

City of New Carrollton, Maryland



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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020



VOTE VOTE VOTE!

City Municipal Election— Monday, May 4

The next City of New Carrollton election is scheduled for **Monday, May 4, 2020**, please contact City Clerk Doug Barber at (301) 459-6100 if you have any questions. The 2020 Election Calendar has been provided. See Page 9.

Please watch for the next issue of the City's Newsletter (March/April Edition) coming out in March 2020 that will include the 2020 City of New Carrollton Election Guide.

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Highlights from the Mayor

Mayor Duane Rosenberg - drosenberg@newcarrolltonmd.gov - 301-459-6100

We survived the holiday season for another year. December is likely the most active month for our community. The Council and I attended the annual Prince George's County Municipal Association Legislative Dinner. Senator Pinsky brought a Town Hall to New Carrollton, we conducted the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest, we continued the annual Yule Log Sing Along tradition at Weinbach Park, our City employees celebrated the annual Holiday Party, and our own former Council Member June Garrett closed out the month with a birthday celebration bash! And that only scratches the surface! More community happenings below.



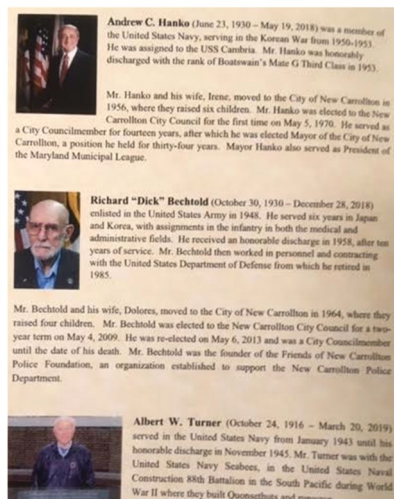
Susie Simmons a long-time resident of the City of New Carrollton

Farewell Susie Simmons

I can't count the number of evenings I spent in the Simmons home on Jodie Street over the years. I remember Bob Simmons showing my young sons his gun collection, along with the weapons he had from his military service. I remember Susie and me discussing books that she and I had both read recently. And, of course, the annual visit to take care of the Simmons' annual tax returns. Susie moved to Tennessee in November 2019. Her husband, Bob, passed away a few years ago. Both Bob and Susie served in the military. They met while in uniform and spent most of their married life here in New Carrollton. I miss both of them. The welcome mat was always out at their home and hospitality was second nature. Farewell Susie. Thanks for the decades that your family and you were good neighbors to all of us.

M-NCPPC Discussions

The City continues to hold discussions with M-NCPPC regarding the City's taking ownership of the Weinbach Park property. We're still considering if constructing a City Hall building at that location would be a good move. M-NCPPC indicated that it might be able to use portions of our current Princess Garden Parkway City Hall building. We have an opportunity to reach a win-win property swap that could bring City Hall back inside the beltway. Talks continue.



**Recognized at City Veterans Park:
Former Mayor Albert Turner, Former
Mayor Andrew C. Hanko, and Former
Councilmember Richard Bechtold**

Veterans Day Ceremony

On November 9, 2019, we honored the City's veterans, both those who have passed on and those still among us. Thanks to Jay Puffenbarger, a Vietnam Veteran, for sharing reflections on three of our Veterans who were recognized with plaques in Veterans Park – Former Mayor Albert Turner, Former Mayor Andrew Hanko, and Former Council Chair-man, Richard Bechtold. The City has an ongoing commitment to recognize our residents who served our nation.

2020 Tax Season

Starting in February, the Community Tax Aid group will be preparing tax returns at City Hall on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. If you're eligible for the free tax preparation, please come and see us. I'll be among the volunteers and look forward to seeing our regular customers.



Ruth Sobolewski, City resident and Board Member of the Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation

Happy Birthday Ruth

I stopped by to wish Ruth Sobolewski birthday wishes in November. I try to stop by to see Ruth occasionally on my way to City Hall in the mornings. She's 93 years young and more active than many of us. Ruth continues to serve on the Police Foundation Board and is involved in many community activities. Thank you, Ruth, for your service to New Carrollton over the years. Happy Birthday!

Highlights from the Mayor



*Mayor Duane Rosenberg,
Councilmembers: Lincoln Lashley,
Phelecia Nembhard, Roy Peterson,
Stephen John and
State Delegate Nicole Williams*

Prince George's County Municipal Association Dinner

On December 5, the entire City Council and I attended the Prince George's County Municipal Association Dinner. Presentations from the County Executive, the County Police Chief, and state and federal elected officials provided us a summary of accomplishments during 2019 and priorities for 2020 and beyond. We celebrated the addition of our newest State Delegate, Nicole Williams. Nicole and I meet on occasion to discuss issues facing the county and our communities; she lives in our neighboring City of Greenbelt. I'm convinced that Nicole will be an advocate for the vision we all share of keeping New Carrollton a great place to live.

Weekly Email Updates

Every Friday I pass along highlights from the prior week via email to all who ask to be included in my email distribution. I have over 100 readers who choose to receive these weekly reports. If you'd like to be added to the list, email or call me and provide an email address. I continue to receive positive feedback weekly from readers that the email updates are an excellent way to keep the community informed with happenings at City Hall.



*Our State Delegation, PG County
Councilmember Glaros, CAO George,
and New Carrollton Mayor and
Council*

Legislative Dinner

We hosted our annual dinner for our State Legislators here at City Hall in December. Thanks to Senator Paul Pinsky, and State Delegates Anne Healey, Alonzo Washington, Nicole Williams and PGC Councilmember Dannielle Glaros, for spending the evening with us. All of our state delegates stand ready to assist us with state resources for eligible City programs.

