

# TOWN NOTES

*News from La Plata Town Hall*



## MAYOR'S CORNER

This is perhaps my most favorite time of the year – cooler weather has arrived; the holidays are approaching; the Town is a buzz and people are full of holiday cheer.

As I have said on many occasions, one of the best parts of being a small Town is our sense of community. On Sunday, November 5th, nearly 2,000 people participated in our annual Veterans Day Parade. Participants in this year's parade included high school marching bands, civic groups, junior ROTC members, veterans' groups, and military units. Even the drizzling weather couldn't deter veterans and residents from lining the downtown streets to recognize and honor those who have fought for our Country. What a wonderful way to say Thanks!

As with any of our events, it takes the time, talent and effort of many to make it a success. Under the direction of our Special Events Coordinator, Colleen Wilson, she and Michelle Miner, Assistant Town Manager, made sure the parade ran smoothly. The La Plata Police Department went the extra mile in ensuring the safety of the participants and spectators.

On Saturday, November 25th, Shop La Plata Small Business Saturday officially kicked off the holiday shopping. This annual shopping tradition is dedicated to supporting small businesses. We loved how our La Plata Police Department

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*It's just around the corner...*

## Holiday Decorations Contest



**Monday, December 18 – lights on by 5:30 p.m.**

The Town's Beautification Commission will again be the judges in our annual Holiday Decorations Contest. All businesses will be considered, but individual homes must register to have their outdoor decorations judged in this contest. Contact Danielle Mandley by phone at (301) 934-8421, or email [dmandley@townoflaplata.org](mailto:dmandley@townoflaplata.org) by 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 15 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.

This year's categories are changing. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TownofLaPlata> for updates and information.

## Toys for Tots



The La Plata Police Department at 101 La Grange Avenue and the Town Hall at 305 Queen Anne Street will be drop off locations for Toys for Tots. If you would like to give please drop off a new unwrapped toy. All of the toys will be picked up by the Waldorf Jaycees and will be distributed by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to less fortunate children in Charles County for Christmas. The last day to drop off a toy is December 18, 2017

Toys for Tots Foundation, 501(c)(3) is a non-profit organization.



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# COUNCIL COLUMN

## Councilwoman Emily Mudd Hendricks, Ward III

I always know the holiday season is underway when I see La Plata's snowflake lights go up on the streets. This year, the La Plata Business Association organized a successful effort to replace all the old bulbs with LED bulbs. I am very grateful for the community members who volunteered their time to replace the bulbs. I know that these festive lights will be enjoyed by generations to come!

In addition to our monthly business meetings, several work sessions were held this fall. During one work session, the Town Council was able to meet with Charles County employees to learn about how the County's school seats are allocated. As a result of another work session, we were able to introduce an ordinance to revise and reconstitute the Commission which oversees historic preservation for the Town.

In October, I had the opportunity to attend the Maryland Municipal League's Fall

conference in Rockville, Maryland. These conferences have helped me better understand municipal management and are a great way to network with members in leadership roles across the state of Maryland.

The highlight of November was the annual Veteran's Day parade. It was an honor to ride in the parade and observe our nation's veterans. I really enjoyed seeing the many community groups, high school bands, and JROTC groups that turned out for the event.

As the year comes to a close, I would like to wish you and your families a very merry holiday season and a prosperous new year. I look forward to serving Ward 3 and the Town in 2018!

## Councilwoman Paddy Mudd, Ward IV

I hope you have plans to come to our Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering on Sunday December 3rd! Also if you have little ones Breakfast with Santa is Saturday December

9th. Reservations fill up very fast for this but there may be a few spots left when you receive this newsletter.

As we round up the calendar year and begin 2018 your Council will be hard at work on the 2019 budget process. We begin with a retreat in late January to look at our budget goals and objectives. Your input is important to us! Please contact any of us through our Town number and email. We also welcome your input during the public forum at our work sessions or business meetings. January work sessions will be Tuesdays the 9th and the 16th and our business meeting Tuesday January 23rd at 7 PM at the Town Hall. I personally assure you that will receive a response to your concerns in a timely manner and that we will consider your ideas during the budgeting process.

