



Calendar of events

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Send calendar events (at least two weeks in advance, if possible) to Community, 4475 Regency Place, Suite 301, White Plains, MD 20695. Email items to community@somdnews.com. Include a contact phone number or email on all submissions.

Ongoing

The **Humane Society of Charles County** will accept registration applications through Nov. 20 for space at the Holiday Craft Fair that will be held Dec. 3 at Thomas Stone High School. For an application form or more information, email craftfair@humanesocietycc.org or call 301-645-8181.

Friday Fun Nights for children ages 5-17 will be held at various community center locations. Kids can have fun while adults enjoy a kid-free evening. Each month will feature a different theme. For a full list of dates, times and locations, go to www.charlescountyparks.com.

Platinum Senior Care Assisted Living, LLC will host Reminiscing Cafe 6-9 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 8-11 a.m. Saturdays-Sundays at the facility, 4018 Blackbird Court, Waldorf. For seniors with dementia and Alzheimer's to relax and enjoy themselves. For information, call 301-638-3194.

VConnections will hold Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. Mondays at Chick-fil-A, 107 Drury Drive, La Plata. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Pomfret Way-of-Life Al-Anon Family Group and Alateen will meet 8 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Joseph Church, 4950 Saint Joseph Way, Pomfret. For information, go to www.marylandcc-alanon.org or call 1-800-425-2666.

VConnections will host Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Burger King, 30004 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service will offer free foreclosure legal advice the first Wednesday of each month at Charles County Public Law Library, 200 Charles St., La Plata. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Law Library at 301-932-3322.

Kiwanis of Waldorf meets Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Comfort Suites, 11765 Business Park Drive, Waldorf. For information, contact Carol Cox, 301-758-3082 or carol.cox@gmail.com.

VConnections will hold Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 3365 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

VConnections will hold Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. Thursdays at Chick-fil-A, 16003 Crain Highway, Brandywine. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Charles County Professional Civitan Club will meet 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays at Golden Corral, 2800 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For information, contact George Hawley, 240-367-6489 or planet4ueventplanning@gmail.com.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, NARFE, Indian Head Chapter 126 will meet at noon the first Thursday of each month at Mama Stella's Pasta House Restaurant, 7075 Indian Head Highway, Bryans Road. For information, contact Joan Wright, 301-246-4112 or jkwl1108@verizon.net.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 82 will hold bingo on Thursdays at Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82, 6330 Crain Highway, La Plata. Early birds begin 7 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m. For information, call 301-934-8221.

Vconnections will assist senior and elderly veterans and families 2-4 p.m. every Thursday at Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles St., La Plata. By appointment only. For more information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Hope Cancer Support and Prayer Group will meet 7 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at South Potomac Church, 4915 Crain Highway, White Plains. For information, contact Angela Dion at angeladionwriter@gmail.com, or call 301-645-9427.

Southern Maryland Brain Injury Support Group will meet 6-7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Spring Dell Center, 6040 Radio Station Road, La Plata. For information, call Jerry, 301-753-6335, or Debbie, 301-932-4920.

Point of Change Jail and Street Ministry Family Ties Support Group will meet 7 p.m. the

Spooky fun the night before Halloween



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Emma Tant, 8, and her sister Ellie, 4, both of La Plata, paint pumpkins at the Charles County Public Library, La Plata Branch's MonsterFest Monday evening. The annual event invites kids to dress in costume and provides Halloween-themed crafts and activities.



Melvyn Farmer, 6, of Waldorf shows off his slime creation at the Charles County Public Library, La Plata Branch's MonsterFest Monday evening.



Sophie Linton, 9, of Port Tobacco creates a spider web out of pretzel sticks, icing and sprinkles at the Charles County Public Library, La Plata Branch's MonsterFest Monday evening.



Selena Garcia, 9, of La Plata and Korben Linton, 9, of Port Tobacco make slime at the Charles County Public Library, La Plata Branch's MonsterFest Monday evening.



Sam Linton helps his daughter, Kat, 2, paint a pumpkin at the Charles County Public Library, La Plata Branch's MonsterFest Monday evening.



Lloyd Jansen, La Plata Library Branch manager, helps Daniel Rodriguez, 10, and his brother, Francis, 7, create spider webs out of pretzel sticks and icing at the library's MonsterFest Monday evening.