

TOWN NOTES

News from La Plata Town Hall



MAYOR'S CORNER

Spring is about over and summer will soon begin with all that entails. I hope everyone has a great summer and have the opportunity to enjoy the many attractions that are available in Southern Maryland.

Our Celebrate La Plata Day was very successful and all enjoyed the annual bed races. I would like to personally thank everyone who participated in or attended our special day in La Plata. The Concert Series has begun and we look forward to another season of great music on the lawn of Town Hall. A new feature this year will be the addition of a spray pad for all the youth to enjoy.

The Referendum vote for the annexation of 14 acres in our Northwest Quadrant is over. Once again the democratic process worked and registered voters in the Town of La Plata were provided the opportunity to express their support, or lack thereof, for the annexation and the associated Wal-Mart store that would have occupied a portion of the site. The annexation failed on a nearly two to one margin, with approximately 25 percent of the registered voters participating, but the turnout was significant compared to most municipal elections. I would like to thank everyone who did cast a vote and I sincerely hope that this will entice more voters to participate in future municipal elections.

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National Night Out Tuesday, August 5, 2014

National Night Out (NNO) is designed to bring residents, law enforcement agencies, community groups, and businesses together to celebrate crime prevention awareness while sending a message that crime will not be tolerated in our community. Each year, on the first Tuesday in August, people across America gather in their own communities to take a stand against crime.

For NNO, neighbors plan barbeques, picnics, cookouts, safety fairs, and other events to celebrate their efforts to maintain safe and healthy neighborhoods. They also get organized to promote police and community partnerships, crime, drug and violence prevention, safety, and neighborhood unity.

The purpose of NNO:

- Heighten crime and drug awareness.
- Through block-by-block organizing, support anti-crime efforts such as community oriented policing and safe streets.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity.
- Support community police relations and cooperation.
- Send a clear message that our neighborhoods are organized and are not prey for illegal activity.



Please join with your neighbors and law enforcement in this year's event. For additional information on how your community can participate in NNO contact Sergeant William Brooks of the La Plata Police Department at wbrooks@townoflaplata.org or call (301) 934-1500.

Foster Care and Adoption Program

The rewards of being a foster or adoptive parent are immense and immeasurable. A foster or adoptive parent provides short term care for children who have been victims of abuse, abandonment and neglect. We Are Looking For Someone Like You To Be A Foster Parent To ONE Child In Charles County. Free Training, Monthly Stipend and Case Management Services will be provided. To Learn More Contact: Charles County Department of Social Services Tri-County Recruiter & Trainer at (301) 392-6727; cclarke@maryland.gov.



Town of La Plata

COUNCIL COLUMN

Councilman Lynn Gilroy, Ward 3

It is hard to believe that it has already been a year since I was first elected to the La Plata Town Council. I am continuing to work on learning all the ins and outs of town government and the multitude of laws and regulations that we all must adhere to each day.

We have been working diligently on our budget for the upcoming year. It looks like it is going to be another tight year without much in the way of revenue changes due to lack of increased growth within the town. The highway user revenues (HUR) that I mentioned in my last column did not bear as much fruit as I thought might happen but we are still working with the Maryland Municipal League to get those funds fully restored by the legislature. What this means is that we will not be able to be as robust in our road and sidewalk maintenance as we would like.

Our new Chief of Police Carl Schinner is bringing to the Council's attention, on a frequent and reoccurring basis, the outstanding work that our police officers do every day. We sometimes get the question "Why do we have our own police force?". The Charles County Sheriff's Office has a mutual aid agreement with the Town. County officers assist La Plata officers but may not be as familiar with the residents of La Plata and may not recognize when something is amiss at a La Plata residence or business. The La Plata Police Department knows when a vehicle does not belong in a certain area, they know the people that live in the neighborhood's and who does not belong there, and they work constantly with the home owners association's in providing full service police community services. They are a valued resource to our Town and our way of life.

By the time this goes to print we should have started our Friday night concert series. I think that we all have a great time at these events and we can thank our staff with the Public Works, Police Department, and Special Events Coordinator Colleen Wilson for putting these and other events together. I hope to see you at one of these events.

