

TOWN NOTES

News from La Plata Town Hall



MAYOR'S CORNER

SUMMER IS DEFINITELY HERE! With school out, many families may find it challenging to entertain their kids locally without breaking the bank. Listed below are some fun, free family activities that you can do right here in La Plata.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND FREE EVENTS:

Kid's Summer Shows at Town Hall:

Catch the 3 remaining, extremely entertaining, kid's shows held right at Town Hall. Tuesday, July 31st – Storybook Tales by Bright Star Touring Theatre; Tuesday, August 14th – Rolie Polie Guacamole; and, Tuesday, August 21st – Science Tellers. All performances start at 10:00 am and last approximately 45 minutes. Be sure to bring a blanket, a snack and some sunscreen and enjoy this free event.

Splash Pad: Did you know that you can cool off at the Splash Pad located at Town Hall? The Pad is open daily and is a fun and free way to beat the heat.

Tilghman Lake and Laurel Springs Park: We are so fortunate to have a beautiful hidden gem in Tilghman Lake. Located off of Radio Station Road, this lake has picnic areas, a floating dock, and a Lake full of a variety of fish. If you follow the trail around the Lake, you will be connected to Laurel Springs Park. Here you can relax with a picnic, have fun on the state-of-the-art

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If I Were Mayor...



The first ever recipient of the Town of La Plata "If I Were Mayor, I would..." contest was presented a Town seal by the Council. Connor Todd a 4th grade student at Matula Elementary had his essay chosen as this year's winner. Connor read his essay and helped Mayor James conduct the May 21 Town Council meeting.

La Plata Receives Banner Town Designation!



The Banner Town designation is the Maryland Municipal League's (MML) highest member achievement award. The program is designed to encourage and reward exceptional participation in MML programs and activities and to foster teamwork among municipal officials. The program criteria consists of participating in all of the following: Visits to at least one school to encourage 4th graders to participate in the "If I Were Mayor, I would..." essay contest, have at least one representative from the Town attend four Southern Maryland Municipal Association chapter meetings, send a representative to the annual MML fall conference, and have at least one elected official participate in at least one of the following: serve on the MML Board of Directors, enrollment in the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance program or participate in the Student Shadowing Experience Program. All of the criteria must have been accomplished between June 1, 2017 and May 26, 2018. The Council has already begun working toward next year's requirements.



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playground, play sports or take advantage of the fitness trail that loops through the wooded perimeter of the park.

La Plata Library: Consider taking your family to our local library. On Thursdays, throughout the summer, the library has specific story times for infants to Preschoolers. They also have planned interactive events for kids ages 6-11 to include a Musical Journey Jamboree; Science Tellers' Wild West; and Tabletop Excavations. Go to their website, www.ccplonline.org, for more information.

Friday Night Summer Concert

Series: If you haven't had the opportunity to make it to one yet, you still have the chance to enjoy some fantastic bands such as the U.S. Naval Academy Band Superintendent's Combo; 257th Army Band; The Muddy Crows; BackFin; U.S. Navy Band The Sea Chanters; Pork Donut; and the John Luskey Band – just to name a few. Concerts begin at 7:00 pm. Park at Sacred Heart, bring your lawn chairs and plan on being entertained by some of the most talented bands around. Check out the complete list on our website, townofaplata.org, under Events.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Tuesday, August 7th marks the 34th year National Night Out has been in existence. This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. It also provides a great opportunity to bring your neighbors together. I am really looking forward to visiting each of the neighborhoods again this year.

FARMER'S MARKET: Our Market Master, Kelly Phipps, continues to do an amazing job of attracting more vendors and entertainers to our Farmer's Market. In addition to vendors selling local produce, flowers and homemade food in the form of jams, jellies, baked goods, various pickles, and kimchi; you can also find some incredible handcrafted items for sale including soaps, jewelry, furniture. There is also a selection of adult beverages from Blue Dyer Distillery or Mully's Brewery for purchase. Plan on eating breakfast or lunch here as well. Be sure to stop by on Wednesdays and Saturdays for your produce needs. Also, go on Facebook and like the La Plata Farmers Market to find out the latest information.