**HOLD YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS CLOSE AS YOU ENJOY A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Contact me at [pmudd@townofaplata.org](mailto:pmudd@townofaplata.org) or leave a message (301) 934-8421.

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

was involved also. With the help of our local youth, the LPPD Intelligence Officers were able to apprehend six super villains who planned on disrupting La Plata's Shop Small Saturday. A reward was given out by LPPD and the Business Association for their capture. Thank you to all that participated in Shop La Plata Small Business Saturday. Also, the Town greatly appreciates the young residents who helped save La Plata by turning in the Grinch, Professor Hinkle, Snow Miser, Heat Miser, Bumble the Abominable, and Burgermeister Meisterburger. Great job!

## UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS:

Our Annual Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering will take place on Sunday, December 3rd from 3:00-6:00 pm at Town Hall. We will be celebrating the season with wonderful music, refreshments, children's activities, horse-drawn carriage rides, and even a visit from Santa! What a great way to get into the holiday spirit.

The Rotating Art Gallery, located in our Town Hall's atrium, is showcasing the works of another incredible artist, Justin Dean. Justin specializes in digital art and

gives a new twist on cityscapes. His work is a definite must see!

DID YOU KNOW... That you can access information about your water use online for FREE??? With the Town's Automated Metering Infrastructure system (AMI), the Town reads water meters automatically and gather data about water consumption to help track down leaks. The system can send out email alerts to those who sign up about abnormal consumption or potential leaks based on defined parameters. You are able to see your hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly consumption data on a 24 hour delayed basis. This information may help you manage your water usage and help with water conservation practices. If you are interested accessing the customer portal please call Town Hall at (301) 934-8421.

Our Council continues to meet with residents, local government, business owners, and investors to talk about collaborating with one another to build a healthier, more vibrant community. Together we are much stronger!

We live in an amazing Town. It is up to all of us to work together to preserve our small-town charm while offering the

amenities of the 21st century. I encourage you to become more involved with our revitalization efforts. Together we can make our community the premier place to Shop, Dine and Live. Please feel free to call my office at (301) 934- 8421 or send me an e-mail at [jjames@townofaplata.org](mailto:jjames@townofaplata.org). Your opinion matters.

I want to wish you and your family the happiest of holidays and a very Happy New Year.

## Door to Door Solicitation

Door-to-door solicitation is not permitted in the Town of La Plata without a permit from Town Hall. If you notice door-to-door solicitors in your neighborhood, please give LPPD a call (non-emergency) 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (M-F) call (301) 934-1500, all other hours please call - 301-932-2222. As always we're just a phone call away. If the Town issues a permit for solicitation, LPPD will post the company and hour approved to solicit.

# TOWN POSTS SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Old man winter is just around the corner, this means the possibility of snow. The Public Works Department has posted snow emergency routes throughout the Town. Parking will be prohibited on these streets while a snow emergency plan is in effect for Charles County. Vehicles parked along these roads will be ticketed or towed at



the owner's expense during a snow emergency. To aid snow removal crews and improve safety, please do not park along streets when winter weather is in the forecast. Instead park in your garage, driveway, or designated parking space.

The following is a list of the Town's snow emergency routes:

Agricopia Drive  
 Bath Drive  
 Clarks Run Road  
 Cornwall Drive  
 East Patuxent Drive  
 Fescue Circle  
 Garrett Avenue  
 Hawthorne Drive (between Rt. 301 and Washington Avenue)  
 Heritage Green Parkway

Hickory Circle  
 Hickory Lane  
 Kent Avenue  
 La Grange Avenue  
 Llano Drive  
 Magnolia Drive  
 Norfolk Drive  
 Oak Avenue  
 Oriole Lane  
 Quailwood Parkway  
 Queen Anne Street

Redwood Circle  
 Savanna Drive  
 Shining Willow Way (between Rt. 301 and Washington Avenue)  
 Somerset Street  
 St. Mary's Avenue  
 Suffolk Drive  
 Wales Drive  
 Wicomico Street  
 Willow Lane

## NEW EMPLOYEES

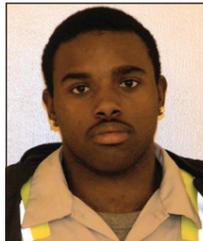
Over the last several months the Department of Public Works has hired several new employees.



