Section 307(b) Showing

Way Broadcasting LLC ("Way"), licensee of Station WZHF(AM), Arlington, Virginia, submits this statement in support of its application to change the city of license to Capitol Heights, Maryland, as that community's first local service. Way will demonstrate, pursuant to Section 307(b) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 307(b), that the proposed city of license change is in the public interest pursuant to *Revision of Procedures Governing Amendments to FM Table of Allotments and Changes of Community of License in the Radio Broadcast Services*, 21 FCC Rcd 14212, ¶ 10 (2006) and *Policies to Promote Rural Radio Service and to Streamline Allotment and Assignment Procedures*, 26 FCC Rcd 2556 (2011), *recon.* 27 FCC Rcd 12829 (2012) ("*Rural Radio*"). Way has been forced to vacate its existing site by its landlord and after an extensive search, has located an existing tower array and negotiated a triplex agreement with two other stations—WJFK(AM) and WUST(AM). The new site will not permit the requisite 5 mV/m daytime or NIF coverage over Arlington, Virginia. Therefore, the change in city of license is necessary.

In *Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License,* 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989), *recons. granted in part,* 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990) ("*Community of License Order*") as modified by the *Rural Radio* decision, the Commission stated that a station may change its community of license without subjecting the license to other expressions of interest if: (1) the proposed allotment is mutually exclusive with the current frequency; (2) the current community of license will not be deprived of its only local service; and (3) the proposed arrangement of frequencies is preferred under the Commission's priorities. These criteria are met here.

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First, the proposed use of 1390 kHz at Capitol Heights, Maryland is mutually exclusive with the current use of 1390 kHz at Arlington, Virginia. Second, Arlington will be not be deprived of local service because there are 2 other stations currently providing service to the community.[1] Third, as will be shown, the proposal satisfies Priority 4, because although Capitol Heights will receive a first local service compared to three local services at Arlington, both Arlington and Capitol Heights are located within the Washington, DC Urbanized Area. Thus, Capitol Heights will not receive the Priority 3 first local service presumption. Nevertheless, there are overriding public interest reasons for granting the change in community of license. See *Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982).[2]

As demonstrated in the Engineering Statement, 1390 kHz complies with the relevant assignment and interference requirements at the new antenna site location. See Engineering Statement and Exhibits 13, 17 and 18. A 5 mV/m daytime and NIF contour will be provided over Capitol Heights from the proposed site. See Exhibits 14 and 15. A net increase in daytime 2 mV/m service will be provided to an area of 292 sq. km and 0.5 mV/m service to an area of 963 sq. km. The 0.5 mV/m population will also increase. See Exhibit 14. There will be no increase in nighttime service. In addition and more importantly, as will be discussed, there will be a significant decrease in grandfathered interference benefitting five (5) other nearby AM stations.

Capitol Heights (pop. 4,337 (2010 US Census)) is located in Prince Georges County. Capitol Heights has a local government with a Mayor and Town Council which consists of six Council members. The Town Council meets twice a month in the Town Hall. There are several Committees that the Council members oversee—Economic and Community Development Committee, Environment Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Budget Committee, Public

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[1] Stations WAVA(AM) and WAVA-FM.
[2] The FCC's FM allotment priorities are as follows: (1) first full-time aural service, (2) second full-time aural service, (3) first local service, and (4) other public interest matters.

Safety Committee, Seniors Committee, Neighborhood Services Committee, Youth Committee, Code & Rules Committee, and Business License Committee. See Exhibit 1.

Capitol Heights has a Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement Department which "conducts regular site visits and property inspections to keep the neighborhood clean and improve property values". Capitol Heights has its own Police Department, Town Administrator and Town Treasurer. The Town also publishes a quarterly newsletter. See Exhibit 1.

Capitol Heights has five elementary schools (including Capitol Heights Elementary), two middle schools and three high schools which are part of the Prince George's County Public Schools system and a private academy. See Exhibit 1.

In *Gearhart, Madras, Manzanita, and Seaside, Oregon*, 26 FCC Rcd 10259 (MB 2011), the Media Bureau indicated that one factor in determining whether a Priority 4 finding is appropriate would be whether the new site would provide an increase in coverage to the Urbanized Area. Here Exhibit 14 indicates that the proposed 5 mV/m daytime contour will provide an increase in coverage over the Washington DC Urbanized Area for both area (30 sq. km) and population (33,156).

However the most important public interest benefit provided by this proposal is the substantial overall reduction in preexisting interference to five (5) co-channel and first adjacent channel stations. The overall net reduction in interference will be provided to 411,418 persons in an area of 1,357 sq. km. In each of the five cases, there is a reduction of interference in both area and population. In some cases, the reduction is for received interference; in other cases, the reduction is for caused interference. In the case of the preexisting overlap to Station WPCE(AM), Portsmouth, Virginia, the population affected by existing caused overlap is eliminated entirely. Way hereby states that this reduction in grandfathered interference to

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substantial areas and populations benefitting five (5) other stations is of overriding public interest service under Priority 4 regardless any other factors that the Bureau might find in diminished service at night or with Way's proposal to provide a first local service to Capitol Heights, Maryland represents a preferential arrangement of allotments thus satisfying the Commission's Section 307(b) policies and should be granted.

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4,337 Source: 2010 Demographic Profile

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Capitol Heights, Maryland

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Capitol Heights is a town in Prince George's County, Maryland, United States.[4] The population was 4,337 at the 2010 census.[5] Development around the Capitol Heights Metro station has medical facilities and eateries to support the community. The Washington Redskins football stadium is just to the east of Capitol Heights, near the Capital Beltway (I-95/495) and Hampton Mall shopping center which features a hotel and eateries.

The town borders Washington, D.C., and has a ZIP code of 20743.