I look forward to hearing from you so we can try and solve our future issues together. Please feel free to contact me at lgilroy@townofaplata.org, by calling Town Hall at (301) 934-8421, or by cell at (301) 653-1440.

Councilman Joe Norris, Ward 4

Our Friday Night Summer concerts have started and I hope you and your families will take advantage of them. Bring your blankets and folding chairs and join us on the lawn at Town Hall for the 7 PM start. For schedule information of which bands are playing, go to our web site at townofaplata.org. If you have questions or concerns about any of the Town's events please contact Colleen Wilson cwilson@townofaplata.org.

As usual this is the time of year that we are working on our budget for the next fiscal year. As it has been the last couple of years we plan to maintain the current services but do not have any big projects planned. As you may expect with the slow economy for the last few years it becomes harder each year to balance the budget (which by law we must and should). Because of the fiscally conservative past and current Town Councils the Town is fiscally sound with reserves for emergencies that could arise. We do not anticipate any change in the tax rate of \$0.32 per hundred this year. I am somewhat cautious about future years and being able to continue to maintain the same tax rate. Several years ago when the State of Maryland was struggling to balance their budget we lost 90% of the Highway User Revenue (Gasoline tax and licensing fees paid to the State paid by you and I) that we had received for decades. Some of this revenue has been restored but not close to the prior levels. For the years 2010 through 2013 this has amounted to \$1,604,000 of lost revenue to La Plata which is dedicated to streets and sidewalks.

What concerns me is that we have not been able to adequately maintain our streets as in years past and this cannot continue. We either need the State to restore our traditional funds or we may reach a point that new revenues are needed. Those revenues most certainly would have to come in the form of Real Estate Taxes. One point of clarification is that it was not just the Town of La Plata but all jurisdictions in Maryland lost revenue.

For those of you that may be interested, I would like to invite you to our Crime Watch Council Meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at La Plata Police Station 101 La Grange Avenue. It is an opportunity to report on any problems in your neighborhood and learn what is going on in other parts of Town plus your own area.

For those of you that recycle the Town will be acquiring more of the 95 gallon covered recycling containers. We are buying them in batches of 400 and will be distributing them to those who request one. You may contact Mary Trollinger at Public Works 301 934-8421 ext 272 or mtrollinger@townofaplata.org to put your name on the list. They may not be available until early fall because they are part of the new fiscal year Solid Waste Budget.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, I may be reached at (301) 934-9230 or by email at jnorris@townofaplata.org. Thank You for allowing me to serve.

Code Corner

181-14 Vision Obstructions

Part of safe driving is to ensure that there is adequate visibility when turning, or accessing another roadway. At times obstructions on private property may inhibit the visibility of motorists, which could endanger motorists and pedestrians.

When there exists on any private property within the Town any trees, bushes, vines, weeds, undergrowth, loose earth or other obstructions, except buildings and similar structures affixed to the ground the owner will be notified of the obstruction, including steps necessary to correct such conditions and given a stated period of time to correct. Should the obstruction not be corrected, the Town could enter the property and remove the obstruction at a cost to the owner. Please ensure your property does not impede visibility of others in the community.

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. Billing for special trash pickup is included on your quarterly utility bill.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household hazardous waste collection is



CHARLES COUNTY
**HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION**

on the first Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parking lot of the County Public Works building, located at 10430 Audie Lane, off of Radio Station Road in La Plata. Household hazardous waste collection is a contracted service and items cannot be accepted when the contractor is not on site.

Items accepted free of charge include pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, paint, cleaning supplies, pool chemicals, batteries, expired prescription drugs, and other poisons that are around your house. Please keep the materials in their original containers whenever possible,

and bring them to the collection site in cardboard boxes to ease unloading.

For more information, call the Charles County Department of Public Facilities, Environmental Resources Division at (301) 932-3599.

Yard Waste Pick Up

Residential yard waste pickups will only take place on Monday and Fridays. Containers of yard waste ONLY – leaves, grass and shrub clippings, brush or branches may be put out on Mondays and Fridays. The containers must be marked “Yard Waste”. Brush or branches must be bundled, weigh no more than 50lbs. per bundle, and the branches may not be larger than 4 feet long. *Plastic bags are not allowed – if you bag yard waste you must use paper bags.*

Trash Collection Schedule Adjustment

If your regular trash collection day is:

Friday, July 4, 2014

Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, July 2 as scheduled.

