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Town Newsletter

3820 40th Ave Cottage City Maryland 20722

(301) 779-2161

June 2012

TOWN MEETING

Wednesday

June 13, 2012 7pm

Town Meeting Topics

Proposed Town Park on 38th & Maintenance Shed. After review and legal advice regarding these two issues the Commission will be voting on the future of these projects at Wednesdays Town meeting.

Town budget FY 2012-2013 was passed on June 6th 2012 which will take effect July 1st 2012. A copy of the budget can be obtained at the Town Hall. It will also will be posted on The Towns website.

<http://www.cottagecitymd.com>
Included in this years budget lowered property tax. The Commission reduced the tax rate by 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Police Take Home car program was reviewed and not funded due to excessive associated cost

Upcoming Summer Events

Wednesday July 4th

Hotdogs and Adult Softball Game

At Cottage City Ball field 9:00am Bring your kids to cheer you on, bring a glove and a flag if you have one.



**Saturday July 7th 2012
Ward 4 Block Party 4000**

blk of Bunker Hill road hosted by Commissioner Gary Styles. All Cottage City residents are invited to come out and meet your neighbors. Bring a dish or an item for the grill if you can (not mandatory to attend).

Saturday July 14th Kids Movie Night

Town Hall 7pm Movie to be announced. Free Popcorn and slushies to all who attend.



Police National Night Out Tuesday August 7th

hosted by the Cottage City Police Department
Designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and also to generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs like The Neighborhood Safety

program. We look to strengthen neighborhood sprit and continue to develop community police partnerships.

Saturday August 25th
12--4pm Cottage City Day
Cottage City Party 42nd
Bunker Hill Road.
Water fun, games and Fun

Saturday Sept 15th
12pm-8pm
Port Town Day
Bladensburg Waterfront Park.
You are invited to our 16th Annual Port Towns Day Extravaganza! A day filled with fun activities for the entire family, including, two stages of live performances, kids games, senior activities, more than 50 diverse food and craft vendors, DJ, many prizes and giveaways, and much more!

Town Information

TREES This month we will begin trimming Trees in Town, we may ask for your cooperation in moving your vehicle.

We will also begin landscaping the Town Hall and repairing the retaining wall. All work will be done by staff and volunteers.

Town Information

WARD 1 Vacancy The Commission is looking to appoint a Ward 1 resident to fill the vacant Commissioner seat until the next election in May 2013. Any interested person should submit a letter to the Town Hall by July 13th indicating how they can help improve the Town. Each person will be interviewed by the Commission.



Cottage City Scholarships

We are accepting scholarship applications from Cottage City residents. (2) \$1,000 educational scholarships will be awarded. Please come to Town Hall and pick up an application. Closing date will be July 31st. Scholarship Awards will be given out at Cottage City Day August 25th to each award recipient.

Mosquito Spraying. The Maryland Department of Agriculture will begin spraying periodically for adult mosquitoes throughout the Town.

Volunteers are needed to assist in our community events such as: Block parties, Cottage City Day, Town Clean up day etc. Please call Town hall to sign up in our Volunteers call list (301) 779—2161.



Community Garden

A Community Garden

Grant was received for \$14,000 to fund our Master Gardener Mark Haskell along who also conducts FREE cooking classes for Cottage City and Colmar Manor residents held at Colmar Manor Town Hall 3701 Lawrence Street. Please RSVP (301) 277-4920. Also funding was provided for erecting a Deer fence around the garden. We will be seeking volunteers to assist us in this effort.



Seniors Port Towns Bus Shuttle

Available Monday Thru Friday, 9am-3pm. Cost is \$1.00 and is limited to a 5 mile radius. Please call minimum of 24 hours in advance to schedule a pick up at (301) 277-4920.

Town Survey

We are currently working on a survey that will be attached to next months July Newsletter to get your input and ideas on what we can do

to improve our Town and its services.

Town Signage. We are in the process of obtaining estimates for an LED lighted sign to be placed in front of the Town Hall which will provide you with updated information of Town related meetings, activities and other important information. The funding for this project is being used from capital grant funds provided by Comcast. Current Town info can be found on Comcast Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 28.

Town Placard Signs (Not LED).

We are looking for your ideas for a Town Slogan that positively represents Cottage City. The slogan will be placed underneath our upcoming Town sign example: *Town of Cottage City "Gateway to the Nations Capital"*. Please drop off your slogan phrases at the Town Hall. These signs will be placed at 38th and Cottage Terrace, Bladensburg Rd and Eastern Ave. Bladensburg Rd just north of 43rd (prior to bridge).

Food Assistance

An information session will be held Thursday, June 14th at 6:30-9:30 pm at Northwestern High School Cafeteria, 7000 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville, Md. Hosted by Capital Area Food Bank to inform the community about the qualification standards for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

(formerly known as the Food Stamps program).

