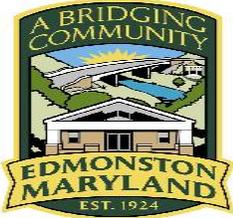


EDMONSTON NEWS



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From the Mayor's Desk

It is the desire of myself and the Town Council that we continue to explore new ways to communicate with our residents. In 2015, we are going to be working in the following areas:

- Provide the Town Hall with your email address and the staff will send out blast emails to let you know about activities in the community.
- Implementation of our cable access channel on the local cable TV system. Community notices will be posted.
- Better utilization of our website at www.edmonstonmd.gov
- Your participation in our "Green Team" meetings. They are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall. They start at 7:00 p.m.
- Volunteer for one of the many activities that are available on the attached form.

I look forward to a successful 2015. We always want your input on how we can improve the Town of Edmonston. Thanks for being a resident and helping us be "A Bridging Community".

Tracy Gant
Mayor

Desde el Escritorio del Alcalde

Es mi deseo y del consejo explorar nuevas maneras de comunicarse con nuestros residentes. En 2015, vamos a trabajar en fermentar las siguientes aéreas:

- Facilitarnos su correo electrónico para así crear una lista en donde usted podría recibir notificaciones electrónicas sobre actividades en la comunidad.
- Poner en práctica de nuestro canal de televisión en cable. Los reuniones del consejo serán transmitidas y los avisos comunitarios serán posteados.
- Una mejor utilización de nuestra página de web: www.edmonstonmd.gov
- Tu participación en las nuestras reuniones del "equipo verde". Las mismas se llevan a cabo los 3er miércoles de cada mes en la alcaldía. Empiezan 7:00 P.M.
- Ofrézcase como voluntario para una de las muchas actividades que están disponibles utilizando la forma incluida en esta edición.

Espero que 2015, sea uno de grandes logros. Siempre estamos deseosos de saber cómo

podemos mejorar nuestra ciudad de Edmonston. Muchas gracias por ser un residente y ayudarnos ser una comunidad unida.

Tracy Gant, Alcaldesa

Recent Happenings at the Town Council:

In November the following actions occurred:

- Mayor Gant presented the Port Towns Volunteer award to Betsy McCauley. Betsy was recognized as the Edmonston Volunteer of the Year.
- Chief Walker provided an update on an energy grant the Town received in the amount of \$35,000 to purchase a hybrid vehicle for the Code Enforcement officer to use. Chief Walker indicated he is reviewing available models.
- Robert Diss, Lindsey & Associates, the Town's auditor presented the FY14 annual audit. The Town received a clean audit report.
- Town Administrator Rod Barnes presented the monthly check register and budget report for October.
- Chief Walker reviewed the list of surplus property the Town would be disposing of during the year. Chief Walker reported that the Town would use www.govdeals.com to offer all of the items to the public. Information will be provided to the town residents

via the newsletter. Anyone can go online and bid on the items.

- The Town received a placard from the Maryland Smart Energy Communities program recognizing Edmonston for its participation.
- The next Council meeting will be January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Acciones Recientes del Consejo

En noviembre las siguientes acciones ocurrieron:

- La Alcaldesa Gant presentó a la Sra Betsy McCauley con el reconocimiento de voluntario de año de Edmonston de los "Port Towns"
- El Jefe de Policía Walker proporcionó una actualización del estatus de la concesión de la energía en la cantidad de \$35,000, recibida por la ciudad para comprar un vehículo híbrido para ser utilizado por la Oficial de Aplicación del Código.
- El Sr. Robert Diss, de la firma de auditoría de la Lindsey y Associates presentó a FY14 la auditoría anual.
- El administrador de la ciudad Rod Barnes, presentó el informe mensual del registro de cheques y del presupuesto para el mes octubre.
- El Jefe de la Policía Walker repasó la lista de equipos excedentes de la ciudad que se estaría disponiendo

durante el año. Walker informo que la ciudad utilizaría www.govdeals.com para ofrecer todos los artículos al público en forma de subasta.

- La lista con la información permitente será proporcionada a los residentes de la ciudad vía el boletín de noticias.
- La ciudad recibió un cartel del programa “Maryland Smart Energy Communities” en reconocimiento de nuestra participación.
- La próxima reunión del Consejo será el 13 de enero en 7:00 P.M. en la casa alcaldía

Mayor Gant Receives Recognition

Mayor Tracy Gant was recently recognized by Andrea C. Harrison, Prince George’s County Council Member for District 5. Council Member Harrison presented Mayor Gant with a Prince George’s County Council Certificate of Recognition as a Distinguished District 5 Resident. Mayor Gant was recognized for her leadership and for making a difference in Telling Our Story.



