

TOWN NOTES

News from La Plata Town Hall



MAYOR'S CORNER

The Town Council was proud to receive the Maryland Municipal League's (MML) highest town member achievement award at MML's annual convention. Of the 157 municipalities in the State of Maryland, only 16 received this distinction. The Banner Town designation is designed to encourage and reward exceptional participation in MML programs and activities and to foster teamwork among municipal officials.

The Town Council has purchased the Alban site located on Rt. 301, south of Rt. 6. This 9-acre site, along with already constructed buildings, will be ideal for housing the Public Works Department and the fleet of vehicles necessary to provide the services required by our citizens.

Please remember to join us at the Town Hall for concerts every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Check the calendar for the names of the music groups and also for the schedule of Saturday evening movies.

As always, feel free to contact me with your concerns. I can be reached at 301-934-8421, ext. 129 or genecyte@yahoo.com

La Plata receives Banner Town designation!

The Banner Town designation is the Maryland Municipal League's (MML) highest member achievement award. The program is designed to encourage and reward exceptional participation in MML programs and activities and to foster teamwork among municipal officials. The program criteria consists of participating in all of the following: Visits to at least one school to encourage 4th graders to participate in the "If I Were Mayor, I would..." essay contest, have at least one representative from the Town attend four Southern Maryland Municipal Association chapter meetings, send a representative to the annual MML fall conference and have at least one elected official participate in at least one of the following: serve on the MML Board of Directors, enrollment in the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance program or participate in the Student Shadowing Experience Program. All of the criteria must have been accomplished between June 1, 2007 and May 25, 2008. Of the 157 municipalities in Maryland, La Plata was one of sixteen to receive the designation. The Council has already begun working toward next year's requirements.

Tornado Siren Message

Twice a year, the Town of La Plata and the Charles County Emergency Operations Center test the tornado sirens located throughout Town. When there is a threat of a tornado the Charles County Emergency Operations Center sounds the Town's tornado siren. The siren is followed by a pre-recorded message to advise people in the community what to do in the event of a tornado warning. The pre-recorded message states "*Attention! A tornado warning has been issued. Seek shelter now. Do not delay. Seek shelter now. Attention! A tornado warning has been issued. Seek shelter now. Do not delay. Seek shelter now.*" This message is used during all threats of a tornado.

When you hear the siren going off, please do not delay in seeking shelter. Get indoors, get to an interior small room or basement, and get low. It can be loud during a storm. You do not need to wait by a window or door to listen to the pre-recorded message.

For some tornado tips, please visit the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's site at <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/safety.html>.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT — AUGUST 5, 2008

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 barbecues, 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.

Last year, NNO involved over 35 million people in 11,125 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases. 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, 301-934-1500.

NOW OPEN IN LA PLATA AND COMING SOON TO LA PLATA

[This information is current as of July 10, 2008.]

The following businesses were issued Building Permits and/or Commercial Occupancy Permits during May and June 2008:

Affordable Storage
5720 Washington Ave.

Starbuck's Coffee
6649 Crain Hwy.

Carmike Kitchen
9405B Chesapeake St.

IHOP
116 Rosewick Rd.

Venetian Nails
216 Rosewick Rd.

Quiznos
228 Rosewick Rd.

Five Guys
230 Rosewick Rd.

Town Hall Closed

The Town Hall will be closed on the following day:

Labor Day Monday, September 1, 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.

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

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

Town Manager:
Daniel J. Mears
Assistant Town Manager:
Michelle D. Miner
Town Clerk: Judith T. Frazier
Treasurer: Joseph W. Norris

Project Manager: Steven F. Schroeder
Director of Planning and Zoning:
Catherine N. Flerlage
Director of Operations: Robert F. Stahl, Jr.
Director of Public Works:
Stephen A. Murphy
Police Chief: Cassin B. Gittings

305 Queen Anne Street,
La Plata, Maryland 20646
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Telephone: 301-934-8421 / 301-870-3377
La Plata Police Department: 301-934-1500
Email: mminer@townofaplata.org
Website: www.townofaplata.org

COUNCIL COLUMN

Councilman Jim Goldsmith Ward 1

As I sit here today to prepare my Town Notes, I remind myself of how blessed I am to be able to live in this country and this town. I have my health, family and good friends, and have the opportunity to exercise my freedoms as I help serve my community. While there are times when I don't agree with my family, friends, neighbors or community members, I would like to think that I respect their right to disagree. I do welcome thoughtful input to issues we are facing. I realize there is rarely "one" way to look at an issue. So long as we are all striving for the same objective, doing what is best for the Town and its community, then we will get to a good result. We all have to look beyond our personal wants and try to see what is best for the majority while still protecting the rights of the minority views. I will do my best to do that for you.

