

Town Newsletter

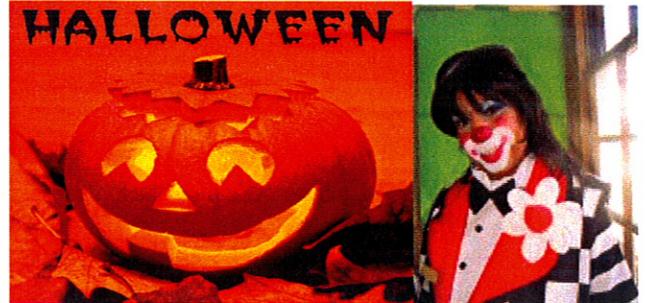
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 (301) 779-2161

October 2012

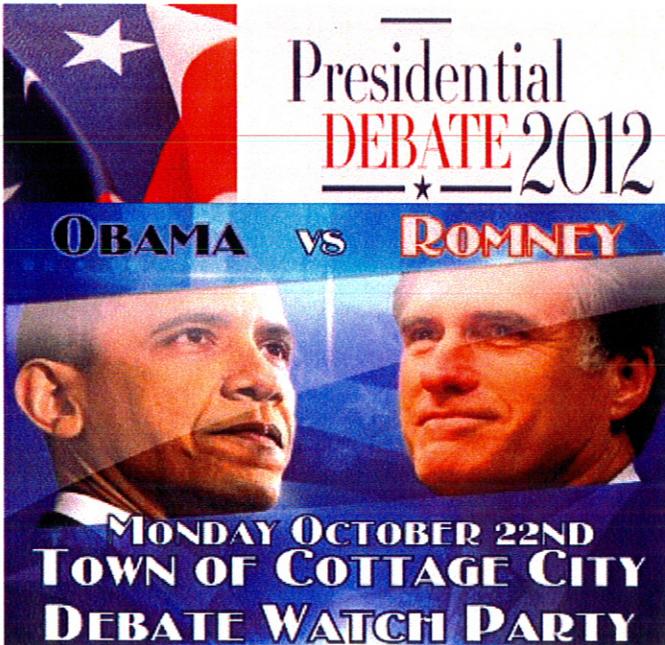


**Newly Appointed Ward 1
 Commissioner Anna Angolia**

Upcoming Events



Saturday October 27th 1pm- 4pm Halloween Party. Featuring Nica the Clown (bilingual) Entertainer who will be performing balloon art and a magic show. Treat bags will be given to only those who attend. The Town Commission is concerned with children's safety and prefers hosting a Halloween Party with activities.



October 27th through November 1st Early Voting
 You can choose to vote on any one of six days.
 See below: Early voting centers will be open on
 Saturday Oct. 27, 2012 10am to 8pm
 Sunday, October 28, 2012 12pm to 6pm
 Monday October 29 thru Thursday, November 1,
 2012 from 10am to 8pm
 Voting is convenient, accessible to fit your
 schedule.

Upper Marlboro Community Center
 5400 Marlboro Race Track Rd
 Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

College Park Community Center
 5051 Pierce Avenue
 College Park, MD 20742

TONIGHT

(Monday) October 22nd 9pm-10:30pm at Town Hall Cottage City Commissioners will Host a 2012 Presidential Debate Watch Party. Shown on a Large Projector Screen. This is a Non- Partisan Event. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to come join us. Sorry for the late notification

Bowie Library

15210 Annapolis Road
Bowie, MD 20715

Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Center

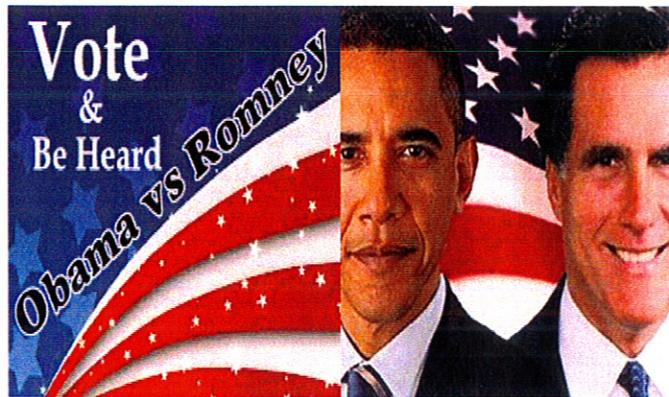
Landover Room A
8001 Sheriff Road
Landover, MD 20785

