



Town Newsletter

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**TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY  
HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Please come out and join us.

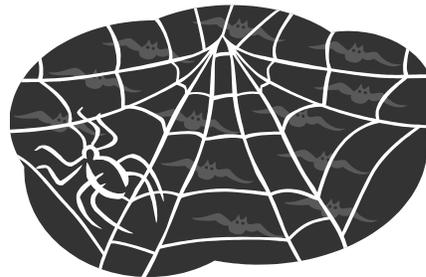
Saturday, October 25, 2014

At Cottage City Town Hall!

Treat bags distributed at the  
conclusion.

All treats, no tricks!

Check out [www.cottagecitymd.gov](http://www.cottagecitymd.gov) for  
updates on the time of the event.



## **COTTAGE CITY NEWS:**

**National Night Out has been cancelled for Tuesday, October 7, 2014. The Cottage City Police Department will be planning another function in place of National Night Out in the next coming months. Updates will be given as soon as possible.**

### **Code Enforcement Corner**

*Property owners are responsible for the area from their property line to the curb. This area should be mowed and maintained the same as your yard. The entire town code can be viewed at [www.cottagecitypolice.org](http://www.cottagecitypolice.org).*

### **Upcoming Events**

**Cottage City Advisory** – Next Meeting will be Second Monday of October, **Monday, October 13, 6:30 pm at Town Hall.** "The Advisory Group is an informal group of Cottage City residents who meet to discuss concerns about our community. We will be having a "Belated Birthday Party" to celebrate our first year anniversary (which was actually in August), continuing to talk about police/safety-related issues and budgetary issues, and hearing about other issues people might want to raise. Please join us, and tell your neighbors to come also!"

GRUPO ASESOR DE COTTAGE CITY – Próxima reunión: lunes 13 de octubre, a las 6:30 pm, en Town Hall. Celebraremos el primer aniversario del grupo (que se cumplió en agosto); continuaremos el tema de policía y asuntos relativos a seguridad; el presupuesto; y cualquier otro asunto que los asistentes puedan aportar. El Grupo Asesor está formado por vecinos de Cottage City que se reúnen para tratar asuntos de interés a la Comunidad. **Esperamos verlo; invite a sus vecinos!**



## **Prince George's County Green Team Summit-**

**Where:** Prince George's Community College, 301 Largo Road, Largo, MD **When:** Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 - 9:00pm

**Cost:** FREE!

**Overview:** In this program, you will join other Prince Georges' green teams, and you will learn more about sustainability initiatives in neighboring municipalities; share best practices and identify common challenges; and access resources for local projects. Cottage City is in the process of forming a green team. The green team is a group of community members (residents, parishioners, business owners and elected officials tasked to generate ideas and methods within the Cottage City community to incorporate the visions of the Sustainable Maryland program. Call Tina Pryce at Town Hall (301-779-2161) to register you for the green team summit and/or if you are interested in joining Cottage City's green team.

### **Commissioner's Corner**

#### **From the Desk of Richard Cote**

##### **Ward 1, Commissioner**

WSSC will be completing work on 37th Avenue by the middle of October. Please be patient and mindful of the parking signs. Let me know if you have any concerns.

Respectfully,

Commissioner Cote, Chair  
240-350-3525

#### **From the Desk of Patricia Gross**

##### **At-Large Commissioner**

I trust you had a nice summer! Fall and winter festivities are now upon us. The community garden was very productive with many types of vegetables this summer. It's time now to plant for the fall. If you are interested in obtaining a vegetable bed, please call town hall at 301-779-2161. I would like to thank the Eco City Staff, Cottage City residents and Commissioners Cote and Hayes for coming out to the Let's Talk Food Workshop held on Saturday, September 20. We had a lecture about healthy eating, and we were given healthy and tasty food samples at the end. It was a nice workshop on a beautiful day!