Contents

Bordering areas

- Coral Hills (southwest)
- Seat Pleasant (northeast)
- Washington, D.C. (northwest)
- Fairmount Heights (north)
- Walker Mill (southeast)

Coordinates: 38°52'55"N 76°54'52"W

Capitol Heights, Maryland	
Town	
Location of Capitol Heights, Maryland	
Coordinates: 38°52'55"N 76°54'52"W	
Country	United States of America
State	Maryland
County	Prince George's
Area[1]	
• **Total**	0.80 sq mi (2.07 km^2)
• **Land**	0.80 sq mi (2.07 km^2)
• **Water**	0 sq mi (0 km^2)
Elevation	121 ft (37 m)
Population (2010)[2]	
• **Total**	4,337
• **Estimate** (2012 [3])	4,428
• **Density**	5,421.3/sq mi (2,093.2/km^2)
Time zone	Eastern (EST) (UTC-5)
• **Summer (DST)**	EDT (UTC-4)
ZIP codes	20700-20799
Area code(s)	301 and 240
FIPS code	24-13000
GNIS feature ID	0597177

Geography

Capitol Heights is located at

38°52′55″N 76°54′52″W (38.881862, -76.914474)[6].

According to the United States Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 0.80 square miles (2.07 km^2), all of it land.[1]

Previous mayors

- 1946-1950 Thomas A. Shaw
- 1950-1952 Harvey E. Ennis
- 1952-1954 Joseph Gainer
- 1954-1964 Elmer L. Hockman
- 1964-1986 Leo P. Forami
- 1986-2002 Vivian M. Dodson
- 2002-2006 Joyce Ayers Nixon
- 2006-2010 Darrell A. Miller

Town Council

- Kito A. James, Mayor (4-year term)
- Marnitta L. King, Mayor Pro Tem (chosen by Mayor)
- Renita A. Cason
- Monique Hunter
- Victor L. James, Sr.
- Tamil Perry
- Kenneth D. Vinson

Demographics

2010 census

As of the census[2] of 2010, there were 4,337 people, 1,482 households, and 1,040 families residing in the town. The population density was 5,421.3 inhabitants per square mile (2,093.2 /km^2). There were 1,622 housing units at an average density of 2,027.5 per square mile (782.8 /km^2). The racial makeup of the town was 3.3% White, 91.3% African American, 0.3% Native American, 0.1% Asian, 3.1% from other races, and 1.9% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 5.4% of the population.

There were 1,482 households of which 42.0% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 34.0% were married couples living together, 28.4% had a female householder with no husband present, 7.8% had a male householder with no wife present, and 29.8% were non-families. 25.1% of all households were made up of individuals and 7.3% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.92 and the average family size was 3.48.

The median age in the town was 34.9 years. 27.3% of residents were under the age of 18; 10.3% were between the ages of 18 and 24; 27.3% were from 25 to 44; 26.1% were from 45 to 64; and 9.1% were 65 years of age or older. The gender makeup of the town was 46.0% male and 54.0% female.

2000 census

As of the census[7] of 2000, there were 4,138 people, 1,441 households, and 1,014 families residing in the town. The population density was 5,047.3 people per square mile (1,948.4/km²). There were 1,603 housing units at an average density of 1,955.2 per square mile (754.8/km²). The racial makeup of the town was 92.85% Black or African American, 4.81% White, 0.27% Native American, 0.36% Asian, 0.36% from other races, and 1.35% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 0.87% of the population.

There were 1,441 households out of which 37.5% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 35.2% were married couples living together, 28.5% had a female householder with no husband present, and 29.6% were non-families. 25.7% of all households were made up of individuals and 8.0% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.87 and the average family size was 3.41.

In the town the population was spread out with 30.8% under the age of 18, 6.9% from 18 to 24, 32.6% from 25 to 44, 21.4% from 45 to 64, and 8.3% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 34 years. For every 100 females there were 84.8 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 78.8 males.

The median income for a household in the town was $46,667, and the median income for a family was $53,826. Males had a median income of $36,950 versus $35,225 for females. The per capita income for the town was $18,932. About 9.3% of families and 11.4% of the population were below the poverty line, including 15.8% of those under age 18 and 9.6% of those age 65 or over.

Form of Government

The Town of Capitol Heights operates under the council-manager form of government. The Town Administrator serves as chief administrative officer and directly reports to the Town Council. The Town has approximately 20.0 FTE (full-time equivalents) who serve in the following areas:

Administration and Finance Neighborhood Services (Code Enforcement) Police Economic Development

Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth has served as the Town Administrator since September 2011.

Law Enforcement

Capitol Heights is served by its own police department. Chief Anthony L. Ayers, Sr. was recently selected in November 2012 to serve as the Chief of Police.

History of the Town

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Community organizations in Capitol Heights

The Capitol Heights/Seat Pleasant chapter of the Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club (http://www.capitolheightsmd.org/), supports the youth with after-school programs and athletic programs, along with mentoring boys and girls.

The Capitol Heights conflict-mediation program focuses on resolving differences between youths in the area.

Education

Capitol Heights is a part of the Prince George's County Public Schools system.

Capitol Heights is zoned to: **Elementary Schools Website**

- Capitol Heights Elementary School http://www1.pgcps.org/capitolheights
- John H. Bayne Elementary School http://www1.pgcps.org/johnhbayne
- Doswell E. Brooks Elementary School http://www1.pgcps.org/doswellbrooks/
- Robert R. Gray Elementary School http://www1.pgcps.org/robertrgray
- Bradbury Heights Elementary School http://www1.pgcps.org/bradburyheights/

Middle Schools

- Drew-Freeman Middle School http://www1.pgcps.org/drewfreeman
- Walker Mill Middle School http://www.pgcps.org/~wmill

High Schools

- Central High School http://www1.pgcps.org/central
- Suitland High School http://www1.pgcps.org/suitlandhs
- Fairmont Heights High School http://www1.pgcps.org/fairmontheights

Academies(Elementary and Middle)