Oxon Hill Library

6200 Oxon Hill Road
Oxon Hill, MD 20745



Wednesday, Nov 5th 6-8pm Two (2) Free Cooking Classes. Colmar Manor Community Center located at 3701 Lawrence Street, will be hosting 2 free cooking classes – November 5th and December 5th from 6pm to 8pm . Please come out and get tips on preparing dishes for the upcoming holidays. You will also be able to eat what you have prepared Please RSVP (301) 277-4920



Tuesday, November 6th 2012

General Election Voting Day
Your polling location -- Cottage City Town Hall
3820 40th Ave, Cottage City, Maryland.
If you are a Senior or have a disability and need transportation to Vote on Election Day please RSVP (301) 779-2161
Also remember to vote for other local candidates and issues / questions that are on the ballot.

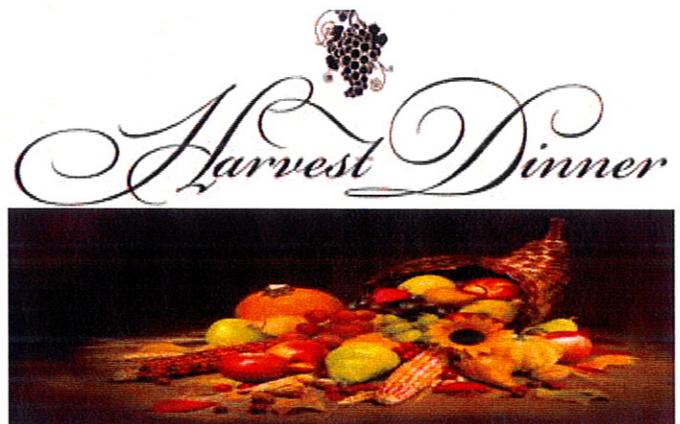


Saturday, November 10th 9:30 a.m. Rain or Shine Join the Cottage City Garden Club at the Community Garden at the end of the 4200 block of Cottage terrace Free, everyone from Cottage City is welcomed. We will be winter planting and planning prepping for next years grow.

Únete a la Garden Cottage City!
Gratis, todo el mundo de Cottage City Bienvenido.
Reunión, la mañana del sábado 10 de Nov, 9:30 a.m.
También vamos a asignar las camas del jardín que han pasado sin usar

For more info please contact Patricia Gross at 301-332-6053

Lost: Red Nikon Camera, in Cottage City Garden. Please return to Commissioner Robinson, 301-277-0760. or you may leave at the Town Hall. Reward.



Friday, November 16th 5pm-7:00pm

Senior Harvest Dinner is held in a family type setting to show our appreciation to the Seniors in our Community. Seniors. please RSVP at the Town Hall so that we have an account of all attendees. Cottage City Citizens -Youth are asked to come and give back to their community by assisting in this event.

Breakfast with Santa



Saturday Dec 15th 10am-12pm Santa is Coming Back to Cottage City and he will be looking to see who has been Naughty or Nice. Hot breakfast will be served and free pictures taken with Santa.