**Perry Cooper**  
Public Works Technician



**Joseph L. Murphy, IV**  
Public Works Technician



**Larrel Newman**  
Public Works Technician

## TOWN OF LA PLATA OFFICIALS

Mayor: Jeannine E. James  
 Council:

Matthew Simpson . . . . . Ward 1  
 Brent Finagin . . . . . Ward 2  
 Emily Mudd Hendricks . . . . . Ward 3  
 Paddy Mudd . . . . . 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:  
 305 Queen Anne Street,  
 La Plata, Maryland 20646  
 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
 Telephone: (301) 934-8421 / (301) 870-3377  
 La Plata Police Department: (301) 934-1500  
 Email: mminer@townofaplata.org  
 Website: www.townofaplata.org



## TO DO LIST

- Schedule a vacation patrol check with the Police Department
- Set up your utility bill for automatic payment
- Shop at La Plata stores
- Shovel snow from your sidewalk
- Receive Electronic Meeting Agendas
- Call the police for suspected illegal activity
- Complete the latest Snap Poll question
- Get a second Town trash container for extra heavy trash days
- Help a neighbor in need
- Post the pull out calendar on your refrigerator
- Attend a Town Council meeting
- Visit <http://www.townofaplata.org> for more information on these

## Town Hall Closed

The Town Hall will be closed on the following days:

**Monday, December 25, 2017 (Christmas)**

No Trash pick up (pick up 12/26/17)  
 No Yard Waste pick up

**Monday, January 1, 2018 (New Year's)**

No Trash pick up (pick up 1/2/18)  
 No Yard Waste pick up



# 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 or Sewer After Hours Emergency

If you have a water or sewer emergency, call (301) 932-3870 for Public Works and follow the instructions given to report your emergency. The automated response system will alert staff to respond to you.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household hazardous waste collection occurs on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am to 3 p.m. from April through December in the parking lot of the Department of Public Works



CHARLES COUNTY  
**HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COLLECTION**

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, oil-based paint, cleaning supplies, pool chemicals, fluorescent lights, mercury thermometers, and other poisons found in the home. Please keep the materials in their original containers whenever possible, and bring them to the collection site in cardboard boxes to ease unloading.

Unacceptable materials include bio-medical waste (sharps, needles, anything with bodily fluids), latex paint, prescription drugs, and ammunition. Used motor oil, anti-freeze, propane tanks, and batteries are accepted on a regular basis at various collection sites. Latex paint is not considered hazardous waste and can be placed in your household trash as long as it is solidified. This can be accomplished by adding kitty litter, shredded paper, paint hardener, or sawdust to aid in drying it out.

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, December 25, 2017

Monday, January 1, 2018

Monday, January 15, 2018

### Trash will be picked up on:

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

### Recycling Collection:

Recycling for Wednesday, December 20, 2017 will be picked up as scheduled

Recycling for Wednesday, December 27, 2017 will be picked up as scheduled

Recycling for Wednesday, January 3, 2018 will be picked up as scheduled

Recycling for Wednesday, January 17, 2018 will be picked up as scheduled

### Yard Waste Pick Up Schedule Adjustment

There will be no Yard Waste pick up on:

Monday, December 25, 2017

Monday, January 1, 2018

Monday, January 15, 2018

### Tree Pick Up:

Tuesday, December 26, 2017 until Friday, January 12, 2018

### Special Pick Up:

Monday, December 4, 2017

Monday, January 8, 2018



# JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1	New Year's Day Town Hall Closed No Yard Waste Pick Up No Trash Pick Up (Pick Up 1/2/18)	2	Trash Pick Up from 1/1/18 Planning Commission Meeting; 7:00 p.m.	3	 Farmers Off Peak Market; 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Crime Watch Council meeting; 7:00 p.m. Recycling Pick Up as normal	4		5	Yard Waste Pick Up	6	 Farmers Off Peak Market; 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
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7	Yard Waste Pick Up Special Pick Up (please call by 4:00 p.m. on 1/5/18)	8		9	 Farmers Off Peak Market; 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting; 7:30 a.m. Mayor and Council Work Session; 9:00 a.m.	10		11		12	 Farmers Off Peak Market; 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
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14	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Town Hall Closed No Yard Waste Pick Up No Trash Pick Up (Pick Up 1/16/18)	15		16	Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Trash Pick Up from 1/15/18	17	 Farmers Off Peak Market; 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Recycling Pick Up as normal	18	Yard Waste Pick Up	19		20	 Farmers Off Peak Market; 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
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21		22		23		24	 Farmers Off Peak Market; 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.	25	Yard Waste Pick Up	26		27	 Farmers Off Peak Market; 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
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28	Yard Waste Pick Up	29		30	Mayor and Council Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m.	31	 Farmers Off Peak Market; 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up
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# TOWN OF LA PLATA SNOW POLICY

County Plowed Roads	Town Plowed Roads	State Plowed Roads
Glen Albin Road	St. Mary's Avenue from Rt. 6 to Frederick Drive	Route 301
St. Mary's Avenue from Frederick Drive to Rt. 301	Quailwood Parkway from Hawthorne to Route 6	Route 6 – Charles Street
Washington Avenue from Route 301 to Route 6		Route 225 – Hawthorne Drive west beginning at Route 301
Radio Station Road		Route 488

## Snow Preparation Procedures

- Snow removal crews will be put into action at the call of the Director or Asst. Director of Public Works
- Snow removal will begin when 2–3 inches of snow has accumulated on roadways.
- Snow removal efforts will be ongoing during the event and will continue until all streets in the Town are cleared.
- It may be necessary to pile snow in front of mailboxes, especially in smaller courts and cul-de-sacs.

## Plow Routes

- The Town will normally plow to provide better access to the higher traveled streets first (Primary Roads, Collector Streets and Major residential roads). In addition, the Town has agreed to provide snow removal and salting for treatment of ice accumulation from all roadways, parking areas, vehicle entrances, sidewalks, and bus stop location at the MTA lot located on Washington Avenue.
- Secondly secondary streets and municipal buildings are plowed.
- Lastly cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets are plowed.

## Icy Conditions

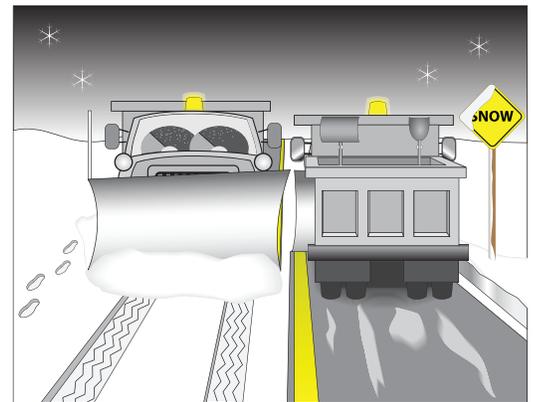
- Salt distribution will be determined based on the following criteria and priority:
  - ♦ Main Collector Streets
  - ♦ Streets with Hills
  - ♦ Difficult intersections – stop lights and stop signs
  - ♦ Major residential roads
- Cul-de-sacs and courts may not receive salt treatment

## Sidewalks

- Town crews are responsible for clearing sidewalks at public facilities, Town Hall and Parks.
- Town of La Plata property owners are responsible for keeping all sidewalks along their property clear and free of snow and ice.

## Parking

- Residents are asked not to park vehicles on any street.
- If you must park on the street park as close to the curb as possible and on one side of the street.



## EXAMPLES OF STREET DESIGNATIONS:

Primary Roads	Collector Streets	Major Residential	Secondary
Agricopia Drive East Patuxent Drive Oriole Lane Shining Willow Way	St. Mary's Avenue Washington Avenue Heritage Green Pkwy.	Llano Drive Martin Drive	Baltimore St. Cecil St. Calvert St. Howard St.

