

TOWN NOTES

News from La Plata Town Hall



MAYOR'S CORNER

Winter is over and it is time to enjoy a warm and beautiful spring. Spring is also the time for many events at Town Hall including the commencement of our Friday Night Concerts beginning May 27th with the Drivin Muzzy Band. I trust that you will want to attend as many of these events as possible. The La Plata Town Staff works hard to make these events as enjoyable as possible and, from the comments received, they continually maintain the high standards expected by all who attend.

Recently, our local hospital submitted a request to modify our zoning ordinance to permit the hospital to expand their parking lot into a residential neighborhood located on Oak Avenue and Wicomico Street. This request was denied by the La Plata Town Council. This denial was based upon the facts and circumstances associated with the request and should not be interpreted as an indication that the Town Council does not understand or desire to meet the needs of a growing hospital complex. The hospital staff has other options that need to be fully explored before the Council takes any action that would permanently change an existing residential neighborhood. The hospital requires additional parking spaces and I am confident that working together we can resolve this important issue. A solution that is acceptable to the hospital

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Casey Jones 2016 Shamrock Run

La Plata Police Department out supporting and keeping everyone safe during the Casey Jones 2016 Shamrock Run held on March 13.

It is always a pleasure for LPPD to support the La Plata Business Community and their efforts to make La Plata a great place to shop, dine and have family fun.



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COUNCIL COLUMN

Councilman Wayne Winkler, Ward 1

By the time you read this article winter will be over and am I glad. I hate snow and ice and fell on the ice this year and last year and ended up in the emergency room with back problems both times.

Now what's going on in La Plata that might be of interest? First, four new restaurants. One is called KAOW THAI and is open for business and is located in the Morris shopping center. It's the same one where Food lion is but on the other end. Second, coming soon is BOLLYWOOD MASALA which is an Indian restaurant that is located near IHOP in what I call the Lowe's shopping center. It's actually called the Rosewick Shopping Center. Third is called SPOON's Korean, American BBQ. That should be open soon and is also in the Rosewick Shopping Center. The fourth and last is called SONIC which will be at the intersection of Route 301 and Route 6. There is currently a gas station there that will be removed and then SONIC will be built hopefully this summer or fall.

Now on to new construction. A new housing development south of La Plata, but in the incorporated town limits. This property is already annexed into town and, at one point, was called Stagecoach Crossing but went bankrupt. It's been sold and the new developer's hope to build between 400-600 houses. A lot of details have to be worked out with water and sewer but it's all manageable. In

the Senior Community of Hawthorne Green, where Quailwood is, a developer plans to build a mix of townhouses and single family homes. I think it's around 77 units in all. That is also land that is annexed in La Plata and has water and sewer available. The last project that I know about is called Holly Station and has to be annexed into La Plata. The property is located just north of WAWA and has a car repair building on it. The new owners hope to build a 36,000 square foot retail center. There are road issues that need to be worked out as well as water and sewer issues but they are all workable.

Hope you have a wonderful Spring and Summer and let the sun shine in for a change.

Councilman C. Keith Back, Ward 2

As I write this we are starting to see some warmer weather here in La Plata after the cold and snow of this past Winter. I hope all of La Plata can have a great Spring season. I want to say thank you to all of the dedicated town employees that helped keep our town safe during the numerous snow events we just experienced. Take time to spend some time outdoors with your family and friends in this wonderful area in which we live. Don't forget to take a look at all of the events planned around the Town during the Spring and Summer.

While you are out enjoying the warmer weather take the time to walk around the shops and restaurants that make our town a unique place to live, work, and shop. There are a number of new stores and restaurants that have made La Plata their home.

The Town Council is now starting to work on the budget for the next fiscal year for the Town. We have to make hard decisions on how to provide the level of services the residents of La Plata deserve and maintain our infrastructure across the town while at the same time keeping our tax rate from increasing. We are monitoring the state of the economy and any funding from the State of Maryland to help maintain our streets. If you have any comments or ideas for any of your Town Council on services or the budget please pass them along and attend a budget public hearing when they are announced. This is an important topic for keeping the Town running but we typically receive very little public input. All comments are welcome.

