



Town of Colmar Manor

A Port Town Community



Newsletter

November / December 2014

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

The Mayor and Council wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. There is a lot going on over the next couple of months, so please check out items of interest in this newsletter.

As a special note, starting January 2015 we will be implementing improved efforts to be sustainable and save money at the same time. In January, all town households will receive the larger flip lid recycle containers and our trash pickups will go to once a week. Bulk pick up will be on an on call basis and yard waste once a week. This change will save us approximately \$10,000 a year and we expect it will significantly improve our effort to recycle more. Please look forward to more details in an individual mailing we will send out in December. Additionally, the Garden Club is planning a composting training in January 2015 whereby we will learn better ways to eliminate food waste while creating nutritious soils for our gardens and becoming even more sustainable.

Please come out to our Community Engagement meeting on November 11, 2014 and get involved. We need to grow our Sustainability Committee and start a Community Cooking group focused on Healthy Eating – Cooking classes will begin in the next couple of months -- see you November 11 @ 6:30pm.

Thank you all so much for your encouragement, energies, and enthusiasm for what we can be in Colmar Manor. It takes a village... Enjoy the Holidays!

Sadara B. Barrow, Mayor

FELICES FIESTAS NAVIDEÑAS

El alcalde y el Concejo desean a todos unas felices y seguras fiestas. Hay mucho que hacer en los próximos meses, así que por favor revise los artículos de interés en este boletín.

Como nota especial, a partir de enero de 2015 implementaremos esfuerzos mejorados para ser sostenibles y ahorrar dinero al mismo tiempo. En enero, todos los hogares de la ciudad recibirán los contenedores de reciclaje tapa flip más grandes y nuestros recolecciones de basura irá a una vez por semana. El recojo de las cosas grandes y basura de jardín serán arreglada por una llamada telefónica. Este cambio nos ahorrará aproximadamente \$10.000 al año y esperamos que mejorará considerablemente nuestros esfuerzos a reciclar más. Esperamos enviarles más detalles en un correo individual que enviaremos en diciembre. Además, el Club jardín está planeando una clase de compostaje en enero de 2015 por lo cual vamos a aprender mejores formas de eliminar los desperdicios.

de la comida y a la vez crear una tierra nutritiva para nuestros jardines y así impactar nuestra pequeña porción del mundo de buena forma.

Por favor vengan a la reunión de participación de la comunidad el 11 de noviembre de 2014 e involúcrense. Necesitamos hacer crecer nuestro Comité de sustentabilidad y comenzar un grupo comunitario de cocina centrado en alimentación saludable – clases de cocinar comenzarán voluntad dentro de dos o tres meses. ¡Hasta el 11 de noviembre a las 6:30 pm!

Muchas gracias por tu aliento, energías y entusiasmo por lo que podemos llegar a ser en Colmar Manor. Se necesita una aldea... Disfrute de las vacaciones!

Sadara B. Barrow, alcalde

Garden Club News

Thanks for buying your mums from us - we made money to support our community garden operation for next year. Our goal is to be self-sustaining and we are getting there. We are closing down for the winter - but we still meet each 3rd Saturday of the month (in the garden when it is warm - in Town Hall in winter/rain) 10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. We will start assigning community garden boxes for 2015 in January.

Judging for our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATION CONTEST** will be held on **Wednesday, December 17th beginning at 7:00 p.m.** **Make sure your Christmas Lights and Decorations are ready for viewing!** Thank you to the contest's committee consisting of members of the Port Towns Police Departments of Bladensburg, Cottage City and Edmonston. They will be choosing one winner from each of the four wards to receive a **Cash Prize** in the amount of **\$25.00**. Winners will be announced in our January/February newsletter.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 6TH, 2014
COLMAR MANOR WORKSESSION MEETING**

Motion made by Council Member Blue to purchase ten reflective 25mph speed limit signs. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to allow usage for Senior Van and Town employees for Port Towns Day. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Blue for Mayor Barrow, Council Member Jackson and Council Member Epps to attend the MML Fall Conference. Attendees to the conference will share lodging space. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 12TH, 2014
COLMAR MANOR TOWN MEETING**

