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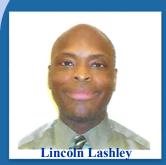
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Congratulations to the 2020 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners



Highlights from the Mayor

Mayor Phelecia E. Nembhard - pnembhard@newcarrolltonmd.gov - 301-459-6100



Ebenezer Church of God , Landover Hills. Last 2020 (Stand Up & Deliver) free food distribution. Office Manager Araceli G. Benitez, Brittney Nembhard and Mayor Nembhard

The City Council and I would like to thank Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and her team (Stand Up & Deliver Proud to Provide) food for distribution. We also extend our gratitude to Prince George's County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros, Ms. Tamara Nunez of the Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development, Inc. (SEED), Ms. Claudia B. Walter of The Faith Based Collaborative Outreach Group, Myra & Pastor Everett Pope of the United Baptist Church in New Carrollton, Rev. Glenn & Evangelist Gloria, COSTCO of Beltsville Edgar Orellana, Ella Kids Inc., and all organizations who work with the City of New Carrollton to provide food and resources to our community.

I would also like to extend my sincerest gratitude to all of the volunteers who, despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, helped with all the food distributions, and provided City staff with a tremendous amount of support. Keep up the great work, as it is much appreciated by the City Council, myself, and City residents. If you are interested in volunteering for the City, please contact the Administrative Office at 301-459-6100.

A big thank you to all our City staff: Police Department, Code Enforcement Department, Department of Public Works and The Administration Department. 2020 was an interesting year and we all stayed very busy working various activities to ensure that our City residents received food and other resources provided by the City. To all staff, your hard work is greatly appreciated. A huge THANK YOU to the New Carrollton Police Department for their contribution to the community during the holiday season with the Shop-With-A-Cop program and for Santa Claus riding through the City.



To all City residents: The City Council, City staff and myself, wish you a very happy New Year. While this New Year may look different, I hope you, your friends and loved ones have a safe 2021. Social distancing is a key tool in our fight against COVID-19. Help slow the spread of this virus by continuing to utilize all the tools we have to protect our families, friends and neighbors from COVID-19. Get informed about the vaccine by visiting:











Highlights from the Administration

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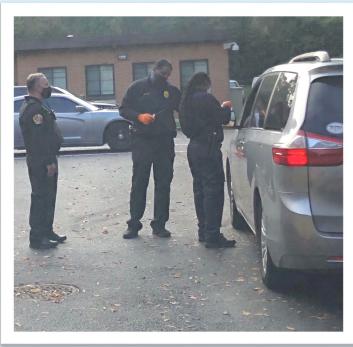


COVID Relief Bag Distribution event: NCPD Det. Robinson and City Administrative Officer Karen Ruff

Coronavirus Relief Fund Agreement with Prince George's County

Using funds to be received pursuant to this Agreement, the City implemented a COVID-19 Relief Bag distribution effort and an Emergency Assistance Program. The City distributed COVID-19 Relief Bags over nine days, October 26-30, November 17-19 and December 8. Each bag contained \$100 gift cards, either a VISA gift card intended for use at Shoppers/Foodway/New Grand Mart or a Costco gift card. In all, the City distributed 1,900 gift cards to City residents who were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in ways such as being laid off, hours reduced at work or having child care issues relating to schools being closed. Along with the gift cards, each resident received masks and hand sanitizer. Additionally, on October 15, 2020, the City received notice that Prince George's County approved the City's CARES Act/ Coronavirus Relief amended budget. In the amended budget, the City moved money from categories it would not be able to spend down to an Emergency Assistance Program. The Program was funded in the

amount of \$300,000. The City created the Program and began advertising after receiving notification. As with all money awarded pursuant to this Agreement, the Program money had to be paid out and a request for payment with all supporting documentation submitted to the County and its auditor by December 15, 2020. The City received more than 87 applications. As of the close of the program on December 9, 2020, the City awarded \$299,733.99 to residents in the City who were facing eviction, utility shut-offs and possible foreclosure.



COVID Relief Bag Distribution event: New Carrollton Police Department keeping everyone safe and traffic moving.

