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This newsletter is considered a source and a resource to all residents and businesses. The Town of Morningside continues to seek citizens who can volunteer their time, talent, and services in various capacities. (Strategic planning, monthly events, newsletter & grants to name a few). If this is you or you have another area of interest, please contact the Town Hall, and provide your name, phone number, and email. We would love to speak with you.

From the Desk of Mayor Benn Cann:

Dear Morningsiders,

Happy New Year! My wish is that this year is the best one yet for each of you. It is a "NEW YEAR," as a Town, the Council and I are working hard to bring you resources, events, and information. We have a lot of great things planned for you this year. There are a few ways to get information about what's happening in the Town. We have our website, message boxes throughout the Town, and of course, calling the Town Hall to find out what activities are planned. Apart from January, we have something planned for every month of the year. We hope that you will take a moment to come and join us, whether it is for the movie night, Spring and Fall Yard Sales, 4th of July all-day festivities, National Night Out, or just plain ole Bingo. We have something for everybody, and I look forward to seeing you soon. I also want to alert you to the Town elections taking place in May. The Town is looking for individuals to serve as election judges (we pay, and we feed you for your service). If you want to find out more, please call the Town Hall soon, as we will finalize those roles shortly. The Town is an advocate to assist you in many ways. We have partnerships with many entities to assist with job search and training, grants to help you tackle projects with your home and partnerships with your utility companies. We also have, while supplies last extra COVID testing kits and masks. If you need assistance, please reach out.

I am in the process of setting up a Roundtable with the Mayor, this will be a chance for us to come together to discuss our Town in a less formal setting. For the sake of manageable conversation, I will break our population into four (4) groups for this discussion (Youth 14-18, Seniors, Businesses, and General Public). You will need to RSVP and be on the lookout for dates in the upcoming weeks. If you want to be added to the list to be notified, please call the Town Hall, and let us know. This newsletter is mailed to subscribers only in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters of the year. If you want to continue to receive a paper

Business Spotlight

Special THANK YOU to all of our businesses. The pandemic has taken a toll on many of you. If you require resources, please contact the Town Hall, and we will work to assist you in this endeavor.

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generalmailbox@morningsidemd.gov

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301-736-7400
Emergencies call 911

Website
Morningsidemd.gov

Social Media:
#TownofMorningside

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The Town of Morningside Holds elections (Mayor 3-year term and Council 2-year term) every year. This year, two council seats are open. I strongly encourage your participation in local elections. You do not need to register for the Town elections if you are registered to vote in the County, State, and National elections. Ensure your address is current with the Board of Elections of Prince George's County. On **April 3, 2023**, registration will be at the Town Hall for any unregistered voters 18 and older. Please refer to the Town Administration portion of this newsletter for additional information.

Please continue to check in on each other, especially our seniors, to ensure that we are all ok. I look forward to seeing you at future events for the Town. For Town, updates, refer to www.morningsidemd.gov.

If you have specific concerns, contact me at mayor@morningsidemd.gov or call the Town Hall and leave a message for me. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Be Well,
Mayor Bennard J. Cann



Town Questions:

Question:

What did the Town do with the government money it was given?

Answer: The Town continues to plan projects with the ARPA funds received from the federal government. We have quite a few projects underway. We had special meetings last year and invited the public to give feedback on what they wanted. We will have a couple more meetings to lock in on some additional items. Please call the Town Hall for additional information on dates and times.

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Email generalmailbox@morningsidemd.gov and look for the answer in the next newsletter if you have a question.

Police News:

The Morningside Police Department has been experiencing increased citizen reports and complaints involving Scams and Frauds.

The scams might be online; through email; the internet, and social media; or the scammers might come to your door or contact you by mail, phone or text.

Please Beware that scammers will use any means possible to steal your identity or your money – including threatening your life or that of a child or another family member, or “hijacking” your computer!

There is an abundance of information available on these subjects via the internet. However, since republishing of this information without permission is generally prohibited, anyone is welcome to do their own research by accessing any reliable website to gain knowledge and information about:

- ❖ Detailed Explanations of Common Scams & Frauds
- ❖ Those Scams/Frauds Reported To FTC; Better Business Bureau; Consumer Fraud Reporting; Fraud.org; etc.
- ❖ Avoiding Becoming a Victim of Scams
- ❖ Tips On How to Protect Yourself
- ❖ How To Report a Scammer
- ❖ What To Do If You’ve Been a Victim of Scams or Fraud

Here are several reliable websites that you may find useful, among others:

1. [FBI.gov/how-we-can-help-you/safety-resources/scams-and-safety](https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/safety-resources/scams-and-safety)
2. http://www.consumerfraudreporting.org/current_top_10_scam_list.php
3. <https://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/here-are-the-top-10-scams-of-2022>

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Snow Removal

With the winter season upon us, please remember to remove your vehicles from the even side street if snow or ice is in the forecast. This will allow plows, salt trucks, and emergency vehicles to service the Town streets more efficiently.

When a **Snow Emergency** is in effect, all vehicles must be removed from the **even side** of the Town streets, It’s the Law. Please Park in your driveway if possible.