Trash will be picked up on:

Thursday, July 3, 2014

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

Commercial Building Permits issued 3/1/14-4/30/14

6310 Crain Highway – Little Angels Learning Center (renovation)

109 St. Mary's Ave, 1st floor – Office Space

404 Baltimore Street – Dash In Stores

Commercial Occupancy Permits issued 3/1/14-4/30/14

6560 Crain Highway -Wiygul Auto Clinic

204 Washington Ave Ste 202 – Scott Law Group offices

9375 Chesapeake St, Suites 211 & 213

6600 Crain Highway – Used Car Dealership

109 La Grange Ave, Unit 103 – Davis Realty

109 N. Maple Avenue – Dash In Stores

6770 Crain Highway – Peterson Physical Therapy

ADDITIONAL TRASH CONTAINER

It will soon be three years since the Town switched to a standard container for trash pickup. The containers have been working very well from the trash collection perspective, and have been one of the most popular service improvements the Town has undertaken. If your circumstances have changed in the past three years, and you find that you generate a lot of trash, you may get an additional container from the Town.

Please contact the Town to receive the new wheeled recycle container and recycle all that you can. If you are doing that, and still need a second container you may request an additional container by contacting Public Works at (301) 934-8421. There is a very reasonable fee for the additional container. There is no extra quarterly charge for residential customers with multiple

containers. Please keep in mind the containers are the property of the Town and stay with the property should you move.

You may switch to another size container, however there is a fee to switch. The containers come in three sizes: 95 gallon which holds approximately 7 full kitchen bags, 65 gallon which holds approximately 5 full kitchen bags, or 35 gallon which holds approximately 4 kitchen bags.

You may put a label with your house number or other identification on the inside lid of the container. Please do not mark or alter the outside of the container. The Town can identify the can with the serial number imprinted on the container.

Should the need arise to replace the container

there will be a replacement fee charged. As with all of your waste including recycling, please store the container in your garage, a shed, or behind your home. Per the Town Code “Only containers provided by the Town of La Plata (the imprinted Town container) for mechanical collection may be stored discretely in the front or on the side of the premises”. All other containers will need to be placed in the rear of the residence. Your neighbors appreciate the most discrete storage of your trash containers.

Waste not put into an appropriate container will be subject to a fine. Please consider an additional Town container if you have larger needs. There is additional information at <http://www.townoflaplata.org> under the Sanitation tab on the left side of the screen.

JUNE 2014

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Yard Waste Pick Up Special Pick Up (please call by 4:00 on Friday, May 30)		Planning Commission meeting; 7:00 p.m.	Design Review Board Meeting; 9:00 a.m. Crime Watch Council Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.		Yard Waste Pick Up "Four of a Kind" band; 7:00 p.m.	Farmers Market; 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Charles County Arts Alliance Show

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Yard Waste Pick Up	No Council Work session	Farmers Market; 8:00 am to 6:00 p.m.		Yard Waste Pick Up United States Air Force Band "Max Impact"; 7:00 p.m.	Farmers Market; 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Flag Day

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day Yard Waste Pick Up Beautification Commission Meeting; 4:00 p.m.	Yard Waste Pick Up  Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m.		Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting; 5:00 p.m. Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Design Review Board Meeting; 9:00 a.m.		Yard Waste Pick Up "360 Band"; 7:00 p.m.	Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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	Yard Waste Pick Up	Mayor and Council business meeting; 7:00 p.m. Kids' Summer Show – Steven Puppets; 10:30 a.m.	 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.		Yard Waste Pick Up US Navy Band "The Commodores"; 7:00 p.m.	Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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	Yard Waste Pick Up					

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ice Cream with the Easter Bunny

Kids enjoyed yummy ice cream sundaes from Rita's of La Plata and one last visit with the Easter Bunny on Monday, April 21st.



Celebrate LA PLATA!