I hope by the time you read this you will have enjoyed a glorious "4th" with family and friends. Count your blessings and look for the bright side of any problem: Glass half full – Lemonade out of lemons – that type of thing. Looking for a positive is better

on heart rate and blood pressure. It doesn't always work but it helps to try.

Councilman Scot D. Lucas Ward 2

August will mark the end of the summer and the beginning of the school year. Last year I introduced August as Speed Awareness Month. In the past, local police patrolled heavily in neighborhoods once school started, with the intent to educate drivers on school bus safety, speeding, and other various offenses. It was my vision to start in the beginning of the month and be proactive with educating drivers, to have the police presence in the neighborhoods before the children are standing at the bus stops. Last year, with the help of the Maryland State Police, the Charles County Sheriff's Office, and the La Plata Police Department, that message went out to almost 1,000 drivers. I am excited to tell you this year that, not only have all three agencies agreed to participate again this year, but as of June, the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will join in this effort. I'm working with Prince George's County, Anne Arundel County and other officials to get their support as

well. I hope to grow this awareness to the State of Maryland and eventually the entire country. I would at this time like to personally thank La Plata Police Chief Casey Gittings, Charles County Sheriff Rex Coffey, St. Mary's County Sheriff Tim Cameron, Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans and Maryland State Police Lt. Randy Stephens for their help in implementing my vision to protect our children and their future.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the MML conference in June. The conference was an excellent opportunity to learn more about local government and the different aspects of how it operates. As part of obtaining my fellowship in the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance, I attended several classes including "Ethics," "Employment Overview," and "Police Departments and the Elected Leadership: Breaking the Culture Barrier." This fall I will take the final two classes and obtain my fellowship. More information can be found at http://www.umresearch.umd.edu/IGSR/academy_excell.html

I welcome any and all feedback on these topics as well as any other issues. I can be reached via email at lucas4laplata@yahoo.com or on my cell phone 301-481-7740.

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. Click on the 'Events' link to find out more about La Plata events. The current question is:

*How often do you come to La Plata's
Downtown?*

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:

To what degree do you agree with the following statement - Many of La Plata's special events are free or mostly free. Does this affect whether you choose to attend or not?

Strongly Agree – 38%

Somewhat Agree – 26%

Neither Agree nor Disagree – 20%

Somewhat Disagree – 8%

Strongly Disagree – 3%

Special Events in La Plata are mostly free. Concerts, movies, festivals, parades, ceremonies, and children's activities regularly occur for no cost or little cost. With free concerts on Friday nights during the summer, the concert lawn at La Plata Town Hall is often full of residents and families enjoying a night outside. Concessions are available at a reasonable cost, and this year proceeds are

going to the American Red Cross, who are volunteering to run the trailer. Family movies are scheduled on certain Saturdays during the summer (when the weather cooperates.) During Celebrate La Plata, the Fall Festival, and Taste of La Plata there are many free activities for families, and free or affordable food options. To end the year, we have an "Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering", held between Thanksgiving and Christmas, with more family-friendly activities. Look in this newsletter, on the Town's website, and in the *Maryland Independent* for information about each season's activities; there is more to do every year. Thank you for your participation in the last online poll.

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.: 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: \$11.75 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.*



Friendly Reminder:

Please remember that pets, alcohol, and smoking are prohibited at all Town-sponsored events.

