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July/August
 2007

Walls Administration Recognizes Sims Administration with Gallup Awards and Former Commissioners Receive Key to the City



On July 6, 2006 the City Meeting was filled with living testimonies of District Heights history. Former Commissioner Americo Sesso accepted the "Key to the City" award for his contributions to the community as a Commissioner and in recognition of his 63 years of citizenship in the City of District Heights. Former Commissioner Maurice Harris was also a recipient of the "Key to the City" award, which is the City's highest honor. Mr. Harris was the first African American to serve on the City Commission. After more than 20 years of citizenship his service to the City continues with his service as chairman of the City's Board of Supervisors

of Supervisors of Elections. Former Mayor Jack Sims, the first African American to be elected as Mayor in the City of District Heights, and members of his administration received the Joseph T. Gollup Memorial award in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the progress of the community and the welfare of its citizens. Recipients included former Commissioners Arnold Appleby and Cheyenne Watson. Former Commissioner Debrah K. Denny also received the Gollup award. Former Commissioner Denny currently serves as chair of the safety committee. Their names will be added to the Joseph T. Gollup Memorial plaque in the lobby of the Municipal Building.



Join the Safety Committee Discussions

The safety committee was established by the Mayor and Commission of the City of District Heights to evaluate and make recommendations to address some of the safety concerns of our residents relating to streets/roads, crosswalks, signage, and lighting in the community.

The duties of the safety committee are to identify problems that may pose a threat to the safety of our residents and visitors, research feasibility and costs, and recommend the purchase and installation of materials or equipment to alleviate the identified safety problem.

Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. At the next meeting the City will be divided into four section and each section will be assigned a meeting date for examination. Notice will be given to residents of those areas so that they can be present to voice concerns. After all sections have been examined a

list of potential problems will be created and possible solutions listed. The solutions will then be ranked by priority and financial feasibility.

The following potential issues were put forth at the initial committee meeting and will be discussed when the corresponding section of the City is examined:

1. Possible stop sign at Halleck Street & Blazer Drive.
2. Stop light at County Road & District Heights Parkway.
3. Making Cabot/Aztec one-way to reduce cut through traffic
4. Traffic circle at Gateway Boulevard & Breton Drive.

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Mayor's Message by James L. Walls, Jr., Mayor

CARE OF PROPERTY

It shall be a municipal infraction for any person in possession of any land within the developed area of the City, whether said person be a tenant or owner, to permit or allow any trash, waste material, garbage, offensive or dirty brush or other filth of any kind whatsoever to accumulate upon his or her premises and alley. Furthermore, it shall be a municipal infraction for any person in possession of any land within the developed area of the City, whether said person be a tenant or owner to permit or allow his yard, lot or land to grow or develop with weeds, briars, dead limbs, or dead trees. If the said nuisance is not removed within ten (10) days after adjudication of the municipal infraction by the District Court, then the Commission shall cause the public nuisance to be removed, and is authorized to incur the necessary expense in so doing, and shall place a charge against the proper person(s) for such costs including unpaid municipal infraction fines. NOTE: Effective July 1, 1999, illegal dumping fines are \$1,000.

To request a copy of the City of District Heights Code of Ordinances, please call (301) 336-1402.

Chief's Message by John Nesky, Chief of Police

National Night Out

On August 1, 2006 the District Heights Police Department and the Citizen's Action Patrol will once again host National Night Out. The event will take place at the District Heights Elementary School from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Please mark you calendars and come out to join us. Activities will include music, free food, Spider-man, the Redskin Cheerleaders, a moon bounce, a giant slide, free ID cards for the kids, crime prevention displays and lots and lots of family fun. This year you don't want to miss your opportunity to dunk Mayor Walls or myself in the

dunk tank. An accurate throwing arm is essential to sending us into the water so start practicing now.

The approval of the 2007 budget brings expansion for the department in a number of ways. Plans are underway to establish a satellite police station on Marlboro Pike. The aim of this station is to increase our visibility along the busiest section of the City and create more opportunities for the residence to obtain needed information. Also in the works is the addition of another police officer position. Both of these projects will allow us to continue to improve our service to the residents and

businesses of the City.



