

TOWN NOTES

News from La Plata Town Hall



MAYOR'S CORNER

Our town is extremely fortunate to have a theatre company in the heart of La Plata which entertains and enriches the audience with quality productions at affordable prices. My wife and I attended the Port Tobacco Players (PTP) production of *West Side Story* and thoroughly enjoyed the musical. All of the actors and actresses were directed and choreographed superbly and it was wonderful to see the talent we have right here in La Plata. If you are a new resident or have been here for some time but are unfamiliar with the PTP, visit their website at www.ptplayers.com for a list of their upcoming shows and ticket information.

As elected officials, the members of the Council are tasked with making decisions which may not be popular but should be made with the best interests of the citizens in mind. I would like to discuss two issues which were debated by the Council recently. I disagreed with the majority in both situations and I would like to explain my position to the public. Four members of the current Council felt it would be a good idea to move the ornamental clock from its present location on Queen Anne Street to the circle in front of Town Hall. The previous Council decided not to place the clock in front of Town Hall, but offered several other locations on Town owned property. Aside from the additional money needed to move the clock, I felt that the clock should remain where it is, close to Kittie Newcomb's house, as she was a benefactor of the clock, as were the Town residents.

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New Town Buildings will be Green



On February 26, 2008, the Town Council adopted a policy requiring that all new construction and major renovations of Town-owned or -funded buildings meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in

five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

The Town has already demonstrated leadership with Charles County's first LEED certified building, the La Plata Town Hall, and now it has taken another step toward encouraging new construction or redevelopment projects to include sustainable design and building practices. With the adoption of this resolution the Town will pursue LEED certification on its future facility construction projects as well.

Reliable studies have shown that buildings consume approximately 70% of the electricity produced in this country and create about 30% of all greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. The Town supports standards for construction that result in buildings that are environmentally responsible, energy efficient, and healthy places to work. It is in the community's best interest to curb building energy consumption and emissions, to protect water resources and reduce water waste, and conservation of resources will reduce long term utility costs.

All new construction and major renovation projects funded and/or owned by the Town of La Plata that are 5,000 square feet or greater shall be certified to the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED standards at the most appropriate level. All new construction and major renovation projects funded and/or owned by the Town of La Plata that are less than 5,000 square feet will strive for inclusion of all feasible sustainable practices. According to the USGBC website, La Plata joins just 87 other local governments across the country that have made similar commitments.

The Town also recommends that all new buildings and major renovations undertaken by private entities meet LEED certification standards. Toward this end, the Town will work with other interested parties toward educating property owners on these standards and their value. For more information, you may visit <http://www.usgbc.org>.

Summer Concert Series

All concerts are free and open to the public. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair or a blanket. No pets or alcohol. Refreshments available for purchase. Visit the Town's website for a complete listing of concerts: www.townoflaplata.org.

May 30 [*band to be determined*]

June 6 The Cruisers

COUNCIL COLUMN

Councilman Jim Goldsmith Ward 1

Building “green”: The Town is taking a leadership position as we look at new construction within the Town. Our Town Hall was built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards and is the first building to be LEED certified in Charles County. We are discussing an ordinance to make all future construction and renovation of Town buildings meet LEED standards. The next question is do we mandate or encourage LEED standards for other construction within the Town. I think as a minimum we will be providing the questionnaire to builders and asking them to at least complete the questionnaire. This will raise their awareness of energy conservation issues.

The decision that the Town will have substantial growth has been made by our predecessors. Now we have to do our best to ensure that we have smart growth and do our best to have the least impact on our dwindling natural resources. Again, the Town is stepping forward in a leadership role by

installing a rainwater collection system for the Town Hall landscaping. The system will not use any potable water for watering our lawn and shrubbery. When there is insufficient rainwater we will use the effluent from the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The irrigation will be from an underground drip system.

I have been taking a class offered by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to look at conservation issues and their impact on the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries, and the total watershed, and the impact on the food supply within those waters: crabs, oysters, and fish. You have probably read in the paper about our dwindling water supply from the existing aquifers. We need to start conserving now to ensure our children and grandchildren have sufficient water resources for their needs. I will be installing a barrel rainwater collection system for my home to be used for watering my yard and shrubs. It will consist of five 55 gallon barrels connected to my sump pump and downspouts. Not only will it save on the water usage but will also show up in a reduced water bill. I should have

the system in place by June. If you are interested in seeing how it works, contact me. If you have any questions contact me via email at jgoldsmith@townofaplata.org.

