

TOWN NOTES

News from La Plata Town Hall



MAYOR'S CORNER

Spring is finally in the air! The past few months we've weathered some bitterly cold temperature, torrential rainfall, and survived two days of hurricane-force winds. We are now ready for the buds to bloom, birds to return home, and our Town to come to life again! Our Special Events Coordinator, Colleen, has some fantastic events planned for our enjoyment this Spring so be sure to mark your calendars.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, April 2, the Easter Bunny will be stopping by Town Hall from 11:00 am-1:00 pm to have ice cream with our young residents.

Saturday, April 28th, join us at the annual Spring Festival, Celebrate La Plata for a day full of activities, vendors, entertainment, and the ever-entertaining Bed Races!

Saturday, May 5, the La Plata Business Association will host their Second Annual Shop La Plata Spring Celebration Event in the Downtown District of La Plata from 10am to 4pm. This Spring event is held to support our local brick and mortar businesses in La Plata.

Friday, May 25th will kick off the much-anticipated Friday Night Summer Concert Series. In addition to crowd favorites such as U.S. Air Force Band Max Impact and U.S. Navy Band The Sea Chanters, we have many new bands ready to entertain La Plata including Bobby McKey's Dueling Piano.

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Spelling Bee Winners



Mayor James and Councilman Simpson presenting Emily Winkler with a Town seal to recognize her winning the Charles County Spelling Bee. Emily is a student at Milton Somers middle school.



Mayor James and Councilman Finagin presented Jack Alcorn, a student at Milton Somers middle school, with a Town Seal to recognize his earning runner up in the Charles County Spelling Bee.



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COUNCIL COLUMN

Councilwoman Emily Mudd Hendricks, Ward III

Spring is in the air and it's a great time to get out to one of our local parks! We have the benefit of having parks in the Town of La Plata that can be enjoyed year round.

As you may know, the community building at Wills Park received a substantial renovation over the winter months. The Parks and Recreation Commission members were invited to tour the facility as part of our March

meeting. One topic discussed at the meeting was the possibility of making improvements to the Clarks Run Easement parkland. I welcome suggestions for improvements and will share them with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Feel free to contact me at emuddhendricks@townoflaplata.or.

Finally, the newly reactivated Historic Preservation Committee has two vacancies. More information about this Commission can be found at www.townoflaplata.or.

Town Hall Closed



The Town Hall will be closed on the following day:

Memorial Day
Monday, May 28, 2018

If you have a **water or sewer emergency** after hours, call (301) 932-3870 and follow the instructions given to report your emergency. The automated response system will alert the appropriate department to respond to you.

Boards and Commissions

Citizen volunteers are a valuable part of the decision making process.

Thank you to those who presently serve on one of our Boards and Commissions, and the former members who have served with dedication and enthusiasm for their position.

Your service is of great value to the Town and your insight and experience are invaluable assets. On behalf of the Town Council and residents of La Plata, thank you for your community spirit and desire to help La Plata plan for its future.

Welcome and congratulations to the newly appointed Historic Preservation Commission members: Mary Beth Chandler, Chris Wagnon, Art Audley, Ann Rees; and those willing to continue to serve Rich Gilpin and Mike Pellegrino. Your willingness to serve your community is to be commended and should serve as an example to those who follow.

If you are interested in applying to volunteer for one of our Boards and Commissions, please contact Danielle Mandley by phone at (301)934-8421 or email at dmandley@townoflaplata.or.

MAYOR'S CORNER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Wednesday, May 30th, we will be joining the American Legion Post 82 in participating in their annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Post. Because parking is limited, we will be offering transportation to the Post via trolley. Be sure to check the Town's website for the specifics.

FARMER'S MARKET:

Saturday, April 8th our Farmers Market's regular season begins! Every Wednesday and Saturday vendors from all over Southern Maryland will gather to sell their locally grown produce, fresh eggs, fresh homemade goods, home grown plants and flowers. Not only is this a wonderful opportunity to support local farmers but also the Farmer's Market is a place to meet up with your friends, bring your children, and embrace the charm of our small-town.