As I have stated previously in this newsletter, your Town Council can only take actions on things that matter to you, the Citizens of our Town, if we know what those concerns are. Please make your concerns known through coming to the Town meetings, sending a written message to the Council or Staff, or by giving one of us a call. We look forward to your input.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

Commercial Building permits issued 1/1/16-2/29/16

Best Western – renovation –
6900 Crain Highway

Charles County Public Schools –
solar energy – 5965 Radio Station Road

Commercial Occupancy permits issued 1/1/16-2/29/16

Thai Restaurant & Bar
68 Drury Drive

La Plata Church of Christ
1 Calvert Street

Common Wealth Construction 30B Shining Willow Way

Beauty Salon
600 Charles Street

Facchina Global Services
113 Howard Street, Suite 202

\$500 Beautification Grant



This is a great outlet for Home Owner Associations, school projects, scout groups, civic organizations, individuals, businesses, and other La Plata community members to do something that benefits you, the Town, and all who visit La Plata.

Grant applications will be available for download from the Town's website www.townofaplata.org, or you may get them directly from Danielle Mandley at (301) 934-8421 or dmandley@townofaplata.org. Grant applications will be reviewed by La Plata's Beautification Commission following the next application deadline, May 13, 2016, and successful projects will receive up to \$500 to help bring the idea to life. Thank you for your interest in helping our community by focusing on ways to make La Plata a better place.

"Volunteers bring beauty to life"

LA PLATA POLICE OFFICERS IN THE COMMUNITY



Sergeant Robert Bagley enjoyed a morning showing boy scouts the inner workings of the La Plata Police Department.

MAYOR'S CORNER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

as well as the residents of the Town.

The Town Council has commenced the budget reviews that are integral to establishing a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016. We look closely at what we have accomplished in the past and the work that still lies ahead to keep La Plata a desirable place to live and work. All facets of our local government are analyzed to identify our most important needs and to compare these needs with the limited resources available. The real estate tax rate in La Plata of 32 cents per \$100 of assessed real property values has not been increased since 2001. Maintaining this tax rate at its present level is an annual goal of the Town Council and the fact that we have been able to accomplish this goal for well over a decade speaks highly of the work that goes into our annual budget process. While I cannot promise that the tax rate will not increase in the future, the long period of a stable rate demonstrates that a tax rate increase is never our first option. Our tax base determines the amount of real property taxes available to the Town and the limited residential and commercial growth in the Town impacts this base substantially. However, the Town Council will continue to meet its obligation to provide the services required at the high level expected in a manner that carefully weighs the cost of a service with the benefits received.

As your Mayor, I am always receptive to your comments, both positive and critical. You may reach me at the Town Hall (301) 934-8421 and 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

Police Chief: Carl H. Schinner

Director of Planning:

Jeremy D. Hurlbutt

Director of Operations: Robert F. Stahl, Jr.

Director of Public Works:

Jeffrey S. Garner

Manager of Inspections: James Q. Yates

305 Queen Anne Street,

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Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Telephone: (301) 934-8421 / (301) 870-3377

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Email: mminer@townofaplata.org

Website: www.townofaplata.org

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.

Yard Waste Pick Up

Residential yard waste pick ups 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.*

New Smaller Wheeled Recycling Container Sizes:

The Town of La Plata has been ordering large 95 gallon recycling containers to meet demand. In response to requests, the Town has ordered a small supply of

smaller size recycling containers. An order with 65 gallon and 35 gallon wheeled recycling containers is being delivered to La Plata, and residents will be able to request one of the new sizes.



The new containers match the sizes available for trash containers in the Town, and are convenient for residents with less room to store the large 95 gallon container. If you are interested in the small or medium sized wheeled recycling container, please contact Mary Trollinger at the Public Works Department (301) 934-8421 or email mtrollinger@townofaplata.org.

Recycling containers are now available in wheeled 95 gallon, wheeled 65 gallon, wheeled 35 gallon, and 18 gallon carry containers. The three wheeled options all come with an integrated lid.

Over 1,500 95 gallon recycling containers have been distributed in Town to date. The containers have been very well received because the wheels make it easy to move the container, the large size allows some residents who only need to put out their recycling every other week, since there is no garbage in the container. The containers also encourage more recycling and divert more material from the landfills. Diverting recyclables from the landfill saves customers money, because landfill tipping fees are lower for

every ton of waste that is recycled.

You must contact the Town if you are interested in a wheeled recycling container. Due to a limited budget, wheeled recycling containers are only being ordered to meet demand. Thank you for your interest.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection



CHARLES COUNTY
**HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION**

Household hazardous waste collection resumes on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. in the parking lot of the 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, 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.

Trash Collection Schedule Adjustment

If your regular trash collection day is:

Monday, May 30, 2016

Yard Waste Pick Up Schedule Adjustment

Monday, May 30, 2016

Recycling Pick Up

June 1, 2016

Special Pick Up

Monday, April 4, 2016

Monday, May 2, 2016

Trash will be picked up on:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

No Pick Up

Pick Up late in Day 6/1 or 6/2

MAY 2016

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

Yard Waste Pick Up

Special Pick Up (call by 4/29 to be put on list)

2

Planning Commission meeting; 7:00 p.m.