Clean Water Partnership (CWP)

The word has now been spread at various settings and to a number of audiences. The CWP will do a major makeover to a section of the Carrollton Parkway drainage trench between Jodie Street and 85th Avenue, construction is set to begin in 2020. The City Council and City Administration are excited about this project. Please contact us at City Hall if you have questions about this project.



*Annual Prince George's County Seniors'
Luncheon at City Hall*

Annual Prince George's County Seniors' Luncheon

November/December were busy times for our seniors. PG County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros hosted a Resource Fair and lunch at the local VFW the week before Thanksgiving. We had ten New Carrollton seniors attend. December 4 was the annual Red and Gold luncheon. We sent a group of ten New Carrollton seniors to that as well. The following week we hosted all of the Prince George's County Senior Center residents here at New Carrollton Municipal Building for the annual holiday party. We had some ninety seniors here for a holiday lunch, games and dancing. I encourage all of our seniors to stay aware of the activities happening here in New Carrollton for seniors on a regular basis. Remember that there is a Prince George's County bus that provides free transportation to seniors to and from City Hall. For more information on the Senior Program please contact Barbara Goldsmith at the City Administrative Office at 301-459-6100.

Highlights from the Administration

Timothy E. George, City Administrative Officer - tgeorge@newcarrolltonmd.gov - 301-459-6100



*Timothy E. George
City Administrative Officer*

Winter has definitely arrived with colder temperatures and snow in the forecast. The Administration has been busy with employee recruitment, planning Municipal Center renovations and hosting our Wellness Week for our employees. As always, it's busy in the City of New Carrollton. Your thoughts, input and concerns are very important to the City Administration so please feel free to reach out to me at any time to share your thoughts, ask questions or otherwise engage in dialogue about our great City.

City Municipal Center Renovations

We continue to focus on renovations to the City Municipal Center having completed in December the installation of new energy efficient LED lights in the multipurpose room and kitchen area. The front parking lot and sidewalks are next on our list, and should be under construction by the time this newsletter is delivered. Next we will be focusing on interior renovations.



Little Free Libraries

The City of New Carrollton has just completed drafting regulations and guidelines for the resident run Little Free Libraries. Little Free Libraries provide access to books in our neighborhoods where they can conveniently be accessed 24/7/365 by neighbors, residents and visitors. The resident "host" is responsible for the maintenance of the structure as well as the content within. In total there are over 90,000 Little Free Libraries in 90+ countries around the world. We will have our first Little Free Library going up soon and encourage anyone who is interested in the program to reach out to the City Administration for more information.

**Don't Forget the 2020
Census. It is Important,
Easy and Safe!**



Green Team Turns 1

As of December 2019, the City of New Carrollton Green Team is one year old! It is with great pride that the Administration recognizes the accomplishments of the Green Team. The Green Team was constituted in December, 2018 and underwent Sustainable Maryland Certified Training through the Environmental Finance Center of the University of Maryland in January. The Team quickly moved to adopt an Action Plan, organized a Spring and Fall Clean-Up, both of which coincided with Prince George's County clean-up days and were quite successful. The Green Team also participated in the City's Spring Festival and the City of New Carrollton Community Day. The Team provided handouts regarding recycling, local farmers markets, and stormwater management techniques. The City of New Carrollton achieved Sustainable Maryland Certified designation in October, 2019. Thank you, Green Team, for all that you have done!

City Clerk Information

Douglass A. Barber, MMC, City Clerk - dbarber@newcarrolltonmd.gov - 301-459-6100



*Douglass A. Barber,
MMC City Clerk*

Council Workshop and Council Legislative Meetings

The Council holds their workshop meetings on the first Wednesday and the Monday proceeding the third Wednesday. Council Legislative Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the City Municipal Center (6010 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, Maryland).

All meetings of the Council are simulcast live on Cable Comcast Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 30. The public is encouraged to attend.

January 2020 - Council Meetings

Council Workshop Meeting:
Monday, January 13

Council Legislative Meeting:
Wednesday, January 15

February 2020 - Council Meetings

Council Workshop Meeting:
Wednesday, February 5

Council Workshop Meeting:
Tuesday, February 18

Council Legislative Meeting:
Wednesday, February 19

City of New Carrollton Legislative Action - Council Legislative Meeting – Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Resolution 20-03 Amending the Schedule of Fees for FY 2020

Motion: I move that the Council adopt Resolution 20-03, a Resolution of the Council of the City of New Carrollton amending the schedule of fees for FY 2020. – **Peterson/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Ordinance 20-02 Chapter 110 Vehicles and Traffic (First Reading)

Motion: I move that the Council introduce Ordinance 20-02, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending City Code, Chapter 110 Vehicles and Traffic, Section 110-21 General Stopping, Standing and Parking Restrictions to prohibit parking on unpaved surfaces or residential lots and to authorize City Police Officers to enforce the provisions (**First Reading**).