With respect to the COVID-19 Relief Bag distribution effort, I would like to thank everyone who assisted with this endeavor. First, everyone in the Administration Department helped by ordering items, creating the bags and distributing them. It was quite a team effort. Accordingly, many thanks to: Maisha Williams, Alayna Rowlett, Doug Barber, Joel Nichols, Karen Reid, Araceli Guzman, Robinson Brown, Shadia White and Carlos Benson. Second, the Police Department played an instrumental role in the distribution of the bags by keeping everyone safe and kept traffic moving, as well as engaging with the residents. Thank you: Chief Rice, Major Everts, Captain Butler, Cpl. Magana, Cpl. Hughes, Sgt. Whewell, Officer Washington, Daisy Vivar, Theresa Marlowe, Parking Enforcement Officer Gustavo Mendez, Parking Enforcement and Records Custodian Teddy Smith, and Animal Control Officer/Parking Officer Chris Superville. Third, Public Works lent a much needed hand assisting with traffic control, distributing forms and putting items together for distribution. Thank you to: Andre Triplett, Leonard Stratford, Billy Kissinger Sr., Kirk Wheeler, and Marco Payne.

I would be remiss if I did not provide a special thank you to Maisha Williams, Director of Finance and Accounting/

Treasurer, for all of her efforts in accounting for every expenditure made by the City pursuant to its Coronavirus Relief Fund Agreement with Prince George's County, making required submissions and responding to the County's auditor's questions, all while assisting the City auditor with the City's annual audit. Due to her efforts, the City has already received approximately \$752,347 in reimbursements. Thank you, Maisha, for a job well done.

City Clerk Information

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

Council Workshop and Council Legislative Meetings

The Council conducts its workshop meetings on the first Wednesday and the Monday proceeding the third Wednesday of each month. Council Legislative Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

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

Due to COVID-19 all meetings may be held virtually.

January 2021- Council Meetings

Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting:
Wednesday, January 6, 2020
Council Workshop Meeting:
Tuesday, January 19
Council Legislative Meeting:
Wednesday, January 20

February 2021 - Council Meetings

Council Workshop Meeting:
Wednesday, February 3
Council Workshop Meeting:
Tuesday, February 16
Council Legislative Meeting:
Wednesday, February 17

City of New Carrollton Legislative Action - Special Council Legislative Meeting - Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Emergency Ordinance 21-02 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. One: To Amend Ordinance 20-14 Expense Budget for FY 2021 (Emergency Ordinance)

Motion: I move that that the Council adopt Ordinance 21-02, as an Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as embodied in Ordinance 20-14, as amended to reflect money brought into the budget from City designated and undesignated funds, add additional revenues relating to Coronavirus Relief Fund (Prince George's County), and to adjust various expenditures among existing line items and to create a budget for covid related expenses, vending machines, community outreach, municipal center updates, heal grant, pedestrian safety, board up services, packers and New Carrollton Area Revitalization District (Emergency Ordinance). – John/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)

City of New Carrollton Legislative Action - Special Council Legislative Meeting - Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Proclamation – Municipal Government Works Month – November 2020

Motion: I move that the City Council along with the Mayor proclaim November 2020, as Municipal Government Works Month in the City of New Carrollton. – **Mills/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week (October 23 – October 31, 2020)

Motion: I move that the City Council along with the Mayor proclaim the week of October 23 through October 31, 2020, as Red Ribbon Week in the City of New Carrollton. – Robbins/Mills (Vote: 5-0-0)

Resolution 21-02 Creating a Community Relations Committee

Motion: I move that the City Council adopt Resolution 21-02, a Resolution of the Council of the City of New Carrollton creating a Community Relations Committee. – **Hooks/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Resolution 21-03 Creating a Community Outreach Committee

Motion: I move that the City Council adopt Resolution 21-03, a Resolution of the Council of the City of New Carrollton creating a Community Outreach Committee. – Mills/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)

Ordinance 21-03 Chapter 23 Personnel Policies (First Reading)

Motion: I move that the City Council introduce Ordinance 21-03, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending City Code, Chapter 23 "Personnel Policies" to Rename the Chapter "Personnel", and to add a Labor Code, resulting in the creation of an Article I "General" for the existing provisions of Chapter 23, the reservation of certain sections, and the creation of Article II "Labor Code" (First Reading). – John/Robbins (Vote 4-1-0)

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<u>City of New Carrollton Legislative Action - Special Council Legislative Meeting - Wednesday, October 21, 2020</u>

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Resolution 21-04 Amending and Reauthorizing the City of New Carrollton Economic Development Grant Program

