



# Town of Colmar Manor

*A Port Town Community*



*Newsletter*

*July - September 2016*

## ***FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL***

Happy summer. We hope you and family are doing well. This newsletter will give you an update of what is going on in and around town for your preview, engagement and comments. We look forward to your connection.

### **PARKING PERMIT HEARING:**

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, we conducted a Public Hearing to discuss the parking situation in the town. We were very fortunate to have a number of our residents attend and give their opinions and suggestions regarding concerns and/or possible suggestions to rectify the limited parking situations in the town.

We are absorbing this advice and continuing to investigate the most advantageous manner to help relieve the parking issues. We will be back in touch with town residents within the next couple of months.

### **BIG BELLY TRASH CANS:**

You may have noticed the new “Big Belly Trash Cans” on Bladensburg Road. The Port Towns of Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City and Edmonston and the City of Mount Rainier submitted a joint request through the Maryland Community Legacy Grant and received funding in the amount of \$100,000 to purchase these Duo Station Solar trash cans. Colmar Manor’s Big Belly trash cans are located in front of the Port Towns Shopping Center and by the KFC/Taco Bell.

These trash cans will reduce the number of times the trash needs to be picked up weekly from approximately five to one time per week. Notices will be sent to our office when a trash can has reached its maximum and the trash needs to be pulled. Because of their capacity to hold large volumes of trash, Bladensburg Road will look more pleasing for traffic passing through our town.

A big thank you goes out to former Councilmember Doreatha Epps who initiated the idea of the Big Belly Trash Cans and Lt. Jim Flynn, Town of Bladensburg, who wrote the grant.

### **NEWTON STREET PARK:**

We are pleased to announce that we have received funding to completely renovate the Newton Street Park. The renovations will include Outdoor Exercise Equipment and new Children’s Equipment. The renovations should be completed within the next couple of years. *(cont’d)*

**SUMMER STUDENT HELP:**

A special “Thanks” to our student summer help this year. We had two students from the Port Towns Youth Council, two from the Prince George’s County Summer Youth Enrichment Program and one of our town residents. These students were a tremendous help in our Police/Code Enforcement Departments, Public Works, Recreation and Administration. We hopefully gave them a lot of opportunities to learn about municipal government and the day to day activities.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**COLMAR MANOR DAY** - Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Newton Street Park. Join your neighbors for a fun day of games, music, food, etc. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information regarding the day.

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PORT TOWNS DAY** - Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Bladensburg Waterfront Park. (Rain Date October 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, we will have music, children’s rides, boat rides, vendors, all kinds of food vendors, face painting, Bingo, dancing and just a lot of fun!

Vendor Spaces are still available. Call Judy Myers, Colmar Manor at 301-277-4920 or Diane Griffin, Bladensburg at 301-927-7048 for information.

The Port Towns Day Committee is looking for students who need Community Service Hours to help on this exciting day. Please call the Colmar Manor Town Hall at 301-277-4920 if you would like to participate.

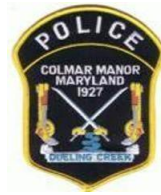
**IN CLOSING:**

As you can see, we have been pursuing quite a few projects at the Town Hall. Please contact Mayor Barrow or your Councilmember if you would like more information.

We encourage our citizens to attend our Town Meetings on the, however, you can see them on Cable TV Station Channel 71 live or on YouTube.com at any time. Also, please check out the Town’s Facebook page and the Town’s Website for more information. But most important, please sign up to be on our “Email List”. We can send you information as it is received. Please call the Town Hall at 301-277-4920 or email to [reception@colmarmanor.org](mailto:reception@colmarmanor.org) to sign up for this list.

Thank you so much!

We always look forward to hearing from you.



## ***A few notes of information .....from the desk of Acting Chief of Police Sims***

***~In this day and age, True Community Policing is when the Police and Community seek to understand each other and work together towards common goals~***

With summer in our midst and neighbors having family gatherings and parties in their yards, please be considerate of those around you. The following is the law on loud music and noise;

Noise in a Residential Area Prince George's County Ordinance Sec. 19-126.