Department of Public Works

Our Public Works Department would like to request and remind all residents to keep their vehicles out of the road way when there is a snow event. Our Public Works as well as Police Department are here to provide you service.

During the last winter, our guys worked around the clock trying to maintain our streets accessible. We ask that if your street has not been cleaned in a timely matter, please let us know. While at the same time, remain patient, we will be doing everything possible to get to your area.

Remember while you are warm in your homes, they are out in the cold, on the street working for you!

Departamento de Obras Públicas

Nuestro Departamento de Obras Públicas quiere recordarles que mantengan los automóviles fuera de la carretera, cuando hay un evento de nieve. Nuestros departamentos de Obras Publicas, y Policía están para servirles.

Durante el último invierno, nuestro equipo trabajo alrededor del reloj tratando de mantener nuestras calles accesibles. Le pedimos que si no se ha limpiado su calle, háganoslo saber. Pero también tenga encuenta que se está haciendo todo lo posible para llegar a su área.

Recuerde que mientras usted se mantiene calentito en su hogar ellos están en el frio y en la nieve ellos trabajando para ti.

Permits Required for Construction

The Town of Edmonston would like to remind residents that permits are required for all new construction, improvements and/ or major repairs to be done on their property. Applications for building permits must include a plan, showing the location of the work to be done on the property, and a construction drawing. Along with the Town permit, a Prince George's County permit is required as well.

If you are planning to work, and are not sure if a permit is needed please contact the town hall, our code enforcers will provide you with guidance.

Permisos de Construcción

Recordamos a nuestros residentes que todo trabajo de construcción, mejora y/o reparación de la propiedad requiere de un permiso de construcción.

La solicitud de permiso de construcción debe estar acompañada por un plan que muestra la ubicación de la labor a ser realizado, y un dibujo de la construcción. En adición de nuestro permiso, se necesitara un permiso del Condado de Príncipe Georges.

Si usted está planificando algún trabajo en su hogar y no esta no está seguro de los permisos necesarios, comuníquese con la



alcaldía, nuestros agente de código le orientaran.

Cold Weather Tips for your pets

Retrieved from <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/cold-weather-tips>

Brrrr—it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips.

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.



2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm, dogs can easily become lost. Make sure your dog always wears ID tags.
4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out

of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him,

and his fur, in tip-top shape.

9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center more information.
10. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.



The Edmonston Recreation center was magically transformed



The Edmonston Recreation center was magically transformed into Santa's workshop Thursday evening, December 18.

Our public works employees served as Santa's elves to turn the recreation center into a winter wonderland. Community children received gifts from the town and toys from Santa as a solitary reindeer stood guard over the scene. Guests were

serenaded by Christmas tunes and wowed by up and coming karaoke participants.

The Edmonston town elves provided a full compliment of healthy snacks and beverages. Town residents were in the running for baskets of food donated by the Prince George's County Sheriff's office. Council members served as Santa's helpers and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The full complement of the Edmonston Police Department interacted with children to ensure a merry and safe evening for all.



Holiday Shop with Cops

By PGS Media (Revised/ Edited by Chief Stephen Walker)

Children in need from Bladensburg and surrounding communities enjoy Walmart shopping sprees in the Bladensburg Police Department's First Shop with a Cop Event. The Edmonston Police Department as well as

many other partnering police departments joined in this event.

This year, Santa wears a badge, and although reindeer are pretty cool, police cruisers are just as fast and get better mileage.

So it came as no surprise that nearly 30 local kids jumped at the chance to ride with the their local police officers, who are each known as "Officer Friendly". December 20th, was a great day as these lucky children were treated to shopping sprees as they took part in the Bladensburg Police Department's first-ever Shop with a Cop event. Dozens of police officers assisted students in purchasing gifts for themselves and their families using \$100 gift cards donated by the officers and the Walmart Foundation.

Before the shopping began, each student received a chauffeured squad car ride from their residence to Bladensburg's Town Hall. From there, students enjoyed a full police motorcade, complete with lights and sirens, to the Walmart Landover Hills store to receive their gift cards and begin the shopping spree.

"As a police unit, we have a responsibility to develop quality relationships with community members we are sworn to serve," said Bladensburg Police Department PFC David Calloway.

"This event's objective is to provide an opportunity for these children to participate in a positive one-on-one experience with law enforcement officers," said Bladensburg Police Department Community Outreach



Coordinator Dana P.J. Duncan. "Today's program includes children from all walks of life and all races. Each child will receive a gift card to shop for themselves and family members."

Based on household economic standing, each student is individually recommended by their school counselors in order to participate. Each of Bladensburg's four elementary schools has multiple students participating.