3

 Design Review Board; 9:00 a.m.
Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Crime Watch Council Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

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 Testing of Early Warning Devices/Sirens
Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

8



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Town Council Work session; 7:00 p.m.

10

 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Commission meeting; 10:00 a.m.

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Yard Waste Pick Up
Beautification Commission meeting; 10:00 a.m.

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 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Yard Waste Pick Up

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Town Council work session; 7:00 p.m.

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 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Design Review Board; 9:00 a.m.

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Yard Waste Pick Up

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Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Yard Waste Pick Up

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Town Council Business meeting; 7:00 p.m.

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 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Yard Waste Pick Up
Divin' Muzzy Band; 7:00 p.m.

27

Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Town Hall closed

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No Yard Waste Pick Up

No trash pick up; pick up 5/31

Memorial Day Ceremony; 10:00 a.m.

31

Trash pick up for 5/30



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Town of La Plata 2016 Special Events Schedule is now available. You can pick up copies of the new Special Events brochure at Town Hall or local businesses around town. A pdf version is available for downloading from our website. Go to www.TownofLaPlata.org and click on Events.

Celebrate LA PLATA!



Saturday, April 30th
12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at La Plata Town
Free Family Fun!

Craft & Food Vendors
 Moon Bounce
 Kids Art Activities
 Face Painting
 Live Music by Bucket List Band
 & Shortcut Sunny

Visit the Family Fitness Zone

Sponsored by



The Balloon Nerd Show at 1 p.m.



Watch the La Plata Bed Races Teams



Compete at 3 p.m.

Memorial Day Ceremony



Monday, May 30th
10 a.m. at La Plata Town Hall

Please join us to remember and honor the men and women who died while in the military service.

To remember and honor those who have served in the armed forces, the Town will have stars available for loved ones to write a message on. The stars will be displayed at the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30th. Stars will be available in the Town Hall lobby from May 4th to May 24th. Town Hall is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and there will be a box in the lobby to place the stars. For more information please contact Colleen Wilson at (301) 934-8421 or cwilson@townoflaplata.org.

Friday Night Summer Concert Series



Join us for the Friday night Summer Concert Series.

The weekly concerts take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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 in the back of the parking lot; an ice cream truck is 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.



Check out the schedule for May and June! For a complete concert schedule please visit the Events page on the Town's website.

MAY

Friday May 27th: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Drivin' Muzzy
Country

JUNE

Friday June 3rd: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Franklin Square Band
Rock, Country, Blues, 90s Alternative & Acoustic

Friday June 10th: 7 p.m.
U.S. Navy Band Country Current
Country & Bluegrass

Friday June 17th: 7 p.m.
Three Days of Rain
Today's hits, 80s Dance, Funk, Classic Rock & Country



Friday June 24th: 7 p.m.
U.S. Navy Band Commodores
Jazz

Please note military concerts are usually about 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes due to their regulations.

If a concert has to be cancelled due to the weather we will post the information in the following locations:

- Town of La Plata website – on the home page and concert page
- Town of La Plata Facebook page
- Call (301) 934-8421 for a recorded message, press #7 for special events
- Town of La Plata emails – to sign up please send your email address to cwilson@townoflaplata.org.



TESTING OF EARLY WARNING DEVICES/SIRENS

The Town of La Plata will be testing our early warning devices/sirens on **Saturday, May 7, 2016 at approximately 10:00 a.m.** Testing is done twice per year in early May and early December. The testing lasts about a half hour. The tests consist of both siren alerts and audible notifications. The tests are conducted in conjunction with the Charles County 911 Communications Center, which controls and operates the system for the Town.

The devices are installed at the following locations:

- On Charles Street in front of the Charles County Courthouse
- On Curley Hall Road at the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant (near Quailwood Sub-division)

- In Clarks Run Subdivision
- In King's Grant Subdivision
- On Shining Willow Way next to the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department

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

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. 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>.

SPECIAL EVENTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)

Summer Fun at Town Hall

The Town of La Plata will host five kids' summer shows 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 28th: 10 a.m.

Blue Sky Puppet Theatre

Tuesday, July 12th: 10 a.m.

"Books! The Magic is Real!" featuring Magician Joe Romano

Tuesday, July 26th: 10 a.m.

Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Center Raptors Show

Tuesday, August 2nd: 10 a.m.

Rainbow Rock Band

Tuesday, August 16th: 10 a.m.

