

TOWN NOTES

News from La Plata Town Hall



MAYOR'S CORNER

Winter has arrived and we are hunkering down with many looking forward to spring, which is a little over two months away at the time I write this column.

Winter brings change to our town with the advent of snow and ice removal from our streets, roads, and sidewalks. Our Public Works staff who work outside in adverse weather picking up trash and performing numerous other tasks and our first responders, police, fire, and rescue personnel, are all to be commended for their diligence and dedication to duty even under the worse weather conditions. A wave or thank you to these men and women is always appropriate and a way to show your appreciation.

Recently a number of residents had the opportunity to complete a National Citizen Survey and reflect what they thought about the Town of La Plata, the services that are provided, the overall management of the Town, and the community characteristics that they feel are important. The results of the survey have been assembled into a final report and the bottom line is that La Plata is definitely trending in the right direction. To quote from the report: "86% percent (of the survey respondents) rated the Town as an excellent or good place to live. In addition, respondents rated several aspects of community quality including La Plata as a place to raise children and to retire, their neighborhood as a place to live, the overall image and

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast

On Monday, January 16, 2017 La Plata Councilman Lynn Gilroy, Chief Carl Schinner, and Lieutenant Michael Payne had the honor of attending the Charles County Chapter of the NAACP's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast. Over 500 individuals from around Charles County came out to honor the legacy of Dr. King.



Left to right; Lt. Payne, Chief Schinner, Councilman Gilroy

Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots bin was overflowing at the Town Hall. The toys were collected and taken to the Jaycees in Waldorf to be distributed. Thank you to all who contributed.



La Plata police officers and Town employees helped load up gifts for the Toys for Tots campaign. The gifts were donated by Town citizens, business owners, and Town employees. It is always an honor to help Santa with his workload to ensure every child in Charles County has a new toy to open.



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COUNCIL COLUMN

Councilman Lynn Gilroy, Ward 3

By the time this goes to publication we should be well into 2017. Time just moves so quickly. I wish all of you a very happy and prosperous new year.

We are now starting our budget process for the Town. We continue to work to deliver the highest quality services to our taxpayers that they deserve. We are limited in our financial resources but we try to be good stewards of your tax dollars.

The State legislative year is well underway and as in the past we hope that we will see more positive work on the highway user revenues (HUR) that is still on top of the agenda. These revenues will help us maintain our roadways and sidewalks.

We continue to work with the La Plata Business Association to foster a better relationship and encourage people to "Shop La Plata" every day of the year. This year's "Shop Small La Plata" was an outstanding success. The parade that was held was an extra added attraction and all the shops were busy all day long.

We have finished the improvements to Wills Park with the added bathrooms and other improvements. We have also finished the

restoration of the shore line at Tilghman Lake and we will be installing the new floating dock in the spring.

The Town has just completed our National Citizen Survey and we are pleased with the results. The results showed that most people feel safe in their homes, they rated the services the town provides as excellent. They are happy with the overall environment and the Town's cleanliness, and they are confident in the Town government and feel the officials are acting in the best interest of the town and treat all residents fairly.

You will see more results of this survey in this newsletter and the full results are on the Town's webpage.

In closing the Town's election will be held on May 2, 2017. We encourage all the residents of the Town to vote. If you need an absentee ballot contact our clerk Danielle Mandley or go to our web site for more information.

Finally, stay in touch with us on the Town's web site and receive notices of special events by our staff. Go to www.townofaplata.org and sign up.

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, or by calling Town Hall at (301) 934-8421 or by cell at (301) 653-1440.

CHARLES COUNTY DRUG TAKE BACK



Prescription and non-prescription drugs can be dropped off at a participating "Drug Take Back" pharmacy, the Charles County Sheriff's La Plata and Waldorf Stations, 24 hours a day and at the Charles County Sheriff's Bryans Road Station by appointment for safe disposal. (Liquids or syringes will not be accepted). To Learn More: (301) 645-0550.

Town Hall Closed

The Town Hall will be closed on the following days:

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 20, 2017

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.