"We are pleased to be hosting the Bladensburg Police Department's Shop with a Cop program, a great event which brings together local law enforcement and members of the community for a special day of giving back," said Walmart's Landover Hills Shift Manager Tope Enajekpo. "I am fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in events like this and am proud of Walmart's ongoing commitment to give back to the communities in which we operate."

Any holiday shopper knows a great shopping day has to be capped off with a great lunch: students were treated to lunch at Bladensburg's Three Brothers Italian

Restaurant before being driven home.

Pretty sweet. Rudolph who?



Edmonston Crime Stats'

The following is a list of activities officers initiated or in which they received a call requesting service or assistance for the months of December and November 2014

Police Department Activity	Dec. 2014	Nov. 2014
Criminal, Traffic & Warrant Svc Arrests	9	3
Traffic Arrests (other than DWI)	0	0
Drive While Intoxicated Arrests	4	01
Maryland Moving Violations Issued	192	134
Parking Citations	101	114
Recovered Stolen Autos	0	1
Traffic Violation Warnings	155	124
Vehicle Impounds	59	47
Vehicle Safety Repair Orders	73	36
Please note: not all calls for service result in written reports		
Calls for accidents	7	8
Armed Suspects	0	1
Assaults	2	0
Assist Fire Dept/Other Agency/Code Enforcement	32	39
Burglar Alarms	3	2
Breaking & Entering Residential	0	0
Breaking & Entering Commercial	1	0

Carjacking	0	0
Check on Welfare of Resident	1	1
Customer Dispute Call	8	8
Death Investigation Call	0	0

Vandalism	0	3
Calls for 911 Hang-ups	0	0
Miscellaneous	<u>23</u>	<u>38</u>
Total Calls for Service	115	135



Disorderly Persons	6	1
Domestic Disturbance	6	4
Fight in Progress	1	2
Hold up Alarm	0	0
Homicide	0	0
Identity Theft	0	0
Juvenile Complaints	0	0
Landlord Tenant Dispute	0	0
Loud Noise Complaint	12	4
Robbery	0	0
Calls for Sounds of Gunshots	0	0
Stolen Auto	2	4
Suspicious Persons	5	4
Suspicious Vehicles	4	5
Theft Reports	1	3
Calls for Unknown Trouble	1	0

MD 201 (Kenilworth Avenue) Safety & Resurfacing Project

From Kenilworth Towers to MD 410 (East West Highway)

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY.

To improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is starting a \$9.6 million safety and resurfacing project along a two mile section of MD 201 (Kenilworth Avenue) in Bladensburg, Prince George's County.

The project involves construction of new Americans With Disability Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks, wider traffic lanes to accommodate bicycles on the roadway and a shared use pedestrian/bicycle path. The work will take place within the project limits from the Kenilworth Towers apartment complex, just south of MD 450 (Annapolis Road), to MD 410 (East West Highway).

Other work includes roadway drainage improvements, new signage and new

pedestrian and traffic signals along both MD 201 and along nearby roads including MD 769B (Edmonston Road), MD 769C (48th Avenue) and Tilden Lane.

Crews will also construct curb and gutter, install storm drain pipes, inlets, manholes and other drainage structures, perform water and sewer line work, make erosion and sediment control improvements and resurface and apply new pavement markings to all traffic lanes.

Through late winter (weather permitting), crews will perform limited inlet and concrete work and are permitted to temporarily close lanes on MD 201 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In spring and through the end of the project, crews will also be permitted to work/temporarily close traffic lanes on MD 201, overnight, Sunday through Thursday between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. The entire project should be complete by late fall 2016, weather permitting.

QUESTIONS

The following SHA representatives are available to answer questions regarding work on this MD 201 project:

- **Richard Vosburg, SHA Area Engineer**, rvosburg@sha.state.md.us, 301-513-7336
- **Christopher Bishop, SHA Community Liaison**, cbishop@sha.state.md.us, 301-513-7405
- **Glenn Chase, SHA Project Engineer**, gchase@sha.state.md.us, 301-982-0011

Panhellenic Society Day of Service

On November 9th, Edmonston was the site of the University of Maryland's Panhellenic Society Day of Service. Over 170 young women from the University's sororities spent time in Edmonston cleaning up, building Little Libraries, assisting Eco-City Farms and volunteering at Community Forklift. Team leaders helped direct the students. Mayor Gant and Council Members Pooley and Johnson directed teams on cleaning the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River, the surrounding park area and other localities in the Town.

We would like to give a great big thank you to Ms. Meg Kiernan from Community Forklift. Meg spearheaded the planning for the day of service. The event was so successful; they are planning on coming back in the spring to help Edmonston clean up again. The Green Team is working on plans for the event in April.