– **Lashley/Peterson (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Council Meeting Schedule for October 2019

Motion: I move that the Council re-schedule the Council Workshop Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2019, and hold a Council Workshop/Council Legislative Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. – **Robbins/John (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Emergency Ordinance 20-03 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Six: To Amend Ordinance 18-08 Current Expense Budget for FY 2019

Motion: I move that the Council adopt Emergency Ordinance 20-03 an Emergency Ordinance for the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 as embodied in Ordinance 18-08 to reflect prior year street repair fund and to adjust various expenditures. – **Peterson/Lashley (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Emergency Ordinance 20-03 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Six: To Amend Ordinance 18-08 Current Expense Budget for FY 2019

Motion: I move that the Council adopt Emergency Ordinance 20-03 an Emergency Ordinance for the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 as embodied in Ordinance 18-08 to reflect prior year street repair fund and to adjust various expenditures. – **Peterson/Lashley (Vote: 5-0-0)**

RESOLUTION 20-04 AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER FOR THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON GREEN TEAM

Motion: Mr. Lashley moved that the Council adopt Resolution 20-04, a Resolution of the Council of the City of New Carrollton amending the membership roster for the City of New Carrollton Green Team to add Lamont Elementary School and Margaret Brent Regional School. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. **The motion was approved (5-0-0).**

Adjournment to Closed Session

Motion: I move that the Council adjourn to a Closed Meeting, in accordance with the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305 (b) (7) to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice regarding certain Collective Bargaining.

– **John/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)**

City Clerk Information

City of New Carrollton Legislative Action - Council Workshop/Council Legislative Meeting – Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ordinance 20-02 Chapter 110 Vehicles and Traffic (Second Reading)

Motion: I move that the Council adopt Ordinance 20-02, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending City Code, Chapter 110 Vehicles and Traffic, Section 110-21 General Stopping, Standing and Parking Restrictions to prohibit parking on unpaved surfaces or residential lots and to authorize City Police Officers to enforce the provisions (Second Reading). – Lashley/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)

Ordinance 20-04 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Two: To Amend Ordinance 19-17 Current Expense Budget for FY 2020 (First Reading)

Motion: I move that the Council introduce Ordinance 20-04, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 as embodied in Ordinance 19-17 to reflect money brought into the budget from the City Restricted/Designated Funds and additional revenue, and to adjust various expenditures (First Reading). – Peterson/Lashley (Vote: 5-0-0)

Resolution 20-05 Commencing the CATV Franchise Renewal Process with respect to Verizon Maryland, LLC

Motion: I move that the Council adopt Resolution 20-05, a Resolution of the Council of the City of New Carrollton commencing the cable television franchise renewal ascertainment process with respect to Verizon Maryland, LLC and authorizing the Mayor to engage in informal renewal negotiations with Verizon Maryland, LLC.
– John/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)

Proclamation – Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October 2019

Motion: I move that the Council along with the Mayor proclaim October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to unite the citizens in our community to prevent breast cancer deaths through increased education and regular screenings.
– Robbins/Lashley (Vote: 5-0-0)

Proclamation – Small Business Saturday, November 30, 2019

Motion: I move that the Council along with the Mayor proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2019, as Small Business Saturday in the City of New Carrollton and encourage all residents of our community to support and shop small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year. – Peterson/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)

Ordinance 20-05 – Chapter 110 Vehicles and Traffic (First Reading)

Motion: I move the Council introduce Ordinance 20-05, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending City Code, Chapter 110 Vehicles and Traffic, to enact Section 110-4A “Traffic Calming Devices” to provide for the installation of Speed Humps (First Reading). – Robbins/Lashley (Vote: 5-0-0)



Public Notice



The Mayor is beginning to assemble his budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021); he is inviting public input from the residents of the City for ideas, suggestions, or comments for the next budget year.

Public input should be delivered to:

Mayor's Office – FY 2021 Budget Input
City of New Carrollton Municipal Center
6016 Princess Garden Parkway
New Carrollton, Maryland 20784-2898

Or by email to: city@newcarrolltonmd.gov with
the subject line: Mayor's FY 2021 Budget Input.
Please submit input by Monday, February 24 2020.

City Clerk Information

City of New Carrollton Legislative Action - Council Legislative Meeting – Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Ordinance 20-04 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Two: To Amend Ordinance 19-17 Current Expense Budget for FY 2020 (Second Reading)

Motion: I move that the Council adopt Ordinance 20-04, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 as embodied in Ordinance 19-17 to reflect money brought into the budget from the City Restricted/Designated Funds and additional revenue, and to adjust various expenditures **(Second Reading)**. – **Peterson/Lashley (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Ordinance 20-05 – Chapter 110 Vehicles and Traffic (Second Reading)

Motion: I move the Council adopt Ordinance 20-05, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending City Code, Chapter 110 Vehicles and Traffic, to enact Section 110-4A “Traffic Calming Devices” to provide for the installation of Speed Humps **(Second Reading)**. – **Robbins/Lashley (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Ordinance 20-06 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Three: To Amend Ordinance 19-17 Current Expense Budget for FY 2020 (First Reading)

Motion: I move that the Council introduce Ordinance 20-06, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 as embodied in Ordinance 19-17 to reflect money brought into the budget from the City Restricted/Designated Funds and additional revenue, and to adjust various expenditures **(First Reading)**. – **Lashley/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Adoption of FY 2021 Budget Schedule

Motion: I move that the Council adopt the FY 2021 Budget Schedule as presented. – **Robbins/Peterson (Vote: 5-0-0)**

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON - CITY COUNCIL - FY 2021 BUDGET ADOPTION TIMETABLE

Friday, March 27, 2020

Submit Budget Book to City Council

Wednesday April 1, 2020

Council Work Session

Budget: Administration

Monday, April 13, 2020

Council Work Session

Budget: Police Department

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Special Council Work Session

Budget: Public Works Department

Council Legislative Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Council Work Session

Special Council Legislative Meeting

Budget: Introduction of Budget Ordinance

Monday, May 18, 2020

Council Work Session

Special Council Legislative Meeting

Public Hearing: Budget Ordinance for FY 2021,
Fees, Fine and CIP

Public Hearing: Constant Yield Tax Rate

May 20, 2020

Council Legislative Session

Adoption of Budget

Swearing-In Ceremony for Newly Elected Mayor and
Councilmembers

June 3, 2020

Council Work Session

Special City Council Legislative Meeting (If needed)

Monday, July 1, 2020

Official Budget Book Released to Public

City Information



Snow and Ice Emergency Plan - Declaration of a Snow Emergency



Chapter 100-5 of the New Carrollton Code governs Declarations of Snow Emergencies:

In the event of a predicted or actual snow fall of four inches (4") or more, alternative parking shall be authorized on all streets maintained by the City where parking is permitted.