- William W. Hall Academy http://www1.pgcps.org/williamwhall

Notable people

- Chad Scott, American football cornerback in the NFL, played for Pittsburgh Steelers and the New England Patriots[8]
- LeinadSpoon/Humble tip, Christian Rapper
- Henry A. McKelvey: Inventor, Educator, Engineer [9] [10]

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External links

- Town of Capitol Heights official website (http://www.capitolheightsmd.com/)
- Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department (http://www.chvfd.org/)
- Capitol Heights Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/pages/Town-of-Capitol-Heights-MD/259339147501086)

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Capitol Heights Post Office	301-333-5497
Prince George's County Schools	301-952-6000
Doswell E. Brooks Elementary School	301-817-0480
Maryland Department of Education	410-767-0462
Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department	301-336-2111
Prince George's County Fire/ EMS	301-583-2200
County Executive Rushern Baker	301-952-4131
Governor Martin O'Malley Office	410-974-3901
County Council Office	301-952-3794
Congresswoman Donna Edwards	301-516-7601 202-225-8699
Senator Ben Cardin's Office	301-860-0414
Senator Barbara Mikulski Office	301-345-5517
Delegate Joanne C. Benston	301-858-3692
Delegate Michael L. Vaughn	301-858-3691
Delegate Carolyn J.B. Howard	301-858-3925
County Council Member Derrick Leon Davis	301-952-3794
Livable Communities Office	301-883-5311
Summer Youth Employment Office	301-883-5993
Prince George's County Hospital - Dimensions	301-618-2000
Prince George's County Library System	301-699-3500

Potholes and other problems on County streets, call:
Prince George's Department of Public Works and Transportation — 301-499-8500

Water main breaks, potholes from water main break repairs, water problems, call:
WSSC (water main breaks, repairs, etc.) — 301-206-4002

Problems with gas service or possible gas leaks (call 911 for gas emergencies), call:
Washington Gas (all calls) — 703-750-1000

Power outages, power lines down, problems with trees near power lines, call:
PEPCO (lines down, etc) — 202-872-3432
PEPCO (power outages) — 877-737-2662

Comcast — 301-731-4260

Verizon Telephone (repair) — 800-275-2355

Illegal Dumping, Call the Community Services Division (of the Prince George's County Police Department) — 301-772-4770

Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)	301-883-4663
US Census Bureau	301-763-4636
State Highway Administration	410-545-0303
State Dept. Taxation & Assessment	301-952-2500
State's Attorneys Office	301-952-3500
Maryland Municipal League	410-268-5514
Department of Youth Services (County)	301-909-6328
Landlord/ Tenant Housing Issues	301-883-5501
Prince George's County Government	301-952-4131
Circuit Court of Maryland	301-952-3655
Department of Environmental Resources	301-883-5810
Register of Wills	301-952-3250
County Permits Office	301-883-5776
County Treasurers Office	301-952-2500
County Animal Control	301-499-8300
Department of Motor Vehicles	800-950-1682
Park Police	301-459-9088
Sheriff's Office, Prince George's County	301-883-7000
Prince George's County Police HQ - Palmer Park	301-333-4000

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Community Sustainability (Legacy) Plan

The Community Sustainability/Revitalization Plan focuses on transforming the Town into a sustainable community. This Plan identifies development opportunities and direct development and redevelopment efforts in a manner that is consistent with the Maryland Department of Planning's Principles of Smart Growth, as well as, the County's vision for the Sub-region 4 Master Plan while preserving existing neighborhoods and highlighting the will of the citizens and the elected officials of the Town.

The Mayor and Council have recognized the need to prioritize planning efforts in the Town of Capitol Heights. The Town has seen limited growth in recent years, and many of the Town's assets are not being utilized to their fullest capacity. This plan will provide a clear and concise guide for revitalization of the Town.

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Town Code

Code of Ordinance

Green Streets Plan - 2012

Ordinance 2012-002 (IMPC Code) - Code Enforcement

Ordinance 2012 - 006 Fees For Property Maintenance

Green Agenda Resolution 2009

Capitol Heights Community Profile - Maryland National Park and Planning (2012)

Financial Documents

Audits

Fiscal Year 2010 Audit

Fiscal Year 2011 Audit

Fiscal Year 2012 Audit

Fiscal Year 2013 Audit

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Fiscal Year Budget 2011-2012 : Adopted June 30, 2011

Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013: Adopted June 4, 2012

Fiscal Year 2013-2014: Adopted June 17, 2013

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General Questions:

What are the Town Hours of operations?
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Fridays: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Who do I call for Bulk Items and Special Trash Pick-up? When is Bulk Trash Pickup?
Bates Trucking, Pickup day is Wednesday and reservations should be made by Tuesday by 12:00 pm.
(301)773-2069

When are Town Council meetings?
The 2nd and 4th Monday of Each Month, the Public Session begins at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall located at One Capitol Heights Blvd, Capitol Heights MD 20743

How do I apply for Business License with the Town?
Complete the Business License application and send a check made payable to the Town of Capitol Heights. For questions call (301)336-0626.

How do I find out about more information on Economic Development opportunities in the Town?
Contact Jonathan Taylor at Kumase Development (202)330-1129.

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Form of Government Questions:
Council-Manager Form of Government

What is the council-manager form, which is used in so many local governments?
The council-manager form is the system of local government that combines the strong political leadership of elected officials in the form of a council or other governing body, with the strong managerial experience of an appointed local government manager. The form establishes a representative system where all power is concentrated in the elected council and where the council hires a professionally trained manager to oversee the delivery of public services.

Is it a responsive form of government?
In a council-manager form of government, council members are the leaders and policy makers elected to represent the community and to concentrate on policy issues that are responsive to citizens' needs and wishes. The town administrator is appointed by the Mayor and Council to carry out policy and ensure that the entire community is being served.