Motion: I move that the City Council adopt Resolution 21-04, a Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton amending and reauthorizing the City of New Carrollton Economic Development Grant Program. – **Hooks/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Ethics Commission Appointment – Ms. Chakeia Campbell

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Chakeia Campbell as a member of the City of New Carrollton Ethics Commission for a term that will end on October 21, 2023, as stated in City of New Carrollton Code, Chapter 12-Ethics, Section 12-4. –**Mills/Hooks (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Ethics Commission Appointment – Anne Cuddy

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Anne Cuddy as a member of the City of New Carrollton Ethics Commission for a term that will end on October 21, 2023, as stated in City of New Carrollton Code, Chapter 12- Ethics, Section 12-4. – **John/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Board of Elections Appointment – Sandra Dawson

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Sandra Dawson as a member of the City of New Carrollton Board of Elections Commission for a term that will end on June 22, 2022, as stated in City of New Carrollton Charter Section C-5 Board of Elections. – Robbins/Mills (Vote: 5-0-0)

Board of Elections Appointment – Petal Sampson

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Petal Sampson as a member of the City of New Carrollton Board of Elections Commission for a term that will end on June 22, 2021, as stated in City of New Carrollton Charter Section C-5 Board of Elections. – **Hooks/Mills (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Board of Elections Appointment – Tamar Edwards

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Tamar Edwards as a member of the City of New Carrollton Board of Elections Commission for a term that will end on June 22, 2021, as stated in City of New Carrollton Charter Section C-5 Board of Elections. – **Mills/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Weinbach Scholarship Appointment – Winston Wilson

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Winston Wilson as a member of the City of New Carrollton Weinbach Scholarship Committee Commission for a one year term that will end on October 21, 2021. – **John/Robbins** (Vote: 5-0-0)

Proclamation - Small Business Saturday, November 28, 2020

Motion: I move that the City Council along with the Mayor proclaim Saturday, November 28, 2020, 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. – **Robbins/Hooks (Vote: 5-0-0)**

City of New Carrollton Legislative Action - Special Council Legislative Meeting - Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Proclamation Recognizing November 11, 2020, as Veterans Day

Motion: I move that the City Council along with the Mayor proclaim and recognize November 11, 2020, as Veterans Day in the City of New Carrollton. – Robbins/John (Vote: 5-0-0)

Resolution 21-06 COVID-19 Relief Programs

Motion: I move that the City Council adopt Resolution 21-06, a Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton authorizing the food assistance and emergency assistance programs to be implemented with the coronavirus relief funds received from Prince George's County. – **Mills/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)**

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City of New Carrollton Legislative Action - Special Council Legislative Meeting - Wednesday, November 4, 2020

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<u>City of New Carrollton Legislative Action - Council Legislative Meeting - Wednesday, November 18, 2020</u>

Ordinance 21-03 Chapter 23 Personnel Policies (Second Reading)

Motion: I move that the City Council adopt Ordinance 21-03, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending City Code, Chapter 23 "Personnel Policies" to Rename the Chapter "Personnel", and to add a Labor Code, resulting in the creation of an Article I "General" for the existing provisions of Chapter 23, the reservation of certain sections, and the creation of Article II "Labor Code" (Second Reading). – John/Robbins (4-1-0)

Charter Amendment Resolution 21-01 Vote by Mail

Motion: I move that the City Council introduce Charter Amendment Resolution 21-01, a Charter Amendment Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the Charter of the City of New Carrollton, § C-7 "Elections," Subsection A "Conduct and Procedure" to authorize the City of conduct vote by mail elections at any election and to remove the reference to annual elections. – Hooks/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)

Community Outreach Committee Appointment – Tamar Edwards

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's un-appointment of Ms. Tamar Edwards as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Board of Elections Commission and to appoint her to the Community Outreach Committee to serve a two year term ending on November 18, 2022. – **Mills/Hooks (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Community Outreach Committee Appointment - Claudia B. Walter

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Claudia B. Walter as a member of the City of New Carrollton Community Outreach Committee to serve a two year term ending on November 18, 2022. – **Robbins/Mills (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Community Outreach Committee Appointment – Brittney Nembhard

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Brittney Nembhard as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Community Outreach Committee to serve a two year term ending on November 18, 2022. – Hooks/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)

Community Outreach Committee Appointment – Tamara Oliveros

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Tamara Oliveros as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Community Outreach Committee to serve a two year term ending on November 18, 2022. – John/Robbins (Vote: 5-0-0)