NEW TOWN MANAGER: On June 25th, Brent Manuel officially began his duties as our Town Manager. During a thorough search and vetting process conducted through The Novak Consulting Group, Manuel's extensive municipal experience distinguished himself as a highly qualified candidate. He brings to La Plata nearly 20 years of experience having served the towns of Cape Charles; Woodstock; and Strasburg, Virginia. Prior to becoming Town Manager of Cape Charles, Manuel was the Assistant Town Manager of Operations and Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development for Woodstock. Manuel holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Studies and Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Public Management Certificate from Shenandoah University.

NEW TREASURER: The search for a new Treasurer continues. We will be

conducting interviews in the next couple of weeks and hopefully will name our new Treasurer shortly thereafter. In the meantime, we are in great hands. Karina Larsen has been appointed to serve as our Interim Town Treasurer.

NEW RESIDENTS: Congratulations on choosing to make La Plata your new home. On behalf of the Council and Town Staff, we would like to officially welcome you to the community. I truly believe that you have selected an exceptional place to live, work and raise a family. We pride ourselves on providing quality services to all of our residents.

To make your transition a bit easier, we have put together an Informational Welcome Packet. The packet contains helpful information about the Town, the services offered, local businesses and social activities. Please stop by Town Hall during business hours to pick up your free copy.

Also, please take the time to check out our Town website, www.townofaplata.org, and our Town of La Plata Facebook page.

We continue to work hard to make La Plata the premiere place to dine, shop and live! We would love for you to become part of this journey. If you are interested, please let me know. **Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.** Please feel free to call my office at (301) 934-8421 or send me an e-mail at jjames@townofaplata.org with any questions, suggestions or concerns. Your opinion matters!

AN OPEN LETTER TO DANIELLE MANDLEY

Dear Danielle,

With your term as Interim Town Manager coming to a close in mid-September, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank you for your strong performance and drive the past 6 months as our Leader. The guidance you provided during the transition to the Town's permanent Town Manager has been nothing but stellar. It would have been very easy for you to just make sure everything stayed "status quo" but you didn't. Onward and Upward is how you chose to lead. While continuing to perform your Town Clerk duties, you tackled all the responsibilities of a Town Manager. Your innovative ideas, strategic thinking and tireless efforts allowed us not only to pass our annual budget but also to move forward with many large projects that otherwise might not have been possible. Your knowledge, commitment to excellence and dedication to our Town instilled confidence in the Staff, Council, business owners and residents within our community that their Town was in good hands.

It has been my extreme pleasure to work side-by-side with you the past months. Thank you for your devotion, perseverance and the great job you accomplished as Interim Town Manager. You are a Team player and I am excited that you will continue to play a major role in helping shape the future of our Town.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,

Jeannine James,
Mayor, Town of La Plata

COUNCIL COLUMN

Councilwoman Emily Mudd Hendricks, Ward III

It has been a productive and fun summer at Town Hall! In June, I was able to attend the Maryland Municipal League's summer conference. The courses offered at the conference helped me get closer to completing a Certificate from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance and I always enjoy networking with colleagues from other municipalities.

We passed a balanced budget that went into effect July 1. During recent work sessions we discussed proposals for land annexation, and approved the purchase of a Grapple Truck to assist the Public Works with bulk trash pick up.

There were also occasions to spend time, outdoors, with La Plata residents. I enjoyed attending The Villages of Steeple Chase's Memorial Day Block Party, as well as the July 4th celebration at Town Hall. And speaking of outdoors, the Parks and Recreation Committee will reschedule the Clarks Run Trail clean up that was cancelled due to rain. We hope to have a new date set soon.

I hope to see you at a meeting or concert before the end of the summer. Feel free to reach out to me anytime at emuddhendricks@townoflaplata.org.

Councilwoman Paddy Mudd, Ward IV

Our July 4th Watermelon Bash was a huge success! What a wonderful way to celebrate Independence Day on a

hot and steamy La Plata day. Watermelon, hot dogs, water, and popsicles plus giant waterslides were enjoyed by all ages. The La Plata Fire Department spray truck was the best - many thanks to those guys and to all the staff for a perfect day!