Spring weather finally arrived in time for Celebrate La Plata on Saturday, April 26. The community enjoyed a day of family fun at Town Hall. Over 50 craft, business, and food vendors were

on display with a variety of items for sale such as handcrafted jewelry, candles, decorations, and delicious food.

Celebrate La Plata included a number of free activities for children. Children had the chance to create a recycled art project at the Art Smart Tent. The always popular face painting was provided by Miss Busy Bee. Children also enjoyed the inflatable activities and rides such as the pedal cars, circus play land bounce, turbo tubs, and first down football toss on the east lawn.

The Humane Society of Charles County was on hand to talk about their foster pets program. Reggie Rice The Super Magic Man entertained the crowd with his magic tricks and illusions.

The La Plata Bed Race teams were ready to roll when the races started at 3 pm. The competition for who would win the Bed Race Champion was tough. Thank you to the 2014 teams: 253rd Engineer Company, Maryland Army National Guard, 301 Derby Dames, Charles County Farm Bureau Young Farmers, Charles MD Macaroni Kid, Chick-fil-A at La Plata, Coca-Cola, Committee to Elect Barbara Palko to BOE, Our Place Waldorf - Soup Kitchen, Potomac Early Learning Center, Sherry's Angels, and St. Mary's-Bryantown Catholic School.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st Place - Sherry's Angels
- 2nd Place - 253rd Engineer Company, Maryland Army National Guard
- Best Decorated Bed - Our Place Waldorf - Soup Kitchen
- Best Decorated Team - 301 Derby Dames
- Golden Bed Pan Award - Chick-fil-A at La Plata

Thanks for helping to make the Celebrate La Plata event a success!



Bed Race photos courtesy of Ronald and Barbara Caballero Waldorf, Maryland

TOWN OF LA PLATA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Join us for the Friday night Summer Concert Series at the La Plata Town Hall. The weekly concerts take

place on the lawn at La Plata Town Hall at 305 Queen Anne Street. Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol, please. Concessions are available from the Town's food trailer located near the back of the parking lot; an ice cream truck is also stationed there for your enjoyment. A play area for children, the Kids' Zone, allows parents to enjoy the concert while keeping an eye on the little ones. For more information, contact La Plata Town Hall at (301) 934-8421, or check the full concert schedule at www.townoflaplata.org.

- Friday June 6th: 7PM to 9PM
Four of a Kind
Oldies, Classic Rock, Country, Funk, & the Blues
- Friday June 13th: 7PM
United States Air Force Band Max Impact
Classic/Contemporary Rock & Country
- Friday June 20th: 7PM to 9PM
360 Band
Rock n' Roll, Country, Disco, Funk, & Pop variety
- Friday June 27th: 7PM
US Navy Band The Commodores
Jazz
- No concert Friday July 4
- Friday July 11th: 7PM to 9PM
Sara Gray Band
Top 40 Country/Classic Rock
- Friday July 18th: 7PM to 9PM
Port Tobacco Pickers
Bluegrass
- Friday July 25th: 7PM to 9PM
Roadhouse
Classic/Contemporary Rock & Country



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Conservation Corner

Cigarette Litter

Litter is a challenge for our environment and degrades our water quality. It is also unsightly and degrades the quality of our community. The most common form of litter is cigarette

butts. Even though smoking in America has decreased 28% in the past ten years, cigarette butts are still the most littered item in our community. Keep America Beautiful has a specific emphasis on Cigarette Litter Prevention, and it is important to understand what you can do to help Keep La Plata Beautiful too. Cigarette butts on the ground and in our waterways are litter. If you are dropping them, you are littering. Almost two thirds of all cigarette butts become litter; it is a significant problem that creates 38% of all roadway litter.



Contrary to common perception, cigarette butts do not biodegrade. Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, a form of plastic that stays in the environment for a long time. Discarded butts get blown and washed by rain into storm drains and waterways. Not only do the chemicals in cigarettes impair the environment, but marine animals can mistake butts for food, damaging our aquatic life.

Cigarettes accumulate in gutters, outside doorways, on sidewalks, in playgrounds, and parks. Chances are you see them every day. They simply make the La Plata community look trashy. La Plata residents have pride in their community, and should not be burdened by the impact of those who litter.

