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This newsletter is a resource for all residents and businesses. **The Town is always looking for citizens willing to volunteer their time, talent, and services in various capacities (strategic planning, monthly events, newsletter ideas, and new initiatives). If this is you, please contact us and share your name, phone number, and email. We would love to speak with you.**

Business Spotlight

Special THANK YOU to our businesses for the generous support you give the Town.

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Police Department
301-736-7400
Emergencies call 911

Website
Morningsidemd.gov

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#TownofMorningside

From the Desk of Mayor Benn Cann

Dear Morningsiders,

I hope that this message finds you well and you are enjoying this wonderful Fall weather. The Town continues to host events for you as a community to take advantage of. We pride ourselves in having a little something for everyone. If you would like to participate/volunteer in any upcoming events, please reach out, this is a great way to give back to your community.

One of the many benefits of residing in the Town is we provide Regular Trash (Tuesday and Friday), Recycle and Yard Waste Collection (Monday), and Bulk Trash service (Friday). Every resident receives a Trash and a Recycle Bin. We are ordering additional bins and if you would be interested in purchasing an additional Trash Bin (not marked with the Morningside Logo), let us know and we will add your name to the list and provide additional details regarding cost and delivery.

As we approach the **"Holiday Season",** please take a moment to slow down and enjoy this time with loved ones. The Town is hosting our **"Annual Senior Luncheon"** in November and collaborating with the Morningside Volunteer Fire Dept. in December for our **"Annual Breakfast with Santa".**

I have noticed quite a few NEW residents that have moved into the Town over the past few months. Please be sure to welcome them and encourage them to reach out to the Town Administrative offices so we can inform them of all the great things happening in our municipality.

A Special Thank You to Public Works, Administration, and our Police Department along with the Recreation and Ethics Committees for keeping us going in 2024. I appreciate you, and I am so proud to have each of you on our team. We could not have done it without you. Lastly, but certainly not least **Thank You** to our entire Council, Vice-Mayor Brad Wade, Councilwoman Sharon Fowler, Councilman John Anthony, and Councilman Todd Mullins. Our Town, our Community, our County, and our State are better for your Service.

If you have specific concerns, contact me at mayor@morningsidemd.gov.
I wish everyone a **Happy and Safe Holiday Season!!**

Be Well, Mayor Benn Cann

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Dates to Remember:

November 12, 2024 – Town of Morningside Work Session – 7 p.m.

November 19, 2024 – Town of Morningside Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

November 21, 2024 – Senior Luncheon *Registration Required* 11:00 a.m.

November 28 -29, 2024
Town Administrative Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 10, 2024 – Town of Morningside Work Session – 7 p.m.

December 14, 2024 – Annual Breakfast with Santa - 9:00 a.m. *Pre-Registration Required*

Town Questions:

Question:
What is the Town doing about speeding and the running of stop signs?

Answer: Thank you for your question, there is a two-part answer. **Part I**, The Town has proactively completed a stop sign violation study and is currently working with the County and Pepco to finalize implementation of cameras to minimize violations and make our community safer. **Part II**, we are aware of those exceeding the speed limit in the Town. We are actively patrolling the Town to increase visibility as well as writing citations. We will continue to look at ways to improve compliance.

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

Police News:

The beginning of the Holiday Season is upon us! As Andy Williams told us, "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" Across the world, many people's spirits are brightened, and good vibes increase. Unfortunately, this increase in positivity brings an annual increase in the crime rate. Most criminals are creatures of opportunity, and the increased shopping and retail traffic presents more and easier opportunities for them to conduct their bad behavior. However, there are many ways that we can keep our Holiday Season merry and bright.

Shopping Tips:

1) Keep your purse close to your body or your wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
2) Don't take your money out until asked and don't flash a lot of cash.
3) Use only one credit card. Data breaches have occurred in the past at major retailers and credit card companies. Should something similar occur, you can reduce the risk of having multiple cards compromised.
4) Ask for help moving and loading large items if needed.
5) If you are shopping with children, select a central location, prior to shopping, to meet in case you are separated. Teach kids who they should ask for help if they're lost.

Parking Tips:

1) Park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
2) Lock your vehicle.
3) Make a mental note of where you parked.
4) Have your keys in hand when walking back to your vehicle.
5) Look around and under your vehicle before approaching it.
6) Store shopping bags out of plain sight, in your trunk if possible.

December 15, 2024 – Christmas Caroling 6:00 p.m. - Town Hall

December 17, 2024 – Town of Morningside Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

December 24-25, 2024 – Town Administrative Offices closed for Christmas Holiday

December 31, 2024 – January 1, 2025 – Town Administrative Offices closed for the New Year Holiday.

Morningside Volunteer Fire Department:

The Morningside Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery of our new Engine to replace the current 2001 Engine. In the coming months, we will be working on the necessary requirements to place the new Engine in service.

The MVFD is working to place our recently purchased used 2020 Ambulance in service in the coming weeks. The newly purchased Engine and 2020 Ambulance will ensure the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department maintains the ability to respond to emergencies in the coming year and provide services to the citizens of Prince George's County.

The MVFD has provided 29,800 hours of service and responded to 2,800 calls for service year to date.

For information to obtain a smoke alarm if you need one call the MVFD at (301) 883-7727.

Public Works:

Fall has come and the Public Works Department continues to provide many services that affect the daily lives of the Morningside Community. Many of these services include; Litter Patrol, Pet Waste Station Maintenance, Landscaping, Removal of Fallen Trees and Limbs, and Leaf Removal in high traffic areas.