## Snow Emergency Routes

Parking of vehicles on marked snow emergency routes is prohibited when the snow emergency plan is in effect for Charles County. Parking shall continue to be prohibited until the snow emergency plan has been cleared. Any vehicles that are illegally parked, that are obstructing traffic, or interfering with the clearing of snow and/or ice are subject to a parking violation or the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

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# TOWN OF LA PLATA SNOW POLICY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)

## Mailbox Replacement Policy

Please contact the Public Works Department at (301) 934-8421, if your mailbox is damaged during snow removal. The Public Works Department will investigate the claim to determine if the damage was caused by the Town or contracted equipment making physical contact with the mailbox. If it is determined by the Public Works Department that the mailbox damage was at fault of the Town or contracted equipment the following options are available.

1. Replacement by the Town of existing mailbox with a standard wooden post and mailbox.
2. Property owners may be reimbursed at a flat rate of \$50.00. It will be the responsibility of the property owner to replace the mailbox.

Mailboxes damaged by snow flowing from plows will not be replaced or reimbursed.

## Snow Removal – What You Can Expect When It Snows

When it snows, Town and contracted crews concentrate on keeping primary Town roads and major residential neighborhood streets passable. These roads are cleared down to pavement as soon as possible after a storm is over.

Plowing generally begins when snow becomes 2–3 inches deep and the temperature indicates there will be no melting. Even after plowing, snow that has been hard packed by traffic often remains on the street, and the plows are unable to remove it completely. In this type of situation, a mixture of sand and salt is spread to provide adequate traction.

- It takes a minimum of 12 hours following the end of a 3” to 4” snowfall to plow and/or treat every primary Town road once.
- After a 5” to 7” snowfall, you can expect primary and major residential Town roads to be plowed within 18 to 24 hours.
- After an 8” to 10” snowfall, you can expect primary and major residential Town roads to be plowed within 24 to 36 hours.
- 15” of snowfall will require about 36 to 48 hours, and 24” of snowfall will require 48 to 60 hours
- Please note, the type of snow (wet or powder) the temperatures and wind conditions following a storm can alter this schedule.
- In some cases, where snow is drifting and blowing, snow plows will concentrate on snow emergency routes and primary roads. This may decrease response time to residential or neighborhood roads.
- Please be patient, streets are plowed per their priority.

## 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:

**Have you ever had mail lost or stolen?**

- Yes
- No

### October Website Poll Results

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

**The 2000 Vision Plan for Greater La Plata is an accurate vision of what I would like to see in La Plata.**

	2009	2017
Strongly Agree	16%	33%
Somewhat Agree	32%	25%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	20%	16%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	13%
Strongly Disagree	16%	2%
Don’t Know	12%	1%

La Plata has changed since 2000 with new homes, stores, restaurants, and places to work. Market forces and the economy shape the Town with new investment, and that new investment is also influenced by Planning Documents developed by members of the community. One of the documents that guides the decisions of the Town’s Planning Commission and Town Council is the 2000 Vision Plan for Greater La Plata.

Interested residents may find the plan on the Town’s website under the Planning Department in the Planning Documents section. Along with the Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Plan and others, these documents reflect the aspirations and goals of a community from the time they were created.

The 2000 Vision Plan is unique for La Plata in that it was created before the Tornado of 2002 impacted the Town. The Vision Plan itself, was new when the devastation struck, and held many ideals the community sought to work toward.

While destructive, the tornado also gave the opportunity for the Town to rebuild, and in many cases the Town did so in the spirit of the Town’s Vision.

Take time to read the Vision documents on the Town website. If you have any comments, ideas, concerns, or a personal vision for the community to share, please do. Let the Town Council know your vision, or tell a member of the Town staff. What makes La Plata such a great place is the people of the community. The planning documents should reflect the goals of the people in the community.