Veterans Memorial Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment – Richard Robbins

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Richard Robbins as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Veterans Memorial Citizen Advisory Committee to serve a two year term ending on November 18, 2022. – **Mills/Hooks (Vote: 5-0-0)**

Veterans Memorial Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment – Winfred "Jay" Puffenbarger

Motion: I move that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Winfred "Jay" Puffenbarger as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Veterans Memorial Citizen Advisory Committee to serve a two year term ending on November 18, 2022. – **Robbins/Hooks**

(Vote: 5-0-0)



City of New Carrollton 2021 Election Important Dates



- Candidate Packets will be available starting Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.
- The deadline to file to run for elected office, in the May 2021 election is Tuesday, March 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Candidate's seeking to be certified by the New Carrollton Board of Election's must have completed all required election paperwork that included a 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.
- If you want to vote in the May 2021 City Election, the **deadline to register** with the Prince George's County Board of Elections is **Monday, April 5, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.** The Prince George's County Board of Elections located at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, Maryland 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 2021 General Election.
- SAVE THE DATE: ELECTION DAY MONDAY, May 3, 2021 Ballot Drop (7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)

The City of New Carrollton Council has introduced Charter Amendment Resolution 21-01, an amendment to the City Charter that will allow for voting by mail in the City elections. The City of New Carrollton Board of Elections anticipates and is planning to hold a vote by mail election in May 2021. Please continue to follow the City's social media outlets (Facebook and Website) as well as the City Bi-Monthly Newsletters for updates on the 2021 City of New Carrollton Election. If you have any questions regarding the 2021 Election please contact the City Clerk Doug Barber via email at dbarber@newcarrolltonmd.gov or by calling (301) 459-6100.

Public Notice FY 2022 Budget

The Mayor is beginning to assemble her budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022). She is inviting public input from residents of the City for ideas, suggestions, or comments for the next budget year. Public input should be delivered to:

Mayor's Office – FY 2022 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 2022 Budget Input.

Please submit input by Monday, February 25, 2021



The City of New Carrollton has a welcome packet for new residents.

Packets are available in English and Spanish. The welcome packet provides information about City activities and events. If you would like one or know of a new resident please contact the City Administrative Office at (301) 459-6100.

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 el Codigo de la Ciudad de New Carrollton el cual govierna 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).

City Information

On September 2020, the City received beatification awards for our New Carrollton Community Gardens, City Hall and Beckett Field Gardens from the Prince George's County Annual Beautification Awards Committee.

Congratulations to Brad Pudner and our Public Works Department for keeping the grounds so attractive.

DPW Statistics November 2020

Senior Van Service – 35 calls for service

Bulk Pick-up – 273

Sump Discharge – 3

Trees Trimmed - 29

 $Trees\ Removed-0$

Vehicles in for Service – 15

Department of Public Works Report December 2020

- Clean Water Partnership Work has progressed into the 3rd section (Quentin St. Lamont Dr.) of Carrollton Pkwy
- City Bulk Pick-up Bulk pickup will resume on January 13, 2021
- **Leaf Collection** Operations were delayed due to 4-6 days of high winds and/or heavy rainfalls and equipment failures
- Snow Removal The salt spreaders have been installed and snowplows are staged and serviced, ready to be mounted if needed. The salt dome is full, and sand has been made easily accessible in case of icy conditions that may fall below the salt's effectiveness of 20 degrees.
- Christmas Trees will be collected on your first collection day of the week for recycling, please remove all decorations, lights, etc



The first day of winter was December 21. We are wearing our warmest coats, hats, and gloves. We may be shoveling snow off our cars and

sidewalk. But the promise of a new growing season can be found in seed catalogs and on store shelves.

Whether you have a sunny or shaded yard or live in an apartment you can grow fresh vegetables and herbs because the city has 3 sets of raised beds that residents can sign up for and use. Two sets of beds are located west of the intersection of Lamont Drive and Carrollton Parkway. The third one is located on Annapolis Road in front of Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church.

The city's Public Works Department prepares the sites for use in the spring and provides fresh soil. The plots are designated for organic crops only. That means that weed killer products are prohibited. Compost is provided by Public Works to enrich the soil.

I can almost remember the taste of a juicy tomato. Can you?

Thank You Clean Water Partnership!