A big welcome to Brent Manuel and family, our new Town Manager. If you have not yet met him, make a point to introduce yourself after a meeting or at one of our events. He has extensive small town, and growth, experience in management, planning and other areas that we are facing as we grow to a community of 25,000. Yes, annexations already on the books will lead to that population growth. So let's focus on keeping our small town atmosphere with a walking downtown business and arts area. Central to this should be placement of the new library with community meeting rooms etc. in our downtown.

Our Friday night concerts continue through September. Come out with your chair for an enjoyable evening with friends and family. Our spray pad is open for all as well as food and ice cream for sale. Coolers are allowed but please no alcohol or pets and of course no smoking on any Town property. Our popular kids summer shows continue on Tuesdays July 10th, 31st and August 14th and 21st at 10 AM. National Night Out is Tuesday August 7th. Look for this event in your community.

Planning Department Updates

The Planning Department and the Planning Commission for the Town of La Plata have begun the process of updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

A meeting was held on Saturday June 2, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Town Hall in order to provide citizens and stakeholders with an overview of the Town's planning process and explain how they can get involved in the Comprehensive Plan Update. Town Staff provided several activities for the attendees to complete during the meeting. The results of the activities have been posted on the Town's Comprehensive Plan webpage. If you missed the Kick-Off meeting, staff encourages you to participate in the activities, which have also been provided on the Town's website. Please visit the Town's Comprehensive Plan webpage at: bit.ly/ToLPCompUpdate for more information.

The Town will be holding several listening sessions throughout July, August and September to discuss topics that were highlighted during the kick-off meeting. The meeting schedule is subject to change, so please check the website for updates. The tentative meeting dates are as follows:

- July 26, 2018 at Town Hall, 7:00 pm – Municipal Growth Element
- August 8, 2018 at TBD, 12:00 pm – Downtown
- August 29, 2018 at Town Hall, 7:00 pm - Transportation
- September 13, 2018 (time and location TBD) – Economic Development

The process will also include Public Forums and Public Hearings to allow the public to have more input, with the goal of completing the process before the end of 2019.

We are also looking for individuals and representatives of groups throughout the Town to become a part of our Steering Committee. Anyone that is interested should submit their contact information and a short bio to the Planning Department for consideration by the Planning Commission. 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 301-934-8421 or by email at jharrington@townoflaplata.org.

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:

Brent T. Manuel

Interim Treasurer: Karina Larsen

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

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AUGUST 2018

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Special Pick Up (please call by 4:00 p.m. on 8/3) Yard Waste Pick Up		National Night Out	 Farmers Market 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Design Review Board meeting; 9:00 am Comprehensive Plan listening session – Downtown; 12:00		Yard Waste Pick Up Concert: “The Muddy Crows”; 7:00 p.m.		
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	Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up	Crime Watch Council Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Kids Show: “Rolie Polie Guacamole”; 10:00 a.m.			Yard Waste Pick Up Concert: “Band of Gold”; 7:00 p.m.	Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kent Avenue Block Party	
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	Mayor and Council Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up	Kids Show: “Sciencetellers”; 10:00 a.m.			Yard Waste Pick Up Concert: “Southern Maryland Concert Band”; 7:00 p.m.	Farmers Market; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
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Mayor and Council Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Yard Waste Pick Up			 Farmers Market 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Comprehensive Plan listening session – Transportation; 7:00 p.m.		Yard Waste Pick Up Concert: “Back Fin”; 7:00 p.m.		

SEPTEMBER 2018

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BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS



Beautification Grants were awarded to several neighborhoods in La Plata at the May 21 Council Meeting. Hawthorne Greene, Hemlock Court, Hickory Ridge and Children's Learning Tree received grants in the amount of \$500 to assist with beautification efforts.

Do you have a summer project idea or want to sponsor a community cleanup project to make La Plata a better place for you and the community?

There's still time to apply for one of the Beautification Grants sponsored by the Town's Beautification Commission. The Town has a summer grant round that will award **grants of up to \$500** each for projects that positively benefit La Plata.

The Beautification Commission started the Beautification Grant program in an effort to improve the community for our residents, visitors and businesses. What will you do to benefit the community?