We all have to do our part to make it better or at least not make it worse for those that follow us. The Town is trying to do its part. How about you?

Councilman Scot D. Lucas Ward 2

In the past, I have written about keeping La Plata a small town. It is the issue about which I receive the most comments or suggestions since becoming a Councilman. Unfortunately, each day we are witnessing La Plata becoming a small town with a large city feel. The other day my daughter was conducting some fundraising work at Safeway. We were there for only an hour, but that was long enough to see La Plata changing, and not in a good way. People were speeding in front of the Safeway, running the stop signs and not stopping for pedestrians in the cross walk. Aside from the fact that those folks are breaking the law, why not take a few seconds and offer some kindness to others? It only takes an extra 10 seconds to let someone cross the road in front of you. It might take you an extra 5 seconds to stop at the stop sign. This is a small amount of time compared to how long you wait at the light after you left the shopping center. Aside from cars not stopping, there were folks honking their horn if someone tried to leave a parking space and got in their way. We're not talking about the polite tap of the horn just to say “be careful,” but the long blare clearly signaling “get out of my way.” What does that say to others about the driver and about La Plata?

So many people think building and growth is the sole reason we are losing our small town feeling. I think it's our attitudes toward one another – strangers and friends alike. If we stop all the building or continue as planned, one thing is for sure – if we want La Plata

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Town Hall Closed

The Town Hall will be closed on the following day:

Memorial Day (observed) Monday, May 26, 2008

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: Gene Ambrogio

Council:

Jim Goldsmith Ward 1

Scot D. Lucas Ward 2

Paddy Mudd Ward 3

Vic E. Newman Ward 4

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Catherine N. Flerlage

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LA PLATA TOWN SERVICES

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Charles County Sanitary Landfill accepts household hazardous waste products the **first Saturday of each month during April through December, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6.**

The landfill is located at 12305 Billingsley Road East, Waldorf. For driving directions from your location, visit the Landfill's web page at <http://www.charlescounty.org/pf/sw/landfill/default.htm>. Items accepted free of charge include pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, paint, cleaning supplies, pool chemicals, batteries, expired prescription medicines and other poisons that are around your house. They advise that you should keep the materials in their original containers whenever possible, and bring the items to the collection site in cardboard boxes for ease in unloading. *If you need more information, please call the Charles County Dept. of Public Facilities at 301-932-3599 or 301-870-2778, or the Landfill information service at 301-932-5656.*

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: \$11.00 for 5 minutes loading time; each additional minute is \$1.00. 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.*

La Plata Farmers' Market

Located in the backrows of the parking lot behind the Charles County Courthouse, the Farmers' Market offers for sale fresh produce, flowers and handcrafted items, and is open on Wednesdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Trash Collection Schedule Adjustment

Due to Charles County Sanitary Landfill being closed on certain holidays, the following adjustment is necessary to the Town's refuse collection schedule:

If your regular trash collection day is:	Trash will be picked up on:
Memorial Day (observed) Monday, May 26	Tuesday, May 27

MAYOR'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

The second vote involved sending a letter to the Maryland State Highway Administration requesting disapproval of a traffic signal at Route 301 and Oriole Lane. Another Councilmember and I voted against sending a letter to SHA. I felt that in order to write a credible letter, any inferences made regarding traffic flow, etc., must be backed up by facts and the Council did not have any facts relative to this signal. An excerpt from the letter follows: "Concerns about the impact on school bus schedules and safety of students waiting for the bus along Oriole with increased traffic volume on that road. Concern for senior citizens walking and children playing in the neighborhoods affected by the proximity of the development and change in traffic patterns relative to the proposed signal at 301 and Oriole." Many residents of the surrounding neighborhoods came to Town Hall to voice their opinion. Although it was not the response that they wanted from me, I felt it was necessary and fair to vote against a letter of that magnitude at the present time. I felt that it would be wise to table the letter until all the pertinent facts were available, and an informed decision could be made to more accurately reflect the data that would be presented. We had none of this information or any other factual details at the time that the vote was taken to write the letter to the SHA.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding any town issues, please contact me at genecytc@yahoo.com or call me at (301) 934-8421, ext.129.