FARMER'S MARKET VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITY: The Town is looking for an outgoing individual interested in agriculture, food and community to join our team this season as the Farmer's Market Master for our Wednesday and Saturday market. The Market Master is a volunteer position responsible for reviewing the applications of all sellers, issuing permits and collecting fees, assigning spaces to sellers and enforcing

the regulations under the direction of the Town Manager. The Town Council is considering funding for this position to offer a daily stipend. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please have them contact Danielle Mandley at (301) 934-8421 for more information.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

A big thank you to Mary Beth Chandler, Chris Wagnon, Art Audley, Ann Rees, Rich Gilpin and Mike Pellegrino for volunteering to serve on the newly formed Historic Preservation Commission. This commission was created to identify and protect historic buildings, structures, landmarks and landmark sites. Taking pride in preserving the legacy, beauty and charm of La Plata is paramount.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY:

BUDGET: Your Council continues to work diligently with Staff on the annual budget. Our goal is to adopt a fiscally responsible budget that will provide the necessary tools for economic development as well as the services residents need and expect. Maintaining a strong financial foundation and a structurally balanced operating budget will be our primary focus.

NEW MANAGER: The search for a permanent Town Manager continues. We will be conducting interviews over the next couple of months. In the meanwhile, we are in excellent hands. Danielle Mandley has assumed the role of Interim Town Manager and is doing a superb job! Working closely with Assistant Town Manager, Michelle Miner, our Town continues to thrive. I would like to publicly thank both Danielle and Michelle for their hard work and outstanding job in running our Town!

COLLABORATION: Our Council continues to meet with residents, local government, business owners, and investors to talk about the importance of working together to build a healthier, more vibrant community. Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Truer words were never spoken.

We live in an amazing Town. It is up to all of us to work together and I strongly encourage you to become more involved. Please feel free to call my office at (301) 934- 8421 or send me an e-mail at james@townoflaplata.org. Your opinion matters.

Happy Spring! I look forward to seeing you at our many events.



TO DO LIST

- Say hello to a La Plata Public Works employee
- Like the La Plata Facebook page
- Submit a National Night Out Mini-Grant application
- Contact Town Hall for a 95, 65, or 35 gallon wheeled recycling container
- Help a neighbor in need
- Post the pull out calendar on your refrigerator
- Receive Electronic Meeting Agendas
- Get a second Town trash container for extra heavy trash days
- Plan to attend a Special Event at Town Hall
- Sign up to be on the Town's Constant Contact email list
- Visit <http://www.townoflaplata.org> for more information on all of these

LA PLATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

From the Desk of the Chief



Spring is here! Every spring we see new flowers as they begin to bloom and the colorful migrating birds as they return to La Plata from winter nesting. Spring brings with it the sounds of kids playing in the yard, lawnmowers cutting grass, and... the sounds of doorbells being rung by door-to-door solicitors.

Door-to-door sales are regulated by section 128-5 and section 149 of the La Plata Town Code. Any individual(s), with a few exceptions, engaging in solicitation door-to-door within the Town must first secure a permit before beginning to solicit. This includes individuals trying to sell vinyl siding, new windows, cheap driveway repairs, better cable service, magazines, and of course, "Your neighbor wasn't home to receive the meat they ordered, we'll sell you their twenty steaks really cheap!" These types of sales are prohibited in the town without a permit.

In the past five years, only three permits have been issued for solicitation in La Plata. Moreover, when a permit is issued, both the town and the police department post a copy of the permit and those approved to solicit on social media. So please take a moment to like us on Facebook.

The La Plata police department tries to follow the local homeowner associations social media pages. This allows officers to quickly respond to both crime and quality-of-life issues. During the warmer months of the year, one of the constant complaints is door-to-door salespersons. When a door-to-door salesperson comes to your door, ask if they have a La Plata permit to solicit. Chances are they will not. We urge you to end the conversation quickly and give us a call.

As chief, I am especially interested in the activity of magazine sales that exploit young people. According to a New York Times article, these young people are lured in by promises of seeing the country in exchange for "peddling subscriptions door-to-door, 10 to 14 hours a day, six days a week. Sleeping three to a room in cheap motels, lowest seller on the floor, they survive some days on less than \$10 in food money while their earnings were kept "on the books" for later payment." At times these young people just want a way home, if LPPD locates a young person under those circumstances, we will assist them making their way back to their family no matter where they live in the United States. So, if you don't call us for any other type of solicitor, please pick up the phone when a young door-to-door magazine salesperson knocks.

As I mentioned, there were some exceptions to the solicitation ordinance. Local youth sports, girl scouts selling cookies, and boy scouts selling mulch are exempt. Religious groups are also exempt from solicitation ordinances. The Supreme Court ruled in the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York, Inc., et al. v. Village of Stratton et al., (2002), that a town ordinance's provision making it a misdemeanor to engage in door-to-door advocacy without first registering with town officials and receiving a permit violates the First Amendment as it applies to religious proselytizing, anonymous political speech, and the distribution of handbills.