If you smoke, please plan ahead for how you will dispose of your cigarette waste. Do not throw cigarettes from your vehicle window. Please don't drop them on the sidewalk outside our stores, restaurants, businesses, or as you walk through the community. Visit the Keep America Beautiful website at <http://www.preventcigarettelitter.org> for other ideas on how you can help. Consider applying for a Beautification Grant to start a program to reduce cigarette litter. The Town of La Plata spends \$20,000 each year on street sweeping to clean up after litterers, and that is not enough. Consider what else those funds could be used for to improve our community if littering would end. Please, Keep La Plata Beautiful.

Efficiency Corner

Making La Plata More Efficient

With resources strained by challenges in the economy, it is vital that the Town explore ways to make its operations more efficient to save money, time, and add value to the services provided. Town staff is charged with finding new ways to improve services, and the Town regularly invests in technology or implements process changes to drive efficiencies.

Mini Excavator

The downturn in the economy has impacted many people and businesses. It has also created opportunities to acquire used equipment at reasonable prices. One of the pieces of equipment the Town has acquired used is a mini excavator. This small piece of equipment has been serving the Town very well in the past two years. It can get into smaller areas than the Town's larger backhoe. It digs a smaller trench. The lighter weight of the mini excavator also means less damage may be caused to the ground.

This piece of equipment like some others the Town has acquired is not used everyday, but is critical in certain aspects of work, like digging up broken water or sewer lines. The Town saves money by not needing to rent this piece of equipment. By acquiring the

equipment used, the Town was able to quickly recoup its investment versus renting, and having it available for just that may have been hand dug to avoid the rental expense. This makes projects more efficient and cost effective.

LA PLATA FARMERS' MARKET



Featuring fresh fruits and vegetables; local, Southern Maryland seasonal produce; hand-crafted items;



Open all year
Every Saturday 8AM to 3PM
Every Wednesday 8AM to 6PM
In the parking lot of the Charles County Courthouse,
Washington Avenue in La Plata

For more information, contact Town Hall at (301) 934-8421.

www.TownofLaPlata.org

SPECIAL EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Summer Fun at Town Hall

The Town of La Plata will host five summer shows for kids at Town Hall. The shows are geared towards preschool and elementary age children and are approximately 45 minutes long. The shows are free and open to the public. Shows will be held outdoors on the West lawn where the Friday night concerts take place (weather permitting - shows will not be moved indoors). Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. No concessions will be available, but you are welcome to bring drinks and snacks along.

Tuesday June 24th: 10 AM
Stevens Puppets

Tuesday July 8th: 10 AM
The Great Zucchini

Tuesday July 15th: 10 AM
Chin Hamaya Culture Center

Tuesday August 5th: 10 AM
Billy B Live!

Tuesday August 19th: 10 AM
Funny Magic Dude Brian Garner

Tilghman Lake Park

Tilghman Lake Park is located 10598 Boxer Elder Road off of Radio Station Road. With 61 acres of nature to explore, Tilghman Lake Park is the largest park in the Town limits.

The large picnic pavilion is available for residents to rent for parties, family reunions, and other events. With a beautiful serene outdoor setting, restrooms and convenient parking, Tilghman Lake Park is certain to be a favorite for La Plata residents for many years to come.

TOWN OF LA PLATA 2013 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT PWSID: 008 0025

Important Information Concerning Your Drinking Water

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for 2013. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Maryland Environmental Service (MES), an Agency of the State of Maryland, operates the water treatment facility and prepared this report on behalf of the Town of La Plata.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates Public Water Systems and the contaminants found in water through the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The SDWA sets regulations and guidelines for how public water systems operate and identifies several hundred drinking water contaminants, establishes monitoring frequencies and limitations. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is responsible for the enforcement of the SDWA and routinely conducts sanitary surveys, inspections and monitoring for all public water systems. MES provides safe dependable operations of the water system and is dedicated to consistently providing high quality drinking water that meets or exceeds the SDWA standards.

If you have any questions about this report or have questions concerning your water utility, please contact **Jay Janney at 410-729-8350, e-mail jjann@menv.com**.