- (a) No person, who has been ordered by a police officer to cease using operating, or permitting to be played or operated any radio, television set, tape or disk recorder, phonograph, musical instrument, or any other machine, equipment, or tool which produces or reproduces any sound or noise which is audible more than fifty (50) feet from the source of the sound or noise, shall continue to use, operate, or permit to play or operate the device causing the sound or noise.
- (b) This Section shall apply only to a sound or noise which is audible in a residential area between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. of the next day. Residential area is an area located within a residential zone listed in Section 27-109(a)(I) of this Code.

Any person who violates any provision of this Section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 for a first offense, and \$500 for each

Please call 301-352-1200 and an officer will be dispatched between the hours of 9:00 pm and 7:00 am for loud music and other disruptive noises. It is also the number to call for all NON-EMERGENCY incidents that the Town Police are needed for.

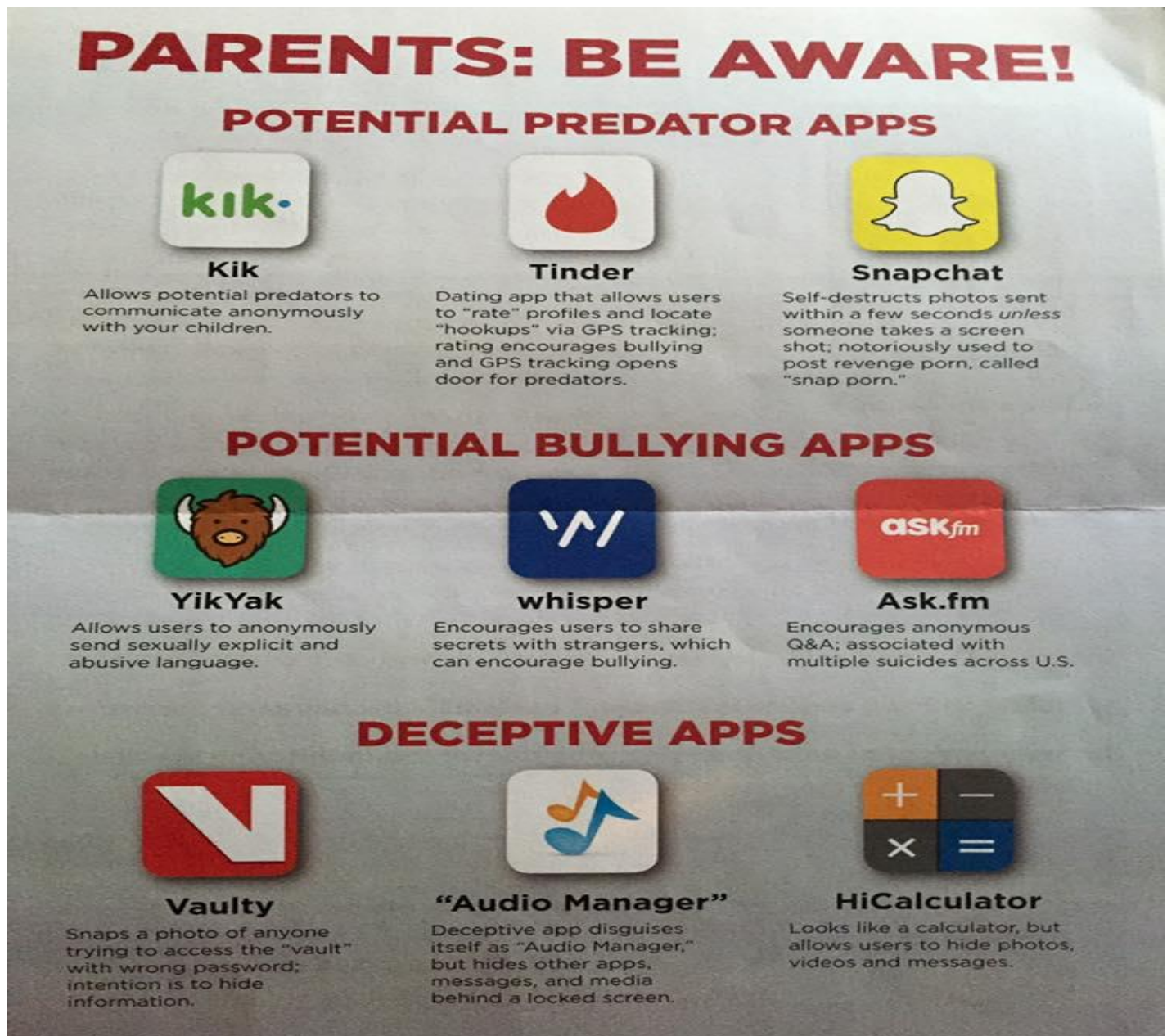
### **SERVICE MESSAGE:**

I am passing on this public service message that is important for ALL RESIDENTS OF MARYLAND: You can update your emergency contacts on your drivers license for FREE by following the link below. It is very important for you to update your emergency contacts in case you are not able to respond to questions or you are deceased. The Police can rapidly notify your next of kin by checking your drivers license. Don't wait to update this important information.

<https://securetransactions.mva.maryland.gov/emvastore/>

# KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

While mobile phones have made it easier for parents to communicate with their children, they've also made it easier for online predators to reach them. We need to be informed and able to ask our children what apps they use and for what purpose.



# **CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

## **TARGETS**

**Ready on the right, ready on the left already on the firing line.**

**“Don’t be a target” in Life Safety non-compliance.**

All structures shall be weather tight, free from holes, breaks and loose or rotting materials.

All exterior wood surfaces shall be painted or covered with protective treatment. Peeling, flaking or chipping paint shall be removed and repainted.

Metal surfaces shall be free of rust or corrosion; coated with a protective treatment.

Gutters and down spouts must be maintained in good repair and free of obstructions.