Enjoy the warm spring weather, and please give us a call if a solicitor knocks your door!

See you on the road!
Chief Carl Schinner

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

Interim Town Manager:
Danielle Mandley

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:
Jeff ey S. Garner

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La Plata, Maryland 20646
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Telephone: (301) 934-8421 / (301) 870-3377
La Plata Police Department: (301) 934-1500
Email: mminer@townoflaplata.org
Website: www.townoflaplata.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

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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 pm from April through December in the parking lot of the Department of Public Works building, located at 10430 Audie Lane, off of Radio Station Road in



CHARLES COUNTY
HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION

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:

Friday, March 30, 2018
Monday, May 28, 2018

Yard Waste Pick Up

Friday, March 30, 2018
Monday, May 28, 2018

Recycling Collection:

Special Pick Up

Monday, April 2, 2018
Monday, May 7, 2018

Trash will be picked up on:

Thursday, March 29, 2018
Tuesday, May 29, 2018

No Pick Up

No Pick Up

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 as scheduled

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

Commercial Building permits issued 1/17/2018-2/23/2018

656 Piscataway Court
Sweet Frog – 228 Rosewick Road
Outback Steakhouse – 6649 Crain Highway
116 La Grange Avenue
The Doughnut Shop – 6700 Crain Highway

Commercial Occupancy permits issued 1/16/2018-2/20/2018

Vintage Redeux
505 Charles Street
Tropical Smoothie Cafe
105 Drury Drive
NDG Investment
100 Centennial Street
PeakeNet Broadband
300 Charles Street

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Easter 	1 Yard Waste Pick Up Special Pick up (please call Town Hall by 4:00 on 3/29/18)	2 Planning Commission Meeting; 7:00 p.m.	3 Crime Watch Council Meeting; 7:00 p.m.	4 Yard Waste Pick Up	5 Yard Waste Pick Up	6  7 Farmers Market opening; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hazardous Waste Day
8 Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up	9 Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up	10 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Design Review Board meeting; 9:00 a.m. Parks and Recreation Commission meeting; 7:30 a.m.	 11 Beautif ication Commission Meeting; 10:00 a.m. Yard Waste Pick Up	12  13 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	 14 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
15 Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up	16 Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up	17 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	 18 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	19 Yard Waste Pick Up	20 Yard Waste Pick Up	 21 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
22 Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up	23 Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up	24 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	 25 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	26 Yard Waste Pick Up	27 Yard Waste Pick Up	 28 Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Celebrate La Plata; noon to 4:00 p.m.
29 Yard Waste Pick Up	30 Yard Waste Pick Up					

MAY 2018

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Farmers Market;
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Crime Watch Council
meeting; 7:00 p.m.

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Farmers Market;
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Shop La Plata Spring
Celebration
Siren Testing; 10:00 a.m.
Hazardous Waste Day

Planning Commission
Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

Beautification grants due
Yard Waste Pick Up

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Mayor and Council
Work Session; 7:00 p.m.
Special Pick Up; call
Town Hall by 4:00 p.m.
on 5/4
Yard Waste Pick Up

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Farmers
Market;
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting;
7:30 a.m.
Design Review Board
Meeting; 9:00 a.m.

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



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

Mother's Day



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Mayor and Council Work
Session; 7:00 p.m.
Yard Waste Pick Up

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Farmers Market;
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.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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Mayor and Council Work
Session; 7:00 p.m.
Yard Waste Pick Up

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

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Yard Waste Pick Up
Concert; "Drivin Muzzy";
7:00 p.m.



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

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 Memorial
Day
Town Hall closed
No Yard Waste Pick Up
No Trash Pick Up; Pick Up
will be 5/29
Memorial Day Ceremony at
American Legion Post 82;
11:00 a.m.

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Trash Pick Up for 5/28



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Farmers Market;
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Recycling Pick Up as
normal

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EMPLOYEE NEWS

La Plata Town Council appoints Danielle Mandley as Interim Town Manager



On Thursday, February 15, 2018, the La Plata Town Council signed a resolution appointing Danielle Mandley as Interim Town Manager.

Ms. Mandley replaces Daniel Mears who announced last month that he would be leaving the Town to become the Assistant City Manager of the City of Bowie. The Town of La Plata has hired The Novak Consulting Group to conduct an executive search for their next Town Manager. The process is expected to take place over the next few months. Meanwhile, Ms. Mandley will serve

as Interim Town Manager until a suitable candidate has been hired for the Town Manager position.

