IN AND AROUND
THE TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR

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**February 11, 2020; 7 pm Colmar Manor Swears in New Police Chief** …

Tracy Stone a native son of Colmar Manor and more than 30 year police veteran of the Town of Bladensburg will now be working for you, the residents of Colmar Manor as your new Chief of Police. Chief stone knows our community very well, and we are very pleased that he was available from his recent retirement from Bladensburg to come to Colmar Manor. Please join us on February 11, 2020 at 7 pm to welcome Chief Stone as our chief and network with him!

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**February 11, 2020; 7 pm Compare Foods owners visit Colmar Manor** …

Compare Foods is the new grocery store coming to Colmar Manor and four other locations in the State of Maryland replacing the Shoppers store who announce their closing of all stores several months ago. Compare will be bring back at least 15 employees from the Shoppers including the manager. What a great start!

We are pleased to say that Mr. Pena, the owner of this and several other Compare Foods stores, and his family will be joining us for a meet and greet on February 11, 2020. I do hope you can join us in welcoming them and help us a build great relationship.
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

The Town Council, Staff, and I wish you all a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2020. To start the year encouraged and uplifted, I want to share with you something sent to me by a friend:

“Hello, welcome to Flight #2020. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose Altitude under pressure, during the flight, reach up and pull down a Prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated you can assist other passengers. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. The Captain (GOD) has cleared us for takeoff. Destination GREATNESS.”
~~Anonymous

Let’s take these words to heart, apply them, and support each other to an awesome year and beyond.

Sincerely,

Sadara Barrow, Mayor

February 11, 2020; 7 pm Colmar Manor Swears in New Code Compliance Inspector

As you may know, Inspector Richardson resigned Colmar Manor and Cottage City for another position late in December. Since then the team has worked hard to have good replacement. We are happy to say the Barry Wade from New Carrollton has joined our team and he started on February 10, 2020.

Inspector Wade has over 35 years of experience in Code Compliance in the county and other municipalities, and he comes well recommended. This position will continue to work for Colmar Manor and Cottage city. Please join us on Tuesday February 11, 2020 to welcome him to our community.
Colmar Manor’s Martial Arts classes produces new Belts…

Every Tuesday and Thursday @6:30 p.m, the TRUE FOUNDATION MARTIAL ARTS INSTITUTE, with Jesus Kotei, and Anthony Mills offer our community a wonderful opportunity. We can improving physical fitness and mental and emotional health. As well as, give you greater self-confidence, reduce stress, and help you to concentrate and focus.

Most recently we have had some BELT graduates: Shalom Fikre, Da’shawn Ferrell, Stephon Ferrell, and Ezra Fikre

Let us congratulate them all on a job well done! If you are interest in joining, please come to the Town Hall Tuesday or Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Colmar Manor’s Holiday and Christmas party was a blast…

What a fun-filled evening at Colmar Manor Town Hall on Saturday, December 21, 2019!! Families from throughout the community came together for our annual Holiday Party. There were activities for everyone from games to raffles to face painting. Families worked together building gingerbread houses and all of the children received gifts. Even Santa took time from his busy schedule to pay a visit. Thank you to all of ‘Santa’s helpers’ for making this event a huge success.

Enjoy some great pictures from the event.
EVENTS TO ATTEND

COLMAR MANOR TOWN EVENTS

- **February 11, 2020  7 pm** - Colmar Manor General Town Hall meeting
- **February 15, 2020  3 pm** - Black History Month, World War I, and Saving the Peace Cross
  Mes de la Historia Negra, Primera Guerra Mundial y Salvando la Cruz de la Paz
- Check **HOME** events at the end of this letter for regular Town and Resident meetings

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU HERE
Colmar Manor Black History Month

TO HONOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH
You’re Invited to a
Dinner, Discussion about Black in WWI & Special
Film Screening of
SAVING THE PEACE CROSS DOCUMENTARY

Saturday, February 15, 2020
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Colmar Manor Town Hall
3701 Lawrence St.
Colmar Manor, MD 20722
This is a free event.

