

Civics 101

Cheverly and the 2010 Elections



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Levels of Government

A resident of Cheverly has four and one-half levels of government working for them:

- Federal
- State
- County
- Bi-County
- Municipal

Of these 4-½ levels, we will focus on the four that we elect to represent us.

Election Cycle

For the most part, residents of Cheverly elect officials on three different cycles:

- Presidential every 4 years (2008, 2012, 2016)
- Gubernatorial every 4 years (2006, 2010, 2014)
State & County officials
- Municipal Cheverly mayor every 3 years,
Town Council every 2 years

A US Senator is elected every 6 years, our US Representative every 2 years

Federal Level



The Federal layer of government includes the:

- President/Vice President elected on a 4-year cycle
- United States Senators elected on a 6-year cycle
- United States Representative elected on a 2-year cycle

United States Senator



Each state has two US Senators, each elected to 6-year terms. Senators run state-wide (not in a district.)

- Senator Barbara Mikulski
a candidate for reelection in 2010
- Senator Benjamin Cardin
term ends in 2012



US Senators' terms do not coincide, so each state always has one sitting member in the Senate.

United States Representative



- Each state has at least one Representative.
- Each Representative is elected from a single member Congressional District every two years.
- The number of total Congressional Districts for each state are apportioned based on population as determined every 10 years by the Census.
- Maryland has eight Congressional Districts.

4th Congressional District



Cheverly is represented in the US House of Representatives by Congresswoman Donna Edwards. The Fourth Congressional District extends from Fort Washington in southern Prince George's County up through Germantown in Montgomery County.

Ms. Edwards term is two years and she is a candidate for reelection in 2010.



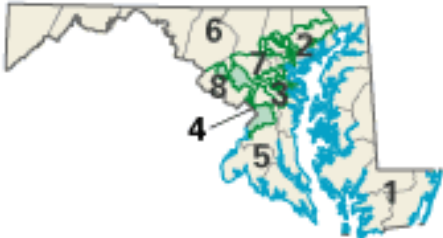
4th Congressional District

Congressional District 4



4 Congressional District

Montgomery County



Maryland (8 Districts)

The Federal Government



Services from Federal government include:

- National Park Service (incl B/W Parkway)
- Amtrak (Northeast Corridor)
- Interstate Commerce
- Homeland Security & Military
- Immigration
- Social Security
- Veterans
- Telecommunications Policy
- Federal Employee Issues
- Healthcare Reform

State of Maryland

Cheverly is represented by four state-wide elected State officials. Their current terms expire this year.

- Governor/Lieutenant Governor
Martin O'Malley & Anthony Brown



- Comptroller
Peter Franchot



- Attorney General
Douglas Gansler



Maryland General Assembly



- Maryland's legislature consists of two chambers: House of Delegates and the State Senate.
- Maryland has 47 Legislative Districts and each District has one Senator and up to three Delegates.
- Senators and Delegates are elected to four year terms and current terms expire in 2010.
- Maryland's legislature meets for only one 90-day session each year. There is only 39 days left to this year's session.