Community News Briefs

CAP NEWS

CAP held a yard sale fundraiser on May 13th which was nominally profitable. We had hoped for more customer participation since we had distributed numerous flyers and advertised in the penny saver. We will be using the profits made to purchase additional CAP signs in the newly acquired areas of the City. We hope to make this fundraiser a yearly event. Also, remember, we will be selling tickets for the annual Christmas play at Evangel Cathedral. Watch for flyers and cable advertisement for particulars on the event.

National Night out will be held on August 1st at the District Heights Elementary school. Plan to come out, have some fun and be informed. More information will be made available through our the cable channel 71 (Comcast). Last year District Heights came in 28th place out of 41 participants in category-5 (population under 15,000). Lets raise the bar this year and do better. With your support we can make this a grand

event.

CAP meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M at the District Heights Municipal Center located at 2000 Mar bury Drive.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

MONDAY

AUGUST 1, 2006

5:30pm to 8:30pm

District Heights
Elementary School

Located at the corner of District
Heights Parkway and County
Road

OPEN CALL FOR CARD PLAYERS

Attention all retirees, housewives, stay-at-home parents!!! If you would like to have fun playing spades or bid wits during the day light hours, please call D.M. Pierce at (301) 420-3107. No professionals, only amateurs...we're are only playing for fun. Absolutely no gambling of any kind. Just some good old fashion fun! Bring your own water or juice, and lets play cards!!! We are located at 2203 Senator Avenue.

BACK UP DANCERS NEEDED

Auditions are being held on August 5th, 6th, and 7th from 1PM to 3PM. Ages 16 to 20. Please call (301) 420-3107 for an appointment. Parents are welcome to accompany participants.

Code Enforcement News by John Lamarre, Sr. Code Enfc. Officer

MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY

An inspection of many properties throughout the City by code enforcement personnel revealed that numerous residents have not put forth the proper effort in maintaining their properties.

This is a reminder of the importance of maintaining their properties in a state of good repair and cleanliness.

The citing/removal of all unregistered, unlicensed, inoperable, or junk vehicles that are being stored in yards throughout the City will be aggressively enforced. If you have a vehicle on your property and cannot remove it, the City will tow the vehicle for you free of charge.

The City is requesting that all citizens abide by the housing code for the safety of our residents and the appearance of our community.

The main items of concern are:

- Trash must be removed from the front

and the rear of the properties.

- Dead tree limbs must be cleaned up and discarded.
- Cut fire wood must be stacked at least 12' above ground in an orderly manner.
- Vehicles, regardless of condition, may not be stored on private properties.
- Parking on the grass is prohibited.
- House address numbers should be readable from the street and or alley.
- Maintaining a suitable 45 gallon trash container with lid.
- Grass should not be allowed to reach beyond 10" high.
- All major car repairs within the City limits are prohibited.

The City is looking forward to the cooperation of all City residents in these endeavors.

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The entire City will be inspected monthly and anyone found continually in violation will be issued a civil citation.

We welcome complaints and problems that should be brought to our attention. While all complaints will be investigated immediately, please remember that solutions do not always come as quickly and that all residents are entitled to due process.



The Public Works Department would like to have the help of the residents with the complaints on the mosquitoes this summer. We would like you to call the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control

Section at 301-927-8357, with the address problem area, time of day when the mosquitoes are the worst, any stagnant water in their vicinity.

Call On Us!

If you have Public Works concerns, including street/sidewalk work, complaints with trash or recycling service, clean-up of City property, limb pick-up, etc., please call the Public Works Department at (301) 336-7417.

Brian Edwards, Supervisor

Rick Whitman, Foreman I



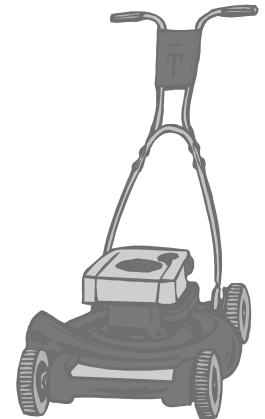
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Burch Trash Service, Inc.

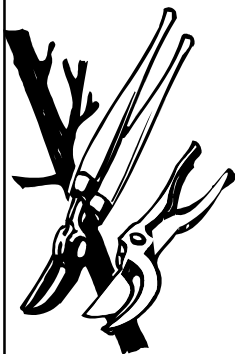
Bulk trash is collected on Wednesday's, by APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must call by 2pm on the Tuesday, before Wednesday's pick up. Regular trash pick up days are Mondays and Thursdays.

