



Town of Colmar Manor

A Port Town Community



Newsletter

January / February 2015

Happy New Year!

I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season and you've had an opportunity to enjoy precious time with family and friends.

As we go into 2015 - let's start an avalanche of positive intentions. We all need that right now. Know what you want, intend it, and believe it. We as a community have the ability to work together for social, physical, economic, and environmental wellness. I ask you, my friends, to offer your support to someone who may have family problems, health struggles, job issues, worries of any kind and just needs to know that someone cares. Do it for all of us, for nobody is immune -- Yet we all have the ability to prosper together!.

I, and the Council look forward to continuing to serve. We envision a prosperous and exciting 2015 and beyond for the Town of Colmar Manor -- Please join us in this sentiment.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve. :-). Godspeed!

Mayor Barrow

Feliz Año Nuevo!

Espero que todos hayan tenido unas maravillosas fiestas y que hayan tenido la oportunidad de disfrutar de un tiempo precioso con la familia y amigos.

Como entrando en el 2015 - vamos a empezar una avalancha de intenciones positivas. Es lo que todos necesitamos ahorita. Tienes que saber que es lo que quieres, tener las buenas intenciones y creer en ellas. Como comunidad tenemos la capacidad de trabajar juntos para el bienestar social, físico, económico y ambiental. Pido a ustedes, mis amigos, para ofrecer su apoyo a alguien que tenga problemas familiares, las luchas de la salud, problemas laborales, preocupaciones de ningún tipo y sólo necesita saber que alguien se preocupa. Hazlo por todos nosotros, porque nadie es inmune, sin embargo, todos tenemos la habilidad de prosperar juntos!.

Yo y el Consejo deseando continuar sirviendo. Prevén un próspero y emocionante 2015 y más allá para el pueblo de Colmar Manor, únase a nosotros en este sentimiento.

Muchas gracias por la oportunidad de servir. :-).

Mayor Barrow

**Colmar Manor Maryland
Department of Recreation and Sponsors Proudly
Present**



2015

*Freedom Riders 50th Anniversary
A Century of Black Life, History and Culture*



**Sunday February 1, 2015
3:00-5:30pm**

**3701 Lawrence St Colmar Manor Maryland 20722
Multipurpose, Outreach, Conference Rooms**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2014
COLMAR MANOR WORKSESSION MEETING**

Motion made by Council Member Blue to purchase the Global Floor Scrubber and include warranty as long as the total price does not exceed \$3,500. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Epps to purchase blazers for Mayor and Council at a cost not to exceed a total of \$350 for five blazers. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to go into Closed Session at 9:11 p.m.in order to discuss personnel matters.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 14TH, 2014
COLMAR MANOR TOWN MEETING**

Motion made by Council Member Blue to accept the August 6, 12th, 14th and September 9th, 2014 minutes. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to accept the September 2014, Treasurer's Report. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson rescind the Trick or Treat Ban. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Epps to assume responsibility of the War of 1812 Banners. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 27TH, 2014
COLMAR MANOR WORKSESSION MEETING**

Motion made by council Member Blue to move forward with Bates contract with terms as proposed. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to charge a late fee of 1.5% per month for overdue Personal Property Tax Bills. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to allow up to 24 months to pay delinquent personal property tax bills and assess a 1.5% per month penalty and interest fee. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 5TH, 2014
COLMAR MANOR WORKSESSION**

Motion made by Council Member Epps to add the definition of a commercial vehicle to the town's ordinance. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Epps to establish a fee for non-Port Towns \$2, Port Towns

resident \$1, and Colmar Manor residents free of charge, effect January 1, 2015 for use of the gym area & computer room beginning January 2015. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

It was the consensus of the Council to allow the purchase of weekly passes at a rate of \$7 for non-Port Town residents and \$3 for Port Town residents.

Motion: the above motion was amended to include the weekly rates.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to allow the Right Hand to the Left Heart to use the town hall free of charge on Christmas to feed the homeless. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-1-0. Council Member Epps abstained.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to order five glow in the dark signs up to \$250 for the Police Department location. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to go into closed session to discuss real estate matters. Motion passed unanimously.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 12TH, 2014 COLMAR MANOR TOWN MEETING

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to accept the October 2014, Treasurer's Report. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to introduce Ordinance O-2-2014 with changes in the Fine amount. The Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to move the December Worksession to 6pm on 12/9/14. The regular Town meeting is to follow at 7pm on 12/9/14. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

The Next meetings of the Colmar Manor Mayor & Town Council are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, January 6th, at 7:00 PM – Worksession

Tuesday, January 13th, at 7:00 PM – General Session

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 (Verizon channel 11 or Comcast channel 71) and are also available for view anytime on YouTube or via the Town's website at www.colmarmanor.org.