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reputation of La Plata and its overall appearance. About three-quarters of residents gave all these traits excellent or good ratings with the exception of a place to retire." Many other traits were evaluated with most trending in the right direction. Of special note is the high ratings assigned to safety issues, which highlight the outstanding work accomplished by our police department, and to the basic services provided by the Town that highlight the work of all our Town employees.

While many of the aspects of the survey were very positive it also indicates that there is still work to accomplish. Traffic and pedestrian safety issues, finding ways to make the Town more appealing to those who choose to walk or ride bicycles, keeping current with road and street maintenance, and being cognizant of abandoned and less than well maintained properties in our neighborhoods require constant vigilance and dedication by your Town government. Be assured that there is an ongoing effort to find ways to make improvements where possible in these and other aspects of the Town. All in all a very good report that provides your elected and appointed officials with important data they require to keep La Plata a preferred place to live, work, or visit.

As your Mayor, I am always interested in your comments, positive or critical, and you may reach me at Town Hall (301) 934-8421 or at home (301) 934-4850.



Sign Up for our Email List

Stay up to date on what is going on in the Town of La Plata by signing up for our weekly email. If you would like to receive email notifications about upcoming Town of La Plata news and events please send your email to Special Events Coordinator Colleen Wilson at cwilson@townofaplata.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT MINI-GRANT

Apply for the Neighborhood Event Mini-Grant today.

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 Town of La Plata invites neighborhood associations and communities to submit the neighborhood grant application for review. There will be 5 grants awarded up to \$500 each. Deadline to submit application is March 10, 2017. Grant applications are available for download from the Town's website or email Colleen Wilson, Special Events Coordinator at cwilson@townoflaplata.org or (301) 934-8421 ext. 4210. The Town will offer a grant opportunity specifically for National Night Out events in May.

Home Video Security Camera Mini-Grant

The La Plata Police Department and the Town of La Plata are proud to offer a new community policing initiative, the Home Video Security Camera Mini-Grant. The purpose of the mini-grant is to provide an opportunity for La Plata residents to increase security in and around their homes.

The majority of criminal events in La Plata are theft related, oftentimes from vehicles and residents yards. Citizens who receive a mini-grant must be willing to share any images captured on their video system with the La Plata Police Department during official investigations. The ultimate goal of the Home Video Security Camera Mini-Grant is to give La Plata residents an extra measure of security in and around their homes and to deter criminal activity in the town's residential neighborhoods.

The Department invites local residents to submit an application for review by the La Plata Police Department's Crime Watch Council. There will be 10 grants awarded for \$250. Deadline to submit an application is March 3, 2017. Applications for the grant can be found on the Police Department section of the Town's website www.townoflaplata.org, or by calling (301) 934-1500.



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.

Work Order System

In 2016 the La Plata Public Works Department implemented a computerized work order system. The system allows the department to enter service tasks that need to be completed into the system, specify the resources needed to complete the task, and allocate the personnel to complete it. The system allows supervisors the ability to assign the tasks to different work crews and assign a priority for completing the tasks.

When crew supervisors plan their work, they have a list of all tasks that need to be completed, and can follow up on the status of each project in the field. Department supervisors can readily review the status of projects, and know what work is complete or still needs to be done. The reporting features aid supervisors in the management of the varied tasks completed in Public Works. The ability to assign the workforce to various tasks aids in assuring tasks are completed, and labor is being used efficiently.

Future goals of the work order system include making the work order entry available to other departments in the La Plata government to manage requests for assistance from Public Works employees. Requests for facility maintenance, labor needs, or citizen service will be entered directly by the Town staff member seeking assistance. The next goal will be to expand the system to receive resident customer service requests directly online.

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

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@townoflaplata.org

Website: www.townoflaplata.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.*

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.

Water Meter Customer Portal

Water customers can access information about their water use online.

To access the customer portal please call Town Hall at (301) 934-8421. Town staff will help you set up your account and have the system issue a user name and password. Visit the Water Section of the Town’s website www.townoflaplata.org for more details.