Glass windows and doors must be free of cracks or voids; and windows and doors designed to be opened shall be operable and able to remain open by the window / door hardware.

Stairways, decks and balconies must be maintained in a safe condition.

Walkways, stairs, driveways and parking spaces must be kept free of unsafe and hazardous conditions, and sidewalks must be cleared of snow/ ice and any other obstructions.

### **EXTERIOR PROPERTIES:**

- Exterior properties and premises should be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. It should be free from weeds and grass in excess of 12 inches. The plant growth (Corn/Sunflower) must not obstruct walkways, sidewalks, streets, adjoining driveways and/or the house numbers identifying the address of the dwelling. Agricultural plants such as (corn) is not encourage to be grown in the front yard; this is a County and Town Concern.
- Open storage of any household appliance, motor vehicle parts, building materials, furniture, dead trees, garbage or similar items is prohibited. Storage on the front porch and patio is also prohibited.
- Please note that structures and exterior properties should be free from rodent infestation.
- Sump Pump drainage on your property only, DO NOT drain into the County storm drain (Public Works) system or any other property.
- Firewood stored on a property must be neatly stacked and a minimum of 18” above the ground or 6” above an approved weed-free surface.
- Yards must be stabilized (grass or the other approved cover) and graded to prevent accumulation of water or erosion.
- Fences must be maintained in good condition and fence gates must be Operational.

- Swimming pools on a property maintained in good working order.
- “IMPORTANT”- NOT MORE THAN ONE MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS WRECKED, DISMANTLED, INOPERABLE OR UNLICENSED IS ALLOWED ON A PROPERTY; AND, THE ONE VEHICLE THAT IS ALLOWED MUST BE INSIDE A CLOSED GARAGE”. No car repair, business venture in the residential area.
- Accessory structures / Garages shall be in good repair, and for storage only; NOT A LIVING SPACE
- Properties must be maintained free of graffiti.
- Registration of vacant homes and or lots please contact the Town Hall.
- Any structural work interior and exterior shall be reviewed by Plans review and permit obtained. (This apply to Electrical, Plumbing, and Grading, etc.) So therefore please NOTE please don’t be a **TARGET**.
- **Zoning Concern**> Chickens **shall not** be raised in the Town of Colmar Manor.
- All Dogs and Cats shall be on a leash, not at large. Registration with county and tag on animals.
- Wild cats/Feral cats- send complaints to Town Code Enforcement and or Alley Cat Rescue.