A few notes of information.....from the desk of the Chief of Police,

Crime Issues

Residential Burglary- 3300blk. 40th. Avenue, Thursday, October 2, 2014, 2:39PM, victim arrived home to find their house broken into. A witness did advise seeing unknown person at front door of residence at 10:00AM, but could not provide a description. Victim advised that a TV was missing from the living area. PGPD wrote the report.

Commercial Robbery- Lucky Mart, 4201 Bladensburg Road, Saturday, November 15, 2014, 6:40PM, unknown, B/M, 6', 20's, dreads, wearing black jacket with green shirt, and blue jeans armed with a handgun demanded money from employee. The employee handed money from the register to suspect who then fled in unknown direction from the store. PGPD officers canvassed the town for a suspect which was negative. Detectives from PGPD CID Robbery responded to scene to handle investigation.

Stolen Auto- Shoppers Food Warehouse, 3831 Bladensburg Road, Sunday, November 30, 2014, 11:15AM, victim reported as they were exiting the store they seen their 2003 Dodge Caravan, WV Reg. OYF863 leaving the parking lot being driven by unknown suspect. The vehicle continued to travel up Bladensburg Road towards DC.

Residential Burglary- 3600blk. 40th. Ave., Monday, December 1, 2014, 7:30AM-4:30PM, unknown suspect broke into rear basement door of residence. Two flat screen TV's and a computer tablet were taken. A witness advised seeing two unknown B/M's jumping the back fence as the home owner pulled up to the residence at 4:30PM but not sure if they were the suspects or not. Detective from PGPD Northern Regional Investigation Division responded to scene to investigate.

Anyone with information on these incidents, please contact the police department.

Winter Weather

Winter is a beautiful time of the year in Colmar Manor, especially when a fresh layer of new snow covers everything. Winter can also be a very dangerous time of the year. If you plan on traveling during the winter, it pays to prepare your vehicle for winter driving, including having winter car supplies. Just following some simple safe driving tips and using common sense while driving near snow plows could ensure that you make it to your destination safely. However, be prepared for the unexpected.

Be Prepared for Winter Storms

- Keep an emergency kit and supplies in your home, office and car, including blankets, extra sweaters or sweatshirts, and mittens or gloves.
- Have your car tuned up for winter driving. This includes checking fluid levels. Also make sure that the tires on your car have good treads. Replace old, worn tires.
- Keep a shovel and salt handy for clearing sidewalks and driveways.
- Monitor local weather reports.
- Charge your mobile phone before a storm in case of a power outage.

General Winter Safety

- Ice skating is a fun winter activity; however, if the ice is not safe to skate on, you could be putting your life at risk.

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- Hundreds of people are injured while sledding and tubing every year. Keep safety in mind while enjoying the snow.
- In the winter you should have no less than a quarter of a tank in your vehicle at any time. Condensation can build up in a near-empty gas tank in extremely cold temperatures, which can cause fuel line freeze-up and no-start conditions.
- Do not leave pets outside for extended periods of time. Although they have fur coats, they can be affected if exposed to extremely cold temperatures.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit. You don't want to come home to find that a water pipe has burst inside your house.

Winter Driving Tips

Driving a motor vehicle with any significant amounts of snow or ice on the vehicle is against the law.. Clear all snow and ice off the entire car including the roof, hood, trunk, and license plates. Also, all glass surfaces and lights should be clear and transparent. This includes your windows, side-view mirrors, headlights and tail lights.

IF YOU MUST DRIVE DURING THE STORM, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE TIPS

- Never leave a vehicle unattended while it is warming up. Also, never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- If you have a mobile phone, take it with you and make sure it is fully charged before you leave.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- Drive slowly. Accelerating, stopping and turning takes longer on snow-covered or icy roads. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- Do not follow the vehicle in front of you too closely. Remember that it takes extra time to stop on icy roads. The more space there is between you and the vehicle in front of you, the less likely you will rear-end them if they stop short.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
- Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.
- Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges, entrance and exit ramps.
- Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
- Travel on high-volume roads as much as possible, as clearing these roads is top priority for plows. Avoid driving on back roads or traveling on roads that have not been treated.
- As always, never text while driving and be sure everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seat belt.

Colmar Manor Green Team!