COUNCIL COLUMN (CONTINUED)

to remain a place with a small town feel, it's up to us to slow down and be more respectful of others.

When I think of a small town I think of a place where people are driving down Main Street waiving to each other, where people hold the door for each other. A place where people allow someone behind them in line with only one item to go ahead of them. Now I know some of you reading this will say "I do those things now." I'm grateful some of you are, but in order for La Plata to keep its small town feel, a majority of us must do these things. We've probably all seen the TV ads where one problem leads to another and eventually chaos ensues – all stemming from the act of one person. We've also seen the opposite where one person performs a random act of kindness and that inspires those

watching to do something nice. Which person will you be?

Councilwoman Paddy Mudd Ward 3

Many have expressed their dismay at the commercialization of La Plata and turning into a copy of our neighbors to the north! I would like to make some comments. Our Vision Plan – completed before any of us were elected – proposed residential annexations to grow to a Town of 25,000 residents. The first of those, Heritage Green, will begin very soon. The commercial and business areas now being developed will serve this added population and enhance our community so that we will not remain just a bedroom for Washington, D.C. Gone are the days of tobacco farming and the other aspects of rural life that most of

us recall in Charles County. However, this Council is dedicated to retaining the small town ideals and feeling of community that make La Plata unique. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out to the many Town events while you also enjoy the convenience of our new restaurants and shopping.

Enjoy our new "Welcome to La Plata" street flags and landscaping as you walk to the "Celebrate La Plata" Spring Festival on April 26, and the concerts on the green to begin Memorial Day weekend. Walk to a performance by our own Port Tobacco Players after dinner at one of our restaurants. Visit our Train Station with its real caboose. Our small town is still here – come out and enjoy it!

Come by and see our new LEED certified "GREEN" Town Hall and the landscaping and cistern water conservation system we are about to begin.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Port Tobacco Players (PTP) productions

Hotbed Hotel

April 4 – 20: Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m.

A comedy set in a hotel in the Florida Keys that the owners are trying to sell. Unfortunately, they have so few guests that they have their staff masquerade as paying guests in order to convince the potential buyer that it is a good investment. Their plan has one hitch: their entire staff consists of a maintenance man who is fond of alcoholic beverages and a sexy, scatterbrained housemaid who can't seem to remain completely clothed, leading to a "hotbed" of intrigue, culminating in a show-stopping coup-de-theater.

Noises Off

May 30 – June 15: Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m.

In this comedy, the cast of *Noises Off* is rehearsing a Broadway-bound play called "Nothing On." Watching them do so gives us an outrageously funny look at the love, lies, and deceit that take place behind the scenes. Just when this ridiculously inept and chaotic cast finally gets their performances right, everything starts to go wrong! A joyous reminder that the theater really does go on, even when the shows falls apart.

Ticket information: \$15 for Adults; \$12 for Seniors (60 and over) and Students (through high school). For reservations, call the PTP box office at 301-932-6819. Visit the PTP web page at www.ptplayers.com.

TESTING OF EARLY WARNING DEVICES/SIRENS

The Town of La Plata will be testing our early warning devices/sirens on **Saturday, May 10, 2008, at approximately 10:00 a.m.** The testing will last about a half hour. The tests will consist of both siren alerts and audible notifications. This test will be conducted in conjunction with the Charles County 911 Communications Center, which controls and operates the system for the Town.

The devices are installed at the following locations: on Charles Street in front of the Charles County Courthouse, on Curley Hall Road at the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant (near Quailwood Subdivision), in Clarks Run Subdivision, in King's Grant Subdivision, and on Shining Willow Way next to the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department.

Emergency Management Officials remind you that in the event of a real emergency to stay tuned to local radio stations for more information, to have emergency supplies on hand – including a radio which can be operated during a power outage, and to know where the safe haven is in your home. It is everyone's responsibility to plan for an emergency.