## PRIOR EVENTS

# FALL FESTIVAL

The Town enjoyed a beautiful autumn day for the annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 15th. Craft and food vendors filled the Town Hall grounds and the live music was provided by Pork Donut. The children had a variety of activities to enjoy from face painting by Miss Busy Bee, decorating pumpkins in the Art Smart Studio tent, and the petting zoo by Mary's Go Round. Many took a ride in the trackless train down La Grange Avenue to check out the scarecrows. T-Bone and Heather from Star 98.3 stopped by to broadcast live from the event. The announcement of the 12th Annual Festival of Scarecrow winners wrapped up the event – thanks to all the businesses and organizations that participated. Happy Fall to all!



## HARVEST HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children enjoyed making Halloween crafts and yummy treats at Town Hall on Friday, October 20th.



# Town of La Plata "Salute to Veterans" Parade

Thank you to all the parade participants especially the Veterans and service members who marched on Sunday, November 5th. Thank you to Joann Worden and the volunteers for manning the food tent at the parade. Thank you for supporting our veterans!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering

**Sunday December 3rd  
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

The sounds and spirit of the season bring friends and neighbors together for an afternoon of good cheer. Join us for holiday music, activities, refreshments, and a visit from Santa!

### EVENT SCHEDULE

Lighting Ceremony  
3:10 pm

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides by Suttler Post Farm  
3:30 pm to 5 pm

### Activities in the Tent

Crafts for children  
3 pm to 5:15 pm

The Balloon Nerd  
3 pm to 5 pm

*Make sure to come and see The Balloon Nerd.*

*He will be making fun holiday balloons for you to wear and take home.*

Story time with the Charles County Public Library  
3:30 pm and 4:30 pm

Meet and Greet with Holiday Characters  
Gracie's Guys and Gals Show Troupe  
4 pm to 5 pm

### Entertainment in the Council Chamber

3:20 pm to 3:40 pm

La Plata High School String Ensemble

4 pm to 4:20 pm

WJ Mitchell Elementary School 5th Grade Chorus

4:35 pm to 5 pm

Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus

Holiday Sing-Along

5:15 pm (outside)

**SANTA ARRIVES at 5:30 pm!**



*Refreshments served in the activities tent and in the atrium throughout the afternoon*

## 2017 Kris Kringle Christmas Market

The 2017 Kris Kringle Christmas Market at the Charles County Fairgrounds (8440 Fairground Road, La Plata [www.charlescountyfair.com](http://www.charlescountyfair.com)), December 8–10. Modeled after the famous markets in Germany, this annual event offers light displays, holiday food, handmade crafts from local artists and crafters, shopping, music, children's activities, Santa's arrival, strolling carolers, music from local school choruses, and bands and much more.

### Hours of operations:

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT MINI-GRANT

Time to start thinking about a way to get all your neighbors together for some fun – throw a block party, health fair or neighborhood cleanup. 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 9, 2018. Grant applications are available for download from the Town's website or email Colleen Wilson, Special Events Coordinator at [cwilson@townofaplata.org](mailto:cwilson@townofaplata.org) or (301) 934-8421. The Town will offer a grant opportunity specifically for National Night Out events in May.

## OPERATION PREVENT PORCH PIRACY

Did you know there were 11 million parcel packages stolen from porches in 2016? Did you know 41% of consumers avoid some online purchases because they fear package theft? Did you know the average value of a package stolen is between \$50–\$100?

Holiday shopping time will soon be upon us. To interrupt package delivery thefts, which hit La Plata residents last holiday season, LPPD is encouraging citizens to have on-line purchases delivered to the La Plata Police Department, 101 La Grange Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. LPPD will accept packages from November 20, 2017 through December 23, 2017. LPPD will not accept delivery of any oversized, flammable, explosives, fireworks, or firearms.



# TOWN OF LA PLATA

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La Plata, Maryland 20646-2268

**NEVER MISS ANOTHER TOWN EVENT**  
CALENDAR PULL-OUT ON PAGES 5 & 6. PUT ME ON YOUR  
REFRIGERATOR FOR EASY REFERENCE.

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