What is the Mayor and Council's function?
The Mayor and Council is the legislative body, and its members are the community's decision makers. Power is centralized in the elected Mayor and Council, which approves the budget and determines the tax rate, for example. The Mayor and Council also focuses on the community's goals, major projects, and long-term considerations, such as community growth, land use development, capital improvement plans, capital financing, and strategic planning. The Mayor and Council hire a professional town administrator to carry out the administrative responsibilities and supervise the manager's performance.

What is the Town Administrator's function?
The town administrator is hired to serve the Mayor and Council and the community and to bring to the local government the benefits of training and experience in administering local government projects and programs on behalf of the governing body. The administrator prepares a budget for the Mayor and Council's consideration; makes recommendations to the Mayor and Council and Personnel Committee in regards to the recruitment and hiring of employees; supervises government's staff; serves as the Mayor and Council's chief adviser; and carries out the Mayor and Council's policies. The Mayor and Council and citizens count on the administrator to provide complete and objective information, pros and cons of alternatives, and long-term consequences.

Does the Town Administrator participate in policy determination?
The town administrator may make policy recommendations to the Mayor and Council, but the Mayor and Council may or may not adopt them and may modify the recommendations. The town administrator is bound by whatever action the Mayor and Council takes.

Are all council-manager governments structured the same way?
While the Town of Capitol Heights Mayor and Council are elected at large, other municipalities elect their councils by district. Some local governments have mayors who are elected by the voters at large. Still, others are elected by their colleagues on the council.

How much citizen participation is possible under council-manager government?
The Town of Capitol Heights welcomes citizen participation in the decision-making process. Because professional local government management offers government of the people, by the people, and for the people, it sets the stage for citizen activism by encouraging open communication between citizens and their government. Examples range from visioning, in which citizens play a major role in determining the future of their community, to the community planning and visioning process, which involves residents through the development of citizen/government partnerships; to community-service activities. Citizens also have the

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Mayor & Council

The Town of Capitol Heights Council consists of six (6) Council members who are voted for at-large and a Mayor. The Town Council meets each 2nd and 4th Monday at Town Hall.

Our Town Hall is located at One Capitol Heights Blvd, Capitol Heights MD 20743. The Town Council is active in the community and holds various meetings and events for residents, guests and our neighbors.

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Standing Committees

Town Council Meetings

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Capitol Heights meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Public meetings begin at 7:00 p.m (time change JUNE 2013). Agendas are posted in advance on our website.

Public Meetings: Members of the public may speak to the Mayor and Council by signing up at the meeting by 7:00 p.m. Each speaker has 3 minutes to speak and must identify themselves and residence or place of business before being recognized by the Mayor. For more information, please contact the Town Hall at 301-336-0626.

Economic and Community Development – Mayor Kito James, Chair
Provides advice to the Town Council on issues of economic and community development.

Environmental Committee – Mayor Kito James, Chair
This committee recommends policies and programs to the Town Council relating to the environment, such as issues on natural resource management, wildlife habitat protection, energy efficiency, watershed stewardship, pollution prevention, beautification, tree canopy preservation, and 'green' policies.

Ways & Means Committee – Councilmember Kenneth Vinson, Chair
Provides oversight and advice regarding financial management, grant administration and contract administration.

Budget Committee – Councilmember Kenneth Vinson, Chair
Provides oversight and advice regarding accounting principles and budget management.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Kenneth Vinson, Chair
Examines public safety issues to determine how best to improve and enhance public safety in the Town.

Seniors Committee – Councilmember Marnitta King, Chair
The committee is charged with advising the Mayor and City Council on matters relating to senior citizens, civic groups, reviewing policies and procedures, and cooperating with other agencies and other appropriate organizations in the advancement of senior citizen matters.

Neighborhood Services Committee – Councilmember Renita Cason, Chair
Provides oversight and advice regarding matters of property maintenance, public nuisances, rental housing, public right of way and Town beautification projects. Additionally, the team pursues an active outreach program to work with homeowner associations and citizens to enhance the appearance of the Town of Capitol Heights.

Youth Committee – Councilmember Victor James, Chair
The committee is charged with advising the Mayor and Town Council on matters relating to youth citizens, civic groups, reviewing policies and procedures, and cooperating with other agencies and appropriate organizations in the advancement of youth citizen matters.

Code & Rules Committee – Councilmember Marnitta King, Chair
Provides advice on the content and administration of the Town charter, code of ordinances, personnel manual, purchasing ordinance and all documents necessary for the execution of Town matters.

Business License Committee – Councilmember Marnitta King, Chair
Provides advice and oversight of Town business licensing.

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Administration

The Town of Capitol Heights operates under the council-manager form of government. The town administrator serves as chief administrative officer and directly reports to the Town Council. Under the town administration are the functions of:

Finance and Human Resources Administration

Town Records (Town Clerk) - Christopher Quintyne, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Business License and Permitting

Community Relations and Outreach

Town Administration and Oversight

Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth, Town Administrator

Michelle joined the Town in September 2011 as town administrator. She has more then twelve years of local government experience and has previously served as the assistant to the city manager and strategic planning analyst for the City of North Las Vegas, NV and as the assistant to the city manager for the City of Champaign, IL.

Michelle has extensive experience in research, policy development, project management and community and media relations. Mrs. Bailey-Hedgepeth is responsible for the day to day operations of the Town and works hard to be a part of the community.

Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth holds both a Master of Science in public administration from Florida State University, Tallahassee Florida and Bachelor of Arts in political science from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. She has also earned a certificate in public management from ICMA.

Bailey-Hedgepeth is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA); American Society for Public Administration (ASPA); Maryland City County Management Association (MCCMA); and the she served as the president of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) along with many other community and civic organizations.

Michelle is married to Warren Hedgepeth and has one daughter Sophia Hedgepeth.