Uncle Devin Show

More information about the performers listed on the Events page at www.townofaplata.org.

National Night Out Mini-Grant



National Night Out (NNO) brings 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. Town of La Plata National Night Out Mini-Grant is designed to provide an opportunity for Town of La Plata residents to strengthen their neighborhoods through producing a National Night Out celebration for their community. National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

The Town of La Plata invites neighborhood associations and communities to submit the National Night Out Mini-Grant application for review. Eligible grants will be awarded up to \$200. Deadline to submit application is June 17, 2016. Grant applications are available for download from the Town's website or email Colleen Wilson, Special Events Coordinator at cwilson@townofaplata.org or (301) 934-8421 ext. 142.

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.

Wheeled Loader

During the tornado and several large snow storms the Town found that when debris and snow obstruct the community, heavy equipment can be a useful tool. The challenge in acquiring heavy equipment is that it is not used everyday for municipal use, and the expense of getting heavy equipment for occasional use does not always make good fiscal sense. For many jobs that heavy equipment is used, the Town rents what it needs for the day or days needed. In an emergency situation there may not be time or availability to rent the equipment, leaving the community improperly prepared.



The Town has acquired a used wheeled loader through the Federal Government's 10-33 program. The program provides surplus military equipment to local governments at no cost. Utilizing the program saved the Town tens of thousands of dollars, which it would have cost to purchase one. The loader did not cost anything for the Town, except for the time to pick up the loader and bring it to La Plata. Now with the loader from the 10-33 program, the Town is better equipped for emergency events and occasional large work.

The Town was able to use the wheeled loader during this winter's heavy snowstorms to move large piles of snow that is not feasible for many of the Town's smaller plows. The loader will be available in the event another emergency occurs in the Town. If possible, the Town will utilize the federal government's excess inventory to meet future needs, saving La Plata taxpayers money and meeting the emergency preparedness goals of the community.



Neighborhood Event Mini-Grant Awards

The Town of La Plata is pleased to announce the five recipients of the Neighborhood Event Mini Grant are the following communities:



Hawthorne Greene – Memorial Day: Past & Present

Villages of Steeplechase – Memorial Day Block Party

Edelen Station – Edelen “Station Celebration” Block Party

Washington Square - Re-Painting Parking Stripes & Cook out

Quailwood Townhomes – Summer Kickoff Bike Parade

Thank you for making La Plata a better place for the entire community.

Town of La Plata Neighborhood Event Mini-Grant is designed to provide an opportunity for Town of La Plata residents to strengthen their neighborhoods through producing special events. The Neighborhood Event Mini Grants provide community gathering opportunities and fun way for neighbors to meet each other.

For more information on the Neighborhood Mini Grant Awards please contact Colleen Wilson, Special Events Coordinator at cwilson@townoflaplata.org or 301-934-8421, ext. 142.

LA PLATA POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKING ACCREDITATION

In March 2016, the La Plata Police Department proudly entered into a contract with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), National Sheriffs' Association; and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

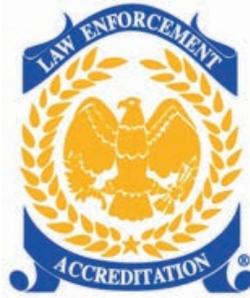
The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence. Specifically, CALEA's goals are to:

- Strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities;
- Formalize essential management procedures;
- Establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices;
- Improve service delivery;
- Solidify interagency cooperation and coordination; and
- Increase community and staff confidence in the agency.

The CALEA Accreditation Process is a proven modern management model; once implemented, it presents the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), on a continuing basis, with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery—regardless of the size, geographic location, or functional responsibilities of the agency.

This accreditation program provides public safety agencies an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet an established set of professional standards which:

- Require an agency to develop a comprehensive, well thought out,



uniform set of written directives. This is one of the most successful methods for reaching administrative and operational goals, while also providing direction to personnel.

- Provide the necessary reports and analyses a CEO needs to make fact-based, informed management decisions.
- Require a preparedness program be put in place—so an agency is ready to address natural or man-made critical incidents.
- Are a means for developing or improving upon an agency's relationship with the community.
- Strengthen an agency's accountability, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibilities.
- Can limit an agency's liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.
- Facilitates an agency's pursuit of professional excellence.

Over the next few years, the La Plata Police Department will be in the self-assessment stage of accreditation. The Department will have up to 36 months to complete self-assessment and schedule an on-site assessment.

During the self-assessment stage the Department will be complying with applicable standards, developing proofs of compliance, and preparing for the on-site assessment. During this time, the CALEA Regional Program Manager is available to provide guidance on the

applicability of standards and attaining compliance.