For More Information:

For the opportunity to ask more questions or participate in decisions that may affect your drinking water quality, please contact the Director of Operations for **La Plata Water Treatment Plant at (301) 934-8421**.

The water for the Town of La Plata is pumped from five wells, each is over 1000 feet deep. Four wells are located in the Lower Patapsco aquifer and the other well is located in the Upper Patapsco formation. After the water is pumped out of the well we add disinfectant to protect against microbial contaminants. The Maryland Department of the Environment has performed an assessment of the source water. A copy of the results is available. Call Maryland **Environmental Service at 410-729-8350**.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)**.

Special points of interest:

The Town of La Plata Drinking Water met all of the State and Federal requirements. Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some compounds. The presence of these compounds does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline (1-800-426-4791)**.

Definitions:

- ◆ **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ◆ **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- ◆ **Action Level** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- ◆ **Treatment Technique (TT)** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- ◆ **Turbidity** - Relates to a condition where suspended particles are present in the water. Turbidity measurements are a way to describe the level of "cloudiness" of the water.
- ◆ **NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units**. Units of measurement used to report the level of turbidity or "cloudiness" in the water.
- ◆ **pCi/l** - Picocuries per liter. A measure of radiation.
- ◆ **ppb** - Parts per billion or micrograms per liter.
- ◆ **ppm** - Parts per million or milligrams per liter.



Contaminant	Highest Level Allowed EPA's MCL	Highest Level Detected	Ideal Goal (EPA's MCLG)
Regulated at the Treatment Plant			
Well 5 - Kent Ave on Kent Square -Plant I.D. 01			
Fluoride (2012 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Water additive that promotes strong teeth, erosion of natural deposits	4000 ppb	270 ppb	4000 ppb
Chromium (2012 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from steel/pulp mills	100 ppb	2 ppb	100 ppb
Barium (2012 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from metal refineries	2000 ppb	46 ppb	2000 ppb
Gross Beta (2010 Testing)	50 pCi/l*	8.4 pCi/l**	0 pCi/l
Well 8 - Box Elder Road -Plant I.D. 04			
Barium (2013 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from metal refineries	2000 ppb	3.9 ppb	2000 ppb
Fluoride (2011 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits	4000 ppb	900 ppb	4000 ppb
Gross Alpha (2009 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits	15 pCi/l	2.1 pCi/l	0 pCi/l
Combine Radium (226 & 228) (2009 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits	5 pCi/l	1.0 pCi/l	N/A
Well 9 - Clarks Run on Silver Linden Drive -Plant I.D. 05			
Barium (2013 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from metal refineries	2000 ppb	3.5 ppb	2000 ppb
Fluoride (2011 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Water additive that promotes strong teeth, erosion of natural deposits	4000 ppb	910 ppb	4000 ppb
Well 10 - Washington Ave. - Plant I.D. 06			
Fluoride (2013 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Water additive that promotes strong teeth, erosion of natural deposits	4000 ppb	1180 ppb	4000 ppb
Barium (2013 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from metal refineries	2000 ppb	7.4 ppb	2000 ppb
Gross Alpha (2013 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits	15 pCi/l	7.2 pCi/l	0 pCi/l
Combine Radium (226 & 228) (2013 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits	5 pCi/l	0.1 pCi/l	N/A
Well 11 - Rosewick Crossing - Plant I.D. 07			
Nitrate (2013 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from metal refineries	10 ppm	0.06 ppm	10 ppm
Barium (2013 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from metal refineries	2000 ppb	4.7 ppb	2000 ppb
Fluoride (2011 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Water additive that promotes strong teeth, erosion of natural deposits	4000 ppb	960 ppb	4000 ppb
Gross Alpha (2010 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits	15 pCi/l	4.9 pCi/l	0 pCi/l
Combine Radium (226 & 228) (2010 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits	5 pCi/l	0.3 pCi/l*	N/A
Notations: * EPA considers 50 pCi/l to be the level of concern for beta particles ** Because the beta particle results were below 50 pCi/l, no testing for individual beta particle constituents was required. Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits			