**DATES TO
REMEMBER:**

- February 14, 2023 –**
Town of Morningside
Work Session – 7 pm
- February 11, 2023**
Family Movie Night –
6pm
- February 21, 2023 –**
Town of Morningside
Regular Meeting –
7 pm
- March 14, 2023 –**
Town of Morningside
Work Session – 7 pm
- March 18, 2023 –**
Senior Bingo – Noon –
Call 301-736-2300 for
Info
- March 21, 2023 –**Town
of Morningside
Regular Meeting –
7 pm

Each resident and the commercial property owner is responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk adjacent to their property after the snow has stopped falling.

House Numbers

All homes in the Town of Morningside must have address numbers affixed to the dwelling and placed in a position to be plainly visible from the street. This requirement is primarily for your safety; if an emergency vehicle cannot identify the correct property, it could delay their response.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION:

The Administrative Office continues to provide courteous, knowledgeable, and efficient service to Town residents and the public to the best of our abilities. Our FY 2022 audit was filed on time, and the auditors reported no discrepancies. I am collaborating with the Council to ensure we get the best services and purchases with the ARPA grant we received. Streamlining our files is another large project we are currently undertaking.

The meeting room is available for rental. We have everything from baby showers to repasts here. We have even hosted a wedding! The months of Jan-Feb-Mar are now open. Dates for Apr-May-June will open on March 15th, 2023.

Please continue to contact us if you have questions or concerns at 301-736-2300 or generalmailbox@morningsidemd.gov. You can also check our website at www.morningsidemd.gov for more information.

TOWN ELECTIONS:

There are Town Elections in Morningside every year. Election Day is the first Monday in May. **For 2023 that day is Monday, May 1st.** We will be electing 2 Council Members. Below is some information regarding the election according to the Town Charter. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Administrative Office at 301-736-2300, M-F 8am-5pm.

Section 52-24. Voters.

Every person who (1) is a citizen of the United States, (2) is at least eighteen years of age, is a bona fide resident of the Town, and (3) is registered in accordance with the provisions of this charter and town ordinances, shall be a qualified voter of the Town. Every qualified voter of the Town shall be entitled to vote at any and all Town elections. (Res., Oct. 4, 1957, sec. 24; Char. Amend. No. 76-2, 4-2-76.)

Section 52-25. Registration.

There shall be a registration on the first Monday in April each year between 1:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. of the qualified persons not registered to vote. If necessary, for the performance of registration or the convenience of the citizens of the Town, the Council may designate additional hours or special registration days. (Res., Oct. 4, 1957, sec. 25; Char. Amend. No. 76-2, 4-2-76.)

If you are currently registered to vote in County, State, and National elections, you do not need to register for the Town elections. Just make sure your address is current with the Board of Elections of Prince George's County. **For the 2023 elections, this date will be Monday, April 3, 2023.**

Section 52-28. Nominations.

Candidates for election to the office of Council Member or Mayor shall file with the Board of Election Supervisors a petition signed by at least ten registered voters of the Town of Morningside by the first Monday in MARCH. The petition shall be verified and contain the following information: (1) the name, address and phone number of the candidate; (2) a statement of eligibility pursuant to [section] 52 of the Charter; (3) a statement that the signatures on the petition are genuine, and (4) a request to be placed on the ballot. No person shall be eligible for elective town public office who has not fulfilled the requirements of this section. No candidate shall file for election to more than one public office at any one election. The Board of Election Supervisors shall be the final judge of the qualifications of candidates for offices under the requirements of this charter. In the event that there are no candidates for an office, or an insufficient number of candidates to fill the councilmanic positions, the deadline for filing petitions shall be extended FIFTEEN DAYS. (Res., Oct. 4, 1957, sec. 28; Char. Amend. No. 76-2, 4-2-76; Char. Amend. No. 87-1, 8-17-87.)

For the 2023 elections, this date will be Monday, March 6, 2023. Petitions for Office are available at the Municipal Center in the Administrative Office. This year there are 2 Council Members up for election. **In order to have the candidate's name placed on the ballot, the petition must be turned in by 5:00pm on Monday, March 6, 2023.**

The Town of Morningside is seeking volunteers to serve as Election Judges. Please contact 301-736-2300 if you are interested in holding this appointed position. We are seeking 1 Election Judge and an Alternate.

Section 52-21. Board of Supervisors of Elections.

There shall be a Board of Supervisors of Elections, consisting of three members who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council on or before the first Monday in March each year. The terms of these members shall begin on the first Monday in March each year in

which they are appointed and shall run for one year. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members of the Board shall be qualified voters of the town and shall not hold or be candidates for any public elective office during their term of office. Before entering upon the duties of his office, each member of said Board shall take oath as prescribed by Section 52-63 of this charter. (Res. Oct. 4, 1957, sec. 21.)

PUBLIC WORKS:

Winter has arrived, and the temperatures have been up and down. All days Public Works continues with curb cleaning and leaf removal. Please be mindful of public works employees while conducting litter removal of Town roads, should a threat for precipitation arise, we are prepared, and please remember to park on the odd side of the street to allow plows to plow.



Picture of the Quarter: November 2022 Annual Senior Luncheon

Business Ads (Place Your Business Ad here)

Yvonne Rodgers - Precious Lil Ones Day Care
6924 Pickett Drive
Morningside, MD 20746
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Vanessa Beverly
My Sweet Angels Daycare
6801 Marianne Drive
Morningside, Maryland. 20746
301 736-5086