Día de Servicio de las Sociedades de Panhelénica

El 9 de noviembre, Edmonston era el lugar escogido para el día de servicio de las sociedades de Panhelénica de la Universidad del Maryland. Sobre 170 jóvenes de la universidad las sororidades pasaron su día en Edmonston limpiando, construyendo pequeñas bibliotecas, y asistiendo a la granja de la Eco-Ciudad y ofreciéndose voluntariamente en la carretilla elevadora de la comunidad. Alcalde Gant y los miembros de consejo Pooley y Johnson sirvieron de dirigentes de equipos de limpieza del río de Anacostia, del área circundante del parque y de otros lugares en la ciudad.

Quisiéramos expresar nuestro agradecimiento a Meg Kiernan de Community Forklift. Ella hizo todo el planeamiento para el día del servicio. El acontecimiento era tan acertado; están planeando en volverse en la primavera para ayudar a mantener Edmonston limpio. El equipo verde está trabajando en los planes para el acontecimiento en abril.

Prince George's Green



presents
FREE Green Jobs Information Session

GOT GREEN???

Find out about a variety of jobs that help the planet and provide a paycheck.

When: Saturday, January 17th, 2015 10 am to 12 noon

Where: Edmonston Town Hall,

Who: Anyone interested in learning about green jobs/careers in Prince George's County
Space is limited - Please rsvp to lisa.l.lincoln@gmail.com

RECYCLE
YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

The Prince George's County Department of the Environment is making it easy for residents to recycle cut Christmas trees (no artificial trees) by offering convenient drop-off locations and curbside pick up.

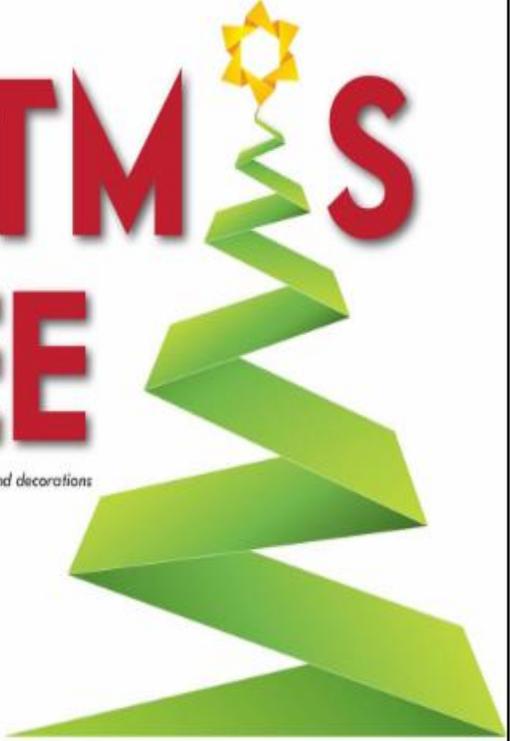
Beginning **December 26, 2014** through **February 1, 2015**, residents with Yard Waste Collection may place their undecorated, unbagged, live Christmas trees at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on their regularly scheduled yard waste collection day.

Residents may also bring unadorned trees, free of charge, to the following locations for recycling:

BROWN STATION ROAD PUBLIC CONVENIENCE CENTER
3501 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY YARD WASTE COMPOSTING FACILITY
6601 Southeast Crain Highway
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Please remove all plastic bags, tinsel and decorations
No artificial trees*



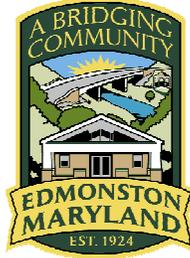
TOWN OF EDMONSTON

MAYOR
TRACY R. GANT

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
DORNEY RADNICE

Sign up Form:

Would you like for the town to develop a committee? Then sign up for one of our many committees that are forming.



Interested in joining part of our events or our many committees that are forming,

COUNCIL MEMBERS
MARGARET JUDGE POOLEY
SELITA J. BENNETT WHITE
SOPHIA E. LAYNE - BEE
JOHN A. JOHNSON

Please fill out, sign and return this form to the Town hall.

Yes, I want to be more active in my community and I am interested in joining the following(s) committees:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edmonston Green Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Edmonston Business group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Council | <input type="checkbox"/> CERT team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black History Month Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Edmonston Gardening Club |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Contact number(s): _____

Availability (please specify):

Weekdays: _____

Weekends: _____

Preferred time: _____

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Saturday, January 17 Green Jobs Information Session
10am -12pm Town Hall
Weds. January 24 Green Team meeting 7pm
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