Christopher R. Quintyne, Assistant Town Administrator

Christopher joined the Town of Capitol Heights in September 2013 as the Assistant Town Administrator. He has eight years of experience serving in the federal government, Louisiana State Legislature as well as the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

Prior to joining the Capitol Heights team, Christopher served as a law clerk in the Louisiana House of Representatives for the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus (LLBC), where he worked with all 32 members and three LLBC chairmen to assist in implementing policy initiatives. He has also served as a staffer with the National Institutes of Health, United States Department of Justice, as well as the District of Columbia Superior Court.

Christopher has extensive experience in community relations, policy development, and legal research.

A Maryland native, Christopher holds both a Juris Doctor and a Master's in Public Administration from Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA and a Bachelor of Arts from American University, Washington, DC.

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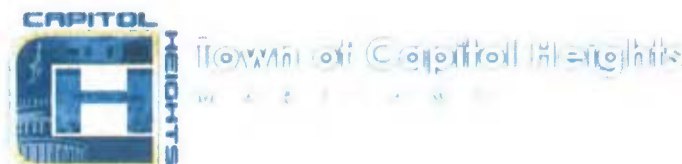Requests for Proposals
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Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement

Neighborhood Services Department - 401 Capitol Heights Blvd, Capitol Heights, MD 20743

The Town Council formed the Neighborhood Services Department in 2009 to meet the needs of the community in terms of infrastructure and appearance. Our Special Projects Team (SPT) conducts town-wide cleanup efforts, which will consist of removing overgrowth, mowing, edging, and trimming of all right a ways, and replacing street and traffic signs.

The Town has adopted the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code in 2012 with Ordinance 2012-002. The has also modified the fees and fines for Code Enforcement violations in January 2013 with Ordinance 2012-006.

Our Code Enforcement Division conducts exterior residential and business inspections. **Below are Common Code Enforcement Issues for the Town of Capitol Heights, MD**

Fences: Fences must be constructed of approved materials and must be kept in good repair. Use of materials such as barbed wire, razor wire and electrified fencing are prohibited within the Town.

Derelict/Inoperable Vehicles: A derelict/inoperable vehicle is one that does not display a current license tag and/or is not equipped with all parts required to legally and safely operate on public streets and/or cannot be driven under its own power. Derelict/inoperable vehicles cannot be stored except in a fully enclosed, legally constructed building.

Open Storage: Open storage is prohibited. Generally, any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors may not be stored outdoors. For example, you may not keep indoor furniture, household appliances, auto parts or building materials outside.

Minimum Housing Standards: All wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens and any other exterior parts of residential structures must be maintained in weather-tight, rodent proof, sound condition and in good repair. Interior walls, ceilings, floors, doors and hardware must be in sound condition and in good repair. Electrical, heating and plumbing fixtures shall be installed in accordance with codes and maintained in good and safe repair.

Yard Maintenance Standards: Yard maintenance pertains to any untended growth in excess of 12 inches in height. Please remember to remove any dead limb and branches from the property and avoid the over growth on weeds.

For Bulk Trash pickup on Wednesdays call Bates Trucking at (301) 773-2069.

Junk, Trash & Debris: Junk, trash and debris are prohibited from being left in the yard and must be disposed of properly. This includes, but is not limited to, junk, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, trash such as discarded paper, cardboard, plastics, etc., and debris such as tree trimmings and fallen limbs.

Building Numbers: All new and existing buildings must have approved address numbers placed in a position so as to be plainly visible from the street or road fronting the property. For residential buildings the numbers shall be at least three inches tall and one-half inch wide. For commercial buildings, the numbers must be at least six inches tall. This requirement is primarily made for your safety; if an emergency vehicle cannot identify the correct property it could delay their response.

Did You Know?

The most common violations are abandoned/inoperable vehicles, overgrowth, trash and debris, and open storage.

The Town can clean and clear vacant lots after the required legal notification is made to the owner. The Town will assess the actual cost/expense plus an administrative fee against the property imposing a special assessment lien.

Town staff can attend neighborhood association meetings to review and explain code requirements. If you would like staff to attend one of your meetings, please contact Code Enforcement at (301) 420-3000.

Building, roofing, plumbing, mechanical, gas, and electrical repairs/alterations require a permit. Contact the Town at (301) 336-0226 for more information.

Bates Trucking is the Town contractor for garbage and bulk pick-up days are Wednesday. You must call (301) 773-2069 to confirm pickup by noon on Tuesdays.

Any business located within the Town limits is required to obtain a Town license. Contact the Town Hall at (301) 336-0626 for more information.

All Rental properties must be licensed. Town Ordinance 2012-003 regulates rental properties. Owners must obtain and Town and County license.

Neighborhood Services Department

401 Capitol Heights Blvd, Capitol Heights MD 20743

Venus Drummond, NSD Manager - vdrummond@capitolheightsmd.com

Queenis Hutchins, Code Enforcement Officer – qhutchins@capitolheightsmd.com

Notices from code enforcement are meant to provide homeowners with an opportunity to improve their property in a timely manner. These are reminders for issues that are covered under the Town's Code, however, attention needs to be paid to these

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Police Department

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

For non-emergency police response, call Prince George's County Dispatch at (301) 352-1200.

**Capitol Heights Police Department
Administrative Offices**
401 Capitol Heights Boulevard
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743-2952

(301) 420-2444 (phone) - Monday - Friday

(301) 333-4000 (Non Emergency Number)
(301) 420-3187 (fax)

The Town of Capitol Heights operates a Police Department for the safety and welfare of their residents. Our police department strives for excellence in protecting the best interest of the citizens of Capitol Heights.

The police department administrative office hours are Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Our offices are closed to the public on weekends and holidays. In case of emergency dial 911. For non-emergency police response, please call Prince George's County Dispatch at (301) 352-1200 or (301) 333-4000.

Police Chief Anthony Ayers, alayers@capitolheightsmd.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

TOWN BEGINS ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTING

(Capitol Heights, MD) - In April 2013, the Capitol Heights Police Department will be offering Electronic Fingerprinting services, This winter, the Town invested in a new software and equipment that will allow us to offer this service again during our normal business hours on Monday - Thursdays. To find out more information regarding this service and applicable fees call the Capitol Heights Police Department at (301) 420-2444.