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:

Labor Day

Monday, September 1

Tuesday, September 2

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

United Way of Charles County is partnering with FamilyWize, Fedex, and others to provide Prescription Drug Discount Cards to everyone in our area who does not have prescription insurance, or whose prescriptions are not covered under their plan. The cards are bilingual, reusable, and

can be used by all family members (as long as they have no prescription drug insurance.) They can be used immediately, not only in Charles County but nationwide, and are valid at virtually every pharmacy, including those in grocery stores, warehouse clubs and Target stores. There is no

enrollment or waiting period and no paperwork. Anyone wishing to receive a card can either call the United Way of Charles County office at 301-609-4844, e-mail vburchuwcc@comcast.net or go online to www.familywize.org to learn more and print out a card.

AUGUST IS NEIGHBORHOOD SPEED AWARENESS MONTH

The Council of the Town of La Plata and the La Plata Police Department have declared August as *Neighborhood Speed Awareness Month*. In 2007, the La Plata Police Department, Charles County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police/La Plata Barrack asked that all citizens in the area make August Neighborhood Speed Awareness Month. This

year the program will add the Sheriff's Offices for Calvert and St. Mary's Counties and the Maryland State Police/Leonardtowntown Barrack. August signals the end of summer and the start of another school year. The goal of these allied agencies is to slow down traffic, thus saving lives. La Plata Police Department Chief Gittings states, "If we can make drivers

more aware of the speed limits and encourage them to drive within the posted limits, the citizens and visitors of the Town will have a safer, happier August. We strongly encourage drivers to always drive within the speed limit throughout the year. Please help us reach our goal; obey the speed limit."

AUGUST 2008

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|--|----------|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | 7:00 p.m., Concert – <i>U.S. Navy Band</i> "Sea Chanters" | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Farmers' Market |
| 3 | 4 Special trash pick-up day (Call by 4:00 p.m. Fri., 8/1 to schedule) | 5 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., National Night Out | 6 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Farmers' Market 9:00 a.m., Design Review Board meeting 7:00 p.m., Planning Commission meeting (rescheduled from 8/5) 7:30 p.m., Crime Watch Council meeting | 7 | 8 7:00 p.m., Concert – <i>U.S. Naval Academy Band</i> "The Electric Brigade" | 9 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Farmers' Market 8:30 p.m., Screen on the Green – <i>King Kong</i> (Rain date: August 16) |
| 10 | 11 | 12 7:00 p.m., Town Council work session | 13 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Farmers' Market 5:00 p.m., Parks and Recreation Commission meeting | 14 | 15 7:00 p.m., Concert – <i>Steve Potter Blues Band</i> | 16 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Farmers' Market |
| 17 5:00 p.m., Beautification Commission meeting | 18 7:00 p.m., Town Council work session | 19 | 20 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Farmers' Market 9:00 a.m., Design Review Board meeting | 21 | 22 7:00 p.m., Concert – <i>Southern Maryland Concert Band</i> | 23 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Farmers' Market 8:30 p.m., Screen on the Green – <i>Little Giants</i> (Rain date: August 30) |
| 24/31 | 25 | 26 7:00 p.m., Town Council regular meeting | 27 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Farmers' Market | 28 | 29 7:00 p.m., Concert – <i>The Sweetwater Band</i> | 30 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Farmers' Market |

SEPTEMBER 2008

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|----------|---|--|
| | 1 LABOR DAY – TOWN HALL CLOSED (Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, Sept. 2) | 2 7:00 p.m., Planning Commission meeting | 3 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 | 4 | 5 7:00 p.m., Concert – <i>Wicked Jezebels</i> | 6 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Farmers' Market 8:30 p.m., Screen on the Green – <i>Singin' in the Rain</i> (Rain date: September 13) |
| 7 Special trash pickup day (Call by 4:00 p.m. Fri., 9/5 to schedule) | 8 7:00 p.m., Town Council work session | 9 | 10 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Farmers' Market 5:00 p.m., Parks and Recreation Commission meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Farmers' Market |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

Conservation Corner

Summer is quickly coming to an end. Soon it will be time to take advantage of the cooler weather and work on landscaping for the upcoming season. The Town of La Plata has been encouraging its residents to reduce the amount of potable water used for landscaping, and to use greener landscaping techniques to reduce water consumption, have healthier landscapes, and be good stewards of the environment. Here are some steps you can take this fall to get your landscaping better prepared for next year.

