



TORNADO of 2002

A Closer & Stronger Community

★ La Plata, MD ★

NEWS RELEASE

Town of La Plata “Memory Lane” Exhibit for the 10 Year Anniversary of the 2002 Tornado

La Plata, MD - The Town of La Plata announces the town wide exhibit called Memory Lane that documents the recovery and renewal that has taken place throughout the Town since the tornado devastated the community on April 28, 2002. There are many stories of recovery and rebuilding in La Plata. The exhibit provides an opportunity for people to remember the devastation through a pictorial display at each location, and read a brief story of recovery. This communitywide exhibit is not only for residents who were present during the tornado, but provides an opportunity for new residents to understand the devastating impact of the tornado, and La Plata’s strength to move forward.

Businesses and residents who rebuilt in La Plata have contributed a great deal to making La Plata the great Town it is today, please thank everyone who invested back into the community. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes to walk along the many downtown sidewalks. Memory Lane signs will be on display at many properties that suffered damage from the tornado throughout the month of April as part of the 10 year anniversary of the tornado. A map of the exhibits will be available at the Town Hall, at various local businesses, and on La Plata’s website beginning April 1st.

The Town of La Plata would like to recognize and thank the following businesses for their participation in the exhibit:

Archbishop Neale School
Baldus Real Estate
Burger King
Carrico Building
Centennial Street Development
Chapman & Bowling LLC
Charles County Four Square Church
Charles County Rescue Squad
Civista Medical Center
County First Bank
Dash In
Dawson Building
Drs. DiLorenzo & Hrechka
La Plata Police Department
La Plata Shopping Center
La Plata United Methodist Church
Martin’s Service Station
Mitchell Building
Mitchell’s/The Greene Turtle
Mote Management
Mudd, Mudd & Fitzgerald
Norris Building

The La Grange Building
Title Professionals, Ltd.

Additionally the Memory Lane signs will also be on display at the Town Hall during the Celebrate La Plata event on Saturday, April 28th from 12 pm to 5pm. Celebrate La Plata is a family friendly event with food, fun, art, entertainment and much more. For a complete listing of events on April 28th, please visit www.townoflaplata.org on the Celebrate La Plata page.

For more information about, or participation in, the ongoing Memory Lane exhibit and events planned for April 28, 2012, please contact Colleen Wilson at cwilson@townoflaplata.org or 301-934-8421.