

# TOWN NOTES

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

The question I am asked most frequently, when I am out and about in our Town, is: "How are things in La Plata?" Since most people do not attend our regularly scheduled Council and Commission meetings, this is a valid question and this column is intended to answer this common inquiry.

La Plata is a great community so it is easy to be upbeat and positive when replying to the question stated above. We have overcome major disasters and a few minor ones as well, yet La Plata's future remains bright and it is still the community that others wish to emulate. However, it is understood that issues arise that may cause some people to be a little less positive about the Town, but that is part and parcel of living and working in an active community.

Traffic on all our roads and streets, speeding in our developments, pedestrian safety issues, foreclosed properties, storm water related issues, parks and recreation, the economic health of our business community, and other issues continue as matters of concern to residents and your Town government. Finding workable solutions to these problems are not easy or inexpensive but the work goes on unabated. Ultimate solutions to these problems may be the preferred method, but making strides in the right direction is also important. While I will always remain positive about our Town, it is understood that there are still issues yet unresolved.

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## Melinda Adams receives Stormwater Management Certification



*Melinda Adams*

As part of her continuing education Melinda Adams, the Town's Stormwater Utility Manager, attended a two day stormwater inspector trainings seminar sponsored by National Stormwater Center in Annapolis Maryland. The National Stormwater Center's objective is to provide required training to qualify stormwater inspectors and to provide stormwater permit compliance assistance to municipal stormwater permittees. "The training broadened my understanding of the federal permits, laws, and regulations governing stormwater and pollution prevention, and provided me with additional confidence to help protect the streams and rivers in the Town and Southern Maryland as a whole", explained Melinda. Ongoing professional training provides La Plata employees with skills and information to better serve the community. Stormwater management is a newer service area for La Plata, and the State and Federal regulations are actively changing.



## Trick or Treat Evening

Trick or Treat evening in La Plata is **Thursday, October 31**, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. As an alternative to door-to-door trick or treating, the Town continues to encourage community parties as a means of providing safe fun for our children. However, for those who allow their children to go door-to-door, we ask that you limit this to the 12 and under age group, and encourage you to accompany your children as chaperones and keep your children in their own immediate neighborhood. We encourage these safety precautions for all children who go out trick or treating:

- **Wear reflective tape or other reflective material on your costume so you are visible as you walk along the streets.**
- **Use a flashlight to help light your way.**
- **Don't wear a mask that would keep you from being able to easily see vehicles or other hazards as you walk from house to house.**

*All who are driving through Town during Trick or Treat Evening on October 31st are asked to be especially careful of the children walking through the neighborhoods.*



Town of La Plata

## COUNCIL COLUMN

### Councilman Lynn Gilroy, Ward 3

As the economy is starting to improve your Town Council is starting to see additional requests for annexation into the Town of La Plata.

The latest request is called "The HUB at CSM". As proposed it would include over 472 acres of land and 5,151,984 square feet of corporate office space, retail, banking, medical space together with assisted living and associated restaurants.

While this project would take 25 years to build out it would also change the landscape of the Town of La Plata. The proposal has incorporated twelve 8 story buildings and five 6 story buildings within its footprint not to mention other three and four story structures that would house office space and other amenities.

While the annexation proposal does not involve any additional residential structures it does add additional corporate office space and focus on being an employment center.

What we need as your Council on this, and other projects like this, is input. We do not have all the answers. One of the ways this input can be given is by your attendance at our monthly meetings and speaking out during the "Public Forum" session. We also have residents that have written in and outlined their views. We also have work sessions that are open to the public at which time these issues as well as others are on the agenda.

I cannot speak for the other Council members but I believe we are looking for ways to balance our residential and commercial development and find a way for our residents to have a place to work and educate our families in a smart and environmentally friendly fashion.

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

### Councilman Joe Norris, Ward 4

Remember to use our La Plata Farmers Market. My family has been enjoying the fresh vegetables from the Market this summer. Stop in and see what they have to offer. They are in the Court House Parking Lot off Washington Avenue, and operate each Wednesday and Saturday starting at 8 A.M.