Trash Collection Schedule Adjustment

If your regular trash collection day is:

Monday, February 20, 2017

Trash will be picked up on:

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Yard Waste Pick Up Schedule Adjustment

There will be no Yard Waste pick up on:

Monday, February 20, 2017

Recycling Pick Up

Wednesday, February 22, 2017
as scheduled



TO DO LIST

- Register to vote for La Plata elections
- Submit a Home Security Mini-Grant application
- Contact Town Hall for a 95, 65, or 35 gallon wheeled recycling container
- Help a neighbor in need
- Get alerts on your water consumption
- Don't miss what is going on, post the pull out calendar on your refrigerator
- Attend a Town Council meeting
- Like the Town's Facebook Page
- Submit a Special Event Mini-Grant application
- Receive Electronic Meeting Agendas
- Sign up to be on the Town's Constant Contact email list
- Set up your utility bill for automatic payment
- Visit <http://www.townoflaplata.org> for more information on all of these



New Recycling Contractor

As of November 1, the Town has contracted recycling services with Southern Maryland Recycling.

FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Crime Watch Council; 7:00 p.m.	Groundhog Day	Yard Waste Pick Up	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Yard Waste Pick Up Special Pick Up (please call by 2/3 to be put on list)	Yard Waste Pick Up	Planning Commission Meeting; 7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting; 10:00 a.m.; Design Review Board Meeting; 9:00 a.m.	Yard Waste Pick Up  Beautification Commission Meeting; 10:00 a.m.	Yard Waste Pick Up	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						
		Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Valentine's Day	Design Review Board Meeting; 9:00 a.m., as needed		Yard Waste Pick Up	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 Town Hall Closed	No Yard Waste Pick Up	Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m.	Recycling as scheduled		Yard Waste Pick Up	
26	27	28				
Presidents' Day	No Trash Pick Up (pick up Tues, 2/21)	Trash Pick Up from 2/20				
Yard Waste Pick Up		Mayor and Council Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m.				

MARCH 2017

SUNDAY

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Crime Watch Council Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

Yard Waste Pick Up

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Yard Waste Pick Up
Special Pick Up (please call by 3/3 to be put on list)

Planning Commission Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

Design Review Board Meeting; 9:00 a.m.
Parks and Recreation Meeting; 10:00 a.m.

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

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Daylight Savings Begins

Yard Waste Pick Up

Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m.

Design Review Board meeting; 9:00 a.m., as needed

Yard Waste Pick Up
St. Patrick's Day

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Spring Begins

Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m.

Yard Waste Pick Up

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Yard Waste Pick Up

Mayor and Council Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

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:

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? How were you affected when the Tornado struck La Plata on April 28, 2002?

- I was directly impacted
- A member of my family was directly impacted
- I have friends that were directly impacted
- I lived nearby, but the tornado did not affect me or my family
- I didn't live in the area

December Website Poll Results

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

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? La Plata has a good reputation for conservatively preparing a budget, given its revenue?

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2016</u>
Strongly Agree	- 36%	- 38%
Somewhat Agree	- 32%	- 19%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	- 16%	- 19%
Somewhat Disagree	- 4%	- 12%
Strongly Disagree	- 12%	- 12%

The services provided by the Town of La Plata are the most basic ones that any community needs to function. Law enforcement, potable water, trash pickup, land use planning, inspections, road maintenance, community events, parks, and sewerage are the main services provided. Most would agree that life in La Plata would be significantly different if any one of these basic services was not available. Given the need for these services, the community uses a combination of revenue sources including property taxes, fines, grants, income taxes, licenses and permits, state and federal government funding, user fees for services, and utility franchise fees to fund those operations.

Due to the revenue options available to local governments in Maryland, the largest source of general fund revenue for La Plata is property taxes. In the current fiscal year 59% of new revenue in the general fund is from real estate property taxes. The second largest source of income is income taxes distributed from the State of Maryland, which account for 18% of new general fund revenue.

Since 2001 each La Plata Town Council that has served has been able to maintain its real estate tax rate at \$0.32 per \$100 of assessed value. With each year, the changes in the economy and the increases in expenses for the delivery of basic services to the community, the Town Council is challenged to work within the resources of anticipated revenue. With focus on long term planning, seeking efficiencies in operations, and maximizing the value

added from grants and other revenue sources, the Town has been able to focus on quality service delivery and service improvements all while maintaining the same property tax rate.



