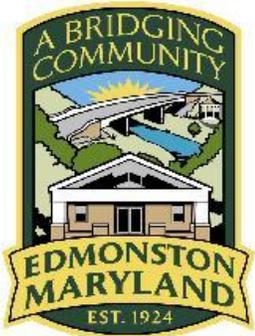


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Recent Legislative Actions by the Mayor and Council

December 13, 2010



1. *Action to approve matching funds for town share of employee 457 plan for 2010 in the amount of \$11,200.00. Motion by CM Kerns, seconded by CM Farrish, Motion Approved. Mayor Ortiz in favor*
2. *Action to approve Medical, Life and Disability policies for the year beginning January 2010. Motion by CM Farrish, seconded by CM McCauley; Motion Approved. Mayor Ortiz in favor*
3. *Action on petition made by residents of the 4900 block of 52nd Ave., requesting that the permit parking regulation be removed. Motion by CM Farrish, seconded by CM McCauley; Motion Approved. Mayor Ortiz in favor*
4. *Action to designate the 5300 block of Lafayette as a permit parking only area. Motion by CM Kerns, seconded by CM McCauley; Motion Approved. Mayor Ortiz in favor*

January 13, 2011

1. *Authorization for Town Administrator and Chief of Police to enter into Red Light Camera Contract with Red Speed Inc. Motion by CM Kerns, seconded by CM McCauley Motion Approved. Mayor Ortiz in favor*
2. *Approval of donation to "Purple Line Now" in the amount of \$100. Motion by CM McCauley, seconded by CM Kerns, Motion Approved. Mayor Ortiz in favor*
3. *Approval of donation to Family Crisis Center, Motion by CM Farrish, seconded by CM McCauley, Motion Approved. Mayor Ortiz in favor*
4. *Approval of donation to Anacostia Watershed Society Motion by CM Farrish, seconded by CM Kerns, Motion Approved. Mayor Ortiz in favor*
5. *Approval of donation to Bladensburg High School- Class of 2011 Motion by CM Farrish, seconded by CM Giddens, CM McCauley opposed. Vote 3-1 Motion Approved. Mayor Ortiz in favor*

The Mayor and Council express their deepest condolences to the Madison family for the death of Mr. Charles Saul of Crittenden St.



And informs that Mrs. Olga Matsuidara, who was the daughter of Kinjiro Matsuidara, the Japanese American Mayor from the 30's and 40's has passed away.

From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Neighbor,

I am so pleased to join Chief Walker in reporting our 5th straight year of reduced crime. With the 8% reduction in 2010, Edmonston has seen a total reduction in crime of 70% since 2005 - a staggering reduction at a level that is simply unheard of.

There are several reasons why crime is down so much - some for reasons within our control and some beyond our control. As for the former, we cannot deny the role that community policing has played. We have worked hard to create an atmosphere where all residents feel comfortable reporting suspicious activity to us. We have stopped drug dealing, domestic abuse and drunk driving because of calls from residents. Some of these calls came from neighbors who do not speak English and some have involved residents who do not have proper legal documentation. If residents like these did not feel comfortable reporting to our police it is unlikely we would be as safe as we are today.

Though a 70% reduction in crime is laudable, crime still occurs and causes insecurity in our community. For this reason, we must all

remain vigilant in our community policing until we have a 100% reduction.

We have more good news to report. Our effort to revamp Kenilworth Avenue is moving ahead. After much discussion, Maryland's State Highway Administration (SHA) has shown us preliminary plans to add sidewalks, landscaping, crosswalks and bike lanes to the street. This has been a priority for our administration for 5 years, as many of us think that Kenilworth is far too unsafe and ugly. The state has dedicated \$500,000 for design and engineering (which has begun) and hopefully we will get the \$8.5 million projected to finish construction of the project, which will take a few years.

Earlier this month we held a public hearing to make safety improvements to 51st Avenue and Place. Residents turned out and expressed their support for the proposal to add a "street trail" (bike + pedestrian lane), speed humps, and transform them into 1-way streets.

Overall, this will slow down traffic and make it safer for folks to get out and walk or bike - exactly the types of behaviors we want to encourage as a community. We expect to vote on a final proposal during our February Town Meeting, so if you have additional input please join us.

As always, if you have any thoughts or feedback contact us anytime.

Your Mayor,

Adam

Desde el Escritorio del Alcalde

Estimado vecino,

Me complace unirme al Chief Walker en reportar por quinto año consecutivo, la reducción del crimen en nuestra ciudad. Con la reducción de 8% en 2010, Edmonston ha visto una reducción total de crimen de 70% desde 2005 - una reducción a nivel asombrosa.

Hay varias razones por la cual la reducción el delito se ha es por tanto - Algunos eran por cosas que si podemos controlar y como también hay razones fuera de nuestro control. En cuantos aspectos controlados: no podemos negar el papel que ha desempeñado la policía comunitaria. Hemos trabajado duro para crear una atmósfera donde los residentes se sientan cómodos en informar de toda actividad sospechosa. Hemos logrado paralizar el tráfico de drogas, abuso doméstico y conducir embriagado debido a las llamadas de los residentes. Algunas de estas llamadas vinieron de vecinos que no hablan a inglés y como también de personas sin la documentación adecuada. Si estos residentes no se hubieran sentido cómodos en llamarnos, es poco probable estaríamos tan seguros hoy en día.

Aunque una reducción del 70% en la delincuencia es loable, delito todavía se produce y crea inseguridad en nuestra comunidad. Por esta razón, debemos todos mantenernos atentos en nuestra comunidad hasta que tengamos una reducción del 100%.

Tenemos más buenas noticias para informarles. Nuestro esfuerzo para renovar Kenilworth Avenue avanza. Después de mucha discusión, con la Administración de Carreteras de Estado (SHA de Maryland) nos ha mostrado planes preliminares para añadir aceras, paisajísticos, cruces peatonales y carriles para bicicletas. Esta ha sido una prioridad para nuestra

administración durante 5 años, como muchos de nosotros pensamos que la avenida Kenilworth es muy insegura y fea. El Estado ha dedicado \$500,000 para el diseño y la ingeniería (que se ha iniciado) y es de esperamos que asignen los \$ 8.5 millones de dólares proyectados para finalizar la construcción del proyecto, que tomara unos años.

Este mes celebramos una audiencia pública para realizar mejoras en la seguridad en la Avenida 51 y 51st Place. Los residentes expresaron su apoyo a la propuesta de añadir una "street trail" en la calle" (dedicados a uso de bicicleta y paso peatonal), instalar topes en la carretera y convertir las calles en una dirección. En general, estos cambios controlara mas el tráfico y hacerlo más seguro para la gente a salir ya sea a pie o en bicicleta - comportamientos queremos animar como una comunidad.

Esperamos que a votar sobre una propuesta final durante nuestra reunión ciudad de febrero, por lo que si tienes algún comentario le animaos a asistir.

Como siempre, les invito a si tienen algún idea, pensamientos o comentarios puede comunicase con nosotros en cualquier momento.

Su alcalde,

Adam

From the Office of the Chief of Police

The following is a list of activities officers initiated or received a call requesting service or assistance

Note: not all calls for service result in a report being written!

Code Enforcement Activity	Total for Year
Verbal Warnings Issued	306
Parking Tickets Issued	97
Municipal Citations Issued	15
Enforcement / Warning Letters or Notices Issued	208
Citizen Contact - Complaints or Assistance	61
Stop Work Orders Issued	12
Animal Complaints Investigated	50
Successful Compliances	377
Ongoing / Follow-up Investigations / Enforcement	271
Impounded Vehicles	6
Abatements	7
Total Code Violations	644

Police Department Activity	Total for Year
Arrests	28
Drive While Intoxicated Arrests	27
Maryland Moving Violations Issued	996
Parking Citations	614
Recovered Stolen Autos	22
Traffic Violation Warnings	447
Vehicle Impounds	117
Vehicle Safety Repair Orders	122
Warrant Service Arrest	17
Accidents	61
Armed Suspects	7
Assaults	20
Assist Fire Dept/Other Agency/Code Enforcement	167
Burglar Alarms	72
Breaking & Entering Residential	8
Breaking & Entering Commercial	4

Carjacking	0
Check on Welfare of Resident	13
Customer Dispute Call	58
Death Investigation Call	0
Disorderly Persons	36
Domestic Disturbance	46
Fight in Progress	15
Hold up Alarm	3
Homicide	0
Identity Theft	6
Juvenile Complaints	8
Landlord Tenant Dispute	6
Loud Noise Complaint	28
Robbery	3
Security Checks of Premises	3935
Calls for Sounds of Gunshots	3
Stolen Auto Reports	9
Suspicious Persons	38
Suspicious Vehicles	35
Theft Reports	55
Calls for Unknown Trouble	16
Vandalism Reports	18
Calls for 911 Hang-ups	12
Total Calls for Service	4682

Edmonston Recreation Board

Council Member Robert “Bobby “ Kerns - (Rec. Board Chair) wants to thank everyone who assisted in the planning and coordination of the all recent Town activities such as the Green Street Dedication, Halloween party, and the Holiday party.

A special thank you to two of our neighbors: Ms. Eileen Chung of 52nd Ave. and Mrs. Ana Calderon of Fountain Park Apts.

We also like to thank 2 of our local business for their donations: Apollo Ice and Berliner Foods

Thank you for your cooperation!

TOWN OF EDMONSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



January 13, 2011

Contact: Mayor Adam Ortiz (301)-699-7646
Chief Steve Walker (301)-699-8805

Edmonston Sees 5th Consecutive Year of Reduced Crime Crime Down 70% Since 2005

For the fifth year in a row the Edmonston Police Department is reporting substantial reductions in crime. For 2010, overall crime is down 8%, fueled by a 12% reduction in property crimes. At the end of each year, police departments must report their crime figures to federal agencies for uniform crime reporting.

Since 2005 Edmonston is reporting a 69.65% reduction in overall crime. Crimes against persons have fallen 44%, and crimes against property have fallen 72%. Although state and county figures through 2010 were not available at the time of release, Edmonston's overall reductions of crime have outpaced county and state trends. For the years 2005-2009, Prince George's County total crime has fallen 35%, and the state has fallen 10%. Through 2009 Edmonston had seen a 67% reduction, and these new figures have brought that figure several points higher.

Chief Walker of the Edmonston Police Department attributes these reductions to a three main factors:

- An increase in visibility of Edmonston Police Officers through increased patrols and the Chief's "knock and talk" approach to community policing;
- High accessibility to the department including providing and advertising bilingual services so all residents can feel comfortable picking up the phone to report suspicious activity;
- Support from the community and Town Council, which has assisted in establishing and maintaining a professional and effective police department with adequate staffing, use of technology, and high standards and accountability.

"I could not be prouder of the progress we have made under Chief Walker" said Mayor Adam Ortiz. "A 70% drop in crime is unheard of, and validates our highly inclusive approach to community policing and commitment to professionalism and accountability."

Chief Walker adds "I must praise our officer's hard work and dedication to law enforcement and to the safety of the residents of our community" Without their commitment we would not be experiencing such high reductions in crime. I must also praise the Mayor and Town Council of Edmonston for their support of the police department and for their determination in establishing a professional and effective police force.

Consejos Útiles para el Invierno

Aquí entontaras algunas ideas útiles para su vehículo para un invierno...

¡Mantenga luces delanteras claras con cera de autos! Después de lavado, pásale cera de automóvil común en las luces delanteras. La cera contiene repelentes de agua especial que impiden que el sucio se acumule sobre las luces - dura 6 semanas.

¡Eliminar el ruido de limpiaparabrisas con alcohol! Limpie las escobillas con un paño saturado de alcohol o amoníaco. Este uno truco puede hacer el ruido y los rayados al el limpiaparabrisas se cambiado por silencio y un cristal claro

¡Protejas los cristales del hielo con vinagre! Cuando haga aviso de helada, esto le ayudara. Llene una botella de rociador con tres partes de vinagre y una parte de agua. Rocié todos sus cristales con la mezcla, la noche antes., y amanecerán claros de hielo. El vinagre contiene ácido acético, que hace que el cambia el punto de congelación del agua. ¡Lo cual impedirá que el agua se congele

! Evite que puertas de carro se congele con aerosol de cocina! Rocié aceite de cocina en las goma de alrededor de puertas luego frótelo con un papel de toalla. El aerosol de cocina impedirá que el agua derretida se congele.

¡Evite que se niebla sus parabrisas con crema de afeitar! Pásale un poco de crema de afeitar en el interior de los cristales, luego lo quitas con papel toalla. La crema de afeitar tiene muchos de los mismos ingredientes que se encuentran en los productos comerciales.

Quita el hielo de los seguros, en segundos con satinadores de manos! Solo con poner un poco de "hand sanitizer" en la llave y en el seguro.

Helpful Hints for Winter

Here are some winter trick ideas for your vehicle for an easier winter...



Keep your headlights clear with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts 6 weeks.

Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity.

Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Frost on it's way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water---preventing water from freezing!

Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber

Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield & wipe if off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key & the lock & the problems solved

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Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc.

Executive Director: Russell Butler, Esq.
1001 Prince George's Boulevard, Suite 750
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Phone: (301) 952-0063 Fax: (301) 952-2319
Web site: www.mdcrimevictims.org

Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc. is a statewide victims' rights organization, which receives MLSC funding to disseminate information on victims' rights to all Marylanders and provide specialized legal services to indigent crime victims.

Public Justice Center

Executive Director: John Nethercut, Esq.
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Web site: www.publicjustice.org

PJC provides legal representation to the underrepresented, particularly children, the mentally ill, and victims of discrimination through the services of both an in-house staff and pro bono attorneys. The Center also operates the Tenant Advocacy Project, providing low-income tenants' representation in rent court by qualified lay advocates

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County

Executive Director: Neal Conway
P.O. Box 374
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Phone: (301) 864-8354 Fax: (301) 864-8352
Web site: www.clspgc.org

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County provides civil legal assistance to low-income persons of Prince George's County through a panel of pro bono and reduced-fee attorneys.

House of Ruth

Executive Director: Sandi Timmins
Legal Clinic Director: Dorothy Lennig
2201 Argonne Drive Baltimore, MD 21218
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Web site: www.hruth.org

House of Ruth's Domestic Violence Legal Clinic provides legal assistance to low-income victims of domestic violence from offices in Baltimore City and Prince George's and Montgomery counties. The clinic also provides technical assistance and training to spouse abuse centers and interested community organizations statewide.

Homeless Persons Representation Project

Executive Director: Antonia Fasanelli, 1800
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Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: (410) 685-6589 Fax: (410) 625-0361
Web site: www.hprplaw.org

Homeless Persons Representation Project provides staff and pro bono assistance in a range of housing and other legal matters to clients in at risk for homelessness as well as to those in homeless shelters in Maryland.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

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924 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001
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Web site: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington Immigration Legal Services uses MLSC funds to provide legal assistance and representation to low-income persons with immigration problems residing primarily in Prince George's and Montgomery counties.

University of Maryland / HIV Project

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The MLSC grant to the University of Maryland Clinical Law Office helps fund its HIV Legal Representation Project, in which law students provide legal services to persons with AIDS and HIV infection in Baltimore City.

Sexual Assault Legal Institute

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Silver Spring, MD 20907
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The Sexual Assault Legal Institute is part of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault and provides comprehensive legal assistance to victims of sexual assault throughout the state.

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.

Executive Director: Wilhelm H. Joseph, Jr.
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Baltimore, MD 21202
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Web site: www.mdlab.org

Established in 1911, LAB is Maryland's primary provider of civil legal services to low-income persons. The MLSC grant is used to fund attorneys and paralegals providing general civil legal assistance to low-income persons throughout Maryland.

Maryland Disability Law Center

Executive Director: Virginia Knowlton
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Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: (410) 727-6352 Fax: (410) 727-6389
Web site: www.mdlcbalto.org

MDLC provides free representation for disabled children and adults statewide with legal problems related to their disabilities.

Maryland Public Interest Law Project

Advisor: Teresa Schmiedeler, Esq.
University of Maryland Law School
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Web site: www.law.umaryland.edu

MPILP, located at the University of Maryland Law School, encourages law students to enter public interest law practice and offers law students from the University of Maryland and the University of Baltimore paid summer internships at public interest organizations of their choice.

A letter from our neighbors at our local farm:

Dear Colleagues and Friends of Engaged Community Offshoots:

As 2010 comes to a close, we are grateful to our many partners and friends who have encouraged and supported us this year.

We have made incredible strides and accomplished much in our inaugural year. Most importantly, we conceived, planned, built and operated our solar powered **Edmonston Urban Farm** on land belonging to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

We sold our vegetables at **Crossroads Farmers Market**, at **Riverdale Farmers Market**, and on site at 4913 Crittenden Street in Edmonston, Maryland 20781. Our greens are also consumed by patrons of the **Maryland Food Coop** on University of Maryland's campus, at all three **Busboys and Poets Restaurants** (in Washington DC and Virginia) as well as at **Eatonville** (V Street at 14th, NW) and **Cafe Green** (1513 17th St. NW).

We trained 22 new farmers in our Urban Agriculture certificate program with **Prince George's Community College** and are completing a year-long **new and immigrant farmer training program** with Crossroads Farmers Market. In June, we held a very successful conference: **Sowing Seeds Here and Now! A Chesapeake Area Urban Farming Summit**, attended by more than 400 people from across the region at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

We are committed to proliferating sustainable urban farming in our towns (the Port Towns), in our County (Prince George's County), in our state (Maryland) and in our region (the

Chesapeake area/watershed). Please Support Us/ Volunteer with Us/ Join Us. Together we can eliminate food deserts and launch the good food revolution!



Personal Checks can be sent to our offices at 6010 Taylor Road, Riverdale, MD 20737 [Donate on line using a credit card](#) or visit our website: www.ecoffshoots.org

Yours in Food Justice,

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January 10th Council Meeting
 January 17th Closed-
 Martin L. King Day

February Calendar

February 14th Council Meeting
 February 21th Closed-
 Presidents Day

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