This is a great outlet for Home Owner Associations, school projects, scout groups, civic organizations, individuals, businesses, and other community members to do something that benefits you, the Town, and all who visit La Plata. Applications for the summer round will be due by the first week of September and the first week of May next year.

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

Public Works Recognized

On May 21 at the Town Council business meeting the Department of Public Works professionals were recognized for their focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the Town. The Department was presented with a Proclamation for National Public Works Week 2018, May 20 to 26, 2018.



FARMERS MARKET



The La Plata Farmers Market isn't just a place where you can get farm-fresh produce, although it's definitely that. It isn't even just a place where you can get fresh-brewed coffee, top-notch barbecue, and all manner of locally grown and produced goods, but it's definitely that, too. The Farmer's Market can be the place where you get great farming tips, try a new food, or find locally-sourced ingredients for that recipe you're trying. For some people, the Farmer's Market is where you consider the possibilities, take a bold step, and launch a new business. The best part of going to the Farmers Market, though, is that it's like going to a block party every weekend where you get to hang out with people who share your interests, love to talk about them, and bring great food. So what're you doing on Wednesday or Saturday? Come join the party! We've got a seat for you. Like us on Facebook (@LaPlataFarmersMarket) to get details and updates — follow us on Instagram (@LPMDMarketMaster) to see what's new.

Town Hall Closed

The Town Hall will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 3, 2018.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness to report that Joann Baierlein, a past member of the Town's Design Review Board from October 2005 to April 2018 passed away on June 29, 2018.

LA PLATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

From the Desk of the Chief

Ensuring members of the La Plata Police Department (LPPD) have the necessary training to properly protect our citizens and business owners is an agency priority. Moreover, allowing officers to attend educational opportunities that will lead to both personal and professional growth is equally important. Recently, several LPPD officers were given the opportunity to attend some of our nation's and/or region's most sought after training opportunities.



Corporal Robert Nielsen

In May, Corporal Robert Nielsen graduated from the University of Maryland's Institute of Advanced Law Enforcement Studies – DUI College. DUI College features a challenging university level curriculum, incorporating a comprehensive instructional approach by examining all pertinent issues in DUI enforcement.

These issues include social concerns and management perspectives, emerging enforcement strategies, effective courtroom presentations and advanced Standardized Field Sobriety Test training.

The College utilizes university professors as well as national experts to provide advanced training on the physiological and historical aspects of alcohol, addiction, treatment, recovery and emerging strategies for dealing with impaired drivers.

Extensive training is devoted to U.S. Supreme Court decisions and Maryland law as it relates to legal procedural issues that will increase police officers' effectiveness in court. Individualized instruction in DUI case preparation and background research is provided along with a tutorial on effective court room presentation and techniques.

Tuition for this training was obtained through a grant from the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association. Cpl. Nielsen is the third La Plata police officer to graduate from the University of Maryland's Institute of Advanced Law Enforcement Studies-DUI College. PFC Tommy Johnston and PFC Philip Thompson are also graduates of this prestigious training.

Also in May, all four of the agency's sergeants, Sergeants Eddie Cunningham, Robert Bagley, Jason Posey and Matthew Norris, attended the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS). LEEDS provides an educational program geared towards today's demands and tomorrow's needs. Social, economic, legal, political, pragmatic and technological conditions continually reconstruct the framework within which law enforcement executives make decisions. LEEDS will enhance the knowledge of the law enforcement executive in this constantly growing and complex profession.

Topics included in this year's program are as follows:

- Leadership/Executive Management
- Media Relations
- Federal and Local Legal Issues
- Ethics
- Suicide Awareness

LPPD received a full scholarship from the Maryland Chiefs of Police and Maryland Sheriffs Associations and two scholarships/grants from

the Local Government Insurance Trust to assist in covering the costs of the training.



Left to right, Sergeants Cunningham, Posey, Norris and Bagley

Other La Plata Police Department personnel who have graduated from LEEDS include Chief Carl Schinner and Captain Christopher Becker.

In June, Lieutenant Michael Payne, graduated from the Northwestern School of Police. The 10 weeks of training was held at the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Center in Sykesville, MD.