Motion made by Council Member Blue to approve minutes for June 23rd Worksession, July 1st Worksession, July 8th Worksession, July 8th Town Meeting and July 16, 2014 Worksession. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to approve the minutes for May 16th Budge Worksession, May 28th Budget Worksession, June 3rd Budget Hearing and June 3rd Town Meeting. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to approve the new schedule of Hall Rental rates. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Epps to relocate the Police Department to the Town Hall but to continue to operate the Police Department at the current facility through October 31, 2014 at the latest. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to adopt the Food Equity Policy for events and meetings. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to dispose of surplus property accumulated during the relocation of the Police Department. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Epps to go into Closed Session to consult with the Town Attorney. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to return to Open Session. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 14TH, 2014
COLMAR MANOR WORKSESSION MEETING**

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to not allow Cabarets until more information can be identified regarding legal issues. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Blue

was absent.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2014 COLMAR MANOR TOWN MEETING

Motion made by Council Member Blue to accept the August Treasurer's Report. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to approve Budget Adjustments. A motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to approve the food donation. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to donate flowers. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The Next meeting of the Colmar Manor Mayor & Town Council is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, November 12, at 7:00 PM – General Session
(date change due to Veteran's Day)

Plan to attend or watch the meeting live on
Verizon channel 11 or Comcast channel 71

The Colmar Manor Mayor & Town Council meet for a Worksession on the first Tuesday of each month and a General Session on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are held at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend. General Sessions are broadcast live on Cable TV.

Colmar Manor Council Meetings will soon be rebroadcast on YouTube!

Colmar Manor Police Department

Crime Prevention

Information Sheet

2014



Our Police are here for you!

In an effort to better serve the citizens of the Town of Colmar Manor were asking for your assistance in helping us to prevent crime. There have been some incidents of unreported crime in town. The police department cannot serve our citizens adequately if they do not know that a crime has taken place. Unreported crime affects everyone in the community and makes everyone less safe. The police department wants you to know we are here for you and want to make the community a safer and secure place for everyone.

Know your department:

Brian Gibson, Chief of Police
Sgt. Mary Sims
Pfc. Jonathan Pease
Pfc. Brian Lynch
Ofc. Terrell Bates
Rick Queen, Code Enforcement Inspector

Colmar Manor Police fight crime!

These are the following crime statistics reported to the FBI for the 2013 Uniform Crime Report (UCR):

- 0 Homicides
- 0 Forcible Rapes
- 2 Robberies
- 14 Aggravated Assaults
- 2 Burglaries
- 38 Thefts (Larceny)
- 4 Motor Vehicle Thefts

During the past year, the police department responded to 1,090 calls for service. **If you see or hear of a crime or suspicious activity, please do not hesitate to call the police!**

Keep Safe:

- Keep porch lights on at night
- Keep doors locked at night and when alone
- Don't walk alone at night
- Know your neighbors
- Install motion-activated lights
- Install a burglar alarm

Did you know!

- You have nothing to fear! You do not have to give your name when reporting a crime.
- The police will not check your immigration status if are a victim or witness of a crime.
- All residents of the Town of Colmar Manor pay for police protection. Please help us in being effective by reporting crimes.
- If you like to be added to Chief Gibson's Crime Alert Notification system, please email him at bgibson@colmarmanor.org.

Useful telephone numbers:

Emergency: 911
 PGPD Non-Emergency: 301-352-1200
 CMPD Non-Emergency: 301-779-5491
 CMPD Officer's Patrol Cell Phone: 240-832-5196
 MD Park PD Non-Emergency: 301-459-9088

Departamento de Policía de Colmar Manor Prevención del Delito Hoja de Información

2014



Nuestra Policía están aquí para usted!

