



Town Newsletter

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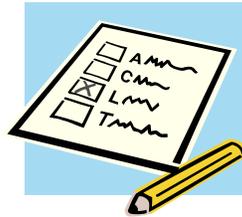
**MAY 5, 2014 COTTAGE CITY ELECTION
CANDIDATES**

The upcoming election is on **Monday, May 5, 2014** located at the Town Hall. Voting will take place between 2pm and 8pm. The following candidates are running:

WARD 2: **Donna Hayes**
Alina Smith

WARD 3: **Melanie Jones**
Phyllis Robinson

WARD 4: **Sheila Butler**



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**EL CINCO DE MAYO 2014 LOS CANDIDATOS PARA
LA ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL DE COTTAGE CITY**

La próxima elección se localiza el lunes, 5 de mayo de 2014 en el Ayuntamiento (*Town Hall*). Votación ocurrirá entre las 14:00 y 20:00.

Los siguientes candidatos se postulan:

Distrito 2: **Donna Hayes**
Alina Smith

Distrito 3: **Melanie Jones**
Phyllis Robinson

Distrito 4: **Sheila Butler**

BOLETA DE MUESTRA EN LA PARTE POSTERIOR...

News

The **Public Works Department** would like to announce that the WSSC investigated pipes on the corner of 42nd Ave. That location has been put on the replacement listing and a date will be set at a later time. Sewage lines in the rear of properties along the 3700 block of Cottage Terrace was blocked by tree routes and cracked in various places; the latter cause a sewage back up and water overflow. WSSC will replace this line at a later date as well.

COMMUNITY CHARRETTE

On Saturday morning, March 1st over twenty Cottage City and Port Towns residents came to the Town Hall for an organized charrette facilitated by the Neighborhood Design Center. A charrette is formal planning discussion and is a normal part of the design process. The purpose of this particular discussion was to gain input from the residents on what they would like to see or have in their community. There were several ideas brought forward by the participants and compiled into general consensus statements. Overall the residents expressed that we should develop slowly and deliberately and make sure we are fully utilizing what currently exists in our community. Stay tuned for future opportunities to come out and share your thoughts.

HOME IMPROVEMENT WEATHERIZATION UPGRADES

The Town is looking to identify 20 residential units in need of weatherization upgrades. These upgrades can be at no cost for qualified residents. The upgrades include HVAC systems, insulation and appliances. Interested residents should contact the Project Manager at the Town Hall (301) 779-2161 or via email at projectmanager@cottagecitymd.gov. Please watch the Town website or cable channel for updated information.

SEEKING EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are developing a community email address database so that we can keep you informed electronically of what's going on in your town. Please email us at townhall@cottagecitymd.gov or call us to give us your email address. Stay tuned and you will soon be able to provide it right on the website.

Colmar Manor Town Hall and Community

Center - Did you know that right across the street is a full court gym, an indoor walking track, and a full schedule of exercise and wellness activities including basketball, aerobics and zumba? Colmar Manor Town Hall/Community Center's GYM is open every Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 am for Zumba (only \$6/per class for all levels and kids are free) – AND if you don't want to do Zumba you can always walk around the track or use the stationary bike for FREE. See you on Saturdays !(The Colmar Manor Town Hall is at corner of 37th and Lawrence Street in Colmar Manor.) Want to find out more about activities and schedules? Please visit the town website at www.colmarmanor.org or call at 301-277-4920.

Past News

Easter at Cottage City (April 5): The Easter event took place on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 11am-1pm. There were drinks, snacks, prizes, and of course the Easter bunny! The Easter egg hunt was successful. We had a great turn out in the community!

Community Garden Day (April 5): The Community Garden spruce up was a great success. With the help of the gardeners, Cottage City was able to plant, clean up, and enjoy a great day in the garden.

Upcoming Events

Commission Election Day, May 5, 2014, 2pm-8pm at Town Hall: The election is for the Commission seats of Ward 2, 3, 4.

Bostwick Heritage Festival (May 4, 2014) will take place between 12:00PM Thru 4:00PM at 3300 48th Street Bladensburg, MD 20722. There will be tours going on.