★ **Compost** – In the fall, trimming, weeding, and raking can generate a lot of organic material. By composting, natural processes will biodegrade that material and turn it into valuable mulch you can reuse on your property.

★ **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.

★ Only add plants and trees that have low water use and **native varieties** to reduce water needs in the new garden areas you have added.

★ **Dethatch** to remove accumulated matted organic material from your grass.



★ **Aerate** your grass to reduce the compaction of your soil and help precipitation get deeper into the ground with less runoff.

★ **Reseed** and **overseed** with drought resistant and native grass seed varieties.

★ Add **Bird Houses**, and **Bat Houses** to attract insect-eating birds and bats to your property as natural bug control.

★ Use a **mulching mower** on your grass, and mulch in fallen leaves to return organic material to your lawn and reduce fertilizing needs.

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

Fall is a great time to help create a healthy lawn that will not require large amounts of fertilizers or irrigation. Keeping organic material on your property, using appropriate plants and seed varieties, and proper lawn care result in a beautiful property that is good for the environment as well.

Would you like to assist the Town in developing new *green policies and legislation*? The Town is forming a Green Building Committee to make recommendations to the Town Council. If you have experience in the environment, green construction, conservation, or similar interest, your expertise is needed, and you are 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.townofaplata.org, or you can call the Town Hall to have one sent to you, or stop by and pick one up.

CITIZEN ACADEMY

The Town of La Plata would like to identify citizen interest in participating in a Citizen Academy for La Plata's Water and Sewer Systems. A Citizen Academy brings interested members of the community together to learn about a particular government service. Over the course of a few short sessions, residents would learn about the Town's water and sewer systems from an expert's point of view.

The goals of the Citizen Academy would be to help residents of La Plata better understand how these vital public services work and the resources it takes to provide quality services. It is hoped that all graduates of the Citizen Academy will get to know more about the services that people usually don't think about and the role they play in their community, and be able to share the information with their families and neighbors.

If you have interest in learning more about these utility services please contact the Town Manager at dmears@townofaplata.org or 301-934-8421 to express your interest. The Academy schedule will be developed for this fall.

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 con-

sidered for appointment to any future 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.townofaplata.org, or you can call the Town Hall to have one sent to you, or stop by and pick one up.

The Town is also interested in people to serve on our NEW Green Building Committee.

Receive *Town Notes* by email

Would you prefer to receive *Town Notes* exclusively by email? Please send your email address to Judy Frazier at jfrazier@townofaplata.org, along with your name and mailing address. Your postal mailing address will be removed from that mailing list and your email address will be added to the electronic mailing list.

LEGISLATION RECENTLY ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

(Full text copies of legislation are available at the Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne Street, or on the Town's web page at www.townofaplata.org under "Legislation".)

- Ordinance 08-1 Appointments to Town Boards and Commissions – Alters the procedure followed to appoint members and chairmen of certain Town Boards and Commissions; alters the terms of Council members on certain Town Boards and Commissions.
- Ordinance 08-2 Appointments to Board of Appeals – Alters the procedure followed to appoint members of the Board of Appeals.
- Ordinance 08-3 EMERGENCY Cable Television Regulation – Application Fees and Other Reimbursements – Provides for an application fee to be paid upon the filing of certain applications related to cable television franchises sought from or granted by the Town of La Plata; provides for applicants to reimburse the Town for certain costs and expenses relating to the consideration of such applications.
- Ordinance 08-4 Comprehensive Rezoning – Notice of Hearings – Alters the public hearing notice requirements to require that written notice of hearings be sent to owners of record of property which is contiguous to or opposite property rezoned as part of a comprehensive zoning or rezoning of the Town or portion of the Town.
- Ordinance 08-5 School Seat Allocation Policy – Modifies certain criteria for exemption from the Town's school seat allocation policy; provides that the Town may not issue building permits for lots in certain subdivisions that require certain special

school seat allocations to be provided to the Town by the Charles County Commissioners until those allocations are provided.