En un esfuerzo para servir mejor a los ciudadanos de la ciudad de Colmar Manor estamos pidiendo su ayuda en prevenir el delito. Ha habido algunos casos de delitos que no se ha reportado en la ciudad. El departamento de policía no puede servir a nuestros ciudadanos de manera adecuada si no saben que un crimen ha tomado lugar. Delitos que no son reportados afecta a todos en la comunidad y hace la comunidad menos segura. El departamento de policía quiere que usted sepa que estamos aquí para usted. El departamento esta trabajando para hacer la comunidad un lugar más seguro para todos.

Conozca a su departamento:

Brian Gibson, Chief of Police
Sgt. Mary Sims
Pfc. Jonathan Pease
Pfc. Brian Lynch
Ofc. Terrell Bates
Rick Queen, Code Enforcement Inspector

La Policía de Colmar Manor combatiendo el crimen!

Estas son las siguientes estadísticas de delincuencia reportados al FBI por el *Uniform Crime Report 2013 (UCR)*:

- 0 Homicidios
- 0 violaciones forzadas
- 2 Robos
- 14 Agravada Asaltos
- 2 Robos
- 38 Robos (Hurto)
- Motor 4 robos de vehículos

Durante el pasado año, el departamento de policía respondió a 1.090 llamadas de servicio. Si usted ve o escucha de un crimen o actividad sospechosa, por favor no dude en llamar a la policía!

Manténgase seguro:

- Mantenga las luces del porche en la noche
- Mantenga las puertas cerradas por la noche y cuando está solo
- No camine solo por la noche
- Conozca a sus vecinos
- Instale luces activadas por movimiento
- Instale una alarma antirrobo

Sabías?

- Usted no tiene que dar su nombre al informar de un crimen. no tiene nada que temer!
- La policía no va a comprobar su estatus migratorio si es víctima o testigo de un crimen.
- Todos los residentes de la ciudad de Colmar Manor pagan por protección policial. Por favor, ayúdanos a ser eficaz por denunciar los delitos.
- Si le gustaría ser añadido al sistema de notificación de alertas de Crimen del Jefe Gibson, por favor mande un correo electrónico a bgibson@colmarmanor.org.

Números importantes:

Emergencia: 911
 PGPD No-Emergencia: 301-352-1200
 CMPD No-Emergencia: 301-779-5491
 CMPD Teléfono celular de patrulla: 240-832-5196
 MD Park PD No-Emergencia: 301-459-9088



Happy Holidays from the Men and Women Of the Colmar Manor Police Department

*Sadara Barrow
Mayor*

Council members
Lois A. Blue, Ward 1
Cynthia Bowden, Ward 2
Vivian Jackson, Ward 3
Doreatha Epps, Ward 4

*Brian P. Gibson, Sr.
Chief of Police*

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR OUR RESIDENTS

ATTENDING A PARTY

If you are going to consume alcoholic beverages, plan to have a designated driver or use public transportation. Never drink and drive.

DRIVING

- a) Be cautious while driving alone at night.
- b) Keep all doors locked and windows closed while in and out of your vehicle.
- c) Never park next to large vehicles or vehicles with heavy tinted windows.
- d) Park in well-lighted areas.
- e) Never leave your vehicle unattended with children inside or while it is running.
- f) Do not leave gifts or other valuables in plain sight in your vehicle; it is unnecessary tempting for thieves.
- g) Be aware of your surroundings when approaching or leaving your vehicle.
- h) Try to stay in a group when approaching your vehicle.
- i) If security is available, ask for an escort to your vehicle if leaving at night and alone.

SHOPPING

- a) Even though you are rushed and thinking of a thousand different things always be aware of your surroundings.
- b) Minimize shopping at night or alone; you are more susceptible to being victimized during this time and under this circumstance.
- c) Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Take only the cash you need, or pay with a credit card or ATM card; carry only as many as you will need.
- d) If you must use an ATM, use one inside of a well populated building or a well lighted area. Only withdraw the amount of cash that you will need for that day.
- e) Protect your PIN from view of other people near the ATM.

- f) Keep a record of all your credit card numbers at home in a safe location. Report lost or stolen credit cards immediately.
- g) Be extra careful when carrying a wallet or purse; only carry what you absolutely need in them. They are prime targets for criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, and bus stops.
- h) Avoid overloading yourself with packages whether on your person or in your vehicle.