This is a link to the Live Scan Form required for fingerprinting services. Applicants are encouraged to complete this for prior to obtaining services to reduce the wait time and ensure the correct completion of required information.

TOWN OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS NAMES NEW CHIEF OF POLICE, ANTHONY AYERS

(Capitol Heights, MD) – On November 26, 2012 at 8:00 p.m., The Town Council officially swore in Anthony Ayers as the new Chief of Police. Chief Ayers has been serving in the capacity as Acting Chief since May 2012.

Ayers joined the Capitol Heights Police force in November 2011, as Deputy Chief of Police and during his tenure he has focused on Community Policing and Joint Agency Group (JAG) missions in the Town. He has over 20 years of Community Policing experience with Prince George's County and the Prince George's Sheriff Department. During his time with the County, Chief Ayers worked with neighborhood groups and community members in Capitol Heights and is highly familiar with the issues that affect inner beltway communities.

"I have always worked in this area, and I look forward to continuing working with the community and the Town Council to make Capitol Heights a safer place to live, work and call home" commented Chief Anthony Ayers.

"On Monday night, we formally welcomed Anthony Ayers as Chief, He knows our community and I wish him the best as he further establishes himself in our Town", stated Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth, Town Administrator. "As a Town we are moving forward to provide quality services to our residents and I believe that Chief Ayers will be a big part of this plan, I am excited about the future of Capitol Heights", further commented Bailey-Hedgepeth.

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SPEED REDUCTION PROGRAM : Chamber Avenue - August 2012

In an effort to keep our children safe, the Capitol Heights Police Department began its Speed Reduction Program on Chamber Avenue.

This route is traveled by school age children that have to walk to and from our area schools. The first phase of the Speed Reduction Initiative was to determine the average speed the vehicles were traveling on Chamber Avenue. During the study, by an independent contractor, it was documented that vehicles were traveling way over the posted speed limit. The information collected confirmed the need to move to the next phase.

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Employment Opportunities

The Town of Capitol Heights is an equal opportunity employer. All job opportunities are posted at Town Hall and are advertised in local newspapers, online or in our town newsletter, as needed. Pre-employment background check/drug tests are required for all positions.

An official Town of Capitol Heights employment application is required for each opening. You may contact Town Hall at (301) 336 -0626 or download the application as a pdf file. Please remember to sign and date the last page of the application form.

Employment Application

Position Announcements:

Neighborhood Services Supervisor - Special Projects Team

The Town of Capitol Heights, located in Prince Georges County, MD, is known as "The Gateway to the Nation's Capitol." The City's 4,300 residents are friendly, involved, and treasure their inviting sense of community. The Town of Capitol Heights is seeking an experienced Neighborhood Services (Public Works) Director with at least 10 years of experience and 5 years of supervisory experience in neighborhood services, public works, code enforcement, construction management, or a licensed skilled trade.

The ideal candidate must demonstrate integrity and must have the ability to inspire the trust and confidence of Town staff and the Town Council. Candidates must have the capacity to work outside and in severe weather conditions, supervises, trains and evaluates maintenance crews; ensures the safe and productive use of equipment utilized in associated repair work; trains and directs subordinates in the use, care and maintenance of tools and equipment.

Must have at least an High School Diploma and a minimum of five (5) years progressively responsible experience in with heavy equipment including but not limited to backhoe, front end loader, excavator, skid steer etc., side walk repair, streets maintenance and storm water drainage projects, and the ability to perform labor intensive work within difficult environmental conditions to include frequent lifting, pulling and pushing of 50 lbs.; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Class D Drivers license required.

The salary range is $35K - $45K, with benefits. Must have a valid driver's license. If you are interested in this outstanding opportunity, please send your cover letter and resume with salary history to tperry@capitolheightsmd.com . Candidates are subject to a background investigation. No phone calls please. EOE.

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All bid notices are posted in PDF format. If you do not have Adobe Reader installed, please download.

CURRENT BID NOTICES:

November 27, 2013

CH – RFQ 2013 -007 – Chambers Avenue Bike Lane

The Town of Capitol Heights seeks qualifications and proposals from interested individuals, companies, or corporations for bicycle and pedestrian plans. Response are due by December 13, 2013 (noon). Contact Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth, Town Administrator with any questions regarding this process.

November 13, 2013

RFP 2013-003: Demolition of 111 and 115 Capitol Heights Blvd

The Town of Capitol Heights will receive bids/quotes until 12:00 (noon) on **December 4, 2013** for demolition of two structures at 111 and 115 Capitol Heights Blvd, Capitol Heights, MD. We will have a pre-bid tour of the site on **November 25, 2013 at 10:30 am**. The building may have asbestos materials inside. Masks are encouraged for participants.

The existence, quantity and location of any materials made from asbestos are unknown to the Town. However, the primary structure was built prior to 1978, and it is known that asbestos was commonly used in building materials prior to that time. If required, the removal and disposal of asbestos and any other confirmed hazardous materials must meet all federal, state, and local requirements. The contractor is responsible for all notifications, permit fees, and any fees for both the demolition and removal of asbestos or other hazardous materials, if applicable.

Demolition shall include the following: removal of the structure and any appurtenant structures, miscellaneous debris associated with the structure and all of its contents, the basement, all pipes, conduits, drainage pipes, grade beams, slabs, footings, and foundations down to the soil. Contractor shall provide a benchmark elevation at the bottom of the basement slab at the northwest corner of the site, and shall include the elevation as part of the Contractors invoice upon the completion of the project. The property shall be properly backfilled and tamped in separate lifts, and graded to match the existing topography at that portion of the site. The Contractor shall be responsible for the protection of any trees on the subject property, and shall be responsible for the protection of all adjacent properties and any public right-of-way. Contractor shall also be responsible for all utility disconnections. The Town encourages the reuse, salvage and recycling of site materials as alternatives to landfill disposal. Contractor shall be responsible for meeting all state and federal safety standards and regulations for the execution of the work. Bids are to be addressed to the Town of Capitol Heights and mailed or delivered to The Town of Capitol Heights, Attention: Christopher Quintyne, Assistant Town Administrator, 401 Capitol Heights Blvd, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743. Any questions can be directed by phone (301) 420-3000 or by email to cquintyne@capitolheightsmd.com .