Prince George’s County’s Clean Lot Code addresses violations concerning high grass and weeds over 12 inches in height, as well as trash, debris and unlicensed, wrecked, dismantled or inoperable vehicles on vacant properties not located within an incorporated area (municipality). This Ordinance allows for abatement of conditions by the County/ Town and a lien to be placed on the property for cost of abatement, if the owner does not comply.

If you need to file a complaint, please come in person to fill out a complaint form; Emergencies please dial 911 and Non-emergencies please call 301-779-5491 and or County 311. Very important, include the address of the property in question and brief description of the complaint.

Together we can work toward removing all the “Bull Eye’s” of despair from our community and this effort will enhance the quality of Life and Aesthetic values of the County and Community of “Town Of Colmar Manor”.

Citizens of Colmar Manor-Thanks for Your Attention in This Matter.

And a **Special Thanks** to (DPIE) Prince George County’s Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement.

***Inspector Darryl (Rick) Queen***  
Code Enforcement Division  
Colmar Manor Police





The Colmar Manor Recreation Council is  
pleased to announce

# *Colmar Manor Day*

## *A Community Celebration*

**Saturday, August 27, 2016**

**Newton Street Park**

**(3800 block of Newton Street)**

**2 pm until 7 pm**

*Bring a chair and join your neighbors for a day of  
Music, Food and Fun for the whole family!*

**Food**

**Prizes**

**Games**

**Bouncy House**

**Zumba**

**Music**

**Health Screenings**

**Face Painting**

*Informative Displays and Presentations*



El Consejo de Récréation de Colmar Manor, se  
complace en anunciar

# *“Dia de Colmar Manor”*

Sabado 27 de Agosto, 2016

Newton Street Park  
(3800 block of Newton Street)

2p.m - 7p.m

Trae una silla y reúnete con tus vecinos para un día de  
música, comida y diversión para toda la familia.

COMIDA

PREMIOS

JUEGOS

TRAMPOLINES

ZUMBA

MUSICA

EXÁMENES DE SALUD

PINTURA DE CARA

*Pantallas Informativas y Presentaciones*





**Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Institute Inc.,**



**WITH SO MUCH CONFUSION ALL AROUND**

**IT'S TIME TO JOIN**

## **THE PORT TOWNS STRESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

### **YOU WILL LEARN:**

- Several relaxation techniques
- How to relax
- How to deactivate stressors
- How to build and/or improve coping resources to solve tough challenges
- How to build and/or improve self-management skills

**Thursday, September 8<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

**Morning 9:30 am-10:30am and**

**Evening 6pm-7pm**

**Port Towns Health and Wellness Center**

**3611 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Colmar Manor, MD 20722**

**For on line registration: [www.awpli.org](http://www.awpli.org) or call 240 487-6215**

# Fall Day RETREAT

## Empowering Women

In

### **A Holistic Approach to Managing Stress**

Continued stress can affect your Total Health and Well-Being and is a major cause of diseases and chronic illnesses.

Join us in a day Retreat (body work, workshops, relaxation, networking, dance and movement, healthy eating and more). Increase your knowledge and raise your awareness to several stress management modalities to reduce your risk for chronic diseases, improve your health outcome, decrease and/or prevent hospital admission and continuous doctor's visits.

## **TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY TO EMBRACE SELF-LOVE**

### **ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOP Topics include:**

Embracing Self Love	Massage
Prayer Walk	Heart Disease and Stress
Spiritual Medicine for Stress	Art of Aromatherapy in Stress Management
Yoga	Dance and Movement Therapy
Deep Relaxation and Stress	Decreasing your Risk of Cancer
Stress and Your Reproductive Health	Stress and Your Emotional Being
Acupuncture and Relaxation	Happy Foods
Reflexology and Stress Relief	Stress management for Pain Management
Music Therapy	Saying "No" and Feeling Just Fine

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 - 8:30 am-5pm**

Port Towns Health and Wellness Center- 3611 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Colmar, Manor Maryland 20722

Visit our website for further information and registration- [www.awpli.org](http://www.awpli.org) ,

240 487-6215 or [bettye@awpli.org](mailto:bettye@awpli.org)

# **HAPPY HOUR PLUS**

**September 16, 2016  
AND EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY**

**7:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT**

**COLMAR MANOR TOWN HALL  
3701 LAWRENCE STREET  
COLMAR MANOR, MD 20722**

**Light Refreshments Provided,  
Dinner Available, BYOB**



# Sip and Paint

EVERY 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY

## Colmar Manor Town Hall

3701 Lawrence Street, Colmar Manor, MD

Need to *wine* down after a long work week?