Fire Repair Donation for Ms. Brigitte Young. A number of residents made donations to assist in the repair of Ms. Brigitte Young residence after she suffered damage by her next door neighbors fire. Over Coming Bible Way Church was able to collect \$1,580 to contribute towards the repair which will be presented at Wednesday Town Hall meeting. While it was not enough to cover the full repair of her home it will at least begin the process. Thanks so much to all that supported their fellow citizen.

Grants

Mr. Mosley (Towns Grant Writer) has obtained \$20,000 in grants for Cottage City homeowners, to pay for several home energy audits and retrofits. He also obtained a grant for \$35,000 to replace the Town Hall's 25-year-old Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system with a more environmentally sound, energy efficient, and cost-effective unit.

Employment opportunity

Town of Cottage City is seeking to hire a Code Enforcement officer Part time 20-25 hours wk to address code violations on residential and commercial properties. If interested please go online line to <http://www.cottagecitypolice.org> click on employment opportunities or apply in

person at Town Hall Police Department 3820 40th ave closing date 7/1/12

Town Businesses

We ask that our citizens support our Town businesses by utilizing their services here in our own community.

CODE ENFORCMENT CONCERNS

Garbage Containers: Our Town ordinance requires all residents to place their garbage in containers with covered lids. We ask that you comply to avoid attracting rodents and other animals which are potential health hazard to our residents

Unpaved Driveway surfaces Please don't park on them even on private property. Town ordinance prohibits this. Approved driveway surfaces are concrete, pavers or gravel. Parking on dirt or grass driveway is not allowed. If you choose to establish a driveway please contact code enforcement so they may help provide you with the information.

Indoor furniture Outdoors

Please do not place indoor furniture (couches etc). outside on your porch this is a violation of our Town ordinance. Indoor furniture creates a place were rodents nest and they spread disease etc.

Grass Please remember to keep your grass cut.



PETS: Dog owners please be courteous to your fellow neighbors and community by picking up after your pet as well as keeping them on a leash. We have had several complaints where owners are not cleaning up after their pets. It is against the law and may result in fines up to \$250. We will soon be posting signs in Town (shown above). There have been several complaints about excessive continuous barking by dogs creating a nuisance. This is a violation of Cottage City Ordinance and is subject to a fine. Please be mindful of your neighbors and consider bringing your dogs inside to prevent complaints.



Cottage City Police
Chief Pablo F. Mitchell

Cottage City is a safe neighborhood, but even in a safe neighborhood we have to be vigilant against crimes of opportunity. This time of year there is a lot of foot traffic in the town at night. Much of this traffic is off the beaten path throughout the town, so please assist us by keeping a watchful eye.

Patrol Car Cruising Lights

Our New Dodge Charger has been outfitted with 24 hour cruising lights. These lights are solid blue and are located on the outside corners of the light bar on top of the cruiser. You do not have to pull over for these lights as these lights are used to create a higher visibility for our police vehicles.

Safety Council On

Thursday 21 June 2012 at 7pm, at the Cottage City Town Hall 3820 40th Ave, Please come out and attend our Safety Council meeting. The meeting will include a lesson from the Cottage City Citizens Police Academy, a statistical brief from the Police Chief, and a discussion of community

issues. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend

Crime Blotter

As part of Community Policing we need your assistance to keep the community crime free. If any you have any information that could assist in the closure of these crimes or any others not listed, we ask that you call, stop or by email the Cottage City Police department at www.CottageCityPolice.org Any information given will be strictly confidential.

May 2012 Police Report Stats

- 1 Assault
- 2 Auto Theft
- 1 Commercial Burglary
- 1 Attempt Commercial Burglary
- 1 Residential Burglary
- 1 Attempt Residential Burglary
- 1 Child Abuse
- 1 DUI / DWI
- 1 Missing Person (RETURNED)
- 1 Property Damage
- 1 Armed Robbery
- 2 Theft From Auto
- 1 Vandalism
- 3 Warrants Served

Vandalism to Auto - 5/6/12, 3300 blk Bladensburg Rd. 2 unattended vehicles had their windows broken out on a used car sales lot. **No suspect info.**

Theft from Auto / Purse

Snatching - 5/7/12, 3556 Bladensburg Rd. Victims purse was stolen from unlocked vehicle while paying for gas. **No suspect info.**

Found Missing Person - 5/8/12, 4200 blk Bunkerhill Rd. Reported missing person was located and returned home.

Attempt Residential Burglary - 5/9/12, 3700 blk Bladensburg Rd - Victim reported unknown suspects attempted to break into their Apt.