The La Plata Town Council takes the fiscal and service delivery decisions of the community very seriously. The Town Council regularly seeks community feedback about services along with revenue and expenditure data to develop its upcoming budget. By following the Town's Service Priorities, the Town Council can assure that resources are allocated in the best place to maintain quality municipal services. The Town Council has been proactive investing in efficiencies to help control long term costs, as well as improve service.

Since 2009, the Town has prepared a five year operating budget. Instead of looking at financial needs for just the upcoming year, the Town Council looks at its operating and capital needs over the next five years to ensure that it is not caught with unexpected funding needs or shortfalls of revenue. This longer view of budgeting helps to show the impact of decisions when implementing a new program, or changing the way a service is delivered. By seeking to maintain or improve service, while reducing costs, the Town has been well prepared to manage the challenges in the economy.

In addition to looking into the future, the Town works to save for major expenditures like equipment or large capital projects. The Town created a Vehicle and Equipment replacement fund in 2008 to annually budget a portion of the replacement value of major vehicles and equipment. A trash truck is a major expense, and instead of trying to find \$300,000 or more in a single budget year when one needs to be replaced, the Town will save \$30,000 a year over ten years to even out its expenditures and ensure it is not in a fiscal bind when the item needs to be replaced. With nearly ten years of contributing consistently toward equipment replacement La Plata is well positioned to address replacement needs as they arise.

La Plata's budget development takes place from February through May each year. It begins with Department Heads developing a requested budget based upon the service delivery goals of the Town Council. The budget requests are reviewed by the Town Treasurer and Town Manager and then compiled into a General Fund and an Enterprise Fund budget for review by the Town Council. Conservative revenue projections, along with available fund balance information is presented to the Town Council who review the proposed budget in open work sessions. After changes to the budget directed by the Town Council, the budget is presented during a public hearing before consideration of adoption. The new budget goes into effect on July 1st of each year.

Annually the Town has an audit completed by an independent auditor to review the Town's budget and financial practices. The audit is presented publicly each year to allow the public an opportunity to view the Town's fiscal health and financial statements.

PRIOR EVENTS

Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering

The holiday spirit was in the air during the Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering on Sunday, December 4th. The holiday music and horse drawn carriage rides were enjoyed by many who attended the event. La Plata Volunteer Fire Department delivered a very special visitor to greet all the children – Santa Claus! Thank you to all who attended and volunteered at the event!



Breakfast with Santa



Santa stopped by Town Hall on Saturday, December 10th to enjoy breakfast with the children. Special thanks to Joann Worden and the La Plata Key Club students for volunteering at the event.

Photos from Neighborhood Event Mini-Grant Awardees

Community Christmas Tree Decorating Villages of Steeplechase, Friday December 2



Holiday Gathering in Hawthorne Greene, Friday December 2

Funds were awarded from the Town of La Plata's Neighborhood Event Mini-Grant for this event.

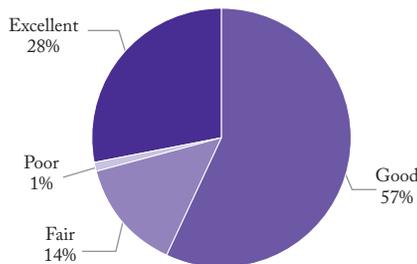
2016 CITIZEN SURVEY

In November 2016, 1,500 households in the Town of La Plata were randomly asked to again participate in The National Citizen Survey. The National Citizen Survey for La Plata contains a menu of questions about services and community issues as well including several policy questions. The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results from jurisdictions across the United States.

Resident opinions offer elected officials an opportunity to identify challenges and to plan for and evaluate improvements and to sustain services and amenities for long-term success.

The survey results are used by the Town Council for community planning and resource allocation, program improvement, and policy making. This is the Town's seventh survey conducted over the past ten years and the elected body has used previous surveys in evaluating services, assisting in the development of Council priorities, and guiding them in making decisions regarding the budget.

Place to Live



The full survey is available on the Town's website through the Citizen Survey link under the Residents and Businesses section.

La Plata continues to have strong ratings with 85% of residents rating the Town as an excellent or good place to live.