Bids shall be identified on the exterior of the sealed envelope with the following information: the name of the project, the bidder's name, address and license number.

The successful bidder will not be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond. The bidder will have two payment options: 1) Payment shall be for the entire contract amount after completion and acceptance by The Town or 2) Payment shall be made for direct cost incurred by the contractor that are supported by actual paid invoices up to a maximum of 50% of the Total project cost at commencement of demolition with the remaining 50% of the Total project cost after completion and acceptance by the Town. Bidders will be required to indicate which payment option (1 or 2) they are selecting in the RFP.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities or reject any or all bids.

Further information may be obtained.

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Demographics

Capitol Heights has been designated as a "Gateway to the Nation's Capitol" by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. With its own Metro Station, the Town borders Washington, D.C., Seat Pleasant, MD and District Heights, MD and offers excellent marketplace opportunities for goods and services of all descriptions.

Capitol Heights is governed by a Town Council composed of a Mayor and six Council Members. The Mayor and Council are elected at-large for a four-year term. The town administrator, hired by the Council, serves full-time as the chief executive officer of the Town.

The Town of Capitol Heights is a relatively compact municipality with 4,337 (2010 Census) residents. Known for its highly affordable quality of life, Capitol Heights is conveniently located approximately 35 miles from both Annapolis and Baltimore with excellent highway systems connecting to both cities.

According to the 2010 Census, 92.8% of residents living in the Town were Black/African American and 4.8% were White. The remaining 2.4% of residents living in the Town were distributed between American Indian/Alaska Native (0.3%), Asian (0.4%), Asian Indian (0.2%), Chinese (0.1%), and others (1.8%).

General Demographics Facts

	Capitol Heights Trade Area	Greater Capitol Heights Trade Area	PG County Trade Area
Population	4,160	15,228	863,420
Household	1,441	5,253	307,450
Avg. Household Size	2.88	2.89	2.78
Median Household Income	$55,580	$58,690	$71,696
Age Distribution			
Under 18	29.7%	32%	26.8%
18-24	7.9%	8.5%	10.4%
25-34	12.1%	13.9%	15.7%
35-44	16.1%	16.3%	17.3%
45-54	12%	12.2%	13.7%
55-64	11%	9.4%	8.4%
65 and Over	11%	7.5%	7.7%
Total	100%	100%	100

Education

35.1% HS Graduate
15.6% Bachelor's

Homeownership

79.6% Owners
20.4% Renters

Household Type

73.3% Family
26.7% Non-Family

Housing

1,603 Total Units
1,441 Occupied
162 Vacant

Estimated per capita income: $27,077

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Business License Tax Certificate (pdf)

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Building Permit Checklist (pdf)

Permit Application (pdf)

Home Rentals and Licensing Information

The Town of Capitol has a Rental License Program. Property owners within the Town must obtain a Rental License in addition to the Prince George's County Rental License if they rent their property. This was passed by Ordinance 2012-003 This ordinance amends Chapter X of the Town Of Capitol Heights Code of Ordinance - Business and Trade. The fee for the Rental License is $150 and $100 per unit inspection fee.

Please call Town Hall with any questions at (301)336-0626.

Rental License Application (online) (pdf)

Other Resource Links

Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Small Business Administration

Prince George's County Small Business Initiative

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Doing Business

The Town of Capitol Heights offers a fast-growing region surrounding its present outstanding business opportunities for development of new businesses, as well as for growth of existing businesses. We boast a well-educated, well-trained work force with a business climate and an environment in which small to medium-size businesses can flourish. The Town is here are partner to local business.

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The Town of Capitol Heights, MD

The Town of Capitol Heights is very excited about our Fall events and opportunities. This newsletter has been designed to keep you informed of events and activities around town.

The changing of the seasons brings new challenges and opportunities for Capitol Heights, and we want to touch base with our residents.

Inside this edition there are articles on upcoming events and activities as well as information that you can use to conduct your daily life.

This is a special edition of our newsletter to keep our residents informed about the happenings and activities around the Town. If there are issues or areas of concern, please contact the Town Administrator Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth at (301)336-0626 or Townadministrator@capitolheightsmd.com.

LEAF UPDATE

With Fall comes leaves and branches. As always bulk items and leaves will be picked up on Wednesdays. This year our Neighborhood Services Departments would like to be pro-active in leaf collection and we are asking that residents try to bag and bundle early.

Below are the leaf collection guidelines from Bates Trash Services:

Residents should use plastic bags or paper bags for the leaves. Please do not leave piles or put leaves in trash containers without liners.

Branches should be tied in bundles with twine and no longer than 3 feet sections. This is essential; Bates will not pick up unbound braches and single limbs. Code Enforcement Officer will be leaving fliers at residences with unbound branches and limbs.

Got questions? Call Bates at (301) 773-2069

Important Dates

Council Meeting	7:00 pm	October 14, 2013	Town Hall
Clean up, Green Up	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	October 19, 2013	Various
Got Hope	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	October 9, 2013	Town Hall
Veterans Day	10:00 am-1:00 pm	November 11, 2013	Town Hall
Thanksgiving Dinner	6:00 pm-8:00 pm	November 26, 2013	Town Hall

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Mayor and Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Monday

NEW TIME Public Session 7:00 p.m.

All Meetings Held at Town Hall

CLEAN UP, GREEN UP!
October 19, 2013
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The Town of Capitol Heights and Clean Water Action encourage you to participate in the 2013 Clean up, Green up Day – October 19, 2013!