Or just need a night out with friends? Schedule a night out of painting, music, wine, and food for a therapeutic experience.

Learn the basics of painting while enjoying the relaxing environment created by relaxing music and drinks. Be an artist for the day and create!

Hors d'Oeuvres wine, non-alcoholic drinks, music and art materials provided.

**SUNDAY, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> - 4-6:00 P.M.**

**\$40 for Admission**

Just bring yourself and good vibes. See you there!

**For more information, call the Town Hall at 301-277-4920**





# **COLMAR MANOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE**



## **AT RESIDENTS HOMES**

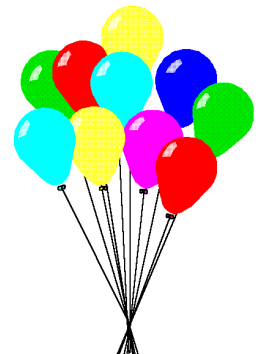
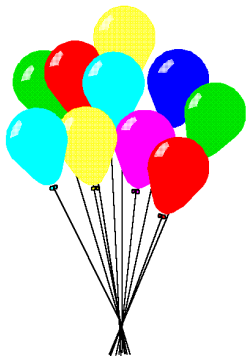
**WHEN:** Saturday, September 24, 2016

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** At Residents' Individual Homes



Call Colmar Manor Town Hall 301-277-4920 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by July 21<sup>st</sup> to register your home and receive more information.





# **COMUNIDAD DE COLMAR MANOR VENTA DE GARAJE EN TU CASA PROPIA**



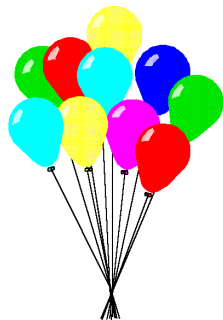
**CUÁNDO:**      **Sábado, el 24 de Septiembre, 2016**

**HORA:**        **7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**DÓNDE:**      **En Tu Propia Casa Personal**



**Llama la Alcaldía de Colmar Manor 301-277-4920 de 9:00 a.m. hasta 4:00 p.m. no más tarde del 21 de Julio para inscribir tu propia casa y recibir más información acerca de esta venta.**







TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH GP PROMOTIONS, LLC

# HAPPY HOUR PLUS OLD SCHOOL GROOVE

FRI, AUG 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 | 7:00 PM TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT

\$25 IN ADVANCE \$30 AT THE DOOR  
FOOD AVAILABLE OR BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS  
3701 LAWRENCE STREET, COLMAR MANOR, MD

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
RENEE WATTS (301) 277-4920



*The Port Towns*



**SAVE THE DATE & CELEBRATE!  
DON'T FORGET THIS FUN DAY!**

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PORT TOWNS  
DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Rain Date – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

**BLADENSBURG WATERFRONT PARK  
4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD**

## ***TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR SCHOLARSHIP***

The Scholarship Committee of the Town of Colmar Manor is pleased to announce that it will be awarding scholarships totaling \$2,000 for the 2016/2017 school year. The applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a resident of Colmar Manor and under 21 years of age
2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better (validated by an official transcript or final report card)
3. Be accepted by a post-secondary educational institution (including but not limited to 2-year colleges, 4-year colleges, police academies, and trade schools)

To be considered for the scholarship the applicant must write about **ONE** of the following topics:

- a. *My most challenging experience*
- b. *The person who has meant the most to me*
- c. *The goals I have for my life*

The composition may be in any form (essay, poem, dialogue, etc.) and should reflect the student's best effort. Please make sure your name is on the composition.