During a snow event of four inches (4") or more, alternative parking will allow citizens to park vehicles on sidewalks and grassy areas of their own property for the sole purpose of clearing the streets for plowing. All vehicles must be moved from sidewalks and grassy areas within 48 hours of the end of the storm. The Public Works Department will plow curb to curb, where possible, immediately after the end of the snow fall. There will be no more attempts made thereafter to plow curb to curb. Streets with cars parked on them will not be cleared curb to curb.

A snow, ice or other event that requires the implementation of allowing alternate parking shall be publicized on the City Comcast television Channel 71 and City Verizon television Channel 30 along with the City's Website (www.newcarrolltonmd.gov) and social media outlets (Facebook and Twitter). The City will also publicize the information on Metro area television and radio public broadcasts, with said broadcasts deemed sufficient for enforcement of this plan.

It shall be unlawful to clear snow from private property and to place it in a City street. Snow must be placed in the tree box between the curb and sidewalk. When clearing snow from around a vehicle parked on a street, snow removed from around the vehicle also must be placed in the tree box.

Any vehicle which is parked in such a manner that it blocks normal travel lanes shall be issued a citation for such violation and be subject to being towed and impounded by the City Police Department.

Any person issued a citation for a violation of this subsection C(4) shall be subject to a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

Spanish translation below



Plan de Emergencia Nieve Y Hielo - Declaracion de Emergencia por Nieve



Capitulo 100-5 de elCodigo de la Ciudad de New Carrollton el cual gobierna Declaraciones de Emergencia por Nieve:

En caso de pronostico de nieve o nevada de cuatro pulgadas (4") o mas, se autorizará el estacionamiento alternativo en todas las calles mantenidas por la Ciudad donde se permite el estacionamiento.

Durante un evento de nieve de cuatro pulgadas (4") o mas, el estacionamiento alternativo permitirá a los ciudadanos estacionar vehículos en las aceras y áreas cubiertas de hierba en su propiedad con el único propósito de despejar las calles para arar. Todos los vehículos deben moverse desde las aceras y las áreas cubiertas de hierba dentro de las 48 horas posteriores al final de la tormenta. El Departamento de Servicio Publico arará la acera, donde sea posible, inmediatamente después del final de la caída de la nieve. No habrá más intento de arar la acera despues. Las calles con autos estacionados en ellas no serán limpiadas.

Se publicará nieve, hielo u otro evento que requiera la implementación de permitir el estacionamiento alternativo por medio de el canal 71 de Comcast y de el canal 30 de Verizon canales de la ciudad, tambien por medio del sitio web de la ciudad (www.newcarrolltonmd.gov) y medios de comunicación social (Facebook y Twitter). La Ciudad también dará a conocer la información sobre transmisiones públicas de radio y televisión en el área metropolitana, con dichas transmisiones consideradas suficientes para hacer cumplir este plan.

Será prohibido quitar la nieve de la propiedad privada y colocarla en una calle de la ciudad. La nieve debe colocarse en la caja del árbol entre el bordillo y la acera. Al quitar la nieve de un vehículo estacionado en una calle, la nieve que se retira del vehículo también debe colocarse en la caja del árbol entre el bordillo y la acera.

Cualquier vehículo que esté estacionado de tal manera que bloquee los carriles de viaje normales se emitirá una citación por dicha violación y estara sujeto a ser remolcado y confiscado por el Departamento de Policia de la Ciudad.

Cualquier persona que emitio una citación por una violación de esta subsección C(4) estará sujeto a una multa de doscientos cincuenta dólares (\$250).

Traduccion en Ingles arriba

2020 Municipal Election Information

MAY 4, 2020 - GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

Tues. February 18	Candidates Packets Available 8:30 a.m. Absentee Ballot Applications Available
Tues. March 31	DEADLINE (5:00 p.m.) to file to run for elected office, including: submission of nominating petition of candidates for elective office, the form appointing campaign treasurer, the Financial Disclosure Statement, and the first Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.
Mon. April 6	DEADLINE (4:30 p.m.) for registering to vote with Prince George's County Board of Elections located at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774. You must be a resident of the City of New Carrollton and be registered to vote in order to run for office or to vote in the General Election.
Fri. April 24	DEADLINE (12:00 Noon) for filing of Second Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.
Sat. April 25	EARLY VOTING – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Location: <u>TBD</u> , New Carrollton, Maryland 20784
Fri. May 1	DEADLINE (5:00 p.m.) for submitting an application for an absentee ballot.
Sat. May 2	EARLY VOTING – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Location: <u>TBD</u> , New Carrollton, Maryland, 20784
Mon. May 4	ELECTION DAY – 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., New Carrollton Municipal Center.
Mon. May 4	DEADLINE (8:00 p.m.) for receipt of absentee ballots (mailed or delivered) by the Board of Elections at the Office of the City Administrative Officer, New Carrollton Municipal Center.
Thurs. May 14	DEADLINE (12:00 Noon) for filing of Third Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.
Wed. May 20	SWEARING-IN of newly elected officials – 7:00 p.m., City Council Meeting, New Carrollton Municipal Center.

