

JURY SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR JURORS

If you have received a juror summons, welcome to the Prince George's County Circuit Court. You are scheduled, *if needed*, to serve as a juror for ONE DAY OR ONE TRIAL, whichever is longer. **To find out if you will actually be needed for jury service, please call 301-952-4387 AFTER 6:00 p.m. THE DAY BEFORE you are scheduled to appear.** Listen carefully to the recording for the panel number printed near the bar code on the front of your summons. If your panel number is called, please come to the Courthouse at 7:30 A.M. on the date printed on the front of the summons. If your panel number is not called, your presence should not be required for the balance of the current term (the calendar year.) Trials average 1-3 days. Every effort will be made to inform you of the estimated length of the trial. If you have any questions prior to your jury service, call the Jury Coordinator at 301-952-3437.

If you have a conflict with your assigned date, please contact the Jury Coordinator's Office at 301-952-4385 at least two weeks prior to your date of service to reschedule. If you are ill and unable to report, please call 301-952-4385 between 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. on your scheduled date to be reassigned. In the case of inclement weather, please listen to WTOP, WMAL, or Channels 4,5,7 or 9 for closing announcements. If you do not hear an announcement or are unsure, please call 301 952-4810.

Directions: From the south, take the Washington DC Beltway (Rt. 495) to exit 11A, Pennsylvania Avenue. The Upper Marlboro exit from Pennsylvania Avenue ends across from the Equestrian Center (also called the ShowPlace Arena) parking area. From the north, take the Beltway to exit 17A, Route 202. Rt. 202 ends at a stop light in Upper Marlboro. Turn right onto Rt. 725, which becomes Main Street. (Rt. 725 also intersects Rt. 301 at Upper Marlboro.) Follow Main Street past the Courthouse and turn left onto Water Street to free parking at the Equestrian Center on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue. There are free shuttle buses running every 5–10 minutes throughout the day between the Courthouse and the Equestrian Center parking area. **THE BUS** provides service weekdays on two routes from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Route 21 runs between Upper Marlboro and the New Carrollton Metro Station. Route 20 runs between Upper Marlboro and the Addison Road Metro Station. (Call 301-883-5656 for schedule information.) For more information, see *Directions, Parking or Bus Routes* sections of the web page.

Upon arrival at the Courthouse, show your summons to the Public Security Aide at the door. After you have passed through the metal detector, please report to the Jury Assembly Room (Room 265M) by 7:30 A.M. for orientation. Proper courtroom attire is requested. Anything that you would wear to an office that presents a professional appearance is appropriate. **JURORS ARE NOT**

PERMITTED IN THE COURTHOUSE WITH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (e.g. COMPUTERS, CAMERAS, WALK-MEN, ETC.)

For general information about grand and petit jury service, readers are encouraged to visit the web site for the Jury Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/JudicialBranch/Clerk/juror.asp>

GENEROUS JUROR PROGRAM

There are an average of 840 children receiving services from the Prince George's County Department of Social Services every day who need your help.

Here is how you can help...

If you are called for jury duty, just donate your \$15 daily expense money to the Prince George's County Department of Social Services for children eligible to receive their services. It's a simple but meaningful gesture that will raise additional funds for vulnerable children each year.

All donations **directly benefit children** and provide such things as school supplies, braces, special tutoring, recreational activities and other amenities available to most children but which the Department of Social Services is not able to provide through ordinary government funding.

With your help, The Generous Juror Program will ensure that these needs are met.

It's easy to become a GENEROUS JUROR...

On the first day of jury service, simply say yes by signing a form approving the donation and leave the form with the jury office staff. Your donation will automatically be processed.

For more information, call (301) 952-4385

Generous Jurors is administered by the Prince George's County Department of Social Services, in cooperation with the Prince George's County Circuit Court.