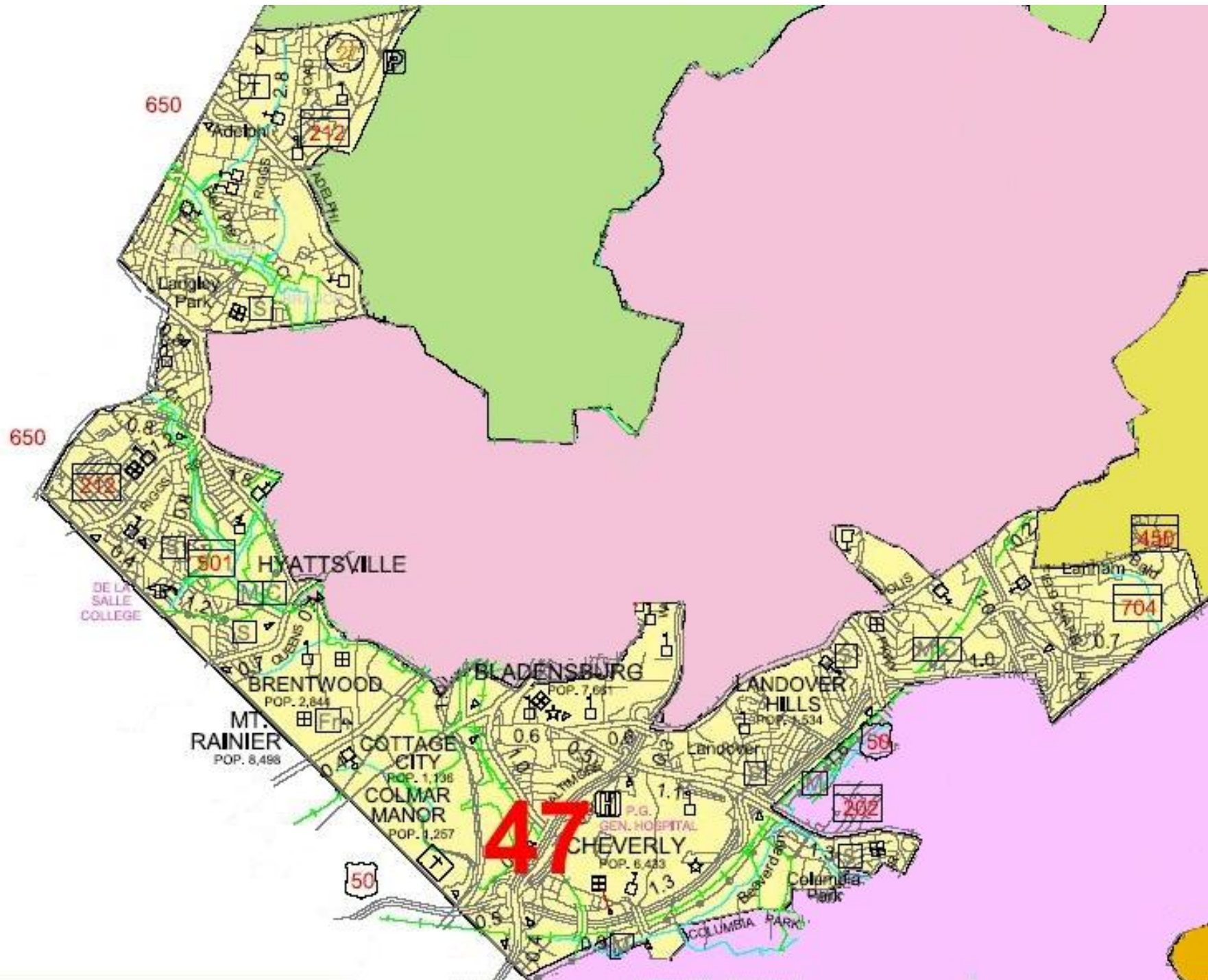
47th Legislative District



Cheverly is in the 47th Legislative District. We are served by one State Senator and three State Delegates:

- Senator David Harrington
- Delegate Jolene Ivey
- Delegate Doyle Niemann
- Delegate Victor Ramirez





The State Government



Services from State government include:

- Motor vehicle licensing
- Assessments & Taxation
- Services for aged
- Highway maintenance / construction
- State Police / Corrections
- Consumer Protections
- Insurance Regulation
- Chesapeake Bay Protection
- Higher Education / UMd System
- Maryland's Ports
- Tourism Promotion
- Lottery / Stadium Authorities

County Government



Prince George's County has an elected County Executive and a County Council. The County Council is elected from nine single member districts. Councilmatic Districts cross Congressional and state legislative district lines.

County officials are elected for 4-year terms on the Gubernatorial schedule.

The County Executive, State's Attorney, the Sheriff, Registrar of Wills, Clerk of the Court and Judges are County officials elected on a county-wide basis. The County Executive is limited to serving only two consecutive elected terms.

This year, we will be electing School Board representatives from single-member districts.