How to register to vote:

In Person	At the Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774. Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Online	You can register online at http://elections.state.md.us/ if you have a Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card.
By Mail	Call (301) 341-7300 to have a mail-in form sent to you. Mail-in forms can also be printed at http://elections.state.md.us/ or picked up at county library branches or at the New Carrollton Municipal Center.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming City Municipal Election, please contact City Clerk Doug Barber at 301-459-6100. or by email: dbarber@newcarrolltonmd.gov.

City Information



Congratulations to the 2019 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners:

7405 Farmcrest Drive

7401 Potomac Court

6400 85th Place

8325 Quentin Street

8309 Cathedral Avenue

6403 Kaslo Court



On October 15, 2019, at the Maryland Municipal League's Fall Conference, the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland bestowed upon the City of New Carrollton a Sustainable Maryland Certified Award, the City's first certification in the Sustainable Maryland Program. Sustainable Maryland is a certification program for municipalities in the State who want to employ cost-effective ways to protect their natural assets and revitalize their communities.

To achieve certification, municipalities are required to form a Green Team, implement sustainability-related actions worth a total of at least 150 points, and submit appropriate documentation of these actions to Sustainable Maryland. Green Teams are established by the legislative body of municipalities by resolution. They develop and implement plans and programs that support the creation of a sustainable community. The

City's Green Team is comprised of City residents, elementary and middle school teachers, a pastor, business representatives, and City Council Members. The City implemented sustainability-related actions worth in excess of 150 points, which included building a Sustainable Maryland Resource Center, promoting local farmers' markets, establishing and promoting two community gardens, implementing a workplace wellness program, adopting a green purchasing policy, adopting a pet waste ordinance, becoming a Tree City USA and being a designated Department of Housing and Community Development Sustainable Community. The City submitted documentation of all of these actions, which led to the City's certification.

As Mayor Duane Rosenberg stated, "New Carrollton is thrilled to be recognized as a Sustainable Maryland Certified municipality. It was the hard work of our Green Team that led to our being worthy of this honor." The City must be recertified every three years.

City Information

New Carrollton Community Garden

The City of New Carrollton has two locations available for Community Gardening:

1. Community Garden at 6400 Blk of Lamont Drive
2. City Garden at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church at 8001 Annapolis Road

Each of the gardens have plots available to individuals, families, and community groups, and is ideal to those residents who lack their own garden space.



As of March 2, 2020, applications to register will be available at the City's Administrative Office: 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784 or visit: www.newcarrolltonmd.gov

NOTE: 2020 Official City Holidays City Offices Will be CLOSED on the Following Holidays:

- New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1
- Martin Luther King's Birthday
Monday, January 20
- President's Day – Monday, February 17
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 25
- Independence Day – Saturday, July 4
Office Closed in Observance of Independence
Day Friday, July 3
- Labor Day – Monday, September 7
- Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 27
- Christmas Day – Friday, December 25



Annual Shredding Event November 19, 2019

Shredding Day Stats:

- 127 visitors
- 195 boxes of paper received
- 99 bags of paper received
- 5,650 lbs. of paper was shredded

SAVE THE DATE SPRING FESTIVAL SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020



**BECKETT FIELD
8511 LEGATION ROAD
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

STREET LIGHTS IN NEW CARROLLTON

PEPCO is the company responsible for street lights to be repaired, therefore when residents call City Hall to report lights out, the City reports this to **PEPCO**. Residents are encouraged to visit (www.pepco.com).

Click on the option **OUTAGES: REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE**, and make sure to have the address and pole number to the light that is out and an email address as Pepco does reply to notify that they received the complaint. If you have trouble reporting the street light outage to Pepco, please call the City Administrative Office at **301-459-6100** for assistance.

City Information

Social Media Report

Highlighting the average social media activity over the past 2 months on our Facebook and Twitter accounts:

 [@CityofNewCarrollton](#)

Facebook:

In the last 2 months there have been

- 390 page views
- 19 page likes
- 1,601 people reached through posts
- 1,199 Post Engagements.

The top post was information a Clean Water Partnership town hall meeting. It reached 315 people and had 15 post clicks 15 reactions.

 [@NewCarrolltonMD](#)

Twitter earned 8,822k impressions over the last 2 months. The top tweet was a notice for shredding day.


- 408 impressions
- 19 engagements.

Followed by notice for shredding day a reminder to visit shops in New Carrollton for Small Business Saturday.


- 344 impressions
- 7 engagements

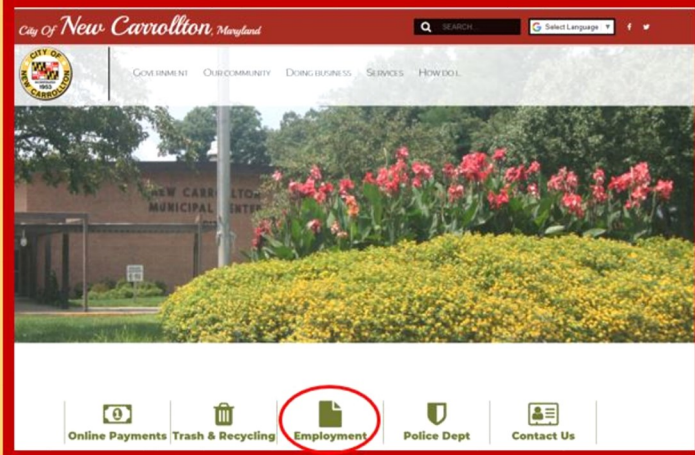
Twitter also gained 7 followers.