Please be mindful that it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain their property. Please rake your leaves and place them in the paper yard waste bags for collection on Mondays.

Town Administration:

The Administration Office has been preparing all the information needed to complete our FY24 Audit with the Town auditors, LSWG. Time is running short to get signed contracts to use the ARPA grant money that was received. The Administration team is working with the Mayor and Council to make sure that we have everything completed by the deadline in December. The Ethics Committee has made the required updates to the Ethics Ordinance. They are currently being reviewed by the Town Attorney. The Town is deeply appreciative of their time and dedication to this project. In addition to the day-to-day operations, the Administration Offices are also attending several webinars to ensure we continue to stay abreast of the different reports that the office is responsible for creating and sharing.

If you would like to host an event at the Municipal Center, the meeting room is available for rentals. We have everything from baby showers, birthdays, anniversaries, and at times repast here. We even have had the space used for a wedding!! The calendar is now open through the beginning of 2025.

Please continue to contact us if you have any questions or concerns 304-736-2300 or email us at generalmailbox@morningsidemd.gov . Also, feel free to go to our website for Town updates and information www.morningsidemd.gov

Recreation Committee:

The Morningside Recreation Committee meets at the Town Hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The goal is to plan events that the entire Town can enjoy and participate in. Some events may have a minimum fee, others are at no charge. Upcoming Events through the end of the year are:

- **November 21st** – **Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon w/Bingo at** 11:00 a.m. If you are a Senior living in town and are interested in attending, please call Town Hall to register.
- **December 14th – Breakfast w/Santa** at the Morningside Fire House**.** This begins at 9:00 a.m., it is a first come - first served. The cost is $6.00 per person. **You must preregister and prepay for this event**. Each child registered and paid will receive a gift from Santa. There will be a Santa Secret Shop where the kids can shop for their loved ones for Christmas.
- **December 15th – Christmas Caroling** begins at 6 pm at Town Hall We will ride thru Town singing carols, ending back at the Town Hall.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events and 2025 events will be shared soon. Any Middle School or High School students that need service hours please be sure to contact us at 301-736-2300 so we can get you on the calendar.

Code Corner:

Did you know raking and removing leaves can prevent a frequent problem next Spring? Mosquitoes lay their eggs in dry areas or containers which then hatch once the area fills with water. These areas include gutters and corrugated pipes that redirect water and leaves. Cleaning your gutters and raking your leaves can help prevent this area from collecting water and in turn will reduce the mosquito population.

Home Improvement Planning

Are you planning a home improvement project? Don't forget to include the cost and time necessary to obtain building permits from Prince George's County and The Town of Morningside. Common home improvements that require building permits are additions, decks, driveways, enclosing a porch, fences above four (4) feet in height, garage conversions, and sheds larger than 150 square feet.

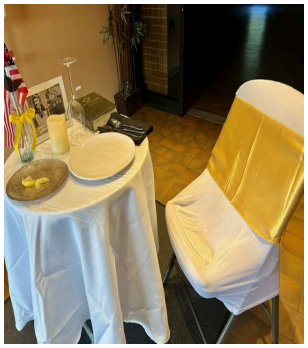
Did you know?

House Numbers: All homes in the Town must have address numbers affixed to the dwelling and placed in a position to be plainly visible from the street.

Parking on Unpaved Surface: It shall be unlawful to park, leave standing or to place a vehicle or trailer on an unprepared/unpaved surface or grass plot on residential or commercial property within the Town.

Yard Maintenance: Every property owner is to maintain their yards in a clean and orderly state. This includes regular lawn maintenance by mowing, trimming, removing of trash, cutting and removing dead trees, and eliminating open storage. Remember DO Not Blow your lawn clippings into the street!

Through the Year!



TRASH & RECYCLING INFORMATION

All properties have received trash and recycling carts. **PLEASE DO NOT SPRAY PAINT YOUR ADDRESS OR NAME ON THE CARTS!** The carts are the property of the Town of Morningside. Each cart has a serial number on it that has been assigned to each residential address. If your carts should come up missing, please call the Morningside Administrative Office. We keep the numbers on record. You are responsible for the carts and the cost of their replacement. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Administrative Office at 301-736-2301 M-F 8am-4pm.

MORNINGSIDE TRASH SERVICE

The Town of Morningside provides the following services for refuse collection through Burch Trash Company, 301-888-1900.

REGULAR TRASH COLLECTION (BLUE LID CARTS) – TUESDAY AND FRIDAY
All trash should be placed curbside no later than 7:00am the morning of collection and there is no limit to the number of bags or cans.

RECYCLING (YELLOW LID CARTS) – MONDAY (only)
Place all recyclables (loose, not bagged) in an approved recycling container and place container at curbside no later than 7:00am each Monday.

BULK TRASH- FRIDAY
Bulk items are limited to 3 items per household per week. All mattresses and box springs are required to be wrapped in plastic prior to pick up.

YARD WASTE – MONDAY (ONLY)
Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or clearly marked yard waste cans. **(NO plastic trash bags will be accepted).** Limbs cannot exceed 4 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter and they must be bundled and tied or put into a clearly marked yard waste trash can.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Car Parts, Building & Construction Materials,
Hazardous Waste (paint, gasoline cans, oil, etc.) Styrofoam, Concrete, Dirt or Bricks…

Business Ads (Place Your 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, MD 20746