Ms. Mandley is currently the Town Clerk and has worked for the Town since 2004. Ms. Mandley comes with many years of experience in municipal government. The Council is excited to have Danielle at the helm and looks forward to working closely with her.

NEW EMPLOYEE



Jordan Lancaster

Jordan Lancaster joined the Public Works team in February 2018 as a Public Works Technician I. Jordan was born and raised in Charles County. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family and playing basketball at the gym.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Change in Inspections – Town hires Planck Inc. to perform plan review and building inspections.

On January 30, 2018, the Town of La Plata's Planning Department welcomed Planck Inc as its newest inspection contractor.

Planck has been performing plan review and will take over inspections for building code compliance within the Town of La Plata.

This means if you are planning any improvements to your house or commercial building, Planck Inc. will review all building permits and inspect the construction of all buildings for the Town to ensure they meet the Town's Building Code. All permits should still be submitted to the Town at Town Hall except for Electrical and Mechanical permits which will need to be submitted at Planck's office.

Planck Inc.
6C Industrial Park Drive, Suite C.
Waldorf, MD. 20602
T: 301-870-8710, M-F
www.planckinc.com

All required building and occupancy inspections are to be scheduled through Planck directly. Site inspections and public infrastructure will still be inspected

by the Town of La Plata. Additionally, the Maryland State Marshal will continue to perform plan reviews and fire and life safety inspections for all commercial building and occupancy permits.

Ed Aquino, a Planck plan reviewer and inspector is available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday to answer building code questions.

Any application issued before January 30, 2018, will still be inspected by Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA).

Town of La Plata Comprehensive Plan Review Begins in April

The Planning Commission for the Town of La Plata and the Planning Department have begun the process of updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan, as is required by the Maryland Department of Planning. As part of this process, the Planning Department will be exploring various methods of public outreach in order to solicit the input of the community. Public input is crucial for the Comprehensive Plan update.

At the present time Town staff is in the beginning stages of updating the Comprehensive Plan and will ensure that the public is kept up-to-speed on

the progress that is made. We ask that the residents and stakeholders within the Town keep themselves updated with this publication as we will be posting further information about the Comprehensive Plan update.

For the most up to date information please check the Town's Comprehensive Plan update webpage bit.ly/ToLPCompUpdate

If you are interested in receiving updates or if you would like to participate in the Comprehensive Plan review and update process please contact the Planning Department by phone at (301) 934-8811 or by email at jharrington@townoflaplata.org.

New Traffic Pattern:

Bollards have been installed on Port Tobacco Road (Route 6) just west of Route 301 to prevent motorists from making a left-hand turn into the Sonic.





The Town of La Plata organizes a Farmers Market comprised of vendors from all over Southern Maryland who are happy to provide you with high-quality local products.

The market operates on a seasonal structure as follows:

- **Regular Season:** First Saturday of April → The last Wednesday or Saturday in October, whichever is later
- **Off Peak Market:** First Wednesday or Saturday in November → The last Saturday in February

Where and When is the Farmers Market?

The La Plata Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8 a.m.–3 p.m. on Saturdays. The market is located behind the Charles County Courthouse in the parking lot on the north side of Talbot St. on Wednesdays and in the parking lot on the south side of Talbot St. on Saturdays.

What is sold at the Market?

The Farmers Market vendors sell fresh fruits, vegetables, home-baked goods and home-made crafts. The market also features food trucks that set up in the market, many of which come with a large fan base.

How can I learn more about the Market?

If you are interested in becoming a vendor in the La Plata Farmer’s Market, or it you simply want to know more information, please contact Micahel Jurkovic at mjurkvoic@townoflaplata.org. Be sure to ask to be included in the email distribution that notifies the subscribers of any featured vendors or exciting event taking place in the market.

We hope to see you at the market! Remember, eat local, eat healthful.

Beautification Grants



The Beautification Commission implemented the *Beautification Commission Grant Program* to encourage residents, Home Owners Associations, school projects, scout groups, civic organizations, businesses and other community members to help “beautify” our town. If you have a project idea that will improve the appearance, cleanliness or reduce current maintenance needs visit the Town of La Plata a website for an application and further information. Grant applications must be received by May 4, 2018 and may be submitted to Danielle Mandley email at dmandley@townoflaplata.org, by mail, or in person to 305 Queen Anne Street. Please call (301) 934-8421 if you have any questions.

Park Improvements

The past year has seen many continued improvements at **Wills Memorial Park**. Through recommendations from the Town’s Parks and Recreation Commission, La Plata has made a significant investment in Wills Memorial Park for the benefit of La Plata residents.