La Plata is also viewed as a very safe community with 92% of residents reporting they feel safe in their neighborhoods and 94% reporting they feel safe in downtown La Plata. The ratings for many of the basic services provided by the Town remain comparable to local governments across the United States. One area that the

Town saw a reduction in score with recycling services. The percent of residents viewing recycling positively dropped from 85% in 2014 to 69% in 2016's survey. When the survey had gone out, the Town had already decided to change recycling contractors. With the new contractor beginning in November, after the survey was sent, hopefully residents have been noticing the improvement in service reliability, and this concern has been addressed.

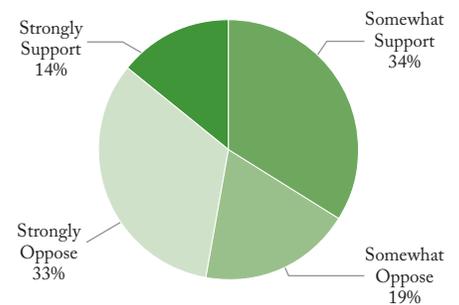
In each survey the Town asks policy specific questions. In this survey, residents were asked about the effectiveness of the Town's Design Review Board in fostering high quality development. The survey showed 70% of residents viewing the work of the board favorably.

An area that the Town exceeds national benchmarks in is code enforcement. 64% of residents reported NOT observing a code violation. A custom question was asked about which common code issues were problems for the community. These included; abandoned residential property, abandoned vehicles, commercial property maintenance, fence disrepair, graffiti, illegal signs, residential property maintenance, trash, and weeds. Based on the responses the areas that residents feel needs greater attention are residential property maintenance, weeds, abandoned residential property, and trash.

With continued inadequate funding from the State Highway User Revenue for street repair, the survey showed a continued low score for street repair. 41% of res-

idents reported the service as Excellent or Good in 2016 up just 1% from 2014. The Town again asked residents whether they would support increasing property taxes to replace lost Highway User Revenue for road maintenance. The response in 2010 and 2012 had 38% of respondents supporting the idea, which decreased to 35% in 2014. Residents in this survey reported a higher likelihood to support financing the maintenance. 48% of respondents supported the idea in the current survey, up 13% from two years ago.

Highway User Revenue



This is just a sampling of results from the survey. The complete survey with all previous survey results can all be viewed on the Town's website at www.townoflaplata.org under the Residents and Businesses section and is labeled Citizen Survey.

DON'T BE A VICTIM

Don't Leave Keys In Your Car



La Plata Police Department

Keys left in an unlocked car in your driveway provides opportunities for joy riders as well as professional auto thieves. Please don't leave an unattended vehicle running in your driveway.

2016 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

And the winners are...

The Town's Beautification Commission traveled about Town on December 12th and considered all of the wonderful entries in the Holiday Decorations Contest. All businesses were considered, and individual homes that registered to have their outdoor decorations were judged in this contest.

• Residential – Traditional:

1st Place – James and Patricia Dugan, 623 Clarks Run Road, Clarks Run;

2nd Place – C.J. Young, 712 Silver Linden Drive, Clarks Run; and

Honorable Mention – Joy, Wes, Haley, and Ashley Elliott and Dwain Blankenship, 1406 Redwood Circle, Clarks Run.

• Residential – Whimsical:

1st Place – Ralph and Ina Connatser, 510 Scarlet Oak Road, Clarks Run

2nd Place – Brian Williams, 103 Pollen Drive, Agricopia; and

Honorable Mention – Sean Mayhew, 1385 Redwood Circle, Clarks Run.

• Residential Not Entered in Contest:

Honorable Mention – Annette Briscoe, 308 Goose Creek Drive.

• Commercial:

1st Place – Optical Shoppe, 403 Charles Street; and

2nd Place – Davis Florist, 82 Drury Drive.

If you are interested in entering the contest in 2017 contact Danielle Mandley by phone at (301) 934-8421, or email dmandley@townofaplata.org beginning in December 2017 if you want your outdoor Holiday decorations to be judged. You may also register a neighbor's home that you believe should be in the contest.

The Mayor, Council, and Beautification Commission will recognize the winners at the December 20th Council Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.