**From the Desk of Donna Hayes  
Ward 2, Commissioner**

Thank you again for another very successful dumpster day! Two more dumpsters of trash are out of Cottage City. Another dumpster day will be coming on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Let's start thinking green. It costs you, the tax payer, \$5,600.00 a month for trash pick-up. The county charges us zero dollars for recycling. We will be working on repayment for our recycle; your trash should NEVER be more than your recycle. Compost raw fruits, veggies, coffee and tea. Put it back into the ground. Use your garbage disposal for cooked foods. Recycle cans, bottles, plastic, and paper. Feed the birds your old bread. Reduce your trash to small grocery size bags per person per pick up. I am looking into reducing trash pick-up to once a week. One can per household; more than one trash can will cost you additional. Start now before it becomes mandatory. More tips on how to reduce trash will follow. You depend on the earth. The earth depends on you. Please know that you must keep grass, vines, and small trees from growing in and on your fence. Fences must be free of vegetation. It's also your job to maintain the strip between the sidewalk and the street. Dead and dying trees in your yard are also for you to remove. Have you noticed some very large, old and dangerous trees that are gone? We have more to go because of neglect but we must try to stay within our budget. Summer is gone and fall is here! With this come leaves. Please place in cans or rake to the curb. Our public works will be picking them up. No more plastic bags.

**From the Desk of Melanie Jones  
Ward 3, Commissioner**

I want to extend a special thank you to the many citizens who have been attending the various town meetings. Your presence has proved valuable. Please continue to hold town government accountable. In addition, I want to thank Commissioner Cote and the Police Department (particularly Mrs. Santamaria) for working with me as a team to update the telephone system in the Police Department. Communications can now be heard in English and in Spanish.

**From the Desk of Sheila Butler  
Ward 4, Commissioner**

To the Town of Cottage City Residents, I, Commissioner Sheila Butler and family, greatly appreciate the comfort you gave us in the untimely loss of my son Everett Robert Brown. The love you showed me and my family was remarkable. I will never forget the love we received.

With all my love,  
Commissioner Sheila Butler

OCTOBER 6, WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS \*

- Port Towns Healthy Meeting and Event Policy
- Discussion about National Night Out
- Discussion concerning residential handicap parking for residents in the town.
- 2014 Cottage City Scholarship Award
- Removal of bricks on the stone facing around the walls adjacent to the sidewalk on 40<sup>th</sup> Street
- Public Works Building
- Tree Removal Proposal
- MOU for street salts for this winter
- Halloween Party

OCTOBER 8, TOWN HALL AGENDA ITEMS\*

- Presentation from Mt. Rainier Mayor, Malinda Miles, regarding Regional Policing.
- Additional agenda items are forthcoming to be determined after the work session.

**\*Agenda items for the work session and town hall meeting are tentative and may be subject to change.**

## MESSAGE TO COTTAGE CITY RESIDENTS

The Commission is confident that having agenda items published in the newsletter is helpful by allowing you to review and to discuss with the Commissioners appointed to your ward. While you may continue to express your comments at meetings, listed below are some changes in how the Commission will conduct work sessions and town hall meetings.

### Work Sessions (comments to be allowed at beginning of the work session):

- Citizens will be afforded 1 minute for comments on agenda items (including business items to be voted on) at the beginning of the work session.
- Comments will not be entertained while the Commissioners are deliberating on matters during the course of the work session.
- As has been done in the past, comments will not be heard at the end of work sessions but allowed at the end of the town hall meetings during the “citizen’s comment period.”

### Town Hall meetings (comments allowed at beginning and at end of the meeting)

- Citizens will be afforded 1 minute for comments on agenda items (including business items to be voted on) at the beginning of the town hall meeting.
- Comments will not be entertained while the Commissioners are deliberating on matters during the course of the town hall meeting.
- Citizens will be allowed 2 minutes to comment on any matters of interest during the “citizen’s comment period” at the end of town hall meetings.

The Commissioners appreciate your input. Together we can make Cottage City a great place to live!

## Town of Cottage City October 2014 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1		1 Recyclables	2	3	4
5	6 <b>Work Session 6:30pm</b>	7 <b>Closed Session 2:00pm</b> Regular Trash Pick-Up	8 <b>Town Hall Meeting 7:00pm</b> Recyclables	9	10 Regular Trash Pick-Up	11
12	13 Advisory Group Meeting 6:30pm	14 Regular Trash Pick-Up	15 Recyclables	16	17 Regular Trash Pick-Up	18
19	20	21 Regular Trash Pick-Up	22 Recyclables	23	24 Regular Trash Pick-Up	25 <b>Halloween Party at Town Hall</b>
26	27	28 Regular Trash Pick-Up	29 Bulk Trash Pick-Up Recyclables	30	31 Regular Trash Pick-Up	

- **Every Wednesday :Yard Debris Pick Up**
- **Last Wednesday of the month :BULK Trash**
- **Recyclables Pick-up: Every Wednesday**