By now, most every resident of New Carrollton has noticed the construction happening in the middle of Carrollton Parkway. The stream that runs down the center of the road, known as Brier's Mill Run, has been eroding the banks and carrying pollutants and silt into the Anacostia River watershed for a long time. It has also been an eyesore with the overgrowth of non-native and invasive plants. It is through an arrangement between the city and the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) that the stream is being saved and turned into something we can all be proud of – and at no cost to the city. So, Thank You CWP!

Until recently, there have been no Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships (CBP3s) developed specifically to meet stormwater management requirements. In March 2015, Prince George's County, entered into the "first of its kind" innovative 30-year CBP3 agreement with Corvias, referred to as the Clean Water Partnership.

The partnership aims to meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The TMDL is a historic and comprehensive "pollution diet" to restore clean water in the Chesapeake Bay and the region's streams, creeks, and rivers. Polluted stormwater runoff is commonly transported through municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s), and then often discharged, untreated, into local water bodies. Brier's Mill Run is one such MS4.

The CWP's Brier's Mill Run Stream Restoration project is fully funded by the County through Clean Water Act Fees and SRF funds. This funding is inclusive of a 30-year maintenance agreement and is utilized to meet environmental goals in an efficient manner. In tandem with construction the project incorporates social and economic impacts garnered through community outreach, environmental education and local small, minority and disadvantaged business utilization as part of the complete delivery of the project. For the community, by the community.

The construction part of the project, which has been in the planning stages for over 1.5 years, started in September and will cover the section of the stream from 85th Place to Jodie Street. See the accompanying photos for a before and after look at what has been done as of November 2020.

Some big benefits of the project include:

- Repairing and stabilizing incised banks along the creek which are currently causing erosion and sediment pollution
- After stabilizing the banks, CWP will plant native trees and streamside plantings into a biodegradable bank control material
- The aging pedestrian stream bridge at Quentin Street will be replaced
- Sediment clogging the culverts under Lamont Drive will be removed
- CWP will maintain the functionality of the project for 30 years at no cost to the city!

Again, thank you Clean Water Partnership for all you are doing to improve the environment and the City of New Carrollton!



City of New Carrollton Earth Year 2020 - 12 Acts of Green For December 2020



- Support forest protection organizations. Planting trees is awesome, but it takes decades to foster the biodiversity and complexity that preexisting forests have. The older the forest, the more it's able to trap and synthesize carbon dioxide. That's why it's so important to invest in protecting the forested lands that are currently in danger. Check out this list of conservation and forestry organizations that need your help. https://www.theoutbound.com/claire-siegrist/10-nonprofits-working-to-protect-the-natural-areas-you-love.
- 2. **Support with your dollar.** Your money is a power ful tool for change. Support businesses that are kind to the environment, consider where your savings, investment, banking, and energy dollars are going, and demand investments into clean energy and away from fossil fuels.
- 3. Give your thermostat a nudge. In winter, set your thermostat back when you're asleep, even more when away from home, and even more when on vacation. Do the opposite in the summertime. A programmable thermostat can do the work for you. As a general rule, move your heater thermostat down two degrees in winter and up two degrees in the summer. You probably won't even notice two degrees, but your energy bill will.
- 4. Carpool, ride your bike, use public transportation. Carpooling saves you money, results in less wear and tear on your car, reduces traffic, reduces the need for new or expanded roads, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, is good for your health (reducing stress unless you're an avid back seat driver!), makes new friends (or gives you time to read a book or sleep).
- 5. **Go paperless.** Most businesses, banks, utilities, and government agencies are capable of, and encourage you to get your bills and statements electronically. You'll be saving trees and the energy it takes to deliver your bills by truck.
- 6. **Buy organic foods.** Keep the environment (and your body!) free of toxic pesticides and support farmers and companies that use safer ingredients.
- 7. **Recycle your Christmas Tree.** After the holidays remember to put your tree out on the curb for compost pick up.

- 1. Volunteer for a local environmental group. New Carrollton's Green Team https://www.newcarrolltonmd.gov/government/city_committees/green_team is always looking for volunteers, as are many other worthy groups that advocate for local, national, and global environmental causes.
- 2. Say no to Styrofoam. It takes up a lot of space and lasts almost forever in landfills! The City of Bowie usually holds an annual shredding and Styrofoam recycling event in the spring each year. Look for announcements about the event in the local papers or on this website. (Only hard Styrofoam like the kind found in the packaging of electronics, with glue and tape removed is accepted.) Some retail mailing companies (UPS, FEDEX, local mailers) sometimes accept Styrofoam packing peanuts, but not all and not always.
- 3. Recycle rechargeable batteries at most hardware stores. Rechargeable are nickel-cadmium (NiCd), nickel-metal hydride (NiMH), and lithium-ion (Li-ion). Some businesses will recycle regular alkaline batteries as well.
- 4. Talk about environmental issues and the threat of climate disruption. Do you know that Prince George's County has a Climate Action Commission? This Commission is preparing a plan to outline government and resident actions to address climate change impacts, transition into clean energy solutions, and set Greenhouse Gas reduction goals. https://pgccouncil.us/810/Climate-Action-Commission#:~:text=The%20Prince%20George's%20County%20Council,and%20achieve%20climate%20stabilization%20goals. See also the Maryland Commission on Climate Change Annual Report https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Air/ClimateChange/MCCC/Documents/MCCCAnnualReport2020.pdf
- 5. Participate! Attend Town Halls, Listening Sessions, and City Council meetings. Most members of Congress hold town halls a few times a year to connect with their constituents and update them on what's happening in in their districts and nationally. Check out the City's schedule at https://www.newcarrolltonmd.gov/government/mayor_and_city_council/meetings_and_agendas Council meetings and town halls include a question-and-answer portion, so if you're ready to ask something, go prepared.

City Information

New Carrollton Community Garden

The City of New Carrollton has two Community Gardens:

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

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

As of March 2, 2021, applications to register will be available at www.newcarrolltonmd.gov



NOTE: 2021 Official City Holidays City Offices Will be CLOSED on the Following Holidays:

- New Year's Day Friday, January 1
- Martin Luther King's Birthday Monday, January 18
- President's Day Monday, February 15
- Memorial Day Monday, May 31
- Independence Day Sunday, July 4 Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day Monday, July 5
- Labor Day Monday, September 6
- Veterans Day Thursday, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 25
- Day After Thanksgiving Friday, November 26
- Christmas Day Saturday, December 25
 Office Closed in Observance of Christmas Day Friday, December 24

STREET LIGHTS IN NEW CARROLLTON

PEPCO is the company responsible forstreet 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 of the light that is out and your email address, as Pepco will 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.



Annual Shredding Event 2020

The City of New Carrolton's Annual Shredding Event was held on November 14, 2020, and was a great success.

We thank Priority 1 Shredding, City staff, and all residents who participated by shredding paper.

Shredding Day Statistics:

186 visitors 273 boxes 208 bags 10,280 lbs. of paper was shredded.



New Carrollton Police Department - Col. David G. Rice, Chief of Police 301-459-0142 - www.newcarrolltonpd.com



December 22, 2020 New Carrollton Police Department and the WLHVFD had the pleasure of riding with Santa & Mrs. Claus through the City of New Carrollton. On behalf of the Men and Women of the New Carrollton Police Department, I wish all City residents a Happy and Safe New Year 2021!



Prepare Your Car for Winter

In addition to annual maintenance, here are some tips to winterize your car:

- Test your battery; battery power drops as the temperature drops
- Make sure the cooling system is in good working order
- Have winter tires with a deeper, more flexible tread put on your car
- If using all-season tires, check the tread on your tires and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch
- Check the tire pressure; tire pressure drops as the temperature drops
- Check your wiper blades and replace if needed
- Add wiper fluid rated for -30 degrees
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze

Before You Start Out

- Clean your car's external camera lenses and side-view mirrors so you'll be able to see what's around you
- Remove dirt, ice, and snow from sensors to allow the assistive-driving features like automatic emergency braking to work
- In frigid weather, you may want to warm up the car before you drive it
- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, never leave a vehicle running in your garage even with the garage door up
- If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm if possible; if you must travel, share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave

How to Avoid a Crash

AAA offers the following driving tips:

- Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions
- Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don't have to overcorrect to stay in your lane
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- Increase following distance to 8 to 10 seconds
- If possible, don't stop when going uphill

If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve. Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can't see yours on the shoulder.

Know Your Car's Capabilities

My Car Does What? is a national campaign to help educate drivers about the safety features built into vehicles. Search for your car and find out what safety features are already built-in.

Traction control is now standard on most new vehicles. This function helps your vehicle gain traction on snowy, icy or wet surfaces, particularly when accelerating from a stopped or slowed position, or when trying to make it up a slippery hill.

