of the La Plata Town Hall. Come out and search for treasures and grab a bite to eat from some local food vendors. If you

would like more information on reserving a table, please go to [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org), and click on "Announcements/Events", then "Events" and download an application.

**Easter Fun!**  
**Saturday, April 4, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Inside La Plata Town Hall**

Create your own Ice Cream Sundae to eat with the Easter Bunny, and when you are full, enjoy making a variety of Easter crafts to keep or share.

## CITIZEN ACADEMY

At its December 16, 2008 business meeting, the La Plata Town Council recognized the participation of its first Citizen Academy class. La Plata residents, business owners, and other members of the community met this past fall to learn about the Town's water and sewer infrastructure.

The Academy consisted of five sessions. There was a tour of the Town's wells and water infrastructure and then a tour of the sewage treatment plant and sewer infrastructure. Presentations were on water production, treatment and distribution; sewer collection, treatment, discharge, and environmental impact; and the third presentation covered sewer infiltration, planning, and financing.

The goal of the Citizen Academy was summed up by La Plata resident Carl Ruble, "All residents should understand the Town workings and problems." Residents were able to see firsthand what the challenges are in delivering clean water, and then cleaning waste water to reduce environmental impact. They also learned how the Town of La Plata is working to address those challenges.

"By highlighting the issues the Town has faced and how they have been and will be addressed, the Citizen Academy is designed to improve the confidence of the community in the Town's utilities," said Town Manager Daniel Mears.



*Participants of the first Citizen Academy received Certificates of Participation at the December 16 meeting of the Town Council. Back row (left to right): Bob Jacobs, Steve Murray, Bill Chapman, Aaron Tyler, Ray Johnson and Diane Johnson. Front row (left to right): Mike Pellegrino, Joe Norris, Carl Ruble, Emily Ferren, Wayne Winkler, Marcia Keeth and Margaret Steffens. (Participants not present included Keith Back and John Higby.)*

Academy participant Emily Ferren stated, "I appreciate the expertise we have in the Town of La Plata to address water and sewer infrastructure." Academy participant Wayne Winkler added, "I enjoyed learning about the entire water and sewer process."

"You turn on the tap, fresh water comes out. I always took that for granted. Now I understand what's involved in having that water ready and waiting for someone to open the tap. It's an impressive system, and La Plata residents have a knowledgeable and professional team making sure it works," says Academy participant Marcia Keeth. "I am impressed with the degree to which La Plata town officials are working to ensure that the community is able to meet the residents' need for

adequate water and sewer – now and for years to come."

Participants commented on how the Town has an understanding of the problems, and also has a plan to correct them. Academy participant Joe Norris says, "I believe the Town is headed in the right direction by becoming more proactive over the last couple of years."

The success of this initial program has guaranteed another Citizen Academy on Water and Sewer Infrastructure again in the spring. If a resident is interested in participating in the next Citizen Academy to be held in the spring of 2009, they may contact Town Manager Daniel Mears at (301) 934-8421.

## LA PLATA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

### "Round Robin Sweepstakes"

The Board of Directors of the La Plata Business Association is very excited to announce the "Round Robin Sweepstakes" promotion that will begin on March 1, 2009. Participants will visit participating businesses to receive a game card; consumers will then present the card when patronizing the participating business and have the card stamped. Once the card is completely stamped turn the card in to the last business visited. No purchases required. Participating businesses will be listed on the Town's website at [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org). The promotion expires April 30, 2009, after which time

the entries will all be combined and a drawing will be held for a grand prize of \$350.00 and three second prizes of \$50.00 each.

### Temporary Moratorium on Enforcement of Certain Sign and Fee Regulations

Due to the recent economic downturn the La Plata Business Association Board of Directors approached the Town Council about relaxing certain regulations regarding banners and off-site sandwich board signs to assist Town businesses. Effective December 16, 2008 the council enacted an Emergency Ordinance 08-25

### Temporary Moratorium on Enforcement of Certain Sign and Fee Regulations.

In brief, the ordinance states that this is a trial period until the end of March, 2009, during which the fee for banners will be waived, a permit is still required, banners will be allowed to remain up for 3 months, and off-site banners and sandwich board signs will be allowed on property only with permission of the property owner. The full ordinance is available for review at the Town's website [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org) under legislation.



## MEET THE TOWN STAFF



### Mary Trollinger

Mary Trollinger began working for the Town of La Plata in December 2008 as the Assistant to the Director of Operations. Mary has worked for other Southern Maryland businesses over her career and brings 25 years of accounting and administration knowledge to the Department of Public Works. She resides in Glasva and says she is very blessed to have two sons who also live in Charles County.

## La Plata Crime Watch Council

The La Plata Crime Watch Council was formed in 1982 by the crime watch coordinators from the various communities within the Town of La Plata. The goals for the Crime Watch Council, to promote safety and share information and ideas on crime prevention, have not changed during the past 16 years. This has been accomplished through public educational programs, refrigerator card programs with emergency telephone numbers for seniors, bicycle rodeos, bicycle registrations, Community Fun Fest Days and coordination of the Town's National Night Out.

The Crime Watch Council meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the La Plata Police Department, 101 La Grange Avenue. The Council is chaired by Ms. Judy Melvin (Arundel Hills) and the secretary is Mr. Art Audley (Phoenix Run.) The meetings are open to any resident of the Town of La Plata, and we encourage all community leaders to attend. If you have any questions you may contact the La Plata Police Crime Watch liaison officer D/Sgt. Brooks at 301-934-1500.

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