



CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WATCH WORKS

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OCTOBER 2020

October

12: Columbus Day

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16th: National Bosses Day

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31st: Halloween

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31st: Full Moon



Trick or Treat ??

With all the cancellations this year make sure you check with your neighborhood HOA or your county's thoughts on Trick or Treating. Don't send your little ones out until you know what the local rules and regulations are. This is one holiday where almost everyone wears a mask so that might just look normal. Local churches may do Trunk or Treat

as long as people keep their 6 foot distancing. This will be something that will take a great deal of consideration. You can always stay at home and watch scary movies with your children. There are lots of recipes for spooky snacks like hot dog fingers, popcorn served in a plastic glove with the fingernails painted. Roasting hot dogs and

s'mores outside along with spooky stories would be fun. Show a spooky movie on the side of your house with a projector. Make sure it's age appropriate, we wouldn't want the kids up all night afraid of the dark.

Have the kids decorate the yard with ghosts and spider webs. It's all about having fun with the kids.

M/Sgt. Tony Verdiglione to Retire

Master Sergeant Tony Verdiglione will retire on October 9th 2020. Officer Verdiglione is known to lots of our citizens because he has been a patrol officer and part of the Community Services unit as a COPS officer and Crime Prevention Officer. We all

wish Tony the best as he settles into his new routine. I'm sure he has lots of projects at home to keep him busy for a while. If you see Tony out and about wish him the best. We're gonna miss him.





A Lock's not a Lock

A lock is not a lock if it's not locked. You can put them on your doors, windows, garage doors and outside sheds but if you don't lock them they are just an ornament. We can have the greatest of intentions but if everyone isn't taught to lock up it just doesn't do any good. Yes your house is your property and the shed is in your yard but that doesn't mean someone isn't going to come after what is yours. Leaving the doors of your home left open doesn't make much sense and neither does leaving your garage or shed open either.

You can buy all kinds

of locks and security. Cameras are good because there is the chance you will have a picture or video of the person that took your property. Some can be expensive but not all. There are master locks that need a key or combination locks. The place the lock is attached to also has to be made well. If the lock stays locked but someone can pry the door open the lock didn't do its job.

Gun sales have gone up lately and many home owners have guns in their house. Did you know you can lock your guns?

They are made so

that the trigger can't be pulled. This way they are not a danger to the children in your household. You can also buy gun cases that can be locked. This is another way to keep your guns safe at home.

Have you bought a new house lately? Have you changed the locks to your house? You don't know how many sets of keys that are out there because the former tenant had a large family, or pet sitters, or had children that gave out their keys.

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Hello, are you still out there?

I have really missed seeing the citizens of Charles County at our meetings. Crime Watch Kickoff, Citizen's Advisory meetings, National Night

Out and the County Fair. It's almost as if we have all moved away. Soon this will all be over and we will still need to be safe when it comes to gath-

ering in large groups or public places. I'm sure it will never be the same but we can make it even better. I hope everyone is well and staying safe.

Fall Back Into a Routine



yard to trip over or to have visitors injure themselves.

When putting your lawnmower away it's a great

One thing you can count on this year to be normal is the changing of the seasons. It will get cooler and the leaves will change colors. The leaves will then fall from the trees and it will get colder.

There has been a lot of things this year we can't plan on or make plans for. It will be nice to get out in the crisp clean air and do things in the yard. When picking up limbs or racking leaves wave and smile at your neighbors.

Put away your outside furniture or cover it. Roll up your hoses. If your gutters need to be cleaned out make sure you have someone else with you when you climb a ladder. Take your time and don't do too much in one day.

Once you get your lawn cut and raked it's a good time to put your equipment and tools away. Don't leave them in the

time to have the blades sharpened so that you are ready for next year. Make sure any gas or other chemicals or products are labeled and placed out of the reach of children.

While you are at it get rid of any old products.

HHW Household Hazardous Waste events are now held year round ... January–December! Events are FREE OF CHARGE to Charles County residents. 1st Saturday of Each Month • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Department of Public Works • 10430 Audie Lane, La Plata, MD. Please keep the materials in their original containers. Mark any container that does not have a readable, original label. Bring items to the collection site in cardboard boxes to ease unloading. All materials are either recycled,

repurposed, neutralized, used for alternative power generation, or disposed of in accordance with state and federal law.

While you are outside make sure your address is clearly visible from the road in both directions of travel, even at night. Use at least 4-inch tall reflective numerals.

Remove leaves, lumber, and other flammable debris from under and around decks.

Clear any ladders, racks, or dead landscape plants from around the house.

If you have a firewood pile make sure it isn't right next to the house. This will not only help prevent fires but will also help keep the bugs from the wood from getting into your house.

I really hope with the seasons changing we all can get out and do something that feels a little normal. 2020 will be over before you know it.





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