Town Business

Motions Passed

The following motions were passed at the March and April Town Hall Meetings:

- Motion to approve Work Session minutes 1/6/2014; 3/6/2014; Town Hall minutes 1/8/2014
- Motion to approve financial statements for March 2014
- Motion to approve the MEA invoices for \$32,379.13
- Motion to approve Northeast Electric's bid to install three-way switches (\$714.00) and power to poles outside (\$1,688.00)
- Motion to resend the contract to the roofing contractor
- Motion to send Public Works Department to OSHA classes at \$89.00 pp
- Motion made to send a letter of support to PGC office of corrections to use their services
- Motion made to hire Sara Simmons as our translator
- Motion to approve town work session minutes 4/1/2014; closed session minutes 3/12/2014; town hall meeting minutes 3/12/2014.
- Motion to approve the March 2014 financial statements
- Motion to approve the MML Convention registration fees; 5 Commissioners, 2 Public Works, 1 Clerk, 1 Project Manager, and 1 Lieutenant.
- Motion to approve Hamlet Park to use the meeting room on April 19, 2014 from 11am-12pm
- Motion to accept the 2014-1 Resolution for Petroleum
- Motion to accept the 2014-2 Resolution for MEA Weatherization
- Motion to approve shopping for a hybrid vehicle
- Motion to approve audit for 2013
- Motion to close the meeting at 8:56pm

Department of Public Works

May 2014

- Election for Ward 2,3,4 : Monday May 5, 2014
- Commissioner's Work Session: Tuesday, May 6, 2014
- Town Hall Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2014
- Regular Trash pick-up every Tues. and Fri.

- Recycled Trash pick-up every Wed.

Notice of Tax Levy- FY2014

The Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City have levied taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, at the following rates:

- Real Estate Taxes - \$0.65 per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- Personal Property Taxes- \$1.29 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Police Department Statistics

Police Statistics Continued

Arrest Type	Date Arrested	Charge	Adult / Juvenile
Traffic Arrest	12/02/2013	Traffic	Adult
DUI	12/05/2013	DUI / Traffic	Adult
Traffic Arrest	12/13/2013	Traffic	Adult
Criminals Citations	12/18/2013	Poss. of Para.	Adult
Possession Firearms	12/22/2013	Criminal	Adult
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DUI	12/24/2013	DUI / Traffic	Adult
DUI	12/25/2013	DUI / Traffic	Adult
Traffic Arrest	12/29/2013	Traffic	Adult
TOTAL ARRESTS		9	

Police Department Activity	Dec. 2013	Cont.	Dec. 2013
911 Hang-ups	0	Loud Party	0
Animals Complaints	0	Man Down (Drunk/Injured)	0
Armed Subjects	0	Notification (Notify resident)	0
Assault Report	0	Open Door (business/house)	0
Assist Citizen	1	Panhandler (Beggar)	0
Assist Other Unit (CCPD)	12	Panic Alarm (Hold Up Alarm)	0
Assist Other Agency/Fire/EMS	27	Person Acting Strange	0
Assist Motorist	4	Property Damage	2
B&E (Commercial Building)	0	Robbery (of Person)	0
B&E (Residential Building)	1	Robbery (of Business)	0
B&E in Progress	0	Sounds of Gun Shots	1
Burglar Alarms	2	Stolen Autos	0
Carjacking	0	Suicide (Attempt)	1
Check on Welfare	4	Suspicious Persons	12
Customer Dispute	1	Suspicious Vehicles	6
Death Investigation Calls	1	Tampering with Auto	0
Dispute between persons	2	Theft from Auto	2
Disorderly Subjects	7	Theft Reports (All others)	1
Domestic Dispute	3	Traffic Accidents	5
Emergency Petition (E.P.S)	0	Traffic Complaints	1
Fight in Progress	1	Unknown Trouble	0
Found Property	0	Vandalism	0
Homicide	0	Vandalism to Auto	0
Identity Theft	0	Warrant Service	0
Landlord Tenant Dispute	0	Code Enforcement	4
Lost Property	0	Total Calls Handled	111
Loud Music / Loud Noise	1		



Easter Event 2014

The Easter event was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014. It was a great success. Here are some pictures from the event. The children of Cottage City enjoyed meeting the Easter bunny and going on the Easter egg hunt!



Town of Cottage City May 2014 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 ELECTIONS for Ward 2, 3, 4 Commissioners 2pm-8pm at the Town Hall	6 Work Session 6:30pm Regular Trash Pick-Up	7 Recycled Trash Pick-Up	8	9 Regular Trash Pick-Up	10
11	12	13 Regular Trash Pick-Up	14 Town Hall Meeting 7:00pm	15	16 Budget Meeting 6:30pm Regular Trash Pick-Up	17
18	19	20 Regular Trash Pick-Up	21 Recycled Trash Pick-Up	22	23 Regular Trash Pick-Up	24
25	26 Town Hall CLOSED	27 Regular Trash Pick-Up	28 Recycled Trash Pick-Up	29	30 Regular Trash Pick-Up	31