As part of the Sustainable Maryland process we are working on bringing more sustainable (environmental, ecological, money saving, planet saving) practices to our town.

Mayor Barrow has made improving our recycling a priority. Our town will be getting new (larger) covered recycling bins as the New Year arrives. Many of us had more recycling each week than would fit in the old open boxes. Now we want to be sure to put more of the right things in the bins each week!

On the back of this flyer is a list of the materials that you can (and some you can't) recycle each week. Our goal is to recycle more, but to be sure that when it arrives at the recycling center it can be processed. Please keep the list (refrigerator maybe?) where you can refer to it.

Recycling Workshop

SATURDAY JANUARY 10TH FROM 10-12 NOON

COLMAR MANOR TOWN HALL 3701 LAWRENCE STREET

In February we are going to look at composting – you can mix your kitchen vegetable cuttings and coffee grounds with leaves and green waste from your yard and grow great compost at home! We are going to start talking about it in the middle of winter so that we can be read to compost when Spring arrives and we are all out digging in our gardens!

We will talk about how to build a composting box, what to save in the kitchen, how to get your new composter box started, and the benefits of having compost in your garden. Please come join us!

Composting Workshop

SATURDAY February 21st FROM 10-12 NOON

COLMAR MANOR TOWN HALL 3701 LAWRENCE STREET

this will be with the Colmar Manor Garden Club

Are you interested in joining our Green Team and making Colmar Manor more Sustainable? We meet with the Community Engagement meetings each month with Mayor Barrow (see Town Calendar for the meetings). We would love to have you join us!

Carrie Biggs-Adams (202) 415-1147 cell

What can I put in the recycling cart?

- PLEASE KEEP THIS LIST -

All your clean recyclables can go into the cart. No separating. Do not put recyclables into plastic bags. Just place items loose into the cart. NO Liquids – empty ALL water bottles and cans.

DO Recycle

- Paper
- Magazines/ Catalogs
- Newspapers
- Shredded paper (bagged)
- Soda Cans & metal food cans
- Glass (empty)
- Plastic bottles & jugs (all numbers 1-7)
- Plastic buckets/food containers
- Paper milk/juice cartons
- Plastic lawn chairs
- Cardboard/Paper
- Cereal boxes
- Clean, balled aluminum foil
- Aluminum pie pans
- Mail & Junk Mail
- Greeting cards
- Hard & soft back books
- Empty aerosol cans
- Coat Hangers (Metal & Plastic)
- Plastic flower pots
- Prescription bottles

DON'T Recycle

- Light bulbs
- Styrofoam
- Mirrors
- Ceramics
- Pyrex
- Wax paper
- Batteries
- Paper Towels
- Painted/Treated wood
- Padded/Plastic Envelopes
- Auto parts
- Broken glass
- Dishes
- Electronics
- Hazardous materials
- Medical waste
- Motor oil containers
- Packing foam and peanuts
- Plastic utensils
- Windowpanes

Remember to rinse all food and beverage containers and to recap or place the lids in the recycling.

Can I recycle my newspapers if they get wet from rain or snow?

Under normal circumstances, we can accept wet newspaper, although dry newsprint is strongly preferred by processors. Unlike plastic, metal and glass, paper is organic. Rain/water causes paper to break down rapidly. One of the reasons the newer recycling carts have lids is to keep paper materials dry.

Are take-out containers recyclable?

No. This includes pizza boxes; paper cartons and Styrofoam[®] boxes. These items are usually too soiled to be recycled.

How can I recycle plastic bags?

You may take your plastic bags to your local grocery stores. Most grocery stores recycle these bags. If you choose to recycle your plastic grocery bags at home please put them all together inside of one bag and tie it up before you put it into your single stream recycling container.

<http://www.batestrucking.com/recycling-collection-services/recycling-faqs/>

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/WasteManagement/Services/Recycling/ResidentialRecyclingProgram/Pages/default.aspx>

COLMAR MANOR COMMUNITY GARDEN - 3806 NEWTON- SIGN UP SHEET 2015

Please fill out this form and return to TOWN HALL to show interest in a Garden Plot.

NAME _____ Phone: _____

Street Address _____

email address: _____

Please Return to Town Hall no later than JANUARY 15th so we know how many people are seeking plots.

Favor de llenar este forma y devolver lo al Centro del Pueblo para expresar su interes en tener una area en el Jardin Comunitaria.

