

Town Hall
Upper Marlboro, Maryland



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TRASH PICK-UP FOR COLUMBUS DAY

Residential trash

will be picked up on **MONDAY** October 8th

Bulk & Yard Waste trash

will be picked up on **TUESDAY** October 9th

Welcome to *Landings* . . .

A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro



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VOTING EARLY?

Early Voting for our area will be at the Upper Marlboro Community Center (5400 Marlboro Race Track Road) from **October 27th through November 1st, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** (Sunday, October 28th, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.)

Below are some tips to be prepared on November 6th.

- Register to vote!** The State of Maryland offers **ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**. **Voter Registration deadline is October 16th.** You can register or update your voter information online: <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/OnlineVoterRegistration>
- If you are registered to vote, **check your voting status** online to ensure you are eligible to vote in November: <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/>
- Know where you are assigned to vote** online: <http://egov.princegeorgescountymd.gov/elections/>
- Vote during non-peak hours** (10 a.m. and 4 p.m.)
- If you are not able to vote at the polls during early voting or on Election Day, the **deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is October 30th.** Visit: http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Elections/absentee_ballots.asp

For more information, contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at (301) 430-8020, or visit: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/elections/>

New County Call Center Launched on October 1st

Anyone who has called the County's information line in the past will be pleased to learn that on October 1st, the County started up its new "311 Call Center." If you need to request a service, file a complaint, or just need information, this is the number to call. Open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and staffed with 25 trained people, it is the one-stop-shop for dealing with the County. With a centralized database for all requests for services, the County should be able to track and monitor progress on your requests. There is a comparable online system called "CountyClick 311" (that also has an APP for downloading to Smartphones.)

If you have an emergency, still use 911 for police, fire, medical and Sheriff's Office services. If it is not an emergency, but still require those services, use the non-emergency number (301) 352-1200. The Town police are also dispatched from both of those numbers. If you have a matter that is local to the Town, call us at Town Hall (301) 627-6905.

Next Town Meeting: October 9th at 7:30 pm

November Ballot Questions

We have been bombarded with ads concerning some of the Statewide ballot questions on the November ballot but little has been said concerning the seven ballot questions pertaining only to Prince George's County. Each of the ballot questions is a single sentence stating the general nature of the issue, and refers to a Council Bill for further details. The following is a short explanation of what the underlying Council Bills contain.

Question A (Council Bill 55-2012) —Proposed Charter Amendment. The current Charter provides for realignment of County Council Districts every ten years. A Commission is appointed to redraw, if necessary, the size of the districts to equal out population changes. The Commission plan is sent to the County Council and if it does not change the plan it becomes law November 30th. Under the current Charter the County Council must pass a Bill to change the plan. According to news reports that process can take six weeks to accomplish and then a 45 day waiting period to become effective. The proposed Charter change would allow the County Council change the redistricting plan by Resolution a process that would shorten the time needed to change the redistricting plan. Notice and a public hearing are required.

Question B (Council Bill 57-2012)—Proposed Charter Amendment. The County Charter places dollar limits on the use of contracts that provide for the payment of funds in subsequent fiscal years. For contracts above the dollar limit the County Council must approve the contract by passing a Council Bill. Similar to Question A above this require would change to "resolution of the County Council upon notice and public hearing"

Question C (Council Bill 46-2012) —Library Facilities Bonds. The County has a six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Most projects in the plan require several years to complete and are funded on a year-to-year basis. The projects are funded from various sources but mostly from the issuing of General Obligation Bonds. The issuance of Bonds by the County requires voter approval under the County Charter. The County is seeking approval to issue \$45,150,000 worth of bonds for library purposes. The funds will be used for general Library Branch renovations and more extensive work on the New Carrollton, Hyattsville and Surrats-Clinton branches. The Laurel, South Bowie and Bladensburg branches are slated to be replaced.

Question D (Council Bill 47-2012) —County Building Bonds. The County is seeking approval to issue \$75,823,000 in bonds for seven County building projects. The projects are: Health Facilities renovations, County building Renovations II, Administrative Information Systems, Courthouse Exterior/Interior se-

curity, Prince George's homeless shelter, Emergency Command Center. The final project is for the Family Justice Center with \$3,500,000 for Fiscal Year 2013. The Total cost is projected to be \$31,125,000 by fiscal year 2015.

Question E (Council Bill 48-2012) —Public Safety Facilities. The County is seeking approval to issue \$156,354,000 in Bonds for the renovation and construction of twenty-nine police and fire facilities.

Question F (Council Bill 49-2012) —Public Works and Transportation Facilities. The County is seeking approval to issue \$193,383,000 in Bonds for thirty-two projects. There are no projects in the immediate area.

Question G (Council Bill 50-2012) —Prince George's Community College. The County is seeking approval to issue \$156,047,000 in Bonds to fund the renovation and construction for nine projects.

If you are interested in looking into the various projects in greater detail for any of the Bond issues, the information is available on the County website: <http://lis.princegeorgescountymd.gov/lis/> (type in Bill number in the search field.) We also have copies of the various Bills and County Budget for inspection at Town Hall.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

COLUMBUS DAY: Monday, October 8th. Offices will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 am.

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, October 9th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

6TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE: Saturday, October 13, 2012, 9 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Vendors, light refreshments, FREE! 6420 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, MD 20748. RSVP: 301-772-4880.

AT THE LIBRARY (Upper Marlboro Branch):

Minute to Win It! (Teens), Wednesday, October 17th, 5:30 p.m.– Compete in 10 Fun challenges!

The Tale of Despereaux, Monday, November 5th, 3:00 p.m.– Children's Book discussion (ages 8-12)

An Irish Storytime (Kids), Tuesday, November 6th, 11:15 a.m.–Stories and music from the Emerald Isle.

14730 Main St. Call (301) 627-9330 for more info.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL

HOMECOMING PARADE: Saturday, October 20th, 9:30–11:30 a.m. Main Street.

STAR PARTY–MERKLE WILDLIFE CENTER:

Saturday, October 20th, 7–11:30 p.m. Observe the Milky Way through telescopes–FREE. To register, e-mail: kjarboe@dnr.state.md.us, or call: 301-888-1377.

WORK SESSION: Tuesday, October 23rd, 9:15 a.m. at the Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

GREAT JACK O' LANTERN CAMPFIRE: Saturday, October 27th, 7pm at Darnall's Chance. See Illuminated pumpkins & Roast marshmallows. Popcorn, cider and prizes. \$3(cash)/person. Rain date: Sunday 6pm.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Sunday, November 4th at 2 a.m. Turn clocks BACK one hour.

ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 6th.



POLICE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2012

Town Citations: 63 • State Citations: 21

Out-of-Town Incidents: In-Town Incidents:

1 Assault	1 Identity Theft
4 Burglary	1 Theft from Auto
17 Larceny	3 Vehicle Impound
1 Robbery	All in-Town incidents were in the downtown area and not in the residential areas.
2 Stolen Vehicle	