Damage to door. **No suspect Info.**

Theft from Auto - 5/16/12, 4000 blk Parkwood Ct - Rims were stolen from a vehicle. **No suspect info.**

Residential Burglary / Theft - 5/18/12, 4100 blk Parkwood St - Suspect cut window screen and stole an IPAD 2 off of table. Possible suspect known, **case open.**

Citizen Armed Robbery / Assault - 5/18/12, 4000 blk Bladensburg Rd - Victim was robbed at gun point and assaulted. **Suspect were apprehended by Cottage City Police. Case closed.**

Commercial Burglary - 5/27/12, 3500 blk Bladensburg Rd - Suspect broke into a car repair shop and attempted to steal a vehicle. Suspect known. **Case Closed**

Commercial Burglary / Auto Theft - 5/28/12, 3500 blk Bladensburg Rd - Suspect broke into car repair shop and stole a vehicle. Same suspect on prior night.. Suspect was identified and later apprehended and Stolen vehicle was recovered. **Case Closed.**

Cutting / 1st degree Assault - 5/30/12, 4100 blk Shepherd St – Domestic dispute 2 victims were cut knife. Victims treated at hospital and suspect arrested on scene. **Case closed.**

Stolen Auto- 5/31/12, 3600 blk Bladensburg Rd - Suspect was going to test drive a vehicle and then drove off with it and never returned it. Suspect still being identified. **Case Open.**

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Commissioner Phyllis Robinson
Commission Chairperson
Governmental Affairs
Ward 3 Representative



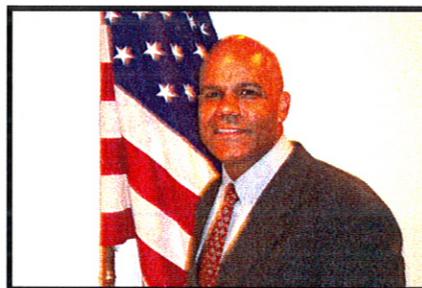
Commissioner Gary Styles
Vice Chairperson,
Admin & Business
Ward 4 Representative



Commissioner Brigitte Young
Secretary & Recreation
Ward 2 Representative

Thank you for voting for a change of leadership in the Town of Cottage City. Cottage City is a government for the people and by the people. We are honored to serve you as Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City. We will make every effort to improve the quality of life here in Cottage City, because of your vote, you are major part in this process. There are a number of issues that have to be addressed and we are working on behalf of your interests and concerns. This is our journey together. You have taken the road that will lead Cottage City in the right direction. Thank you again for your support.

Let's prosper and grow together as a Community, and in doing so let's support our local businesses. It's been a long time coming. The Town Cottage City deserves better. Let's move forward as a Community, and not as broken factions. In advance, I thank you for your cooperation, and forever, thank you for the huge vote of confidence.



Commissioner Demetrius Givens
Police & Maintenance
Commissioner AT-Large

There is much to be done here in Town and we are committed to work as a team. As a team we are confident that we will be successful in bringing about a positive transparent government for the citizens of Cottage City.

Thank you for electing me to serve as your Ward 2 representative. I will work with and for all the citizens of Cottage City. I look forward to the challenges of public office and achieving positive results. I will be striving to continue improving activities and opportunities for the youth of Cottage City. I hope that our residents will join us in the upcoming Town events and volunteer their time to serve our community. We cannot do it alone. We need your help in making Cottage City a great place to work and live.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Cottage City Town Hall (301) 779-2161
Police Dispatch
(Non Emergency) (301) 352-1200
Cottage City Police
(Admin Office) (301) 927-9225
Comcast (301) 731-4260
Verizon 1 (800) 837-4966
Pepco (202) 872-3432
Washington Gas (703) 750-1000
WSSC (Water main breaks) (301) 206-4002
Dept of Social Services (301) 909-7010
Animal Control (301) 499-8300
Call-A-Bus Transportation (301) 499-8602
Dept of Social Services (301) 909-7010
Energy Assistance (301) 909-6300
Emergency Food Assistance (301) 909-6343

ELECTED OFFICIALS / COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson **Phyllis Robinson Ward 3**
Governmental Affairs
Vice Chair **Gary Styles Ward 4**
Admin & Business
Secretary **Brigitte Young Ward 2**
Recreation
AT-Large **Demetrius Givens**
Police & Maintenance

COTTAGE CITY ADMINISTRATION

Town Clerk Vivian Montgomery
Assistant Clerk Zivah Johnson
Temp Employee Phyllis Ramsey
Grant Writer Stanley Mosley

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Greg Pinkney & Code Enforcement
Anthony Silver

COTTAGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police Pablo Mitchell
Sergeant D. Young
Sergeant J. Renaldue
Private 1st Class M. Brown
Private 1st Class D. Leader
Private 1st Class J. Powell
Police Clerk T. Brinson