

**October 2022**



**This newsletter is considered a source and a resource for all residents and businesses. The Town of Morningside continues to seek citizens who can volunteer their time, talent, and services. (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 Administrative Office and provide your name, phone number, and email. We would love to speak with you.**

**From the Desk of Mayor Benn Cann**

Dear Morningsiders,

Fall is here. We are in the last three months of the year. I hope it has been a good one for you. It has been a busy one for the Town. We have had dozens of events and meetings and hope you will continue to support our efforts. November is National Municipal Government Works Month. I encourage you to look at your calendar and participate in one or more of our events/meetings.

Congratulations to our Centurion of the Town, Lorenza Arcia. She turned 100 on 8/10/2022. The staff and I had the privilege of giving her well wishes on her special day. We wish her continued good health and happiness.

The Town does still have COVID Test Kits. While supplies last, please come and get a couple for your household as we continue to embrace the new normal of post COVID life.

The Town also has a new phone service. The service allows notifications to be sent after hours. We also are moving forward to hybrid meetings for work sessions and regular Town meetings. Please contact the Town Hall for log-in information if you wish to join virtually. As always, we request that you reach out to us if you have any concerns or feedback.

I want to take a moment to thank all our partners who help us do what we do. Business, Residents, Morningside Volunteer Fire Dept., and elected officials. It really does take a village. I appreciate your support and am honored to be part of the village.

Again, there are so many things happening in our great Town. I don't have enough time to share them all. I encourage you to come to the Town Meetings. We offer you a platform to provide feedback to us on what is happening.

Please continue to check in on each other, especially our seniors, to ensure that we are all ok. For Town updates, refer to [www.morningsidemd.gov](http://www.morningsidemd.gov).

If you have specific concerns, contact me at [mayor@morningsidemd.gov](mailto:mayor@morningsidemd.gov).

Be Well, Mayor Benn Cann

## \*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 get in touch  
with the Town Hall,  
and we will work to  
assist you in this  
endeavor.

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911**

### Website

Morningsidemd.gov

### Social Media:

#Townof  
Morningside



### Town Questions:

#### Question:

Is the Town observing Halloween?

**Answer:** Great Question. It has been an on-going tradition that the Town does have Halloween activities (see flyer in Newsletter for this year's event on 10/29). On Halloween, 10/31, we will have our officers patrolling the Town to ensure the safety of our trick-or-treaters. Please turn your porch light off if you do not want to participate. The hours are from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about the Town that you would like to ask, please email [generalmailbox@morningsidemd.gov](mailto:generalmailbox@morningsidemd.gov) and look for the answer in the next newsletter if you have a question.

### Police News:

The next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This day is in place to keep the public aware of the dangers of prescription drug use and misuse. It is sponsored by the National Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

Deliver your expired or suspect prescription drugs to a DEA-authorized location. Whether it's a pharmacy or a national drop-off site, a clearly marked area with authorized representatives will accept your prescription drugs between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Town Police Department has a list of 30 approved collection sites within 10 miles of our zip code. Please stop by to get your copy.

- National Drug Take Back Day occurs every six months
- More people die from prescription drug abuse than traffic accidents, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC)
- A whopping 70% of teens who abuse prescription drugs include many reasons for doing so, including the need to relax, and peer pressure. Some teens don't even know why they started abusing the drugs in the first place.
- When prescription drugs are disposed of improperly it puts us all in harm's way.

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**Dates to Remember:**

**October 29, 2022**  
Town Trunk or Treat/Movie Night—  
7 p.m.

**November 8, 2022**  
Town of Morningside Work Session – 7 p.m.

**Code Enforcement:**

In preparation for the Winter months, Code is working on overhanging trees on public right-of-way, removing unregistered vehicles, ensuring all homes have affixed house numbers and dealing with public nuisances and yard maintenance.

Activity and Things to Note

- Attended a Code Webinar/Training Class
- Received a certificate for Defensive Driving Course
- Addressed complaints regarding trash service

**Town Administration:**

The Town Administrative Office has been busy getting all the information to the accounting company doing our FY22 Audit. It should be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Hall rentals are booming! Currently, we are accepting reservations through December 2022. We will not accept rentals from January through March 2023 until December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The rental contract is being revamped, so look for changes starting with the January 2023 rentals!

We are digitizing as much of our records as possible. This makes sharing information easier when requested and reduces the time to review hard-copy files.

Don't forget we have elections in the Town each year. In May 2023, two (2) council seats will be up for election. More information regarding the election will come in the January 2023 newsletter.

We in the Administrative Offices wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

**Morningside Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD):**

On October 15, Chief Thomas Groom was honored at the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and Ladies Auxiliary. Tommy joined the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department in March 1973. He has held the position of Sergeant, Fire Chief on the operational side and Board of Directors, Vice-President, and President on the administrative side.

Tommy continues to serve as a delegate for all county and state meetings which he attends every month representing the Town of Morningside. With a 47-year career, he has dedicated his life to Fire Service. Tommy still resides in the Town and is still involved in the department's day-to-day operations.

Congratulations Tommy and Thank You for your service.

**November 15, 2022**

Town Hall Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

**Public Works:**

Fall is here, and the Public Works Team will provide leaf collection in the common public areas throughout the season and our regular daily litter control. We are inspecting all equipment and getting it ready for the Winter Season.

**November 17, 2022**

Senior Holiday Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.

Please take a minute to inspect your property for hanging tree branches near roofs, and windows. Remember it is the homeowner's responsibility to prune foliage covering Town signs and property lines to improve vehicular safety.

**December 10, 2022**

Breakfast with Santa – 9 a.m.

When winter weather hits, please be prepared by knowing how the Town works to keep the streets and sidewalks safe and usable during slippery conditions. Track storms and know what is expected. If we are under a storm weather advisory, all street parking will be on the odd side. Towing is enforced. Residents are responsible for shoveling snow from sidewalks within 24hrs. after the snow event. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

**December 13, 2022**

Town of Morningside Work Session – 7 p.m.

**Special Request FROM MARY McHALE:**

Back in 1976, Mayor Jerry Glaubitz asked me to write a column for Morningside. They had a column in the Enquirer Gazette almost since Morningside became a municipality, but their columnist moved away.

**December 20, 2022**

Town Hall Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

So, I have been writing Morningside/Skyline every week since then. It currently runs in The Enquirer-Gazette and The Prince George's Post.

I always need news from the Town – birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, marriages, new babies, retirements, officers of Town organizations, awards, new businesses, and sadly, deaths.

If you have an item to offer, email [muddmm@gmail.com](mailto:muddmm@gmail.com) or write about your news and drop it off at the Town Hall. I hope to hear from you soon.

Business Ads (Place Your Business Ad here)

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