The school focused on:

- Budgeting
- Contemporary Policing
- Decision Making and Problem Solving
- Employee Relations
- Evaluating Products and Services
- Executive Image
- Grant Writing
- Leadership and Management
- Media Relations
- Organizational Behavior
- Planning and Policies
- Project Management
- Resource Allocation
- Statistics
- Traffic Safety
- Human Resources

Lt. Payne is the first La Plata police commander to attend one of the nation's major command schools. Funding for the prestigious training was provided via grant from the Maryland Highway Safety Office. The grant funding included tuition, meals, and lodging.



Left to right, Lt. Payne and Chief Schinner

See you on the road!

Chief Carl Schinner

PRIOR EVENTS



The Southern Maryland Heat Athletic Program in cooperation with the La Plata Police Department will host several more FREE SMD Summer Basketball Camps. The youth camps will be held at Wills Memorial Park between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on July 17, and August 7 & 14. NOTE: Players must arrive by 7:30. If your youth is interested please contact Mr. Simeon Russell at rsussell@SMD-Heat.org.

On May 14th, several La Plata police officers, along with their allied law enforcement partners from the Charles County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and the Maryland Natural Resources Police Departments attended a Blue Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The mass honored all first responders, including the 135 police officers who died in the line-of-duty in 2017.



On May 17th, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) honored eleven 4th graders from around Maryland who won their districts "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. Proclamations were presented to each winner by Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford.

There were over 3,000 essays submitted in the contest. Mayor Jeannine James and Chief Carl Schinner, along with dozens of other elected and appointed municipal officials were tasked to read and rank the essays.

LPPD congratulates Benjamin Forsythe of St. Mary's Bryantown School who wrote the Southern Maryland District's winning essay on healthy living and fitness.

PRIOR EVENTS (CONTINUED)



On June 28, Officer Frank Campbell and Explorer Autumn served over 400 snow cones at the Charles County Department of Social Services Community Day. It was great seeing so many of our residents and friends at this family friendly event!



LPPD joined the Hickory Ridge Community at the neighborhood's annual ice cream social. A good time was had by all who participated.

PRIOR EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Photos from Neighborhood Event Mini-Grant Awardees



Hawthorne Greene – HG Spring and Earth Day Celebration April 21st



The Villages of Steeplechase - Memorial Day Pool Opening Block Party May 27th



Edelen Station - Ice Cream Social Block Party June 9th



Washington Square - Spring Fling Pig Roast June 10th



Hickory Ridge - Summer Ice Cream Social June 28th



PRIOR EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Thanks to all who attended the Watermelon Bash on Wednesday, July 4th. The heat didn't stop the community from enjoying the water slides and the mist spray from the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department. Volunteers and Town staff cooked over 2,000 hot dogs, sliced over 100 watermelons, iced down 3,000 bottles of water and topped it off with over 1,700 firecracker popsicles. What a great way for our community to enjoy some fun! Special thank you to Joann Worden, Dan Merrick, Phil Pasqualle, Rob Rookstool, Karl Grebe, Roy Hale, Rick and Ben Malkiewicz and all the wonderful volunteers and staff for all their help.

Town of La Plata
 July 4th 
WATERMELON BASH!



National Night Out Mini-Grant Awardees



The Town of La Plata is pleased to announce the following communities have been awarded funds to support their National Night Out events:

Carroll La Plata Village

Hawthorne Greene

Phoenix Run

Christ Church

Hickory Ridge

The Villages of Steeplechase

Faith Temple Baptist Church

Kings Grant

Washington Square

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Fun 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, August 14th at 10 AM

Rolie Polie Guacamole

Tuesday, August 21st at 10 AM

Science Tellers



Friday August 3rd: 7 PM

257th Army Band

"The Band of the Nation's Capital"

Friday August 10th: 7 PM to 9 PM

The Muddy Crows

Americana/Alt Rock

Friday August 17th: 7 PM to 9 PM

Band of Gold

Country, Soul, 50's to 90's Rock & Roll

Friday August 24th: 7 PM to 9 PM

Southern Maryland Concert Band

Concert Band Favorites & Showtunes

Friday August 31st: 7 PM to 9 PM

BackFin

Classic Hits

Friday September 7th: 7 PM

U.S. Navy Band The Sea Chanters

Traditional choral music, including sea chanteys & patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway & contemporary