Grass Clippings

Grass clippings and leaves will be picked up on Monday afternoons by Burch Trash Service, Inc. All grass clippings and leaves must be bagged and placed at the curbside.



Limb Pick-up



Limbs will be picked up on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Limbs will be taken up to 7" in diameter and need not be cut length-wise. Limbs should be placed curbside, not in the street. No limbs will be picked up from the alleys.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Recycle Oil and Antifreeze

The Public Works Department accepted recyclable oil and antifreeze. Residents may bring the recyclable oil and antifreeze to the rear of the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All fluids must be in a secured container.

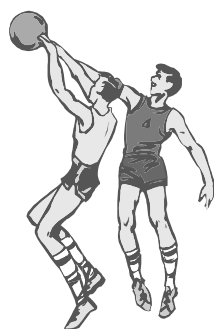


Recreation/Cultural Department News by Anthony Long, Director

Summer is quickly coming upon us and we are ready. The Recreation/Cultural Department will be having its annual Summer Enrichment Camp with all the thrills and fun. Camp will also include the recreation activities of sports, games, crafts, academics, swimming, and field trips, completing an all-around enriching experience. Applicants can range from 6 years old to 14 years.

The Summer Camp will last for six (6) weeks from June 26th to August 4th, 2006, Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 3:30PM. Registration is throughout the month of May and June, Monday through Friday. The cost is \$380.00 per child for residents, and \$460.00 per child for non-residents. Late registration is from June 19th to June 23rd, Monday through Friday, at a cost of \$395.00 per child for residents, and \$485.00 per child for non-residents. Cash, Certified Checks, and Money Orders only.

Supervised activities are available before and after camp as a service to our working parents. Before camp is from 7:00AM to 9:00AM and after camp is from 3:30PM to 6:00PM. These camps run from June 26th to August 4th, Monday through Friday, at a cost of \$170.00 for residents and \$195.00 for non-residents. There will be a late pick-up fee for overtime stays.

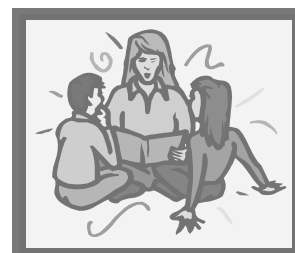


Clubs and Organizations

- Marbury Homeowners Association.....Third (3rd) Thursday of each month.
- Citizen Action Patrol (CAP)Third (3rd) Wednesday of each month.
- District Heights Boys & Girls ClubThird (3rd) Monday of each month.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)Meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m.
- Girls Scouts Troop 90/67Meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Stamp ClubFirst (1st) Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- AARP #939First (1st) Tuesday of each month at 12 noon.
- Game Club.....Every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month.
- 3D Elite Cheerleaders.....Every Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

On-going Programs

- Bible StudyEvery Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Chair Aerobics Class.....Mondays, 8:45 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
- Seniors Exercise.....Every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
- Open Gym for Youth.....Monday through Friday 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Adult Open Gym.....Every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Seniors at the Movies.....Every 2nd & 4th Friday of each month.
- Karate (Tang Soo Do).....Every Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
\$25/month (residents), \$30/month (non-residents), \$45/month (adults)
- Young Men of Power (Male Mentoring).....Every Monday at 7:00 p.m. (Except Holidays)
- Cultural Effects (Female Mentoring).....Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Standing Ovations School of Dance.....Every Saturday, 9 am – 12 noon
\$55/month (residents), \$65/month (non-residents)
- Storytelling & Reading for Kids.....Every Tuesday from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. **NEW PROGRAM**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration for Summer Camp	May - June 30, 2006
Summer Enrichment Camp	June 26 – August 4, 2006
Mother & Daughter Breakfast	May 13, 2006, 10am
Karate Tournament	June 10, 2006
Independence Day Fireworks	July 4, 2006 at Dusk