[Like us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter!](#)



Employment Opportunities





Visit www.newcarrolltonmd.gov and click the employment link to view current job openings!



Councilmembers Roy Peterson and Phelecia Nembhard

The City of New Carrollton would like to congratulate Councilmember Phelecia Nembhard and Councilmember Roy Peterson on their recent graduation from the University of Maryland School of Public Policy Academy of Excellence Program. Mayor Rosenberg and Councilmember Lashley are past graduates of the program. Councilmember Stephen John is currently working on the program.

The Academy for Excellence in Local Governance was established in 1998 as a collaborative effort among the University of Maryland's Institute for Governmental Service and Research, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Associations of Counties (MACo). In 2013 the Maryland School of Public Policy entered the collaboration and has continued to partner with MML and MACo to provide ongoing support of the program. The Academy also enjoys the generous support of the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT). With the combined effort of these entities, the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance is thriving.

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON'S DOG PARK

West Field Park

(6300 Block of Westbrook Drive)

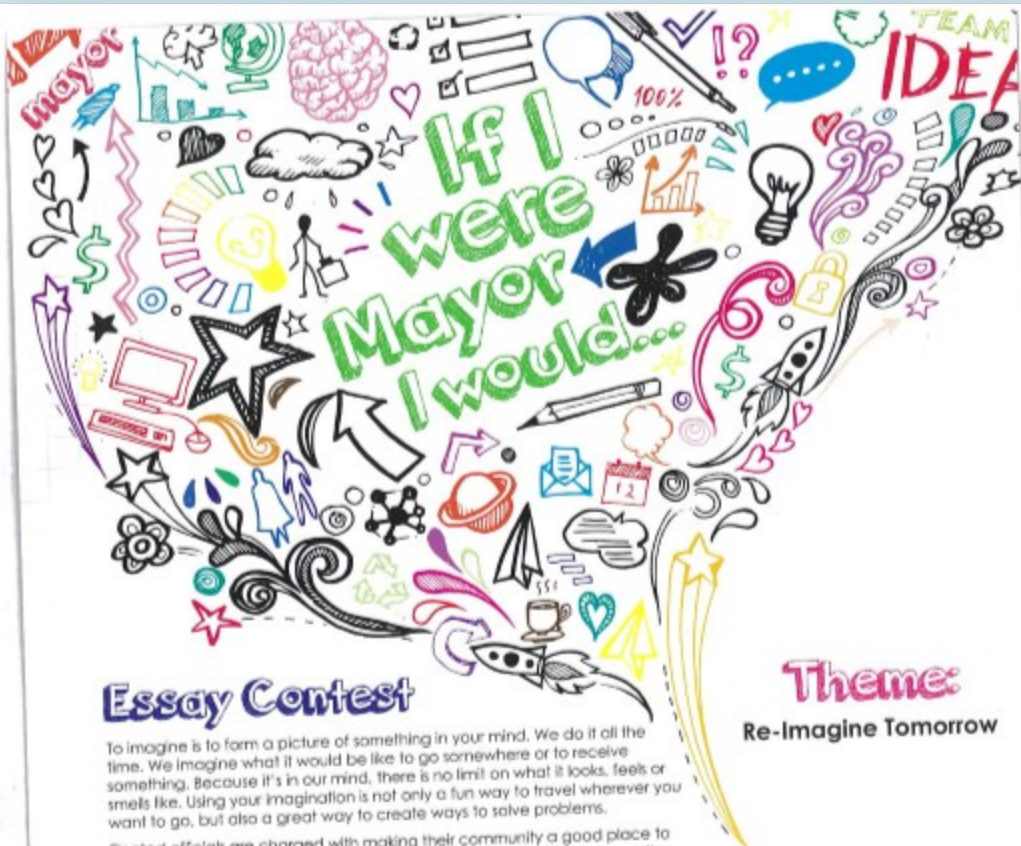
New Carrollton, Maryland 20784

Open Daily from Sunrise to Sunset

No permit required when using the dog park please make sure to close the gate behind you. The dog park is not monitored, use at your own risk.



Mayor's Essay Contest



To imagine is to form a picture of something in your mind. We do it all the time. We imagine what it would be like to go somewhere or to receive something. Because it's in our mind, there is no limit on what it looks, feels or smells like. Using your imagination is not only a fun way to travel wherever you want to go, but also a great way to create ways to solve problems.

Look around your city/town/community, re-imagine how you would improve on it or solve one of its issues, if you were Mayor.

1. What would you re-imagine about your city/town/community? And why?
2. Describe how you'd make tomorrow better in your community/town/city

Theme:
Re-Imagine Tomorrow

The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2019-20 school year.

- ## About the Contest
- Each year, Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Mayors' Association (MMA) invite **4th grade** students throughout Maryland to participate in a statewide essay contest: **"If I Were Mayor, I Would..."**

The contest gives students a chance to creatively use grade-specific language arts skills and civics/social studies knowledge.

Each year, 11 essays are selected from thousands as the best essays from their region. This year's winners will receive:

- Essay winners will be honored in Annapolis, Maryland at a special ceremony at the State House in front of their immediate family, their teacher, Mayors and local dignitaries.