Friday September 14th: 7 PM to 9 PM

Funkzilla

Hits from the 60's to modern rock

Friday September 21st: 7 PM to 9 PM

Pork Donut

Classic Rock 70s, 80s & 90s

Friday September 28th: 7 PM to 9 PM

John Luskey Band

Pop, Country & Rock

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@townofaplata.org

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

SAVE THE DATE!

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 14th: 12 PM to 3 PM

Family Fun For All!

Live Music by Drivin' Muzzy

Petting Zoo

Trackless Train

Moon bounce

Craft and Food Vendors!

13th Annual Scarecrow Festival sponsored by the Charles County Chamber of Commerce and the Town of La Plata! Register to be part of the fun! Enter your Scarecrow for official judging during La Plata Town Festival, Sunday, October 14th. Winners will be announced at Town Hall. Registration Deadline is Friday, September 28th. For more information contact the Charles County Chamber of Commerce at 301-932-6500.

Town of La Plata "Salute to Veterans" Parade

Sunday, November 4th: 1 PM

Join us to honor the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Salute to Veterans Parade starts at 1PM at the Courthouse on Charles Street in La Plata. Bring the kids, and come enjoy an old-fashioned, hometown parade!

Neighborhood Event Mini Grant

In this busy age where we run to work, school and extra-curricular activities, you may be home hardly long enough to see your family much less your neighbors. One great way to connect with your neighbors is by planning a block party. Apply today for the Town of La Plata Neighborhood Event Mini-Grant and receive funds to help make your block party a success!

The 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 September 7, 2018. Grant applications are available for download from the Town's website or email Colleen Wilson, Special Events Coordinator at cwilson@townofaplata.org or (301) 934-8421.



August is Speed Awareness Month

The Council of the Town of La Plata and the La Plata Police Department have declared August as *Speed Awareness Month*. August signals the end of summer with the start of another school year. The goal of Speed Awareness Month is to slow down traffic, thus saving lives. By making drivers more aware of the speed limits and encouraging them to drive within the posted limits, the citizens and visitors of the Town will have a safer August. Drivers are encouraged to always drive within the speed limit throughout the year. Please help us reach our goal; obey the speed limit.

SAVE THE DATE!

Rocktoberfest 2018

OCTOBER 6, 2018

GATE OPENS AT NOON - LA GRANGE AVENUE

The La Plata Business Association is proud to announce our 5th Annual Rocktoberfest to benefit the Charles County Public School's Fine and Performing Arts Program. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever with more food and drink vendors, live performances on two outdoor stages, KidZone activities, and local business participants.

Over the last four years, the LPBA has donated over \$55,000 to the local school system in an effort to promote the fine and performing arts in schools across our community. Please join us in

supporting this cause by marking the date on your calendar!

The LPBA is currently accepting applications for vendors and sponsorships. Applications can be found at www.laplatabusinessassociation.com or by contacting sarap@elsanders.com. If you are interested in performing, volunteering or donating please contact the LPBA at sarap@elsanders.com.

We look forward to seeing our community friends and neighbors and thank you for your continued support!

- Kids Zone
- Live Music
- Moon Bounce
- Local Food Vendors
- Face Painting
- Souvenirs
- Rock Painting
- Door Prizes and Raffles
- Beer Tasting
- PRS Guitars
- Local Artists
- Local Businesses
- Arts and Crafts



FEATURING
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FRANKLIN SQUARE BAND
TRILOGY
WITH LYING EYES
SPOILER ALERT
and more!

For more information visit us at
www.LaPlataBusinessAssociation.com



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FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 14th
12 PM to 3 PM at La Plata Town Hall

Trackless Train
Food & Craft Vendors
Petting Zoo
Moon bounces
Face painting



For more information on the Fall Festival please contact Special Events Coordinator, Colleen Wilson at 301-934-8421 or cwilson@townoflaplata.org.