Regulated in the Distribution	Action Level	Highest Level	Ideal Goal
Copper (2011 Testing) Typical sources of contaminant: corrosion of household plumbing	1300 ppb (90th percentile)	275 ppb	1300 ppb
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (2011 Testing) Typical Source of Contamination: By-product of drinking water disinfection	80 ppb	1.7 ppb	n/a

The table above lists all the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2013 calendar year. The presence of these compounds in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in the table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2013. The State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

Important information about Gross Alpha Emitters:

Alpha emitters are naturally occurring radiations in soil, air and water. These emitters generally occur when certain elements decay or break down in the environment. The emitters enter drinking water through various methods including the erosion of natural deposits. There are no immediate health risks from consuming water that contains gross alpha, however some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Currently, the highest level of gross alpha detected is 7.2 pCi/l which is below the 15 pCi/l MCL.

Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain compounds in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Lead Prevention

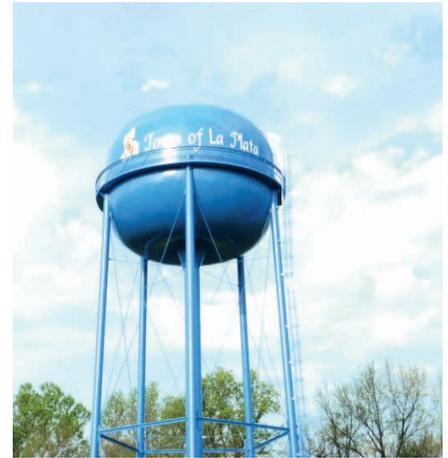
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is

primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of La Plata is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the **EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>**.

Advanced technology now available to consumers

Maryland has a limited amount of potable water available from underground aquifers to serve the residents of Southern Maryland. The Town of La Plata has invested in several innovative technologies to help meet future needs, while conserving our natural resources. A new Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) was installed in August 2012 to automate the Town's water meter reading and billing system. The Town no longer incurs the expense of sending personnel to read water meters. And residents are now able to access their account information over the internet.

The new AMI system enables the utility customer to set alerts to notify them of potential leaks in the system so they can be eliminated as soon as possible. In addition, the Town now has the ability to detect leaks in system mains to reduce major problems of leaking pipes under Town roadways. Utility customers who would like to be able



to access their accounts using this new technology will be able to do so after contacting the Town at 301-934-8421 or emailing cjohnson@townoflaplata.org to set up their account. Once set up, consumers will be able to receive alerts and monitor water consumption.

Over the past few years the Town has invested in new technology, infrastructure and training of its personnel to improve the services we provide. In our attempt to reduce waste and maintain the highest quality water, we have become one of the Nation's most technologically advanced water systems. We look forward to continuing to serve the residents of La Plata and encourage anyone to contact us with questions or concerns.

If you have any questions about this report or your drinking water, please call Jay Janney at 410-729-8350 or email your request to jjann@menv.com.



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4th of July

WATERMELON BASH!

At La Plata Town Hall

Friday July 4th

11AM to 2PM

Join us for hot dogs, games, wet fun, and plenty of watermelon.

More details at www.TownofLaPlata.org



**APPLICATION FOR USE OF TILGHMAN LAKE PAVILION
PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION REQUESTED**

Applicant's name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical address: _____

Phone Numbers: Cell: _____ Home: _____

Email: _____

Copy of APPLICANT ID and PROOF OF RESIDENCY IDENTIFICATION required

DAY/DATE REQUESTED If permit is for more than one day, please list all dates requested. La Plata residents may reserve the pavilion up to 6 months in advance with a maximum of 4 active reservations. La Plata businesses or organizations may reserve the pavilion up to 4 months in advance with a maximum of 3 active reservations. Non-residents, business, and organizations not located in La Plata may reserve the pavilion up to 2 months in advance with a maximum of 2 active reservations.

Day of Week	Date	Specify the Type of Activity (child's or adult birthday party, family reunion, etc.)



Fees: The facility is rented as a full day. No discounts given based on the length of the event. You may arrive as early as dawn and must depart by dusk. There will be a **\$150.00** refundable deposit required in addition to the non-refundable pavilion rental fee. The deposit is required of ANY/ALL type of permit user. Deposits will be refunded within approximately two to three weeks following the event if, inspection of the facility show no damage or violations. The refund will be issued and mailed to the applicant on the permit.