In addition, the applicant must submit a letter of character reference from a non-relative adult. This need be only a brief description of the applicant in terms of integrity, service, leadership, and other qualities.

**All applications must be turned in to the Town Hall office before the end of the business day, Friday, August 12, 2016.** Finalists will be selected and interviewed the following week. The awards will be paid directly to the institution upon proof of current enrollment. Payment will occur over two semesters contingent upon the student remaining in good academic standing.

All applications will be given equal consideration without regard to race, gender, religion, or country of national origin.

**Applications are available at Colmar Manor Town Hall:** 3701 Lawrence Street  
Colmar Manor, MD 20722  
301-277-4920

## ***APPLICATION FOR THE TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR SCHOLARSHIP***

Please print neatly in ink or type on the lines provided. All information will remain confidential and will only be used for determining the scholarship awards. Please return this form and the required documentation to the Colmar Manor Town Hall before the close of the business day, Friday, August 12, 2016.

### **APPLICANT'S INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number(s) e-mail address Cumulative G.P.A. (attach proof)

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School from which the applicant graduated month and year of graduation

### **PARENT'S (or GUARDIAN'S) INFORMATION** *(If applicant is under 18 years of age)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name relation to applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address if different from applicant's Telephone Number

### **INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the post-secondary institution that the applicant hopes to attend/is attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

### **REFERENCE'S INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of non-relative adult who wrote the letter of character reference (please attach letter)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address and telephone number

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT: To the best of my knowledge, all the information submitted on or with this document is true. The written composition attached is my own work.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE/DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# ***WEATHERIZE YOUR HOME FOR FREE!!***

## **Call for a Free Energy Audit Now!**

**Dear Neighbor:**

Would you like to save money on your energy bills? Would you like to make your home more comfortable? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please apply for the weatherization grant.

The Town of Colmar Manor, as part of Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration, received grant funding via the MEA EmPOWER LMI Communities Grant and DHCD Sustainable Communities-Community Legacy Grant again this year.

Since the program started in 2012, these grants have allowed *over forty-one (41) residents* in our town to obtain complete Home Energy audits on their homes at NO COST and retrofits that gave the MOST "BANG FOR YOUR BUCK" which was likely the sealing of windows and insulation in attics at NO COST TO THE HOMEOWNER! *The total amount of modifications received in our Town passed \$220,464.00.*

We are offering this service again this year, hopefully helping more residents than in previous years. In order to qualify, there are income requirements for homeowners and you need to submit some paperwork but the benefits are worth a little effort. If you wish to be considered, please call the Town Hall at (301) 277-4920.





Town of Colmar Manor  
3701 Lawrence Street  
Colmar Manor, MD 20722

Prst. Std.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Brentwood, MD  
Permit No. 5992

**Sadara Barrow**

Mayor  
sbarrow@colmarmanor.org

**Lois Ann Blue**

Ward 1 Councilmember  
lblue@colmarmanor.org

**Cynthia Bowden**

Ward 2 Councilmember  
cbowden@colmarmanor.org

**Vivian Jackson**

Ward 3 Councilmember  
vjackson@colmarmanor.org

**Melinda Mendoza**

Ward 4 Councilmember  
mmendoza@colmarmanor.org

**Town Offices**

**301-277-4920**

Fire / Ambulance 911

**Police**

Emergency 911  
Non-Emergency 301-352-1200  
Colmar Manor PD 301-779-5491  
(Admin Office)

Park Police 301-459-9088

PEPCO 202-833-7500

Washington Gas 703-750-1000

WSSC 301-206-4001  
Emergency 301-206-4002

Comcast 800-934-6489

Verizon 877-502-2876

**Trash Collection**

Tuesday

Regular Household Trash

Tuesday

Recyclables

Wednesday

Yard Waste (not in plastic bags)

Wednesday

Bulk Items\*

Please have trash/recyclables/yard waste/bulk items at the curb by 7:00 AM on pickup day.

\*Reservation for bulk trash pickup must be made by calling Bates Trucking by 2 pm Tuesday.

**Bates Trucking 301-773-2069**

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, via the Town's website at [www.colmarmanor.org](http://www.colmarmanor.org) and via Facebook.