APRIL 2008

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

MAY 2008

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25	26 MEMORIAL DAY - TOWN HALL CLOSE (Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 27.) 11:00 a.m., Memorial Day Ceremony	27	7:00 p.m., Town Council regular meeting	28	29	30	31	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Farmers' Market

CONSERVATION CORNER

The months of high water use in La Plata are now starting. By filling swimming pools, watering lawns and plants, washing vehicles, and pressure washing, there is a significant increase in the amount of water used by La Plata residents and businesses. Please be aware of your water use. Below are some active landscaping steps you can take to reduce your water consumption, and your utility bill.

Reduce the turf – Turf grasses consume more water than trees, shrubs, and other plants. By expanding your garden areas, installing a new rain garden, and planting native plants, you can reduce the amount of water your landscape needs.

Mulch plants – It adds organic material to soil, helps retain moisture, and keeps roots cool during warm months.

Remove weeds – They take ground water away from desired plants.

Don't fertilize – It encourages plants to grow fast and increases water needs. Instead plant native species that are accustomed to growing in natural conditions and don't need fertilizer to thrive.

Reduce pruning – Branches keep plants and turf shaded and cooler in summer.



Students in Ms. Stacey Durban's 3rd grade class at Mary Matula Elementary School presented their Water Conservation Project at the Town Council's meeting on February 26, 2008. The students received a Town Seal, which expressed the Town Council's appreciation for the presentation: "We applaud and encourage your interest in preventing water waste. Your efforts to prevent water waste serve as a good example that we hope all will learn from and follow."

Plant shade trees – New trees will add to the shade of your property keeping you and your landscape cooler.

Replant lost plants – If plants have died or are not performing well, plant new ones this spring. Plant low water-use and native varieties in place of the failed varieties.

Redirect downspouts – Collect rain water from your roof into rain barrels to use for irrigation. Direct surface water to a low point on your property and build a rain garden.

Watch your watering – Don't water when it recently rained. Install a moisture sensor on irrigation systems instead of watering on a specific timed schedule. To avoid water loss caused by evaporation during the high heat of the day, water/irrigate during the coolest part of the day, usually the early morning or early evening hours.

An Internet search on Bayscaping will provide all of the resources you need to help prepare your landscape for the warm summer months, and get away from the need to irrigate with potable water.

Thank you for your help in conserving water.

Special Events

"Celebrate La Plata" Spring Festival **Saturday, April 26, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**

This annual event will be held on the grounds of the Town Hall. There will be plenty of family fun and *free* activities for children, including a moon bounce, giant slide, giant obstacle course, and petting zoo, and food for sale.

Memorial Day Ceremony **Monday, May 26, 11:00 a.m.**

The Town will host the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Monument at the La Plata Town Hall. There will be guest speakers, a wreath laying ceremony, and musical entertainment. Refreshments will be provided following the ceremony.

For information on these events, please contact Michelle Miner at 301-934-8421, ext. 126.

Email addresses wanted



As reported in the last issue of the *Town Notes*, the Town has begun to compile 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. Your email will not be shared with any commercial organization and will be used only by the Town. The Town is simply seeking an additional means to be able to communicate with residents and businesses.

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@townoflaplata.org along with your name and street address.

13TH ANNUAL RUN/WALK FOR WELLNESS

Sunday, May 18

Sponsored by Civista Health Foundation, this annual event attracts hundreds of runners and walkers from Maryland, DC, Virginia, and beyond and features a USATF Certified 5K (3.1 mile) course through the streets of La Plata and around Civista Medical Center.

New this year, the route starts and finishes at the La Plata Town Hall in the heart of La Plata and will be held rain or shine.

All participants are eligible to win terrific door prizes, and top finishers and winners in other special categories will receive prizes. The first 500 entries receive a t-shirt and a sports bag. A post race brunch is held after the race. Participants can pre-register with an early bird \$25 donation to the Civista Health Foundation paid and/or postmarked by April 30, or a \$30 donation after the deadline. Pre-registration is **REQUIRED**. Packet pickup will be Saturday, May 17, from 10:00 a.m.

to 12:00 p.m., at the La Plata Town Hall, located at the end of La Grange Avenue. On race day, packet pickup begins at 7:30 a.m. at the La Plata Town Hall, and the race start time is 8:30 a.m.