RECREATION/CULTURAL CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

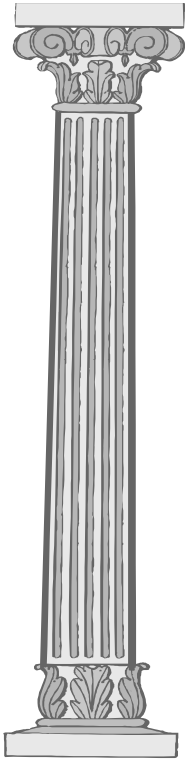
Monday-Friday.....9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday.....Special Events only

JOB & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

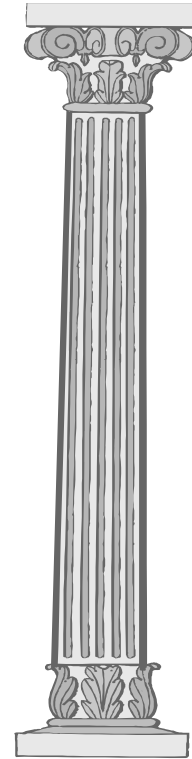
We are accepting applications for the positions of Instructor (adult applicants only) and the position of Instructor Assistant (age 16 & older applicants) for the Summer Enrichment Camp.

Volunteers and volunteer instructors are needed for tutorial classes and mentoring programs. Anyone interested in helping our youth achieve greatness should call the Recreation and Cultural Department at (301) 336-5633.

Need Information? Call Us!



Mayor & Commission City Departments



James L. Walls, Jr., Mayor.....(240) 508-0448
 Willie E. Calhoun, Commissioner (Ward I).....(240) 508-1138
 Edith Robbins-Worthy, Commissioner (Ward I).....(240) 645-9396
 Eddie L. Martin, Commissioner (Ward II).....(240) 508-6721
 Lee Collins, Commissioner (Ward II).....(301) 336-1402
 Public Works.....(301) 336-7414
 General Government.....(301) 336-1402
 Police/Code Enforcement.....(301) 336-1400
 Recreation/Cultural.....(301) 336-5633
 Police Non-Emergencies.....(301) 333-4000

City of District Heights Information

Events	March/April Commission Meetings	Need a Ride? Use the Call-A-Bus Service
<p style="text-align: center;">District Heights Day May 20, 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Independence Day Fireworks at Dusk July 4, 2006</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, May 4, 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Tuesday, May 9, 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Tuesday, May 23, 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, June 1, 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Tuesday, June 13, 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Budget & Tax Rate Meetings/Hearings</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Call (301) 336-1402 to schedule your ride.</p> <p>You must schedule your ride at least 2 business days in advance for a single rider, and one week in advance for groups of 5 or more.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hours of Operation: 9am to 5pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Residents of the City of District Heights will be given preference.</p>

Budget & Tax Rate Meetings/Hearings

Be a part of your City's budget process by attending these meetings and giving input on proposed programs, projects, and estimated expenditures and revenues.

Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 6 p.m.
Budget Work Session

Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 7 p.m.
Budget & Tax Rate Hearings Prior to Work Session
(All dates are tentative and subject to change)

City Commission Meeting Highlights by Tamil Perry, City Clerk

February 28, 2006 Commissioner Calhoun moved that the Mayor and Commission accept the bid from Crystal Ford Ltd., in the amount of \$33,300 for the purchase of a 2006 Ford F-350 truck. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved to transfer \$35,500 from account 5660 Street Work to 5608 Capitol Outlay to purchase the Ford F-350 truck and outfitting. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Robbins-Worthy moved to declare the 1988 Ford F350 truck as surplus property to be sold. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved to declare the 1989 Dodge Diplomat as surplus property and to sell or dispose of it in the most efficient manner. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved to transfer \$6,700 from account 5660 Street Work to 5670 Tree Service. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved to grant the facility renter permission to have alcoholic beverages at a cabaret on May 13, 2006 with the stipulation that the gymnasium capacity does not exceed 350 people. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 3-1-0 vote. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy voted, "no."