We thank you for demonstrating your holiday spirit and encourage you to continue your artful displays that gives La Plata that "home town" feel. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors and help to make the annual contest fun for all.

TOWN ELECTION 2017

Nomination for Candidacy packets are now available for download or pickup at Town Hall. The deadline for submittal of a completed nomination packet is Monday, March 6, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.

The Town will hold a Primary Election, Monday, March 20, 2017, between the hours of 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. if more than two (2) candidates file for any one of the five Town Council offices up for election. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Elections are held at La Plata Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata, MD.

Eligibility to vote in Town Elections requires registration with the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Charles County or with the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the Town of La Plata supplemental registration. You must be registered to vote prior to Monday, February 13, 2017 to vote in the Primary Election or by Monday, April 3, 2017 for the General Election.

The Board of Supervisors of Elections of the Town of La Plata will make available applications for Absentee Ballot. Applications must be received not later than seven (7) days prior to the Election.

Forms and information sheets can be located at the bottom of the Town Elections page on the Town web site www.townofaplata.org, or for pickup at Town Hall. Please contact Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk by email at dmandley@townofaplata.org or phone at (301) 934-8421, if you have any questions or need additional information.

SHOP WITH A COP

The men and women of the La Plata Police Department were honored to participate in the Charles County Sheriff's Department's Shop with a Cop Campaign.

Officers and civilians from the Charles County Sheriff's Department, La Plata Police Department, Maryland State Police Department, and Maryland Transportation Authority Police Department teamed up with some very special guests to shop, wrap presents, and to enjoy some great food together. There were a lot of smiles being shared.



UPCOMING EVENTS



On your mark, get set, GO!

Grab some teammates and sign up for the Town of La Plata Bed Races. Bed Races take place on Saturday, April 29th at 3 p.m. as part of the Celebrate La Plata event. Your team will race on La Grange Ave as the crowd cheers you on.

It's easy to participate – no registration fee and the Town has beds that can be used for the races.

Get your creative juices flowing and make your own team bed! Each team must have four participants that are 16 years or older. Don't miss out on the chance to come dressed in team t-shirts or costumes to promote your business or organization. The annual bed race is a great way to do some marketing while having a lot of fun. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams and best team attire.

Registration deadline is April 14. For more information or to register for the Bed Races, contact Colleen Wilson at (301) 934-8421 or cwilson@townofaplata.org. Participation form is available on the Town's website www.townofaplata.org.

Fill out the interest form below to receive more information.

Your Name: _____

Teammate 1: _____

Teammate 2: _____

Teammate 3: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact number: _____

We are interested in racing our own bed. We are interested in using a Town bed.

(Town beds will be shared among teams so only decorations that can be quickly and easily removed will be allowed.)

Please return the form to: Town of La Plata
Colleen Wilson, Special Events Coordinator
PO Box 2268
La Plata, MD 20646

Or email the information to cwilson@townofaplata.org.



Upcoming Events

The 2017 Special Events Calendar Coming Soon! Information will be posted on the Town's website in early March. Stay up to date on what is going on in the Town of La Plata by signing up for our weekly email and liking the Town of La Plata's face book page. If you would like to receive email notifications about upcoming Town of La Plata news and events please send your email to Special Events Coordinator Colleen Wilson at cwilson@townofaplata.org.



Ice Cream with the Easter Bunny

Monday, April 17th: 11 AM to 1 PM

Hop on in for ice cream with the Easter Bunny! Stop by the La Plata Town Hall on the Monday after Easter, April 17th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Bring the kids for sweet treat, crafts, and visit with the Easter Bunny.

Celebrate La Plata

Saturday April 29th: 12 PM to 4 PM

The Town of La Plata will come together for a day of family fun at the annual Spring Festival, Celebrate La Plata on Saturday, April 29th. Enjoy a day of activities for children of all ages at Celebrate La Plata; face painting, displays, entertainment, refreshments for sale from local favorites, and ever entertaining Bed Races!



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Celebrate La Plata

Saturday, April 29th
12 PM to 4 PM
La Plata Town Hall

Craft & Food Vendors • Kids Art Activities
Face Painting • Bed Races

For more information or the register for the La Plata Bed Races please contact
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