Note: To increase your students' chances of winning, use the Maryland Municipal Government Handbook, which can be downloaded by clicking Programs and Services, then Mayor's Essay Contest at **mdmunicipal.org**. (This contest is the sole initiative of the Maryland Municipal League and is not affiliated with any County Public School System in Maryland)

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New Carrollton Police Department

Message From The Chief of Police

On December 14, 2019, the New Carrollton Police Department hosted their 10th Annual Santa With A Badge Program at the Target in Lanham, Maryland. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who made this year's Santa With A Badge a success.

A profound thank you to the New Carrollton residents, The Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation and Carrollton Enterprises for their generous donations to purchase gift cards for the children to shop with. As well as Mike and Angela of the Lanham Target, for opening your doors and making the children and officers feel so welcomed.

A sincere thank you to the following businesses for your compassionate donations so that the children and officers could enjoy a quick snack before their shopping experience and a nice lunch when they returned to the station.

Krispy Kreme, Capital Heights, MD
Chick-fil-A, Lanham, MD
Wing Stop, New Carrollton, MD
Jersey Mike's, New Carrollton, MD
Dominos Pizza, Lanham, MD
Starbucks, New Carrollton, MD
Food Way, New Carrollton, MD
7-11, New Carrollton, MD
New Carrollton Liquors
Tiered and Petite Desserts Boutique, Hyattsville, MD

A special thank you to the Hair Academy of New Carrollton, MD who provided gift certificates to each child.

I also would like to thank Entertainment With Class DJ's and Photo Booths for your services. The children and officers had a blast with your photo booth and Becca was fabulous as always.

I personally want to extend a sincere thank you to Delegate Nicole Williams for attending our event and for helping to make the holiday a memorable one for the children. Your presence greatly contributed to the success of our event.

Thank you to Councilmembers Phelecia Nembhard and Roy Peterson and to Mr. Billy McNell for staying late to prepare and decorate the auditorium for the children, so when they arrived to wrap their presents they would feel welcomed.

A special thank you to the New Carrollton Explorers.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with serving the food, helped the children and officers wrap presents as well as cleaning up after the program.

Most importantly, I want to thank and say how proud I am of the men and women of the New Carrollton Police Department for making an impact on these children and by giving them a special holiday to remember. Your pride in our community certainly shined through.

"Christmas is not so much about opening presents, as opening our hearts." - Janice Maeditere

Sincerely,
Chief Rice



Col. David G. Rice
Chief of Police

6016 Princess Garden Parkway
New Carrollton, MD 20784

Office: 301-459-0142
www.newcarrolltonpd.com



City Of
New
Carrollton
Animal
Control

New Carrollton Residents Call:
301-459-0142

Prince George's County
Animal Control

Phone: 301-780-7200

Address:
3750 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

For emergencies/crimes
in progress call 911

Non-emergency call
301-352-1200

Or call Crime Solvers
1-866-411-TIPS

New Carrollton
Police Department
2019 Awards Banquet



Friday, February 28, 2020
6:30pm - Midnight



Metro Points Hotel
8500 Annapolis Rd * New Carrollton, MD

Tickets Go On Sale January 11, 2020

Tickets \$40 per person – **NO REFUNDS**
For more information call 301-459-0142
Must Be 18 Years Or Older To Attend



SNOW PLOWING

Residents should make every effort to park their cars in the driveway when snow is forecast, when cars are removed from the streets it makes it easier for snowplows to do their job, to plow curb-to-curb without any interference.

Vehicles parked on the street interfere with Public Works' personnel to be able to plow properly, making it necessary to re-plow the streets. As a result, driveways become buried in the snow, and residents will have the burden of digging out their vehicles. It is not the City's responsibility to assist in clearing residential driveways.

Special Bulk Trash Collection

Residents living in single-family dwellings may call the Public Works Department at 301-577-1008, Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to schedule bulky trash pick-up. Residents in multi-family dwellings should call their respective manager's or leasing office to their apartment/condo complex so they, in turn may notify the Public Works Department to arrange for special bulky trash pick-up.

Items that qualify for special bulky collection include white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, dishwashers, freezers, etc.), tires (off the rim), dried out paint (no wet paint), electronics and furniture of all types. Lumber, pipes, and metal will also be collected, provided they have been cut into four-foot (4') lengths and are the result of the homeowner or occupant performing the work on the property. If any work is generated by a contractor or a second party, they are responsible for the proper disposal of all construction debris. All scheduled special bulky items must be placed on the curb Tuesday, after 5:00 p.m.

New Carrollton residents may request bulk pick-up by visiting www.newcarrolltonmd.gov on the front page go to "How do I" and click Bulk Trash Pick-Up Request.

Fire and Life Safety Issues during the Winter

The potential impact of the winter may cause disruption in electrical service in our homes. The following are easy to follow tips which will help residents when using alternative light and electrical sources during power outages:

Use flashlights during power outages instead of candles. Keep plenty of fresh batteries on hand at all times. If you prefer the look of candles, consider flameless battery operated candles that offer the flickering light without the potential fire hazard.

If using candles, make sure they are placed on a stable piece of furniture in sturdy holders that will not tip over.

Keep candles away from anything combustible, such as clothing, books, paper, curtains, or decorations.

Check portable electric heaters for frayed/damaged wires and ensure they are clean and placed on a flat level surface. Use only "listed" by an approved testing laboratory equipment and follow manufacturer's instructions.

Do not use extension cords with portable space heaters, the extension cord can overheat and cause a fire.

If you use kerosene fuel fired fire heaters, use only "K-1" kerosene fuel. Never fill the unit inside, instead remove it to the exterior after it has cooled down then refuel.