Commissioner Robbins-Worthy moved that the Mayor and Commission introduce Resolution No. DH 06-02 to amend the Charter of the City of District Heights, repealing and re-enacting Section 301 Number, Section, and Term. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved that the Mayor and Commission introduce Resolution No. DH 06-03 to amend the Charter of the City of District Heights, repealing and re-enacting Section 508 Election of Mayor and Commissioners. Robbins-Worthy seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved that the Mayor and Commission introduce Ordinance No. DH 06-02 to increase the salaries of the Mayor and Commission, per sections 303 and 304 of the Code of Ordinance, effective after the regular City election in 2006 and 2007 so that the Mayor shall receive a salary of \$14,400 per annum and each Commissioner shall receive a salary of \$10,800 per annum. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Robbins-Worthy moved to establish a Temporary Safety Committee per the Code of Ordinances, Section 1105 (d); that shall be effective for six months beginning April 1, 2006 ending September 30, 2006, and shall consist of 4 members (residents) and the Chief of Police and the Police Commission Liaison. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved that the construction company repairing or constructing the monopole communications tower post a bond in the amount of \$10,000 per Article 8, Section 803 of the City's Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

There was a consensus of the Commission to move forward with an A.N.G.E.L. House II Project.

March 2, 2006 Commissioner Martin moved that the Mayor and Commission adopt Resolution No. DH 06-02 to amend the Charter of the City of District Heights, repealing and re-enacting Section 301 Number, Section, and Term. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

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Commissioner Calhoun moved that the Mayor and Commission adopt Ordinance No. DH 06-02 to increase the salaries of the Mayor and Commission, per sections 303 and 304 of the Code of Ordinance, effective after the regular City election in 2006 and 2007. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved that the Mayor and Commission introduce Resolution No. DH 06-04 denouncing and protesting SB 536 and HB 1239. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Calhoun moved that the Mayor and Commission adopt Resolution No. DH 06-04 denouncing and protesting SB 536 and HB 1239. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Calhoun moved that the City Commission terminate the employment of Vernon Coulon, effective immediately. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

March 16, 2006 Commissioner Martin moved that the Commission enter into an executive closed session to discuss the appointment of a Chief of Police and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Robbins-Worthy moved to cancel the March 28, 2006 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 3-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved that the City Commission hire Deputy Chief John Nesky as the Chief of Police effectively immediately. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

April 6, 2006 Commissioner Martin moved to grant the facility renter permission to have alcoholic beverages at a cabaret on April 15, 2006. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 3-0-1 vote. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy abstained.

Commissioner Martin moved to transfer the following funds for the General Government Department: \$2,000.00 from account 5015 Copier to 5055 Office Supplies; \$4,060.00 from account 5025 Insurance to 5003 Annexation; and \$2,033.60 from Unreserved Funds to 5095 Unemployment Costs. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved to accept the proposal from McAfee Election Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,650 for the rental of voting machines. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Robbins-Worthy moved to accept the proposal from the Prince George's County Board of Elections in the amount of \$1,507.55 to for the mailing of voter notification cards and staff overtime for election support. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

April 11, 2006 Commissioner Martin moved that the City Commission (provide or do not provide) the Marbury Homeowners Association with the requested clean-up services per the request response letter from Mr. Brian Edwards. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0.

Commissioner Calhoun moved to transfer the sum of \$2,500 from account 5645 Public Works Salaries to account 5609 Conventions & Dues. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Robbins-Worthy moved to cancel the April 25, 2006 Work Session. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Martin moved that the City Commission vote no confidence in Mayor Carol D. Johnson based on failure to attend consecutive meetings of the Commission, and unjustified charges on the City credit card. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Calhoun moved that the City Commission revoke Mayor Carol D. Johnson's credit card privileges effective immediately. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy seconded the motion, which carried a 4-0-0 vote.

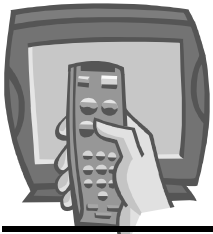


Congratulations to all of our Class of 2006 high school and college graduates! Again, congrats to Mayoral Scholarship winner Edward Tyson of Roslyn Avenue! We wish you the best in all of your future endeavors. Have a fun and safe summer! We are proud of you!

The Commissioners of the City of District Heights are committed to our residents and youth. We welcome your input on how to improve the quality of life of our residents, so feel free to contact us with your ideas.

Residents, if you wish to contribute news-worthy articles to The Herald, please submit your articles to the City Clerk no later than the 1st of each month.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request given at least 10 days in advance. To request accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call (301) 336-1402.



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