Lets take advantage of the many great educational, historical and fun things to do here in our great state of Maryland. www.visitmaryland.org

Just a few Fun Things to Do :

Saturday October 20th thru Dec

32nd Annual, Butler's Orchard Pumpkin Festival

Pumpkins, hayrides, pony rides, hayloft jumping, food, crafts, animals, live entertainment, straw maze, caramel apples, giant slides. 22200 Davis Mill Road • Germantown MD 20876 • Telephone – 301-972-3299

Running from Nov 25th –Dec 30th

17th Annual, Gaithersburg Winter Lights Festival

Seneca Creek State Park self-driving tour Sun, Tues-Thur, \$12 a car 6-9pm; Fri-Sat, 6-10pm \$15 a car 11950 Clopper Rd Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878 more info: 301-258-6350

Drive 3.5-mile through winter wonderland light displays, 350 displays, 60 of them animated. Large capacity vehicles welcome.

Friday Nov 09, 7pm- 9pm

Where Aviation Meets Art Showcase Free admission.

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive College Park, Maryland 20740 This showcase is the culmination of a month long workshop at the College Park Aviation Museum. All are invited to see the visions of local working artists and their interpretations of aviation history in Prince George's County. There will be light refreshments provided.

Oct 11 - Nov 29, 2012 US Naval Academy Ensembles,

Chamber Groups, Pianists and more!! Thursday nights, catch a free one-hour concert at 6 p.m. at St. Anne's to start your night off right. You'll hear soloists, Church Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Sept 16 - Nov 25, Exhibit Gallery 9am-9pm

Vista: Contemporary Works by Latin American Artists University of Maryland 3501 University Blvd. East Adelphi, Maryland 20783 301-985-7937

The name of the exhibition draws upon the inspirations of Latin American artists whose works are featured.

Update - Meetings and Events

Cottage City Day was a huge Success

The Fun was Fun and the food was amazing and we would like to give a special Thanks to Wanda Adams, Faith Adams, Flora Crispin, Shelia Butler for taking on the enormous task of preparing and serving the food for the Town.

And thanks to all of our Volunteers both children and adults who assisted in setting up and monitoring the events as well as clean up. We definitely appreciate and need more of this type of assistance to continue to have successful events. Thanks again from All of the Cottage City Commissioners

Town Meeting Votes

September

Present: Givens, Styles, Young, Angolia,

Absent: Robinson

Passed: Appointment of Ward 1 Commissioner- Anna Angolia

Passed: Removal of the Commission Chair Robinson

Passed: Appointment of Commission Chair Givens

Passed: Approval to spend budgeted funds, \$500 for Town Halloween Event

Passed: Resolution - Letter of Support for Port Town CDC (Community Development Corp)

Passed: Loaning of Chairs and Table to ATHA Event in Bladensburg

Passed: Promotion of M. Brown from PFC to Sergeant

Passed: Hiring of Officer D. Grasso as PFC, Cottage City Police Department

Passed: Hiring of D. Martin as Private, Cottage City Police Department

Passed: Authorize Sgt Brown to attend Police Bicycle instructor 5 day course

Passed: Authorize Sgt Young to attend a two day training class on How to Motivate Police Personnel (Grant applied for to cover cost)

Passed: Authorize Sgt Brown to attend a two day background investigator training course (Grant applied for to cover cost)

Passed: Authorize training for Public Works personnel, Pinkney & Silver to attend a sign and stripping class 1 day course. Replace Leaf machine hose \$600

Passed: Repair of water pump on Magnum Police Vehicle- Estimated at \$480

Tabled: Petition by Citizen B. Kopecki for Blue Spruce Tree not to be removed from Town Hall grounds –tabled for a public hearing discussion once an LED sign vendor is selected.

October

Present: Givens, Styles, Young, Angolia, Robinson

Absent: None

Passed: Repair of ignition on 07 Charger Police Vehicle- Estimated at \$480

Passed: Tree removal and pruning of 4 identified trees - Estimate \$1,800

Passed : Obtain a Town Commercial Credit Card with automatic debit from Town account

Passed: Hamlet Park Town House Association permission to utilize Town Hall for Association meeting Sat Oct 13th

State Highway Administration. On October 16th Cottage City Commissioners joined with Colmar Manor Council member and met with SHA to discuss a number of safety and aesthetic concerns on behalf of the citizens. We felt good about their willingness to address our concerns. One noticeable difference you will come to see next spring will be the beautification of the medians strips that we both share.

Town Cable Channel Down

The Hardware that controls the Town's information for the Cable Cannels has failed and it is very costly to replace over \$5,000. We are currently looking at other cost saving options that can tie into the cable channel and continue to provide Town information to the public. Please be patient, we hope to have it back up and running ASAP

Grants

Mr. Mosley, Town Grant Writer/Project Manager for Cottage City has submitted several more grants on behalf of the Town of Cottage City. One grant is Community block Grant to repair some of the sidewalks and streets is totaling \$98,921 the other grant is to fund several training classes for our Police Department totaling \$590. These grants are sought because they pay for repairs and education without using your Town Tax payer dollars. Which also will help in keeping your Town property taxes low.

Comcast is currently offering internet service for \$9.95 a month for Low Income Household with children. For more info please go to: <http://www.internetessentials.com>

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 be placed on our Volunteer Call List (301) 779--2161

CODE ENFORCMENT CONCERNS

Trash Pick up is every Tuesday and Friday (except Holidays). Recycling is every Wednesday. Bulk Trash is the last Wednesday of each Month i.e. October 31st November 28th and December 26th.

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 hazards to our residents

Leaf Collection Our Public Works Department has begun the Annual Leaf Collection. Please be aware of posted Leaf Collection signs indicating date and times. Rake leaves in a pile prior to date posted for pick up. Police may issue you a parking violation on your vehicle if you do not comply with the posted signs.

Town INFORMATION



Police Department Updates:

The Cottage City Commissioners have worked to find quality police candidates that follow our vision and are pleased to welcome two new additions to our Police Department Officers Daniel Grasso and Devan Martin. They are both very community oriented and we look forward to their service in the town to protect and serve.

The Commission is currently in the process of interviewing a New Chief of Police who will be Full Time and will be tasked with taking on a more concerted and face to face role in Community Policing here in Cottage City.

Dog Owners

We are continuing to receive a number of dog barking complaints. Please be courteous to your neighbors and bring your dog inside day or night to prevent complaints. The Town ordinance (Law) does address this nuisance as a \$50.00 violation for the first infraction and \$100 for each time afterwards. Please continue to pick up after your dog when walking them, if caught you will be cited, there will be no warning for failure to pick up after your pet. Citizens wishing to file a complaint may contact a Cottage City Police Officer and may also contact Prince Georges County Animal Control (301) 883 5804 M-F 9am -5pm. Dog Owners are responsible for their pets.

Crime Blotter



As part of Community Policing we need your assistance to keep the community crime free. If you have any information that could assist in the closure of these crimes or any others not listed, we ask that you call our office at (301) 927-9225 (not used to request Police service), stop or by email the Cottage City Police department at www.CottageCityPolice.org Any information given will be strictly confidential. For police service of a non-emergency nature, please call 301-352-1200. For emergency calls of a serious nature dial 9-1-1.

AUGUST 2012

ASSIST CITIZEN 3
ASSIST FIRE DEPT / EMS 4
ASSIST MOTORIST 1
ASSIST OTHER UNIT (INCIDENT) 1
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY 22
B & E (COMMERCIAL) 1
BURGLAR ALARM (COMMERCIAL) 2
BURGLAR ALARM (RESIDENTIAL) 2
CHECK ON THE WELFARE 8
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S) 25
DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS 3
DOMESTIC DISPUTE 3
FIGHT IN PROGRESS 2
LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTE 2
MAN WITH GUN 2
OFFICER IN TROUBLE 1
PANIC ALARM 10
SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S) 8
SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S) (ARMED) 1
THEFT REPORT 5
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT 7
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (HIT & RUN) 4
TRAFFIC CONTROL 7
UNKNOWN TROUBLE 5
Total Calls Handled: 139
STATION CALLS ONLY
ASSIST CITIZEN 1
DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS 1
Total Station Calls Handled: 2

LATE AUGUST REPORTS

From AUGUST 20 - AUGUST 31st, 2012

Theft from Auto – On 8/23/12 @ the 4100 block of Bladensburg Rd Officers responded to a report of a theft from auto involving a 2004 BMW 745LI. Wheels and tires were stolen off the vehicle over night while parked in the lot of B&M Auto Service. Case is still pending.