County Government



Cheverly sits within the 5th Councilmantic District and is currently represented on the County Council by Ms. Andrea Harrison.

Ms. Harrison's term expires in 2010. Prince George's County Council members are limited to serve two consecutive elected terms.



Members of the County Council also sit as the County's Zoning Board and Health Board.

Our County's School Board is being reconstituted in 2010. Members will be elected from single-member districts. I am not aware of anyone running for the seat from Cheverly's district.

County Government



The County Government



Services from the County government include:

- County Police / Fire / EMS
- Animal Control
- Prince George's Hospital system
- Health Department services
- Building Permits
- Birth & Death Certificates
- Property Tax Collection
- Youth Employment Programs
- Transit Services
- Family Services
- Library System
- independently run School System

Quasi-Government



Non-elected government-chartered agencies whose role is geographically limited to specific jurisdictions, but includes Cheverly:

- Maryland National Capital Parks & Planning Commission
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

Municipal Government



Cheverly's town government consists of a Mayor and Town Council. The mayor is elected at-large and serves a three-year term. The six Councilmembers are elected from single-member wards and serve a two-year term.

2010 is a mayoral election year in Cheverly. 2011 will be a Council election year.

The Town employs a full-time Town Administrator, a Public Works Director and a Chief of Police, plus their respective staffs.