Anti-lock braking system (ABS) helps you steer in emergencies by restoring traction to your tires and is standard on most new vehicles as well. ABS may vibrate or pulse when engaged. This is normal. Continue to press and hold pressure to the brake pedal.

Remember, you are your car's best safety feature. Take precautions to ensure you arrive safely at your destination. If you become stranded in an unfamiliar area, do not leave your car. Light flares in the front and behind the car and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow, mud, or objects.



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. Please note the next Bulk Trash Pick-up will be January 13, 2021.

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.



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https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1644/ Older-Adult-Services



Cheverly Health Center Prince George's County Health Department 3003 Hospital Dr, Cheverly, MD 20785 301-883-7879

COVID-19 testing please visit their webpage

https://

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3472/ **COVID-19-Testing**

for site locations and testing schedules. If you have additional questions about the County's testing program

Call Coronavirus hotline at: 301-883-6627

between the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Monday through Friday.

CountyClick311

The Prince George's CountyClick311 portal https://princegeorges-csrprodcwi.motorolasolutions.com/Home.mvc/Index

citizens can access County non-emergency services on-line.

The services accessible from this Website are some of the most common requests such as pothole repairs. If you do not find the type of service you need or if you have any difficulty entering a service request, please send an e-mail to CountyClick311@co.pg,md.us, or call 3-1-1 (301-883-4748), Monday - Friday, 7am - 7pm.







Prince George's County Updated Phase 2 Guidelines

Effective Wednesday, December 16 at 5:00 PM



Restaurants

Indoor dining must close. Outdoor dining is allowed at 50% capacity. Restaurants can still offer curbside or takeout services and must follow all safety guidelines, such as physical distancing.



Retail

Limited to 25% capacity and must follow all safety guidelines, such as physical distancing.



Receptions/Meeting Rooms

Indoor dining is prohibited at banquets, receptions, and meeting rooms in hotels, conference centers and similar establishments.



Casinos

Limited to 25% capacity and must follow all safety guidelines, such as physical distancing.

REMINDER

Large Gatherings



INDOORS - are limited to 1 person per 200 square feet or a maximum of 10 persons, whichever is lower.

OUTDOORS – are limited to 1 person per 200 square feet or a maximum of 25 persons, whichever is lower.

Face Coverings



Face coverings are still required outdoors when you leave your home, except during vigorous exercise. They are also still required for indoor public locations and on public transportation.

For additional information, please visit: mypgc.us/reopen







Vaccination Phased Distribution Plan

Due to the initial limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines nationwide, vaccines will be distributed through a phased approach to the most at-risk populations first. Vaccination efforts will continue until every Prince Georgian is able to get the vaccine.

Phase 1 Healthcare Workers, **Essential Personnel.** & At-risk **Populations**

Phase 1A

- Healthcare professionals/workers
- Residents and staff of long-term care facilities
- First responders/public safety (frontline)
- · Critical government operations leadership based on government continuity of operations planning











Phase 1B

- · Adults 65+
- Adults with high-risk medical conditions

Phase 2 Critical Infrastructure Personnel

- · Court staff
- School teachers/staff
- · Childcare facilities staff
- · University staff
- · State, County, and Municipal Government



- Public transportation
- · Food and agriculture
- Utilities
- · Restaurant and essential retail infrastructure







STAY UPDATED: health.mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine











COVID-19 TESTING Next Day Results

PCR Nasopharyngeal

Book an appointment today!









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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).

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CITY MEETINGS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

~ JANUARY 2020~

	01H1 (C1H1)					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Close Happy New Year	2
	4	5	6 Council Workshop/ Special Legislative Meeting 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Green Team 5:15 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 Office Close in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Council Legislative Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22	23
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	1	2	3 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9 Green Team 5:15 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 Office Close in Observance of Presidents' Day	16 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Council Legislative Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19	20
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CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON 6016 PRINCESS GARDEN PARKWAY NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND 20784

Dated material must be delivered by January 1, 2021

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

For Police non-emergencies call 301-516-9777

For all emergencies call 911

VOTE!

City Municipal Election Monday, May 3, 2021

The next City of New Carrollton election is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2021. Please contact City Clerk Doug Barber at 301-459-6100 if you have any questions. The 2021 Election Calendar will be provided in the City Newsletter that will be issued in March 2021. The newsletter will also include the 2021 City of New Carrollton Election Guide.