On this project we will beautify the area and help to maintain the environment around the streams and storm drains. Student volunteers can receive credit toward learning service hours. For more information contact Town Hall at **(301) 336-0626**.

The Town has contracted with waste management companies to provide dumpsters for bulk trash items. The dumpsters will be located at the following locations:

- One Capitol Heights Blvd. (Behind Town Hall)
- Denise Drive (Near Gladstone)
- Cumberland/Clovis (Near Basketball Court)
- Highview Place (Brooke Road)

Note: The dumpsters will be removed will full. Please bring items early.

Bulk Trash Collection Day is Wednesday!

All Requests Must Be Received by Tuesday, before 12:00 pm (Noon)
Call BATES at (301) 773-2069
Items Should Be Placed Outside By 6:00am on Wednesday (Collection Day)

SENIOR CORNER

Bus Trip
Patapsco Park
Saturday October 26, 2013
9:00am-2:00pm

Senior Meet up / Games Day
Thursday October 17, 2013
11:00am-1:00pm
Town Hall

Black Friday Shopping Trip
Friday November 29, 2013
6:00am-1:00pm
Woodmore Towne Center at Glenarden

Please contact the Town Hall to RSVP for all events.
(301) 336-0626

ZUMBA

Saturday November 2, 2013
8:30 am
ZUMBA is held every first Saturday at Town Hall. First 10 people free of charge. All participants after will be charged a fee of $6.00

YOGA

Town Hall – Community Room
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Classes are free, but donations are empowering and appreciated call Ms. Williams at (202) 704-5764

CLEAN UP AFTER YOURPET

Residents; please be mindful of Article II Section 206 of the Police Ordinance. Always pick up behind your pet after each walk or outing. Dog droppings can be hazardous to the environment. Remember to always carry a bag on your outings or walks to collect dog waste. Keep Capitol Heights Clean!

Capitol Heights Police Department Update —Chief Tony Ayers

Public Safety Committee Meeting
The Committee is looking for citizen input on Public Safety issues that include the Speed Reduction Program, Neighborhood watch, and other community policing activities. For possible meeting times and locations please contact the Town Hall.

Fright Fest
On **October 24, 2013** the Capitol Heights Police Department will be hosting a Fright Fest at **Brooke Road Neighborhood Park from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m**. The admission fee is $ 2.00 per person. Snacks and drinks will be sold.

Trick –or- Treat Night
On **October 31, 2013** the Town of Capitol Heights and the Capitol Height Police Department will host a Halloween party for children 12 years old and under. The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. There will be a $2.00 admission fee. We will have face painting, a hay ride, costume contests (scariest costume, funniest costume, etc.), arts & crafts, candy, drinks and more! The event will take place at Brooke Road Neighborhood Park: **1101Brooke Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743**

Fire Prevention & Life Safety Day
On **October 12, 2013** The Capitol Heights Police Department will collaborate with the Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department for a Fire Prevention & Life Safety Day from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the **Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department located at 6061 Central Avenue Capitol Heights, MD 20743.** There will be safety demonstrations, distribution of health and safety information, and tips on how to keep you and your home safe! For more information please contact the Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department at (301) 336-2111 or the Capitol Heights Police Department at (301) 420-2444.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

The Town of Capitol Heights strives to provide residents with a place that they would be proud to call home. Neighborhood beautification is a priority of the Mayor and Council.

The Town recently hired Venus Drummond as the Neighborhood Services Manager. Ms. Drummond has been working diligently to improve the appearance of the Town.

The Code Enforcement Division continues to conduct regular site visits and inspections of properties in the Incorporated Town of Capitol Heights. It is our intent to work with residents on keeping the neighborhood clean and improving property values.

The Town has updated the Codes that surround property maintenance and we have adopted the International Property Maintenance Code.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Ms. Drummond at Vdrummond@capitolheightsmd.com or code enforcement officer Queenis Hutchins at Qhutchins@capitolheightsmd.com or by calling (301)420-3000.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2013

On Tuesday August 6, 2013 the Town recognized National Night Out with a March and fair at Brooke Road Park. The event was an overall success! We had over 30 sponsors that contributed to this year's National Night Out! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our effort!

2013 National Night Out (Staff, Explorers& Council members)

LET'S PLAY

DR PEPPER SNAPPLE

The national non-profit KaBOOM! Awarded the Town of Capitol Heights a $20,000 Let's Play City Construction Grant as announced September 9, 2013. The Town of Capitol Heights received the grant because it was selected as a 2012 Playful City USA community by KaBOOM! The Town will use the grant to build a new playground with community involvement at Capitol Heights Elementary School.

Storefront Improvement Program

The Town was recently granted $50,000 from the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to support Capitol Heights businesses in façade improvements. Eligible businesses can receive up to $10,000 in reimbursement for eligible expenses that improve the outside appearance and structure. Applications are still being accepted. Please contact the Town Administrator at 301-336-0626 with questions or for assistance through the application process.

Economic Development Update

Over the last two years the Town has been awarded over $500 Thousand dollars in funding for various economic development program and projects. Over the last several months the Town has acquired properties on Capitol Heights Blvd, in order to assemble a Transit Oriented Development at the Capitol Heights Metro. Look out for more information on the development at the Metro.

GOT/HOPE

Thursday, October 9, 2013
Thursday, November 14, 2013

3 pm - 5 pm

Town of Capitol Heights
Multipurpose Room
1 Capitol Heights Blvd.
And Every 2nd Thursday (Monthly)

Got Hope is an organization dedicated to providing fresh fruits and vegetables to Town residents. To learn more about this program contact us at (301) 336-0626.

TOWN OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS
VETERANS DAY PROGRAM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
10 AM – 11 AM
TOWN HALL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
ONE CAPITOL HEIGHTS BLVD
CAPITOL HEIGHTS MD 20743

COUNCIL MEMBER KING'S
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013
TOWN HALL
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM