



**The Next Town Hall Meeting is: Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** In addition to regular staff and Commissioner reports, the Commission will introduce a budget amendment to cover the additional expense for construction of a maintenance building and conduct the swearing in of Pfc Melvin Brown.

*Work session on April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be rescheduled due to the Presidential Primary Election taking place at Town Hall that day. (Normally work sessions are first Tuesdays at 6:30pm and are open to the public.)*

**Budget Workshops** have been scheduled and are open to the public; all begin at 6:30pm.

- March 21: Administrative Department
- April 18: Police Department
- May 16: Final



**GARDEN PREP DAY**

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm**  
Please come out to the Community Garden (located at 4222 Cottage Terrace) to help prepare it for this year's growing season. Master Gardener Mark Haskell will be on hand to offer growing advice. Garden beds are free to any Cottage City household.

Refreshments will be served at conclusion.  
(Start and end will be at Town Hall.)

**Prince George's One Stop Career Center**

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
**Town Hall – 3820 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

The Career Center will offer helpful employment information about job searching, current job vacancies, summer jobs, and résumé tips. This service is provided for both adults and young adults. Mark your calendar and bring your questions and concerns about employment. Please RSVP by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 301-332-6053 or [pgross3714@msn.com](mailto:pgross3714@msn.com).

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
COLMAR MANOR TOWN HALL  
3701 Lawrence Street  
Light refreshments will be served.  
RSVP to Judy Meyers  
Telephone: 301-277-4920



**Receive a Free Smoke Detector and/or schedule a Fire Safety Advisory Inspection for your home.**  
**Call: 301-883-5200**

**WANT TO BE A COMMISSIONER?**

Commissioners for Wards 2, 3 & 4 will be elected **Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot, you must file a certificate of nomination by **5:00pm Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. For more information or to receive your nomination form, contact Town Hall at (301) 779-2161 or [cotcitmd@starpower.net](mailto:cotcitmd@starpower.net).



**ELECTION SEASON**

**Tuesday, April 3:** Presidential Primary Election at Cottage City Town Hall, Polls are open from 7am-8pm (early voting begins March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am-8pm at the Curry Sports and Learning Center on 8001 Sheriff Rd, Landover.) School Board, Congress, and others will be included in this primary, please make an effort to vote.

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:** Cottage City Election for Commissioners of Wards 2, 3 & 4. Absentee ballots must be filed by 5pm on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

There is still time to register to vote if you have not done so already. April 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.

**EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am-1pm** in the Cottage City Neighborhood Park, 4200 Bunker Hill Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:00am. Games and Prizes! Don't forget to bring your own Basket. Free!



\*\*\*These two officers will bring Cottage City to full police coverage by the end of March.

**FYI:** The Prince George's County non-emergency dispatch is: (301) 352-1200; emergency is still 911.

**FREE COOKING CLASS:**

Fast Food Challenge: How to make pizza, fried chicken, Chinese dumplings and more, just as fast, cheaper, and healthier! And you get to eat what you make! Open to all ages (under 12 require adult).



**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm**  
Colmar Manor Community Center  
3701 Lawrence St., Colmar Manor  
RSVP: (301) 277-4920  
*This event is sponsored by the Community Health Partnership*

**COMMISSION UPDATES**

During the Town Hall meeting March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Commission voted on the following:

- 1) The tax rate has been set at \$.65 for fiscal year '13. This is a 5 cent reduction per \$100 of assessed value.
- 2) The Commission voted to accept the \$92,000 in grant money awarded by the Maryland Department of the Environment in order to construct the proposed park--to be located at 3708 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 3) The Commission voted to continue Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Spray Program. It will begin weekly in June.

**HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS:**

Bulk Trash Collection: is the last Wednesday of the month and no more than 4 items will be picked up.

Dog Walkers: remember to scoop that poop! You can be ticketed and don't think people don't notice when you're not carrying a bag.



Grass Season: Please keep your yards in orderly condition—rats, snakes, and mosquitoes won't be far behind. Also remember that fence lines, between curb and sidewalk, and alley sides are also the responsibility of the homeowner.

**Police Announcements:**

Cottage City PD welcomes the return of Cpl. David Young after a year's tour in the Sinai with the Army National Guard Reserves. Please remember to thank him for his service when you see him on patrol!

New Hire: Please welcome Pfc. Melvin Brown. Pfc. Brown is accredited with Residential Crime Prevention, Bike Patrol, and numerous other certificates. Look for the revitalization of our Neighborhood Watch Program!

**Cottage City Town Hall and Police Department**

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Police Department: (301) 927-9225  
The Town's Ordinances/Codes are now available online at: [www.cottagecitypolice.org](http://www.cottagecitypolice.org)

Commissioners:

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