La Plata Police Chief Carl Schinner has been associated with CALEA since 2003, when he was selected to lead the Greenbelt (MD) Police Department through the original and first re-accreditation processes. For the last nine years, Chief Schinner has served as a CALEA assessor and team leader, whereby he travels the country three times a year conducting on-site assessments of candidate police agencies.

Currently 18% of the law enforcement agencies in Maryland and only 3% nationwide are accredited. Maryland agencies that have availed itself to CALEA's rigorous accreditation process include, but are not limited to: Maryland State Police Department; Charles, Kent, Queen Anne, St. Mary's, and Washington County Sheriff's Departments; Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's County Police Departments; and Aberdeen, Annapolis, Cumberland, Gaithersburg, Greenbelt, Hagerstown, Hyattsville, and Rockville Police Departments.

Code Corner

Littering

Please help keep La Plata beautiful.

132-13 – Litter on private property.

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any occupied private property within the town, whether by such person or not, except that the owner or person in control of private property may maintain authorized private receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon any private property.

132-14 – Duty of owner.

The owner or person in control of any private property shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter; provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the storage of litter in authorized private receptacles for collection.

WEBSITE POLL



Visit the Town of La Plata's website at <http://www.townoflaplata.org> to participate in an online poll. See the 'Snap Poll' on the left side of the web page to participate in the poll and see the results to date.

The current question is:

If the Town offered the ability to pay utility bills online, I would utilize the service.

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

February Website Poll Results

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

Many of La Plata's special events are free or mostly free. Does this affect whether you choose to attend or not?

	2008	2016
Strongly Agree	- 38%	- 58%
Somewhat Agree	- 26%	- 25%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	- 20%	- 7%
Somewhat Disagree	- 8%	- 0%
Strongly Disagree	- 3%	- 7%

This question was last asked eight years ago. Since that time La Plata's Special Events have remained mostly free.

Concerts, 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. The Town has added a raffle for guests to win a prize often donated by a local business. Concessions

are available at a reasonable cost from volunteers who run the food trailer at concerts and other events. During Celebrate La Plata, the Fall Festival, and the Watermelon Bash there are many free activities for families, and free or affordable food options. Toward end the year, there is an Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering, held in early December, with more family-friendly activities, music, and refreshments. Look in this newsletter, on the Town's website, and in the Maryland Independent for information about each season's activities; there are many small scale events as well throughout the year. While La Plata's events have remained a good value for the community, this poll shows that over time, La Plata residents increasingly appreciate that good value.

La Plata United Methodist Church

3 Port Tobacco Road

SILENT AUCTION

(light refreshments will be served)

April 23, 2016, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Tickets - \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door

Contact: Karen at (301) 934-2288

TOWN OF LA PLATA

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Summer Concerts 2016

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Jazz

JULY

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Pork Donut – *Classic Rock 70s, 80s & 90s*

Friday July 8th: 7 p.m.–9 p.m.
Sara Gray Band
Top 40 Country/Classic Rock

Friday July 15th: 7 p.m.
U.S. Naval Academy Band
Electric Brigade
Pop & Rock Favorites

Friday July 22nd: 7 p.m.
U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters
Traditional choral music, including sea chanteys & patriotic fare to opera, Broadway & contemporary

Friday July 29th: 7 p.m.–9 p.m.
Dr. Robert Band
Classic Rock with an emphasis on the works of the Beatles

AUGUST

Friday August 5th: 7 p.m.
257th Army Band
"The Band of the Nation's Capital"

Friday August 12th:
7 p.m.–9 p.m.
Eric Scott Band – *Acoustic Soul/Pop*

Friday August 19th:
7 p.m.–9 p.m.
Muddy Crows – *Americana/Alt Rock*

Friday August 26th:
7 p.m.–9 p.m.
Southern Maryland Concert Band – *Concert Band Favorites & Showtunes*

SEPTEMBER

Friday September 2nd:
7 p.m.–9 p.m.
John Luskey Band
Pop, Country, & Rock

Friday September 9th:
7 p.m.–9 p.m.
Paul Thomas and The M W B Band – *50s & 60s Oldies*

Friday September 16th:
7 p.m.–9 p.m.
BackFin – *Pop, Rock, Oldies, Country, Blues, & Funk*

Friday September 23rd:
7 p.m.–9 p.m.
Port Tobacco Pickers – *Bluegrass*

Friday September 30th: 7 p.m.
Robbie Boothe Band
Country



For more information about the bands please visit the Summer Concert page at www.townoflaplata.org.