Nombre: _____

Telefono: _____

Direcion de su casa: _____

Direcion electronico _____

Favor de devolver esto al Centro del Pueblo no mas tarde que el 15 de enero para saber cuantos personas estan buscando areas.

Questions/Preguntas – Carrie Biggs-Adams (202) 415-1147

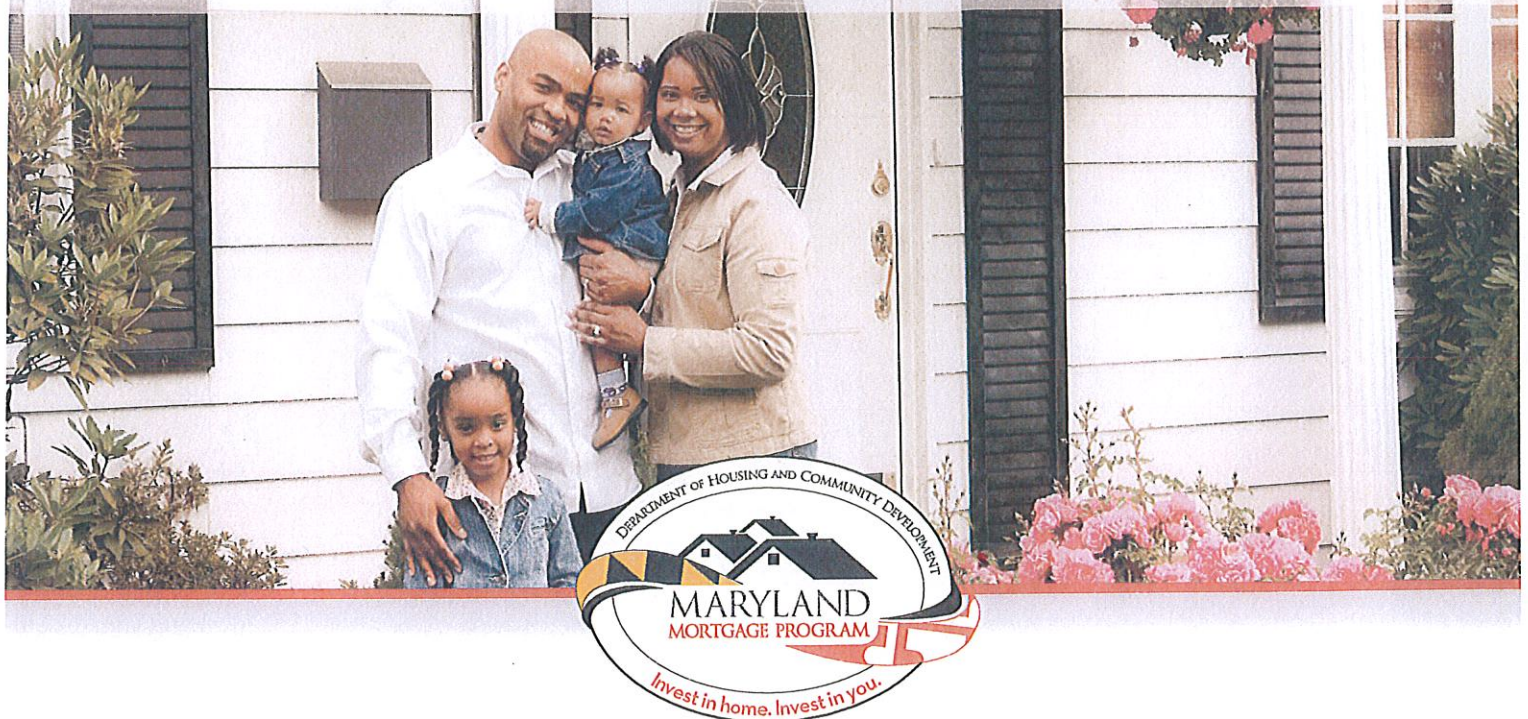
cbiggs-adams@cwa-union.org

Garden Club Meeting – Saturday January 17th 10 -11:30am Town Hall 3701 Lawrence St.