DRESS

- b) Dress casually and comfortably.
- c) Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- d) Carry your wallet in your front pants pocket, or your purse securely around your shoulder.

AT HOME

- a) Be aware that sometimes criminals will pose as couriers delivering gifts to case your home or commit a crime immediately.
- b) Be aware of scams that criminals commit to take advantage of people's generosity during the holiday season.
- c) Be cautious about locking your windows and doors even when you leave the house for a short period of time.
- d) When you leave your house for extended holiday travel, have a neighbor or friend watch your home while you are away. Have them collect your mail, or notify the post office to hold your mail until you come back.
- e) Place lights, radios, and television sets on timers so your home appears occupied.
- f) Avoid having large displays of gifts visible from windows and doors.

CHILDREN

- a) If possible, leave small children at home with a responsible adult or baby sitter.
- b) If they must go shopping with you, try to keep your children close to you at all times.
- c) Teach them about "Stranger Danger" and who they can go to for help if they get separated from you. Children should know their full name, address, telephone number, and parent's/guardian's name to give to the police, a store clerk, or security personnel if they get separated from you.

The "Holiday Season" is a great time of year and can be very special. It can also be a tragic time of year if you don't take precautions and practice personal safety measures that can help prevent you or your family from being victimized.

Schedule family meetings to discuss these crime prevention tips. We all wish you the best for a safe, joyous, and happy holiday season.



AN INVITATION FOR YOU

to come join us at the

Community Coffee Club

Wednesday, December 17,
2014
at 7:00 pm

Hosted by the Colmar Manor Police

Join our police or code enforcement staff at the Colmar Manor Police Department to have a cup of coffee and discuss topics of concern such as:

- Crime
- Safety
- Crime Prevention
- Code Enforcement
- Community Events
- Neighborhood Watch
- National Night Out
- E-mail Notifications



Meet your neighbors, be involved!

Location:
Colmar Manor Police Department
3701 Lawrence St.
Colmar Manor, MD 20722
For more information call 301-779-5491

Mayor and Council, Town of Colmar Manor
Sadara Barrow, Mayor

Lois Blue, Council, Ward 1
Vivian Jackson, Council, Ward 3

Cynthia Bowden, Council Ward 2
Doreatha Epps, Council, Ward 4



Town of Colmar Manor



HOLIDAY

COME CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY WITH US!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER

13, 2014

4:00pm-6:00pm

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GIFTSHOP

PRIZES

FUN AND GAMES

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Photos with Santa \$\$\$\$\$\$

COLMAR MANOR COMMUNITY CENTER

3701 LAWRENCE STREET

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 301-277-4920



Town of Colmar Manor

CELEBRATE

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FREEDOM RIDERS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT



Sunday, February 1, 2015
3:00pm – 7:00pm



Planning dates:
Thursday, November 6, 2014
7:00pm
Thursday, December 4, 2014
7:00pm

For more information:, call 301-. 277.4920
Volunteers needed

November 2014 - December 2014

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Colmar Manor, MD 20722

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Town Council / Staff

Mayor	Sadara Barrow
Ward 1	Lois Ann Blue
Ward 2	Cynthia Bowden
Ward 3	Vivian Jackson
Ward 4	Doreatha Epps
Office Manager	Judy Myers
Clerk/Treasurer	Dan Baden
Police Chief	Brian Gibson
Public Works Supervisor	Michael Goroum
Code Enforcement	Rick Queen
Recreation Coordinator	Anthony Long
Media Coordinator	Tracy Stone

Telephone Directory

Town Hall	301-277-4920
Fire / Ambulance	911
P.G. County Police	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	301-352-1200
Colmar Manor PD (Admin)	301-779-5491
Park Police	301-459-9088
P.G. Sheriff	301-780-8600
Comcast (Cable T.V.)	301-731-4260
PEPCO (lines down, etc.)	202-872-3432
Verizon Telephone (repair)	800-275-2355
Washington Gas (all calls)	703-750-1000
W.S.S.C. (main breaks, etc.)	301-206-4002