



City of Fruitland, Maryland

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Special Points of Interest

- St. John's Wins Award
- POS Grant Closed Out
- EECBG Grant Closed Out
- New Police Station Opening Date in March

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City Odds and Ends

- Congratulations to St. John's United Methodist Church for winning the Wicomico County Parks and Recreation Volunteer Civic Organization Award for 2011.
- The City has closed out the Y Lot Program Open Space grant and is awaiting reimbursement from the State for \$35,000.
- The EECBG Grant for the facility electrical upgrades has been closed out and the City is awaiting \$17,300 reimbursement. The project is estimated to save the City over \$2,000 annually in energy costs.

Police News

- Our annual Christmas for Kids program helped deliver new winter coats and toys to 31 children in Fruitland.
- New towing contracts were signed saving the city money on Police Department vehicle tows.
- Progress on the new Police Station – Move in date middle to late of March 2012

January Schedule

January 2, 2012—City Hall Closed for the New Years Holiday
 Planning Commission—no meeting
January 4, 2012—Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting Noon (Lucky Star)
January 10, 2012—City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM (City Hall)
January 17, 2012—Recreation Commission Meeting at 7:00 PM (City Hall)
January 18, 2012—Chamber of Commerce Luncheon (Adams Ribs)

Public Works and Utilities Monthly Report

- Highway staff performed ditch maintenance on Walden Drive due to standing water along the road shoulder.
- Staff continues to maintain the S. Division-Camden Ave. intersection prior to paving the 1st. week of January.
- Fourth quarter water meter reading was completed and leak notices delivered to residences.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant staff conducted 5 classroom tours for the Fruitland Intermediate School last week with students asking good questions on overall system operations.
- Field service staff are currently repairing a defective water service located on N. Division St.
- Repair of Well Pump #2 at the Water Treatment Plant site is currently underway.

Code Enforcement

As a reminder for all residents, during the past several months the City has been involved in a city -wide clean-up effort. Citations are being issued to property owners and tenants for the following violations: tall grass, loose animals, abandoned vehicles or parking on unpaved areas, public nuisance, litter/rubbish/garbage and parking trailers on city streets.

Fines for vehicles are due within thirty (30) days of violation and after thirty (30) days the vehicles are towed with the owner assuming all costs.

Fines for grass and property maintenance are due within seven (7) days of notice. Any unpaid fines will be attached as a lien on the property.

Also, you are allowed to have one (1) vehicle on your property but it must be covered with an "opaque" commercial cover. This effort has removed a number of inoperable vehicles from within the City limits and in some cases earned cash for the owners from local salvage yards. We, at City Hall, appreciate all your efforts and wish you a Happy New Year!