

Welcome to Landings . . .
A monthly newsletter from the Town of Upper Marlboro

Happy Holidays to All From
the Town of Upper Marlboro!

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THE TOWN HALL IS OPEN WEEKDAYS

Board of Town Commissioners
Steve Sonnett, President
Joe Hourcle, George Leonnig



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TOWN ELECTION

POLLS OPEN AT TOWN HALL

Monday, January 4, 2010 • 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Election News

Three candidates will be printed on the ballot, two are incumbents, Joe Hourcle and Stephen Sonnett and third is James “Jim” Storey, a longtime Town resident and retired Air Force pilot. There are also three spaces for write-in votes. The three people with the most votes will be elected for a two year term as Town Commissioner. Profiles and platforms of the candidates will be published in the December 16th edition of the *Gazette*. If you don't get the *Gazette* and have access to the internet, the article can be found at <http://www.gazette.net> under Upper Marlboro News. Copies will be available at Town Hall, or you can click on the link on our newly updated Website.

One week after the election, the elected will select a President and take office on Monday, January 11 at 8:00pm at Town hall. Voting will take place Monday January 4th from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Town Hall, 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. If you are registered voter

in Prince George's County with an address in the corporate limits of the Town you are qualified to vote in the Town elections. Alternatively, you may vote if you are qualified and have registered with the Town.

Pursuant to the Town's Charter, the newly elected Commissioners will hold their organizational meeting on January 11th at 8:00 p.m.

Why Vote in An Uncontested Election?

There are two good reasons to vote. First, County and State officials take note of the support given the Town's elected officials. With a strong showing of support for the Town's Commissioners, those officials are more likely to take seriously positions taken by the Town. Second, the job of Commissioner is essentially a volunteer effort, no one runs for the pay which is \$600 per year (President receives an extra \$3,600). If you think your government is doing a good job, please show your support by voting!

If you have not been receiving the *Landings* by mail and would like to, please call the Town Hall Offices at 301-627-6905 ext.3

Neighbors Honor Local WWII Ranger

On Wednesday, November 18, 2009, a prominent resident of our community, Carl H. Lehmann, celebrated his 90th Birthday with family, friends and neighbors. Carl's son, Steve, and his wife Carolyn, hosted a fabulous party at Beechtree's beautiful Lake Presidential Golf Club, and a great time was had by all. It is obvious that Carl has many friends in the neighborhood and we all were very proud to share in this most festive celebration.

For those who have not yet had the great fortune to meet Carl, he is revered for his heroic service in the U.S. Army during WW II, as one of Darby's original Rangers. He was captured in Cisterna, Italy, and spent over a year and a half as a Prisoner of War, until his escape after 2 previous attempts. For those interested in learning more about Carl's Ranger history there is much written in books and also on the internet.

As Carl likes to tell it, the Rangers Infantry prepared him for his next job as a Letter Carrier. He then continued to work as a Clerk at the Post Office in Baltimore, while attending law school at the University of Baltimore. Upon passing the bar, Carl went on to practice law in Baltimore and then Upper Marlboro until retiring just a few years ago.

Nowadays, among other things, Carl enjoys working out at the gym, taking walks with his beloved dog, Chiba, and cooking for his friends and neighbors. Of course, we look forward to these meals together not only for the great food . . . but, also because we have an opportunity to hear Carl recount his experiences as a Ranger during WW II and learn about history first-hand from a local hero. Priceless!

Happy Birthday, Carl! We look forward to celebrating many more with you!



Ranger Carl Lehmann at Chiunzi Pass on Sept. 8, 1943. Mount Vesuvius can be seen in the background.

For more information, you can do a Google search. Just type in "Carl Lehmann Darby's Rangers" in the search field.



Page Gonnella beams with delight as Santa rewards her for being on the "nice" list for the whole year.

Holiday Party Enjoyed at Town Hall!

In spite of dreary, inclement weather all day, a wonderful group of citizens showed up for the annual holiday party on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4:30pm. The cold rain stopped just before the tree lighting as the group sang carols under the tents, the tree was lit and Santa arrived by police car with sirens and lights flashing.

Then everyone went inside to enjoy hot cider, eggnog and a full buffet dinner in the Town Hall conference room which was transformed with twinkling lights, candles, festive decorations and a Christmas tree. Santa spoke and posed for pictures with each child (and a number of adults!) who received a small gift bag. Beautiful digital pictures were taken and printed for the parents by Sheila and Mike Gonnella.

Many thanks go to those who helped Barbie and Steve Sonnett with party preparations: Shannon, Dan and Tyler Sonnett, Jim Storey, Chief Mike and his wife Sheila, and last but not least Santa Andy Ferraro, one of our Town's police officers. A great time was had by all thanks to your efforts!

POLICE REPORT / NOV. 2009

Town Citations: 120 • State Citations: 39

In-Town Incidents:

- 1 Auto Theft
- 1 Recovered Auto
- 2 Theft
- 7 Vehicle Impounds
- 1 Arrest (UUV)
- 11 Warrant Service
- 3 Property Damage
- 1 Missing Person

Out-of-Town Incidents:

- 3 Theft
- 4 Stolen Auto
- 1 Recovered Auto
- 2 Theft from Auto
- 1 Assault

All in-Town incidents were in the downtown area and not in the residential areas.

Town police officer Derrick Cromartie and his wife had a baby girl on November 30, 2009. Little "Sinayay Marie" and her mother are doing well and Dad's looking forward to returning to work at the end of this month. Congratulations!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN ELECTION: Monday, January 4th, 1 p.m.—8:00 p.m., at Town Hall.

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, January 12th, 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

DECEMBER WORK SESSION: Cancelled.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Friday, Dec. 25th. Town offices will be closed and will reopen Monday, Dec. 28th at 9 a.m.

NEW YEARS DAY: Friday, January 1st. Town offices will be closed and will reopen Mon., January 4th at 9 a.m.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S BIRTHDAY: Monday, January 18th. Town offices will be closed and will reopen Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00 a.m.