To pre-register, please send a check payable to *Civista Health Foundation, P.O. Box 1701, La Plata, Maryland 20646*, or visit www.civista.org to register online. For additional race or sponsorship information, call the Civista Health Foundation, 301-609-4132.

SCREEN ON THE GREEN

Movies on the lawn of the Town Hall, under the stars. Refreshments available for purchase. All movies are free and begin at 8:30, and have a rain date of the following Saturday night. Visit the Town's website for a complete listing of movies: www.townoflaplata.org.

June 7 **Surf's Up**
(Rated PG; 85 mins.; Animated Feature; 2007)

This stylish CGI animated comedy is based on the groundbreaking revelation that surfing was actually invented by penguins. A documentary crew takes the audiences behind the scenes at the annual Penguin World Surfing Championship and talks to the newest star Cody Maverick. He starts off as a cocky rookie but soon discovers that a true winner isn't always the one who comes in first.
(Rain date: June 14)

June 21 **Hoot**
(Rated PG; 91 mins.; 2006)
When young Roy moves from Montana to Florida with his family, he ends up befriending two kids who are fighting to protect the home of a group of endangered burrow owls from a real estate developer. Based on the popular children's book with new music from producer Jimmy Buffett.
(Rain date: June 28)

NOW OPEN IN LA PLATA AND COMING SOON TO LA PLATA

[This information is current as of February 29, 2008, and correct to the best of our knowledge. For more information, please contact Carol Rollins, Development Coordinator, Town of La Plata, at crollins@townoflaplata.org or 301-934-8421, ext. 116.]

The following businesses were issued Building Permits and/or Commercial Occupancy Permits during January and February:

A mano Trattoria (incorrectly listed as Amana in last edition)
6810 Crain Highway

East Coast Tattoo
6537 Crain Highway

Jackson Hewitt Tax Service
606 Charles Street

Spring-Dell Furniture Center
6261 Crain Highway

Studio Three Flowers
6750-D Crain Highway

WEBSITE POLL



Visit the Town of La Plata's website at <http://www.townoflaplata.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:

To what degree do you agree with the following statement – La Plata is the preemi-

ent place to live in Charles County. The events, landscaping, decorations, and cleanliness support that view.

Website Poll Results from last issue of Town Notes

La Plata participated in our first website 'Snap Poll' from the last issue. The question and results are:

To what degree do you agree with the following statement – Improvements to La Plata's Downtown have been positive since implementing the Vision Plan in 2002. The Vision Plan should be updated to account for the

changes since the tornado and new construction.

- Strongly Agree – 49%
- Somewhat Agree – 38%
- Somewhat Disagree – 6%
- Strongly Disagree – 6%

This response coincides with the Town Council Service Priority to Reactivate the Vision Team. Thank you for your participation in the last online poll.

MEET THE TOWN STAFF



Robert F. Stahl, Jr.

Robert F. Stahl, Jr. began working for the Town as Director of Operations in February 2008. Bobby previously held positions as Senior Project Manager at Bolton and Associates, as Associate Vice President, Operations at the University of Maryland, and as Director of Land and Risk Management for Chaney Enterprises.

Bobby and his wife Alicia live at Jameson Manor Farm in Hughesville and share a common April 2002 tornado experience with the Town. They have two children: Lizzy, 15, an architecture student at North Point High School, and Bobby III, 12, a student at Milton Somers Middle School. The Stahls raise Black Angus cattle, hay and grain on their farm. In his spare time, Bobby enjoys watching his children play sports and the University of Maryland sports, coaching lacrosse, skiing, camping and hunting.



Danny Murphy

Danny Murphy is the newest member of the Public Works Department. Danny comes back to the Town of La Plata as a trash truck driver after a two-year departure that sent him to South Carolina. Danny lives in Mechanicsville with his wife and four children ranging in age from 15 to 5. When he is not working, Danny likes to spend time with his family and to bowl.

Town Notes is a publication of the Town of La Plata. If you would like to submit a Community Announcement item (subject to Town approval and space availability), please send it by e-mail to jfrazier@townoflaplata.org.

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