Town Resident	\$ 150	X Number of days _____	= Total _____
La Plata business or organization (physically located in La Plata)	\$ 150	X Number of days _____	= Total _____
Non-residents, businesses, and organizations not located in La Plata	\$ 250	X Number of days _____	= Total _____

Cancellations/Refunds: All applicant cancellations (5) or more business days before an event will result in an 85% refund. All applicant cancellations less than (5) business days before an event will result in an 25% refund. No refunds or rescheduling will be issued for inclement weather conditions.

Applicant Responsibilities: The facility is subject to inspection during each rental by the Town in order to assure proper use of the property in compliance with park Conditions and Rules (listed on back). The facility will be inspected after each rental. **Permit must be in the possession of the person/applicant to whom it is issued and shown upon request of an authorized Town of La Plata employee.**

The applicant agrees to leave the facility clean and orderly. NO NAILS, STAPLES, HOOKS, TAPE, or other materials that may damage the shelter may be used. The applicant is also responsible for the conduct and good order of the group.

Problems contact : 301-934-1500
 Emergencies: call 911 (park address is 10598 Box Elder Road, La Plata, MD)
 The Facility is not staffed on a regular basis

CONDITIONS AND RULES OF TOWN PARK USE

These Conditions and Rules have been developed for the protection and enjoyment of all users of Tilghman Lake Park. The Conditions and Rules will be followed by all users. There will be no exceptions.

1. Persons entering the park will be identified on video cameras throughout the park.
2. The Town of La Plata will not be responsible for lost or stolen personal equipment or property. The Park is not staffed on a regular basis.
3. The Town of La Plata will not be liable for any injuries sustained by any individuals using Park facilities.
4. The applicant shall bear the cost of replacement or repair to any part of the facility that is damaged during activity under the control of the applicant.
5. NO NAILS, STAPLES, HOOKS, TAPE, or other materials that may damage the shelter may be used to hang decorations. **Damaging the shelter will cause a loss of the entire deposit.**
6. Decorations and signs may be attached with string or other non damaging materials to the permanent hooks provided in each post. All string and other materials must be carefully removed.
7. Picnic tables or any other Town property shall not be removed from under Pavilion or moved to any other site.
8. The applicant must be at least 21 years of age.
9. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON PARK PREMISES.
10. NO SMOKING IS PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON PARK PREMISES.
11. The applicant is responsible for cleaning up Park facilities after their use. Waste must be put in waste receptacles.
12. If your event generates more trash than can fit in the provided receptacles, you must take it with you. Overflowing waste receptacles and waste on the ground is not permitted.
13. There shall be no loud or amplified music or PA systems of any kind.
14. All fees for Park use are payable upon issuance of the permit.
15. The Park is closed at dusk.
16. No swimming, wading, or ice skating. Fishing is permitted from the shoreline and is catch and release. All Maryland Natural Resource laws apply.
17. No camping, open ground fires, firearms, fireworks, wood gathering, hunting, or trapping.
18. All animals must be leashed, harnessed or otherwise similarly restrained and accompanied by its keeper. All excreta must be immediately removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner.
19. All vehicles must be parked in the parking lot. No motorized vehicles (except for authorized vehicles) permitted on trails or road past restrooms around the lake.
20. No moon bounce, dunk tank, pony rides, etc.
21. Rental is for the pavilion only. Park remains open for public use and other small picnic shelters and grounds are on first come first served basis.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ADHERE TO ALL THE CONDITIONS AND RULES OF THIS PERMIT. VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF DEPOSIT AND RESERVATION PRIVILEGES:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

Date: _____

THIS AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY TOWN HALL OFFICE STAFF:

Application Approved

Copy of Applicant ID

Copy of Proof of Residency Identification

Town Resident (6 month advance reservation from today's date)

Town Business (4 month advance reservation from today's date)

Non-Resident (2 month advance reservation from today's date)

Facility Rental fee: _____
Date(s) Amount

Deposit received: _____
Amount



Post Event Facility Inspection Report Received and attached to this form

Amount of Deposit to be returned _____

Deposit Returned