Municipal Government

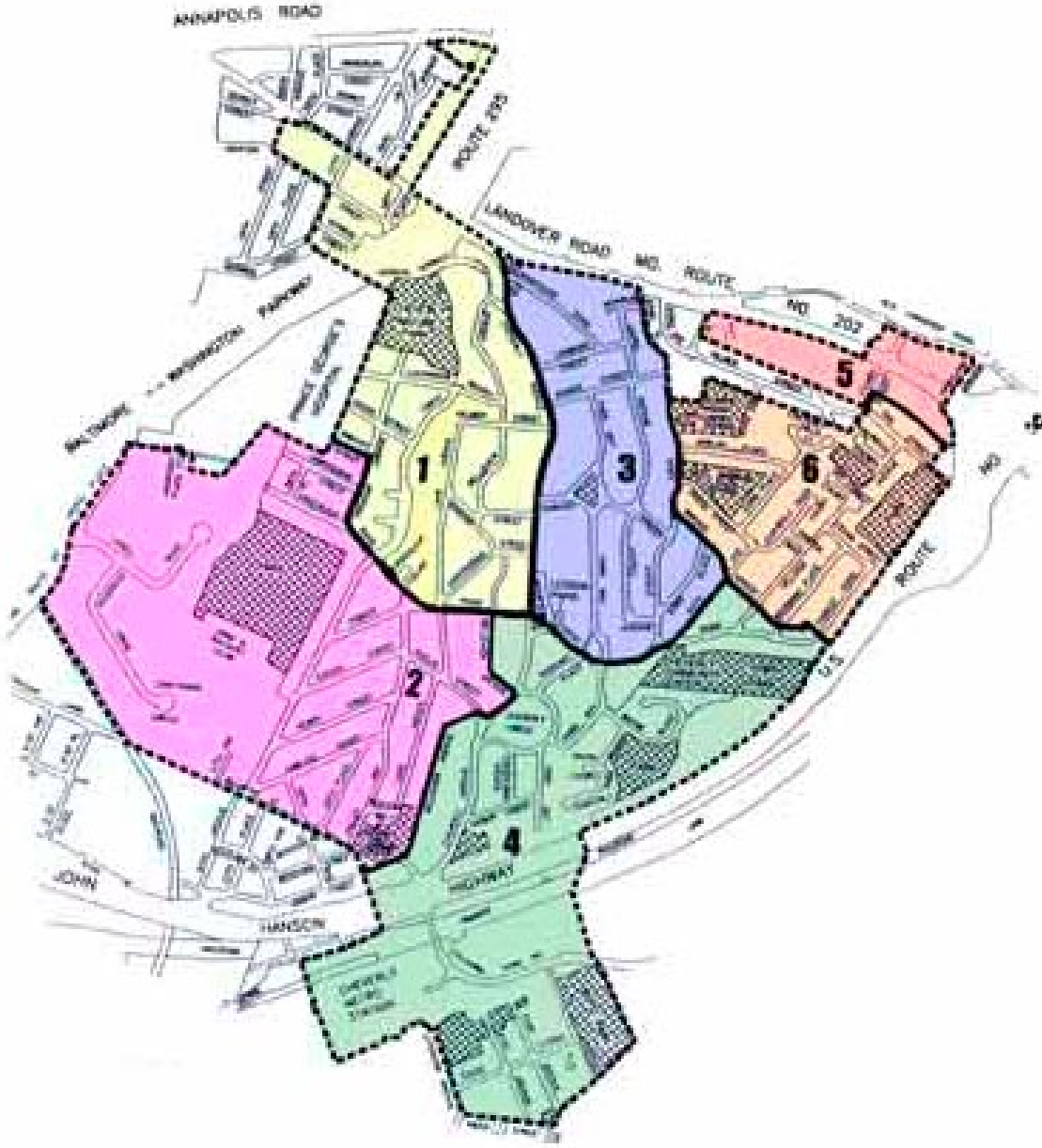


Town of Cheverly services include:

- police protection
- refuse / recycling collection
- street / sidewalk maintenance
- public space maintenance
- Town parks facilities
- municipal code enforcement

Town Council may also take policy positions and represent these official views to other levels of government on our behalf.

Municipal Government



Primary Election 2010 Dates

Monday, May 3rd 7am - 8pm
Cheverly Mayoral Election

Monday, June 21st
Last day to Change Party Affiliation for
Primary

Tuesday, July 6th
Candidate Filing Deadline

Tuesday, August 17th
Campaign Finance Reports Due

Tuesday, August 24th
New Voter Registration Closes

Friday, September 3rd
Early Voting Begins 10am - 8pm

Monday, September 6th
Labor Day Holiday

Thursday, September 9th
Early Voting Ends 10am - 8pm

Tuesday, September 14th
Primary Day 7am - 8pm

Monday, September 27th
Deadline to Certify Vote statewide

Primary Election 2010 Ballot

Governor / Lt. Governor

State Comptroller

State Attorney General

U.S. Senator

U.S. Representative

State Senator

State Delegates (3)

Judge of the Circuit Court

Judge of the Orphans Court

County Executive

County Councilmember

State's Attorney

Clerk of the Court

Registrar of Wills

Sheriff

Party Central Committeemember

Board of Education member`

General Election 2010 Dates

Monday, September 27th
New Voter Registration reopens

Tuesday, October 12th
New Voter Registration closes

Friday, October 22nd
Campaign Finance Reports Due

Friday, October 22nd
Early Voting Begins 10am - 8pm

Thursday, October 28th
Early Voting Ends 10am - 8pm

Tuesday, November 2nd
Election Day 7am - 8pm

Friday, November 12th
Deadline to Certify Vote statewide

Primary Election 2010 Ballot

Governor / Lt. Governor

State Comptroller

State Attorney General

U.S. Senator

U.S. Representative

State Senator

State Delegates (3)

Contested Judgeships*

County Executive

County Councilmember

State's Attorney

Clerk of the Court

Registrar of Wills

Sheriff

Ballot Questions / Constitutional
Amendments

Board of Education Members

Our Role

Our two-part role in this process is simple:



Web Links:

Congresswoman Donna Edwards

donnaedwards.house.gov

Maryland General Assembly

mlis.state.md.us

State of Maryland

www.maryland.gov

Prince George's County

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

Town of Cheverly

www.cheverly-md.gov

Maryland National Park and Planning
Commission

www.mncppc.org

Washington Suburban Sanitary
Commission

www.wssc.dst.md.us

Maryland State Board of Elections

www.elections.state.md.us

Prince George's County Board of
Elections

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Elections

Census Bureau

2010.census.gov

Vote-Smart.org

www.votesmart.org