Auto Theft – On 8/27/12 @ the 4100 block of Bladensburg Rd Officers responded to a report of auto theft involving the same above 2004 BMW 745LI. The vehicle was stolen by two unknown male subjects who walked onto the lot during business hours and drove away. Suspects were captured on Video. Auto Theft Task Force, arrests of the two suspects later on that week. Case closed.

CDS Paraphernalia – On 8/30/12 @ the intersection of 38th Ave & Cottage Terrace while officers conducted a traffic stop a discovery was made that the driver of the vehicle had a warrant for his arrest. Upon search incident to arrest, the suspect admitted to having CDS paraphernalia on his person. Suspect was arrested and charged with possession of CDS paraphernalia. Case Closed.

September 2012

911 HANG UP 2
ASSIST FIRE DEPT / EMS 1
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY 17
AUTO THEFT 1
BURGLAR ALARM (COMMERCIAL) 3
BURGLAR ALARM (RESIDENTIAL) 1
CHECK ON THE WELFARE 4
CUSTOMER DISPUTE 1
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S) 4
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S) ARMED 1
DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS 1
FOUND PROPERTY 1
FRAUD 1
SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S) 9
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE 2
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE OCCUPIED 1
THEFT (SHOPLIFTING) 1
THEFT REPORT 3
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT 3
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (HIT & RUN) 2
TRAFFIC CONTROL 7
UNKNOWN TROUBLE 4
Total Calls Handled: 73

STATION CALLS ONLY
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY 1
AUTO THEFT 1
LOUD MUSIC 1
LOUD NOISE 1
LOUD PARTY 1
THEFT REPORT 1
UNKNOWN TROUBLE 1
Total Station Calls Handled: 7

SEPTEMBER REPORTS:

Theft – On 9/10/12 @ 3700 block of 40th A theft involving a piece of jewelry from the victim's bedroom. Victim advised that the suspect was known, and they did not wish to press charges at this time. Case Closed.

Auto Theft – On 9/15/12 @ the 3300 block of Bladensburg Rd . A 2001 Dodge Caravan that was taken from the auto lot during business hours. No suspect information at this time. Case forwarded to Auto Theft Task Force. Open Case.

Theft (Shoplifting) – On 9/20/12 @ the 3400 block or Bladensburg Rd .An unknown male subject stuffed several pad locks in his pocket and walked out of the door without paying for the items. Suspect was gone on arrival, no further information at this time. Open Case.

Warrant Service – On 9/24/12 @ the intersection of Parkwood Court and Bunker Hill Rd . While on foot patrol Officers stopped two male subjects for suspicious activity, Officers discovered that both male subjects had active warrants. Both suspects were taken into custody. Case Closed

October 2012

ASSIST CITIZEN 2
 ASSIST FIRE/EMS 1
 AUTO THEFT (ATTEMPT) 1
 ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY 19
 CHECK ON THE WELFARE 3
 DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S) 3
 DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS 2
 DOMESTIC DISPUTE 2
 LOUD NOISE 1
 NEIGHBOR DISPUTE 1
 ROBBERY (CITIZEN) 1
 STOLEN AUTO (RECOVERED) 1
 SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S) 8
 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (OCCUPIED) 1
 THEFT (FROM AUTO) 1
 THEFT REPORT 1
 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (INJURIES) 2
 UNKNOWN TROUBLE 1
Total Calls Handled: 60
STATION CALLS ONLY
 DISORDERLY SUBJECTS 1
 THEFT REPORT 1
 UNKNOWN TROUBLE 1

Total Station Calls Handled: 3

OCTOBER REPORTS:

Disorderly Conduct – On 10/1/12 @ 3800 block of Cottage Terrace Officer observed a male subject walking on the CSX train tracks unlawfully. Officers stopped the subject, and upon contact the subject became irate and directed obscenities toward officers. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with the violation of walking on the railroad tracks and disorderly conduct. Case Closed

Theft from Auto – On 10/3/12 @ the 3700 block of 43rd Ave Theft from auto involving a 2008 Chevy truck. Victim stated that the windows of the Chevy were broken out and two 10" headrests TV, and two 4" visor TV's with visors were stolen from his vehicle. No suspect information at this time. Open Case

Auto Theft – On 10/6/12 @ the 3500 block or Bladensburg Rd . The victim stated that he had three Chevy Impalas taken from his lot over the course of a month. The victim stated that the theft has just now come to his attention. There was no video footage of the thefts; the case has been forwarded to Auto Theft Task Force. No suspect information at this time. Open Case

Theft – On 10/8/12 @ the 3700 block of 38th Ave Officers responded to a report of a theft. Victim stated that overnight unknown subject removed several pumpkins from their porch. No suspect information at this time. Open Case

Theft – On 10/14/12 @ the 3700 block of 40th Place Officers responded to a report of a theft from auto. Victim stated that the rear registration plate to their Honda Accord was missing. No suspect information. Open Case



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Cottage City Town Hall (301) 779-2161
Police Dispatch
 (Non Emergency) (301) 352-1200
Cottage City Police
 (Admin Office Only) (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 **Demetrius Givens**
 Police & Maintenance
Vice Chair **Gary Styles Ward 4**
 Admin & Business
Secretary **Brigitte Young Ward 2**
 Recreation
Anna Angolia Ward 1
 Governmental Affairs
Phyllis Robinson Ward 3

COTTAGE CITY ADMINISTRATION

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

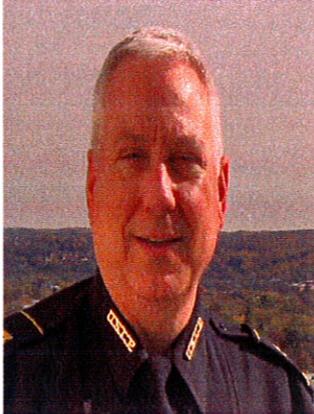
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Greg Pinkney & Code Enforcement
 Anthony Silver

COTTAGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sergeant D. Young
Sergeant M. Brown
Private 1st Class J. Powell
Private 1st Class D. Grasso
Private D. Martin
Police Clerk T. Brinson

FEATURED EMPLOYEES



Daniel Grasso

Private First Class

Cottage City Police Department

Officer Grasso has dedicated his life to public service by servicing in Law Enforcement for almost 40 years, Constantly being courteous professional who cares about the community. Officer Grasso served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force as a security policeman from 1973-78, the majority of that time at Andrews Air Force base. He then served in the D.C. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve from 1979-1996 when he retired from the reserves. He served with the Library of Congress police from 1979-2009 attaining the rank of captain. In 2009 the library police were merged with the U.S. Capitol Police from which he retired in 2011. He has worked as a part-time Police Officer with the Town of Morningside (1988-2004) and the Town of Upper Marlboro (2007-2009). He is a graduate of the University of Maryland (B.S. business management 1988) and the FBI National Academy (1994). He is currently treasurer of the Prince George's Running Club and has been active in his neighborhood association. Officer Grasso has great interpersonal skills and believes in the Community Policing model by interacting with the citizens. With Officer Grasso's extensive experience and education in law enforcement we are very please that he has chosen our Town to serve and protect. So if you see him around Town feel free to stop him and strike up a conversation and let him know of your concerns



Officer Devan Martin

Private

Cottage City Police Department

Officer Martin was raised here in Prince George's County, Maryland. For the past seven years, Officer Martin has been a member of the Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff Explorers Program. Through this program Officer Martin was exposed to law enforcement at the early age of 16. Learning the basic functions of law enforcement from arrest & search to community service, he prides himself on community policing. Officer Martin has always been an active member of the community, no matter if it's local or abroad he believes in service before self. Officer Martin is a graduate of the Anne Arundel Community College Police Academy "Class 16", where he served as Class Leader. Most of all, out of all of his achievements in life he is a firm believer that "If there is no struggle, there is no progress". Officer Martin is excited about joining the Cottage City Family, he hopes to add to the community and always serve with excellence. Sergeant Young, Sergeant Brown and Commissioner Givens had the opportunity to conduct the initial interview of Officer Martin and was highly impressed with his mature and dedicated sense of community and their role in assisting Law enforcement. While we are Officer Martins first Police Family we look forward to getting him off to a great start in his Law Enforcement Career.

A Message from the Chair



I speak for all of the Commissioners when I say that we are here to serve the Community.

There are many struggles that we face with the tough economic times. We continue to seek out ways in which we can save the town money and other sources to increase our revenues without raising your property taxes. The State and the County have also suffered a loss in revenues, which in turn causes them to cut programs and services in addition to reducing funding to our own Town. As your elected Officials we need your help, from working with our Police Department to prevent and solve crimes, to helping during Community events, to keeping the exterior of your homes maintained and your grass cut. You as residents dictate the quality of life and the visual appearance of our Town. In order to keep our property values up and neighborhoods safe, we as a Town government and our citizens have to work together as a team. We all Thank You.

Please do your civic duty and Vote on Tuesday, November 6th or during early voting for Presidential and Local candidates of your choice and answer the questions on the ballot that you believe in.

Maryland Statewide Ballot Questions

Question 1 Requires judges of the Orphans' Court for Prince George's County to be admitted to practice law in this State and to be a member in good standing of the Maryland Bar.

Question 2 Requires judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County to be admitted to practice law in this State and to be a member in good standing of the Maryland Bar.

Question 3 Suspension and Removal of Elected Officials

Changes the point at which an elected official charged with certain crimes is automatically suspended or removed from office. Under existing law, an elected official who is convicted or pleads no contest is suspended and is removed only when the conviction becomes final. Under the amended law, an elected official is suspended when found guilty and is removed when the conviction becomes final or when the elected official pleads guilty or no contest.

Question 4 Public Institutions of Higher Education – Tuition Rates

Establishes that individuals, including undocumented immigrants, are eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at community colleges in Maryland, provided the student meets certain conditions relating to attendance and graduation from a Maryland high school, filing of income taxes, intent to apply for permanent residency, and registration with the selective service system (if required); makes such students eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at a four-year public college or university if the student has first completed 60 credit hours or graduated from a community college in Maryland; provides that students qualifying for in-state tuition rates by this method will not be counted as in-state students for purposes of counting undergraduate enrollment; and extends the time in which honorably discharged veterans may qualify for in-state tuition rates.

Question 5 Congressional Districting Plan

Establishes the boundaries for the State's eight United States Congressional Districts based on recent census figures, as required by the Constitution.

Question 6 Civil Marriage Protection Act

Establishes that Maryland's civil marriage laws allow gay and lesbian couples to obtain a civil marriage license, provided they are not otherwise prohibited from marrying; protects clergy from having to perform any particular marriage ceremony in violation of their religious beliefs; affirms that each religious faith has exclusive control over its own theological doctrine regarding who may marry within that faith; and provides that religious organizations and certain related entities are not required to provide goods, services, or benefits to an individual related to the celebration or promotion of marriage in violation of their religious beliefs.

Question 7 Gaming Expansion

Do you favor the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education to authorize video lottery operation licensees to operate "table games" as defined by law; to increase from 15,000 to 16,500 the maximum number of video lottery terminals that may be operated in the State; and to increase from 5 to 6 the maximum number of video lottery operation licenses that may be awarded in the State and allow a video lottery facility to operate in Prince George's County?