Our National Night Out celebration in early August was a great success. Many of the Neighborhood Watch Councils in Town sponsored their neighborhood Get Togethers with food and games. The purpose of this is for all of us to stand up against crime. If your neighborhood does not have a Crime Watch Council get in touch with Sgt. Bill Brooks of the La Plata Police Department and he will guide you through the process. He can be reached at (301) 934-1500 or [wbrooks@townofaplata.org](mailto:wbrooks@townofaplata.org). If you would like to attend a Crime Watch Council meeting to observe or learn more, they take place the first Wednesday of the month 7:00 P.M. at the La Plata Police Department on La Grange Avenue.

I hope you were able to come out and enjoy our Friday Night Concerts. The last concert was on September 27th. The concerts were great, and well attended. We will be looking forward to next summer's series. Also remember the Community Yard Sale on October 5 at Town Hall from 8 to 12 and on October 13 we will have our La Plata Fall

Festival from Noon to 3. Our Salute to Veterans takes place on November 10 starting at 1 PM with a parade ending at Town Hall.

A reminder to consider serving on one of our Boards or Commissions. You can access more information on all of the volunteer boards and the activities of each one. Go to [www.townofaplata.org](http://www.townofaplata.org) and click on the Commissions tab. There is an application there also.

You may have noticed construction activity behind Archbishop Neale School. The Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant is going through another re-creation. It was initially built in 1955 with only primary treatment. It was upgraded to an advanced wastewater treatment plant in 1970 and upgraded further to provide Biologic Nutrient Reduction in 2000. It is now in the process of an upgrade to Enhanced Nutrient Removal to provide the highest degree of treatment that is currently available to protect the Chesapeake Bay and the waters of Maryland. I and other members of the Council had the opportunity to get a first hand view and tour from Robert Stahl our Director of Operations and William Eckman our Water and Sewer Consultant. They are a wealth of knowledge for the Town. More information for the public will come later.

For information on all the activities in Town visit our website ([www.townofaplata.org](http://www.townofaplata.org)). Also to help us get specialized information to you quickly please register your email with the town. Just send it to Carolyn Johnson at [cjohnson@townofaplata.org](mailto:cjohnson@townofaplata.org).

As always if you have any questions, comments or issues, I may be reached by phone at (301) 934-9230 or by email at [jnorris@townofaplata.org](mailto:jnorris@townofaplata.org). Thank you for allowing me to serve.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Joy Mandley

Joy Mandley joined the Town of La Plata as the newest member of the Planning staff. She previously interned with

the Town of La Plata for two years in the Planning Department. During her time here she worked on projects including the revision of the Commercial Highway and Central Business Design Guidelines, the 2009 Comprehensive Plan, and processing

permit applications. She currently resides in Charlotte Hall with her daughter where they enjoy gardening, playing outside, drawing/painting, and caring for their animals. She is also currently attending the College of Southern Maryland to obtain an AS in General Studies.



### Edna Walker

Edna Walker joined the Town of La Plata as an Administrative Assistant in August. She has

worked in the administrative field for over 30 years in private industry and in the corporate world. She is very excited to enter the newest chapter of her life in municipal government. Edna has lived in Maryland all of her life, with the past 30+ years in Charles County. She is married with two children, four grandsons (which are the joy of her life) and a sweet doggie named Katie (who is a survivor of Hurricane Katrina). Edna enjoys cooking, family, and trips to the Atlantic City shore.

# 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.

## Online Agendas

For two years the La Plata Town Council has been using handheld electronic devices to receive all of the information for their meetings. They no longer receive paper copies, and information is easily updated by Town staff. At the beginning of 2013, the Town began using online

agenda management software to not only improve the development and management of information but aid in distribution to the Town Council and the public.

Prior to the agenda management program information was emailed to the Town Council, uploaded to a file sharing service, and uploaded to the Town's website. With multiple places to update, if a change was required, there was time spent changing each information source. With the agenda management, not only is agenda and meeting development simplified, but the Town just needs to update one interface, and the Town Council and public are updated at the same time.

For the public to access the Town Council's meeting information, they may simply visit the Town's website at <http://www.townoflaplata.org> and select the My Community link in the top right corner, or visit the Agendas/Minutes tab on the left side of the page. From there residents can see a calendar of meetings, locate meeting information for the Town Council and other Boards utilizing the agenda management, view future and past meeting information. Public documents associated with the meetings are attached to each meeting agenda for easy reference. Under E-Resources, documents and agendas are searchable using a keyword search.

# BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

## Commercial Building Permits Issued 7/1/13-8/31/13

Kabala Building - Mixed Commercial & Residential Use - 109 St Mary's Avenue

WaWa-Interior renovation -  
5955 Crain Highway

Community Bank-Renovation -  
101 Drury Drive

Red Oak Bistro - 6390 Crain Highway,  
Suite 105

Tangles Hair Salon - 600 Charles Street  
Lifestyles - 101 Catalpa Drive

Facchina Offices - 113 Howard Street,  
Suite 103

Southern Maryland Oil-Call Center - 102  
Centennial Street, Suite 104B

## Commercial Occupancy Permits Issued 7/1/13-8/31/13

Day Care Center - 6310 Crain Highway

Antique/Junque Shop -  
118B La Grange Avenue

Advanced Dermatology of So. MD - 101  
Centennial Street, Suites 111 & 112

Echo Cardio Lab - 5 Garrett Avenue

Facchina Office - 113 Howard Street,  
Suite 103

Birds of a Feather Photography -  
406 Charles Street, Suite 200

Mudd, Mudd, & Fitzgerald - Law Offices -  
107 Centennial Street, 3rd floor

Hotlicks - 107 Centennial Street, Suite L-1

Nia Imani Christian Center - Church, School  
and Book Store - 101 Catalpa Drive, Suite 104

Pizza Hut Express - 210 Rosewick Road

## MAYOR'S CORNER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The railroad crossing on Charles Street that functions as a major speed bump in our Central Business District is an example of ongoing issues. CSX Railroad has repaired this crossing on several occasions but the repair never lasts very long. Following many attempts to have the State provide for a permanent crossing, the Maryland Department of Transportation recently advised me that a concrete crossing will be installed in lieu of the wooden crossing that does not support the amount of traffic that exists in our downtown area. Hopefully this will occur sooner than later. The new sidewalk along Route Six is a major improvement for the Town and the project will soon commence on the south side of Charles Street. The cost for the sidewalk is being paid entirely by the State.

The hospital in La Plata is expanding their campus to meet the demand for a wide variety of medical services. A recent name change as well as new signage continues the expansion and improvements to this facility.

The La Plata Library has been looking for a new location. Your Town Council is committed to keeping a library in the downtown area and we are working with the La Plata Town Centre Corporation, an entity formed to facilitate the redevelopment of the downtown district, from Washington Avenue to the railroad tracks, to find a suitable location and pursue this project with the County Government.

As your Mayor, I am always interested in your comments, both favorable and unfavorable. You may reach me at Town Hall (301) 934-8421 or at home (301) 934-4850.

# TOWN OF LA PLATA OFFICIALS

Mayor: Roy G. Hale

## Council:

Wayne Winkler ..... Ward 1

C. Keith Back ..... Ward 2

Lynn D. Gilroy ..... Ward 3

Joseph W. Norris ..... Ward 4

Town Manager:

Daniel J. Mears

Treasurer: Robert W. Oliphant

Assistant Town Manager:

Michelle D. Miner

Town Clerk: Danielle Mandley

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Director of Public Works:

Jeffrey S. Garner

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# LA PLATA TOWN SERVICES

## Special Trash Pickup

Monday, November 4, 2013

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 has resumed and is on the first Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Charles County



CHARLES COUNTY  
**HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COLLECTION**

Department of 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

No pick up on Monday, November 11, 2013 or Friday, November 29, 2013

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.*

## Recycling

Wednesday, November 13 may be delayed or not picked up until Thursday, November 14.

Wednesday, November 27 is a regular recycling pick up day.

## Trash Collection Schedule Adjustment

If your regular trash collection day is:

Monday, November 11, 2013  
Thursday, November 28, 2013  
Friday, November 29, 2013

Trash will be picked up on:

Tuesday, November 12, 2013  
Wednesday, November 27, 2013  
Wednesday, November 27, 2013

# LOOSE LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

The Town of La Plata Public Works Department will be offering loose leaf collection from October 14, 2013 to December 13, 2013. The crews will be picking up this year on the same schedule as last year, so there will be no need to contact the Town Hall for pick-up service. The Town would like to ask our residents to support our going green program by mulching your leaves and using it for fertilizer for your yards. For our residents who wish to bag their leaves, the pick-up will be on our yard waste schedule of Mondays and Fridays.