- Ordinance 08-6 Heritage Green Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement – Approves a Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement to apply to the development of the Heritage Green mixed use community; authorizes the Town Manager to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Town; provides that the enactment and taking effect of this Ordinance is contingent upon the enactment and taking effect of Ordinance 08-5.
- Ordinance 08-7 Heritage Green Utility Installation and Cost Sharing Agreement – Approves a Utility Installation and Cost Sharing Agreement between the Town and Heritage Green Development, LLC, to govern the construction, installation, dedication and conveyance, decommissioning and financing of various Town sewer system facilities related to the development of the Heritage Green mixed use community; provides as part of that Agreement that the Town shall provide a certain credit against future Major Facilities Fees as reimbursement for the Town's share of the costs of the construction, installation and decommissioning of various Town sewer system facilities; authorizes the Town Manager to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Town.
- Ordinance 08-8 Town of La Plata FY2008-2009 Tax Rate – Adopts the Town's FY2008-2009 Tax Rate.
- Ordinance 08-9 Town of La Plata FY2008-2009 Financial Plan/Budget – Adopts the Town's FY2008-2009 Financial

Plan/Budget.

- Ordinance 08-10 Fee Schedule – Adopts the Fee Schedule, dealing with fees set by the Town.
- Resolution 08-1 Charter Amendment – Appointments to Board of Supervisors of Elections – Alters the procedure followed to appoint members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections.
- Resolution 08-2 Adoption of 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 – Adopts 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.
- Resolution 08-3 Approval of La Plata Manor Project and Project Financing – Expresses approval of the development of housing in the Town to be financed either directly by the Md. Dept. of Housing & Community Development or through the Department's Community Development Administration.

[Resolution 08-4 – number skipped]

- Resolution 08-5 Support of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program/possible financing for acquisition/rehabilitation of La Plata Manor – Expresses support of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program and possible use of these funds for acquisition/rehabilitation of La Plata Manor.

LA PLATA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

If you are not yet a member of the La Plata Business Association, contact Michelle Miner, 301-934-8421 or stop by the La Plata Town Hall for an application. We are a 501C not for profit organization. Meetings are held approximately six times a year, often with guest speakers. In addition, we often highlight member businesses in this newsletter.

Devine Inspirations, LLC

Announcing the opening of Devine Inspirations, LLC, a unique boutique filled with an array of exquisite, fun and simple little treasures to accent every room! Find that fabulous one-of-a-kind gift for that someone special or the perfect wedding gift! In addition to the boutique, we also offer Interior Design Services specializing in Custom Window Treatments, Space Planning, Custom Furniture, Remodeling Designs and Color Schemes.

Devine Inspirations, LLC, a fabulous collection of furniture and decorative accessories for the home! Located at 6 St. Mary's Avenue, Suite 100A, in La Plata, next to the Greene Turtle. Open Tuesday to Saturday. Phone: 301-392-0004.



MEET THE TOWN STAFF



Jaunita C. Burnette

If you have ever had a reason to come into the Town Hall, one of the first things you will have noticed is the friendly face of Customer Service Representative Jaunita Burnette. She has happily accepted your payments, assisted with problems, reminisced with old friends and cooed over children. Jaunita has announced her retirement from the Town of La Plata after 28 years of dedicated service to the Town.

Jaunita began working in the Town's Finance Department in December 1980. When she began, the department consisted of 2 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee, and there were approximately 700 utility accounts. Today, the department has grown to 6 full-time employees and there are over 3000 utility accounts.

During her career with the Town, Jaunita was staff liaison on the Beautification Commission and helped coordinate many annual events, including the parades for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Christmas Decorations Contest, and Breakfast with Santa.

With her sweet smile and friendly personality, Jaunita has been a favorite with her coworkers and the many citizens who call or come into the Town Hall. She will be greatly missed.

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 (see calendars for movies in August and September), and have a rain date of the following Saturday night. Visit the Town's website for a complete listing of movies: <http://www.townoflaplata.org>.

Please do not bring pets or alcoholic beverages.

Summer Concert Series

All concerts are free and open to the public. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. (See calendars for concerts in August and September; visit the Town's website for a complete listing of concerts: <http://www.townoflaplata.org>.) Please bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Refreshments are available for purchase. An after-hours recorded message will advise of concert cancellations due to threatening weather: call (301) 934-8421. *Please do not bring pets or alcoholic beverages.*

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 frrazier@townoflaplata.org.

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