Open a window enough to provide proper ventilation for fuel burning appliances.

Make sure your smoke alarms are working properly by testing them. Additionally, ensure your guests are aware of all available exits if a fire would occur and have them meet at a designated location outside.

Residents are reminded to make every attempt to reach out to the elderly to ensure they are prepared and safe during winter weather. We encourage you, if possible, to offer to pick up essential items for the elderly and test their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Community Information

Tax Season is right around the corner! Every year over 500 volunteers at 16 tax sites operated by Community Tax Aid prepare tax returns for low-income individuals and families in the Washington Metropolitan area.

Our New Carrollton site is located at the City Municipal Center (6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784). The site is open on Monday and Thursday evenings from January 30th through April 13th. We ask volunteers to commit to one 4-hour shift per week during the tax season.

We are in need of volunteers to fill any of the following roles:

- Client Coordinator - help clients complete intake documents, ensure that they qualify for our services and review the outcomes with the taxpayer to ensure that they leave with a good understanding of the results.
- Greeters - welcome clients and orient them to the process at the tax site and help manage the flow of clients.
- Tax Preparers - work one-on-one with our clients preparing their federal and state income tax returns, ensuring that they receive all the credits and tax benefits for which they are eligible. Tax preparers must complete an IRS certification test and attend 12 hours of training, offered in January in downtown DC on evenings and weekends.

All of these positions give volunteers the opportunities to work directly with clients and are all crucial to the success of the tax site. The Client Coordinator role is a great opportunity for volunteers who want to work directly with clients but may not have the time to take the necessary tax law training. We are particularly interested in Spanish speaking volunteers!

For more information, check out [our website \(communitytaxaiddc.org\)](http://communitytaxaiddc.org) or email us at volunteer@communitytaxaiddc.org for more information.



THE FRIENDS OF THE NEW CARROLLTON POLICE FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS

**Saturday
January 11, 2020**

**Saturday
February 8, 2020**

Meetings are held in the Police Department, located in the back of the Municipal Building at 9:00 a.m. followed by Chief Rice's "Meet and Greet."

Join The Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation, Inc., membership only \$10.00 per year.

Spanish translation from above:

Anímese a participar como miembro de la fundación "Los Amigos de la Policía de New Carrollton"

Inscripción de membresía es solo \$10.00 al año.

Reuniones mensuales 2do
Sábado del mes a las
9:00 a.m.

Sábado, Enero 11, 2020

Sábado, Febrero 8, 2020

For more information call:
Para información llamar a:

**Jay Puffenbarger
at 240-682-8626**



AHORA TENEMOS UN TRABAJADOR SOCIAL VISITANTE

DONDE: St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
8001 Annapolis Road
New Carrollton, MD 20785

CUÁNDO: El segundo Miércoles de cada mes 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

LOS SERVICIOS ofrecidos incluyen ayuda para obtener asistencia nutricional de SNAP, asistencia médica, y efectivo temporal (para familias con niños).

La trabajadora social habla español y francés. Sin cita necesaria bienvenidos.

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Police Non-Emergency
301-352-1200

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

Maryland State Police
301-345-3101

P.G.C. Department of Family Services,
Aging Division
301-265-8450

P.G.C. General Information 311

County Council– Dannielle M. Glaros
301-952-3060

P.G. County Executive
301-952-4131

Child, Adult & Family Services
301-909-2450

Energy Assistance
301-909-6330

P.G. C. Board of Education
301-952-6115

Verizon Customer Service
1-800-837-4966

Comcast/Customer service
1-800-934-6489

PEPCO - Report your Outage
Call 1-877-PEPCO-62 (1-877-737-2662)

PEPCO Wires Down
Call 1-877-737-2662

PEPCO Contact Customer
Available 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday to Friday
202-833-7500

PEPCO en Español: 202-872-4641

WSSC: Main Line 301-206-WSSC (9772)
Toll Free 800-828-6439

(Water main break or Sanitary Sewer Overflow)
301-206-4002

WASHINGTON GAS: (703) 750-1000

If you suspect a natural gas leak?

RECOGNIZE: Natural gas smells like sulfur, or rotten eggs. If you smell that, it may be a sign of a leak.

REACT: Upon smelling natural gas, leave your building or location immediately.

RESPOND: Call 911, and then call the Washington Gas Emergency Leak Line at 844-WASHGAS (927-4427).

CITY MEETINGS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY 2020~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 In Observance of New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3	4 Ebenezer Food Bank 10:00 am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Ebenezer Food Bank 10:00 am The Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation 9:00 am
12	13 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm	14	15 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19	20 In Observance of MLK Jr. Day Office Closed	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 CTA 6:00 pm	31	

CITY MEETINGS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY 2020~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ebenezer Food Bank 10:00 am
2	3 CTA 6:00 pm	4	5 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm	6 CTA 6:00 pm	7	8 Ebenezer Food Bank 10:00 am The Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation 9:00 am
9	10 CTA 6:00 pm	11	12	13 CTA 6:00 pm	14	15
16	17 In Observance of Presidents Day Office Closed	18 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20 CTA 6:00 pm	21	22 Ebenezer Food Bank 10:00 am
23	24 CTA 6:00 pm	25	26	27 CTA 6:00 pm	28	29
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CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
6016 PRINCESS GARDEN PARKWAY
NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND 20784

Dated material must be delivered by January 1, 2020

Help prevent crime by: Reporting all suspicious activities to Law Enforcement

Police non-emergency 301-352-1200

For all emergencies call 911