The loose leaf pick up schedule will be as follows and is subject to change:

October 14, 2013 – October 18, 2013 and  
November 12, 2013 – November 15, 2013  
Kings Grant, Agricopia, Quailwood, Port

Tobacco Road, West Hawthorne Drive and adjacent side streets.

October 21, 2013 – October 25, 2013 and  
November 18, 2013 – November 22, 2013  
St. Mary’s Avenue, Oak Avenue, Washington Avenue, Charles Street, Hickory Ridge and adjacent side streets.

October 28, 2013 – November 8, 2013 and  
December 2, 2013 – December 13, 2013  
Clarks Run.

There will be no pick-up the week of November 25, 2013.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at (301) 934-8421 or [mtrollinger@townoflaplata.org](mailto:mtrollinger@townoflaplata.org)

## Municipal Government Month

Since 1993, cities and towns throughout the state have been celebrating Municipal Government Works Month each November in an effort to educate their citizens about the role and function of the government closest to them.

To promote municipal government awareness, many cities and towns will recognize November as Municipal Government Works Month with local proclamations, such as the proclamation which will be adopted by the Town Council on October 22, and will display a flag with the logo MGW, “Municipal Government Works,” to promote their local government.





# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Summer Concert Series

Thanks to all who attended the Friday night concerts. With the variety of music styles ranging from country, bluegrass, military bands, and classic rock there was something for everyone at the Summer Concert Series. A special thank you to Chick-fil-A of La Plata for providing the meals for the bands and raffle prizes each week. We look forward to seeing everyone next summer.



## End of Season Summer Concert Survey

We hope you have enjoyed your experience during the summer concert series. Your opinion matters and the Town wants the community to have an enjoyable experience; so please take a few moments and tell us what you think. The survey is available on the Town's website under the Events page.

## Upcoming Special Events

# Yard Sale

Saturday, October 5th from 8 am to 12 pm  
Over 50 vendors on site! Come out and shop.

# LA PLATA Fall Festival

Sunday, October 13th from 12 pm to 3 pm

The Fall Festival will include free activities for children of all ages, live entertainment by the Sara Gray Band, craft vendors and delicious food for sale. Vote for your favorite scarecrow as part of the



"Festival of Scarecrows" hosted by the Charles County Chamber of Commerce. Stop by for an afternoon of free family fun!

# HARVEST HALLOWEEN PARTY

Stop by the Town Hall on Saturday, October 26th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for the Harvest Halloween Party. Come in costume and enjoy crafts, snacks, and treats for the little ones.

# Town of La Plata "Salute to Veterans" Parade

Come out on Sunday, November 10th at 1 pm for the Salute to Veterans Parade. Watch the parade make its way to Town Hall down Charles Street and La Grange Avenue. Parade registration form is available at the Town's website under the Events page.



## Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering

Sunday, December 1st from 3 pm to 6 pm

Celebrate the season with music, children's activities, refreshments, horse-drawn carriage rides and a visit from Santa. The full event schedule will be posted on the Town's website soon!

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7th

4 time slots: 8-8:45 am, 9-9:45 am, 10-10:45 am and 11-11:45 am (25 kids per slot)

Town residents can register for time slots starting Wednesday, November 6th and general public registration will open Monday, November 18th. To register, call Town Hall at (301) 934-8421.

For more information on the Town of La Plata's special events please visit [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org) under the Events page or contact Colleen Wilson, Special Events Coordinator at (301) 934-8421 ext. 142.



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Fire Prevention Week is October 6th – 12th, 2013, and in the month of October La Plata Volunteer Fire Department will be joining forces with the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to 'Prevent Kitchen Fires.'

During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of kitchen fires, most of which result from unattended cooking. They will teach local residents how to prevent kitchen fires from starting in the first place.

According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of house fires. Two of every five house fires begin in the kitchen, more than any other place in the home. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

Often when called to a fire that started in the kitchen residents say that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. Fire Prevention Week helps reach the community before they've suffered a damaging lesson.

Among the safety tips that firefighters and safety advocates will be emphasizing:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- When simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- When cooking, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from the stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Members of the La Plata Police Department joined in the National Night Out Festivities in Phoenix Run On August 6. From Left to right is Explorer Sarah Sires, La Plata Police Department officers Matt Norris and Robert Nielsen.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Set clocks  
back one hour

Don't forget - November 3, 2013

## 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:

Where do you volunteer most of your time?