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Social hour with light refreshments & DJ
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner and the special film screening of
SAVING THE PEACE CROSS DOCUMENTARY

Please note that there will be $50 fee for first offence and $100 thereafter
If you encounter any problems with BATES please report them to the
Town. We need to keep records, so we can get problems corrected.
Thank you for your help in these matter. Call 301-277-4929

THINGS TO DO

IMPORTANT RECYCLING RULES

● PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS.

● PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY PLASTIC BAGS IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN

● RECYCLE ITEMS SHOULD LAY LOOSE IN YOUR RECYCLING RECEPTACLE!

IMPORTANT BULK TRASH RULES

● PUT BULK TRASH ON THE CURB TUESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING ONLY

● YOU MUST CALL, EMAIL OR USE BATES WEBSITE TO REQUEST BULK PICK UP BEFORE 2 PM ON TUESDAY.

THERE IS A $50 FEE FOR FIRST OFFENCE AND $100 THERE AFTER
THINGS TO KNOW

The Mount Rainier Library is one of the jewels of the great City of Mount Rainier. It has brought joy to the young and the old.

After being closed for a short period after many years of service, the newly renovated Mount Rainier Library will open on Monday, January 27, 2020! ... 3409 Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainier, MD 207212. ... Yes, there will be new hours of operations, and everything will be brand new just for your use. So, come out and see what awaits you in the newly renovated Mount Rainier Public Library!

Sincerely,
Malinda Miles, Mayor, Mount Rainier

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Looking for Work? Census Bureau seeks workers to help conduct the 2020 count!


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Feds Hit Pause on Maglev For the Incomplete Site EIS (environmental impact statement)

by Amy Hansen

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has temporarily paused its assessment of the proposed maglev train, giving the company more time to complete an environmental impact statement (EIS), which had been due in October. If built, the highspeed maglev train would ... Read More
NOTICE OF ELECTION - Tuesday May 5, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a General Election to select a Council Member for each of the four wards of the Town of Colmar Manor, Maryland, will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

Election: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Colmar Manor Town Hall, 3701 Lawrence Street, Colmar Manor, MD

Candidates:

- Must be a least 21 years of age
- Must have resided within Colmar Manor for one full year prior to the election and reside within the ward for which they are a candidate
- Must be a registered voter and be eligible to vote in Colmar Manor
- Have petitions and endorsements from at least 10 registered voters must be received at Colmar Manor Town Hall by 5:00 PM Monday, April 6, 2020 (petitions available at Town Hall beginning February 11th)

Council Members of Colmar Manor serve a four year term

Voters:

Must reside in Colmar Manor and be registered with the Prince George’s County Board of Elections.

Voter registration applications are available at Colmar Manor Town Hall, the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Prince George’s County Board of Elections (by phone / on-line / by mail - call 301-341-7300 for more information). **Voters must be registered with Prince George’s County Board of Elections by April 6, 2020.**

Ensure your Town gets its fair share and saves you in Taxes

**Colmar Manor residents:** When preparing your tax return forms remember to put COLMAR MANOR as the city/town where you reside. On the Maryland form also include code 1708 for the political subdivision. This will help insure that funds are directed to YOUR community.
January 7, 2020 - Town Work Session

- Vote - 5 - 0 in favor - Administrative Copier lease within budget
- Vote - 5 - 0 in favor - Police Department Copier purchase within budget
- Vote - 5 - 0 in favor - Purchase and distribution of Grocery Store and Drug Store gift cards with donation from Breeze County
- Verbal Authorization of Captain Katina Gomez of Prince George’s County to oversee Police Department
- By no objection: Agreement to open up current part time administration vacancy to full time position
- By no objection: Agreement to provide Proclamation to Fort Lincoln Medical Center memorial service for Dr. James Edward Gray, III

JANUARY 14, 2020 - Public Hearing - Parking Ordinance Amendment - Non-Permit Parking - O-5*

- The purpose this Ordinance Amendment is to limit permit parking in non-permit areas and add visitor permits for non-permit areas.
- Amendment was introduced Nov 12, 2019
- Public Hearing held December 10th and comments accepted from the public and council through January 14, 2020.
- There will be no cost for visitor passes.