Wills Park, on St. Mary’s Avenue, had major improvements to the interior of the building. A sink and stainless steel counters were added, a wall removed, new flooring, new ceiling, and new paint. Last year there was an addition to the building which created new restroom facilities which are now accessible to patrons with disabilities, but also accessible to general guests of the park.

The Wills Park community building is available for rent by residents.

TESTING OF EARLY WARNING DEVICES/SIRENS



The Town of La Plata will test early warning devices/sirens on **May 5, 2018 at 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 Subdivision)
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Town of La Plata 2018 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 28th
12 PM to 4 PM at La Plata Town
Free Family Fun!

Craft & Food Vendors
Moon bounce
Kids Art Activities
Face Painting

Visit the Family
Fitness Zone Sponsored by



The Magic of Joe Romano at 1 PM

Watch the La Plata Bed Race at 3 PM



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 26th at 10 am – Flash Max
- Tuesday, July 10th at 10 am – Marsha and the Positrons
- Tuesday, July 31st at 10 am – Storybook Tales by Bright Star Touring Theatre
- Tuesday, August 14th at 10 am – Rolie Polie Guacamole
- Tuesday, August 21st at 10 am – Sciencetellers, "Wild West: The Mystery of the Golden Piano"

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



The members of the American Legion Post 82 invite the Town of La Plata citizens to join them on Wednesday May 30th at 11 AM for a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Post, 6330 Crain Highway in La Plata.

Join us for the Friday night Summer Concert Series. The weekly concerts take place from 7 pm to 9 pm on the lawn at La Plata Town Hall at 305 Queen Anne Street. Concertgoers 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! Complete concert schedule is available on the back page of the newsletter or visit the Events page on the Town's website.

2018 Schedule

Friday May 25th: 7 pm–9 pm	Drivin' Muzzy – Country
Friday June 1st: 7 pm–9 pm	Bobby McKey's Dueling Piano Show
Friday June 8th: 7 pm–9 pm	Three Days of Rain – Today's hits, 80s, Dance, Funk, Classic Rock & Country
Friday June 15th: 7 pm–9 pm	Trilogy – Rock, Pop, Dance, Hip Hop & Country Covers with a twist
Friday June 22nd: 7 pm–9 pm	Bye Felicia – The Ultimate Variety Band
Friday June 29th: 7 pm	U.S. Air Force Band Max Impact – Classic/Contemporary Rock & Country

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 face book 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

National Night Out Mini-Grant *from page 3*

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 7, 2018.

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 15, 2018. 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.

TOWN OF LA PLATA

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La Plata, Maryland 20646-2268



Town Notes is a publication of the Town of La Plata.



**Free family
friendly
concerts
at Town Hall
Friday Nights
May 25 -
Sept 28
Starting at
7 PM**

Friday May 25th
Drivin' Muzzy – Country

Friday June 1st
Bobby McKey's Dueling
Pianos

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Thee Days of Rain – Today's
hits, 80s, Dance, Funk,
Classic Rock &
Country

Friday June 15th
Trilogy – Rock, Pop, Dance,
Hip Hop & Country Covers
with a twist

Friday June 22nd
Bye Felicia – Th Ultimate
Variety Band

Friday June 29th
U.S. Air Force Band
Max Impact – Classic/
Contemporary Rock &
Country

Friday July 6th
Ryan Forrester Band – R&B,
Funk, Soul & Rock

Friday July 13th
U.S. Navy Band
Th Commodores – Jazz

Friday July 20th
Bucket List Band – Classic &
Modern Rock

Friday July 27th
U.S. Naval Academy Band
Superintendent's Combo –
Jazz

Friday August 3rd
257th Army Band
"Th Band of the Nation's
Capital"

Friday August 10th
Th Muddy Crows –
Americana/Alt Rock

Friday August 17th
Band of Gold – Country,
Soul, 50's to 90's
Rock & Roll

Friday August 24th
Southern Maryland Concert
Band – Concert Band
Favorites & Showtunes

Friday August 31st
BackFin – Classic Hits

Friday September 7th
U.S. Navy Band Th
SeaChanters – Traditional
choral music, including
sea chanteys & patriotic
fare, to opera, Broadway &
contemporary

Friday September 14th
Funkzilla – Modern &
Classic Rock, Reggae & Funk
Covers

Friday September 21st
Pork Donut – Classic Rock
70s, 80s & 90s

Friday September 28th
John Luskey Band – Pop,
Country & Rock

*For more information about
the bands please visit the
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