- Local Government
- Local Schools
- Medical Services
- National Organizations
- Neighborhood
- Non-Profit
- Religious
- Senior Services
- Service Organization
- Youth Services
- Youth Sports
- Other

### August Website Poll Results

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

The majority of La Plata residents work outside of Charles County. What value per year would you place on the ability to work in La Plata instead of your current commute?

- \$0 to \$1,000 - 18%
- \$1,001 to \$2,500 - 3%
- \$2,501 to \$5,000 - 16%
- \$5,001 to \$10,000 - 13%
- Over \$10,000 - 50%

Fuel, vehicle maintenance, tolls, parking, and time all have a financial value when it comes to a commute. Many can see the fiscal and personal value of having work available closer to home. Residents of Charles County commute out of their home County more than most other places in the country. About 2/3 of residents are employed outside of Charles County. This is a desirable area for people to live, however most of the people choosing to live here, find their employment further away.

The near future of economic investment in the County continues to favor investment in new residential property. Between new homes being built in St. Charles, La Plata, and throughout Charles County, residential growth will continue to add people who commute to DC, military bases, and other areas outside of the County for employment. Additional commuters add to congestion on major routes, and increases deterioration of road infrastructure. More people adds to the demand for personal services and shopping in existing local establishments.

An option to reduce the commuting impact is the increase of employment close to where

people live. Part of La Plata's 2009 Comprehensive Plan com-

municates the need for services to accommodate the area's growing population, and employment centers to provide work close to where people work. Part of the land use planning in La Plata that was a goal of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan was the creation of a Planned Business Park zoning category. Prior to the creation of this zone, the only areas where employment could be created in La Plata was in downtown, a couple small industrial areas, and on Commercial Highway zoning areas, primarily along 301.

While there is no Planned Business Park zoned land in La Plata today, there is potential to rezone property, or add new land into La Plata with that zoning. This change to potential land use in La Plata from 2009, provides greater opportunity for employment areas to develop in La Plata.

The creation of new jobs in an area is largely a function of the economy and employers desiring to locate their businesses near quality workers. Government's role is to provide the appropriate land use opportunities and basic infrastructure to support the employment. La Plata is in a good position to receive businesses that will create desired employment close to home.

## LAPLATA GARDEN CLUB

The La Plata Garden Club will hold their Annual Design Show on November 16, 2013. The Club is excited to present Sarah von Pollaro who will do a demonstration on Demystifying Floral Design. Sarah is the founder of Urban Petals and Flower Empowered in Washington, D.C. She

is the host of flower arranging specials on PBS and is the Whole Foods Market Flower Chef. The show will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 1200 Charles Street, La Plata from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door

For ticket information or other questions or information, please contact either Ginnie Winkler at (301) 934-9069 - email: [jeanmwinkler@aol.com](mailto:jeanmwinkler@aol.com) or Janice Clark at (301) 932-2911 - email: [janiceclark8@verizon.net](mailto:janiceclark8@verizon.net).



**Business Forum** for La Plata Business Leaders on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m.

**Dessert Social**, La Plata Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne Street, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m.

The financial climate of the past few years has brought about new challenges and changes in the way you conduct business. Please join the professional business people of La Plata to gather and discuss issues affecting your business, common goals, and benefits of this community. By talking with other La Plata business leaders that

conduct business locally you can find out how much the La Plata business community has in common to support each other.

This informal "discussion in the round" has confirmed guests of the entire La Plata Town Council, including Mayor Roy Hale, Councilmen Wayne Winkler, Keith Back, Lynn Gilroy, and Joe Norris. Welcome and invited guests are businesses located in the Town of La Plata.

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## 8th Annual Festival of Scarecrows

Sponsored by Charles County Chamber of Commerce,  
Town of La Plata and  
La Plata Roy Rogers Grand Sponsor of the Festival of Scarecrows

Enter your Scarecrow for official judging during the  
Town of La Plata's Fall Festival,  
Sunday, October 13th.

Register to be part of the fun today!

### Entry Fee for Judging

\$50 Family or School Group

\$100 Business or Non-Profit

Sponsorship Opportunities are also available!

A portion of all proceeds will benefit the Chamber's  
Non-Profit of the Year



For more information, contact Charles County Chamber of  
Commerce at 301-932-6500, or visit [www.charlescountychamber.org](http://www.charlescountychamber.org).