Full minutes are/or will be available at the Town Hall, and General Town meetings can be viewed on Youtube at any time. Subscribe to our Youtube channel. Click here to view the latest meeting.

*Numbering error changed from meeting
OTHER LEGISLATION MATTERS OF INTEREST 2020

The Maryland General Assembly convened on Wednesday January 8. The legislative session lasts for 90 days. In the first few days, 300 bills were introduced. (This information is provided by Jimmy Tarlau)

Education

**HB001/SB001 - Build to Learn Act of 2020** - Appropriates more money for school construction through the issuance of construction bonds.

Revenue

**SB002 - Digital Advertising Gross Revenues** This is the first proposal introduced that produces revenue to fund the new educational initiatives proposed by the Kirwan Commission.

**SB003 – Taxing Electronic Smoking Devices** This bill will make e-cigarettes taxable (they are currently exempted)

Social Justice

**HB005 - Crimes - Hate Crimes - Use of an Item or Symbol to Threaten or Intimidate** HEARING - January 16th, 1:00 pm Judiciary Committee

Voting Rights

**HB0051/SB0091 - Election Law - Individuals Released from Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration** - provide inmates a voter registration form and informing them that they will have the right to vote. **HEARING - January 16th, 1:30 pm Ways and Means Committee**

**HB34/SB87 Prohibition on Foreign Contributions to Campaigns**

Local Prince George’s County Bills

Allowing the County to Charge A Fee for Use of Disposable Bags (401-20)

Repealing a prohibition on a developer from making a contribution to the County Executive of Prince George’s County or a slate that includes the County Executive (PG 407-20)

General Information

If you want to know any more about any of the bills go to the Maryland General Assembly web-site: [www.mgaleg.maryland.gov](http://www.mgaleg.maryland.gov) and type in the bill number.

Archives of video from prior legislative days are available there. To view and listen to proceedings go to the General Assembly web-site: [www.mgaleg.maryland.gov](http://www.mgaleg.maryland.gov)

If you want to contact your representatives in District 47 about any of the bills, you should email or call:

Senator Malcolm Augustine  Malcolm.augustine@senate.state.md.us  410-841-3745
Delegate Diana Fennell (47A)  Diana.fennell@house.state.md.us  301-858-3478
Delegate Julian Ivey (47A)  Julian.ivey@house.state.md.us  410-841-3326
Delegate Wanika Fisher (47B)  Wanika.fisher@house.state.md.us  410-841-3340
Colmar Manor Information about Home

Daily/Weekly/Monthly Activities

Town General Meeting - Second Tuesday of the Month

Town Work Session - First Tuesday of the Month

Zumba - Monday & Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Martial Arts - Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Boot Camp - Tuesday thru Friday 6 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Open GYM - Monday, Wednesday, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m., Fridays, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Track and Exercise Room - Adults only - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

RESIDENT TEAMS (Please call as these dates may change)

Green Team - Second Monday of the month - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Garden Club - Third Saturday of the month - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Recreation Council - First Monday of the month - 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch - Fourth Thursday of the month - 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers to Know

Main Town number - 301-277-4920

Police Administration (police reports, tickets, etc.) - 301-779-5491

Code Enforcement - 240 650-0721

Emergency - 911

Non-Emergency, Prince George’s County - 01-352-1200.

Animal Control - 301-883-5810

Bates Trucking and Trash Removal - 301-773-2069

Mayor Barrow - 240-498-5466

Other Info

Scoop that Poop - Click here to see a map of the Pet Waste Stations in Town

Hall Rentals

The Town of Colmar Manor rents out multiple areas of the Town Community Center daily for a multitude of events at reasonable rates. With a main hall with ceiling to floor windows, a outreach room for small parties, work retreats, and classes, a track and exercise room, and a full court basketball court; we have a lot to offer. Some events held at our site include:

PLEASE CALL OR VISIT TO SEE IF OUR FACILITY IS RIGHT FOR YOUR EVENT. THANK YOU

TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
3701 Lawrence Street, Colmar Manor, 20722
301-277-4920

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