Reunion del Club Jardinero Sabado 17 de enero 10-11:30am

Centro Del Pueblo 3701 Lawrence

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF UP TO \$20,000 DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE AND MORE



MMP *TriplePlay* in Prince George's County

Available through the Maryland Mortgage Program, MMP TriplePlay gives eligible homebuyers in Prince George's County incredible financial incentives that put homeownership within reach. MMP TriplePlay gives you more buying power and makes it easier for your family to make the move:



1 UP TO \$20,000 DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE*

Available to eligible MMP borrowers purchasing in Prince George's County



2 0.25% DISCOUNT ON INTEREST RATE

Interest Rate reduction applies to standard Maryland Mortgage Program loans



3 MARYLAND HOMECREDIT

Available to all program borrowers with no DHCD fees (LENDER FEES STILL APPLY)



For more details visit:
[mmp.maryland.gov/
TriplePlay](http://mmp.maryland.gov/TriplePlay)

MMP TRIPLEPLAY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

FACT SHEET:

PURPOSE	To help Maryland homebuyers purchase a home in Prince George's County by offering a lower-than-market interest rate.
DATE	The program starts on 11/20/2014
LOCATION	Prince George's County, Maryland
DOWN PAYMENT & CLOSING COST ASSISTANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$10,000* DPA from the Maryland Mortgage Program (MMP) in the form of a zero percent deferred loan, and• An additional \$10,000* grant DPA available to eligible MMP borrowers purchasing in one of the 14 selected zip codes: (20743- Capitol Heights, 20746- Suitland, 20706- Lanham, 20745- Oxon Hill, 20747- District Heights, 20772 and 20774- Upper Marlboro, 20748- Temple Hills, 20744- Fort Washington, 20737- Riverdale, 20784- Landover/Hyattsville, 20785- Landover Hills/Hyattsville, 20710- Bladensburg, and 20722- Brentwood). The grant funds are immediately forgivable upon loan closing. <p>The MMP Prince George's County Initiative down payment and closing cost assistance cannot be combined with funds from MMP Partner Match programs. However, any MMP loan under the Prince George's County Initiative can receive any available assistance from employers, builders, developers, local jurisdictions etc.</p>
INTEREST RATE	<p>The interest rate is 25 bps (0.25%) below each of the regular MMP interest rates for conventional and government insured loans. The interest rate reduction cannot be used in conjunction with Maryland Homefront Program (borrowers can benefit from either a 0.25% interest rate reduction for a Maryland Homefront loan OR a 0.25% interest rate reduction for a Prince George's County MMP loan).</p>
MARYLAND HOMECREDIT	<p>Can be used in conjunction with MMP Prince George's County Initiative. As an additional incentive, CDA will waive the fee for the mortgage credit certificate (MCC) associated with a MMP Prince George's County mortgage loan. Lenders may continue to charge their MCC fee:</p> <p>Lender MCC fees (lenders can establish their own fees within these guidelines)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MCC Only: up to \$700 per MCC• MCC with an MMP loan: up to \$350 per MCC <p>(please refer to Directive 2014-19 for maximum fees).</p> <p>For details about eligibility for the Maryland HomeCredit, visit: mmp.maryland.gov/MDHomeCredit</p>
ELIGIBLE MD HOMEFRONT BORROWERS	<p>The program is open to eligible MMP homebuyers purchasing in Prince George's County. Eligible borrowers must qualify for an MMP loan, i.e. credit score, income limitations, etc. All borrowers must take approved homebuyer education and utilize an approved lender. For more information on general MMP requirements, go online to: mmp.maryland.gov/Lenders/Pages/Fact-Sheets.aspx</p> <p>or browse the MMP website at: mmp.maryland.gov</p>
FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER REQUIREMENT	<p>While MMP loans generally are limited to First-Time homebuyers, the requirement is waived if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Borrower is purchasing in a targeted area and sold their current home prior to closing on the new property; (for more information on targeted areas: mmp.maryland.gov/Pages/Targeted-Areas.aspx)• It has been more than three years since borrower has owned a principal residence; or• Borrower is an honorably discharged veteran who has not previously used the first-time homebuyer exemption. This is in accordance with the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008, as amended. A DD-214 form must be submitted to document veteran status, and a Veteran First Time Homebuyer Exemption form (Attachment V) must be completed.



Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor



Clarence Snuggs,
Acting Secretary

January 2015

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 4 - 10	Jan 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		7:00pm Recreation Council Meeting (Town Hall) - Unknown 7:15pm ZUMBA	6:00am Recyclables & Reg Trash Pickup 7:00pm Council Work Session (Town Hall)	6:00am Bulk Trash Pickup (call 301-773-2069 for 6:00am Yard Waste Pickup 12:00pm Senior Citizen Assn Meeting (Town H 7:15pm ZUMBA			9:30am ZUMBA 10:00am 11:00am Green Team - Let's Recycle (Town Hall)
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	3:00pm 4:00pm Black History Program (Town Hall)						
Feb 1 - 7							



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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