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Higher Achievement DC Metro celebrates the opening of the Greenbelt Center. Pictured left to right are: Thalia Washington, Executive Director of Higher Achievement DC Metro; Anthony Thompson, a Higher Achievement seventh grade scholar; Starlet Hunter of MGM National Harbor; Angela D. Alsobrooks, Prince George's County Executive; Aaliyah Fatou Ba, a Higher Achievement seventh grade scholar; Dr. Monica E. Goldson, CEO of Prince George's County Schools; Lynsey Wood Jeffries, CEO of Higher Achievement; Dr. Daria Valentine, Principal of Greenbelt Middle School; and David Sutphen of 2U.

Higher Achievement DC Metro Opens Greenbelt Achievement Center, Expands to Prince George's County

By RACHEL TILLMAN
for Higher Achievement

WASHINGTON, DC (July 8, 2019)—Higher Achievement, a leading education advancement program for middle school youth, announced last week the opening of the DC Metro affiliate's new Achievement Center at Greenbelt Middle School in Greenbelt, MD. This is Higher Achievement's first foray into Prince George's County. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the center Tuesday, July 2, and was attended by Angela Alsobrooks, Prince George's County Executive, and Dr. Monica Goldson, Chief Executive Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools.

At the event, County Executive Alsobrooks announced from the stage that Higher Achievement was awarded a \$50,000 Community Partnership Grant to

support the organization's academic enrichment programming. The event program also included remarks from two summer academy participants. Seventh grade students from Greenbelt Middle School, Aaliyah Fatou Ba and Anthony Thompson, described how the classes and field trips made the Higher Achievement experience fun and engaging.

"We are so pleased to officially open the Greenbelt Achievement Center in Prince George's county," said Thalia Washington, Higher Achievement DC Metro Executive Director. "There is a significant need in the county for our approach to serving middle school students. Prince George's County Public Schools is serious about investing in high quality out-of-school-time programming, and we are answering the call."

The Greenbelt center is the

site of Higher Achievement's six-week summer program and will host an afterschool academy during the next school year. Higher Achievement DC Metro currently operates seven achievement centers across the region (Wards 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and Alexandria, VA). The Greenbelt Achievement Center will serve 60 sixth and seventh grade students and beginning this fall will include 30 volunteer mentors recruited from local businesses, universities, and residents.

Dr. Goldson said, "We are excited to partner with Higher Achievement to help improve outcomes and opportunities for more middle school students. Higher Achievement's emphasis on both academic achievement and social emotional learning aligns with our goal of helping students prepare to meet the demands of college and careers."

Higher Achievement's rigorous afterschool and summer academic program gives youth from at-risk communities their best opportunity to succeed in middle school—and in life. Our research-based program challenges middle school students to meet their full potential in three key areas: academics, social skills, and leadership. When students gain the skills and support they need to invest in their own success, they discover they can be scholars. On average, 95% of Higher Achievement scholars who complete the program graduate high school on time, which is 20% higher than the average graduation rates in our cities. Higher Achievement currently operates achievement centers in the Washington DC area, Baltimore, Richmond, and Pittsburgh. For more information, visit: www.higherachievement.org.

Council Adopts Legislation Embracing Unity in Prince George's County

Resolution Sponsor, Council Member Deni Taveras says, "Prince George's County's strength is in its diversity."

By ANGELA ROUSON

Prince George's County Council Media

UPPER MARLBORO (July 12, 2019)—The Prince George's County Council, during session on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, unanimously adopted Council Resolution CR-60-2019, legislation reaffirming support toward all people, respectful of the innate dignity of every person, and the reality of diversity in Prince George's County.

Council Resolution CR-60-2019 reads, in part, "The urgency of this moment in our United States history calls us to stand against radicalized tactics of deportation and immoral expressions of racism that are tearing families apart and seek to divide us as a county, state and nation. Prince George's County will continue to be a beacon of justice and prosperity, not despite of, but because of its inclusivity and pluralistic community, where all people are treated with respect."

Council Member Deni Taveras (D) – District 2, who introduced the resolution, says given the current crisis where immigrant neighbors face the threat of deportation, embracing unity in our communities is especially timely.

"I appreciate the support of my colleagues in the adoption of CR-60-2019. I am a strong advocate for our County's immigrant population, and I reject the current administration's immigration policies, and the announced enforcement scheduled to begin this weekend," said Council Member Taveras. "It is crucial that residents are aware of the resources and information available to assist our immigrant neighbors who have lived, worked and contributed to our country and communities for years, and are now deeply troubled about potential deportation and family separation."

County residents who are detained and facing deportation may be eligible for free legal services through the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition or CAIR. If a family member has been detained, contact 202-330-3320, extension 7027 to leave a voicemail. Your call will be returned. If you are detained, follow posted instructions at the correctional facility to call the CAIR Coalition, then dial #1685. Calls are answered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.caircoalition.org/need-help

Additional immigration resource information is available. Visit the District Two web page (<https://pgccouncil.us/154/Constituent-Services>) and click Immigration Resources.

Charities Awarded Over \$38K in Scholarships

By PRESS OFFICER

The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc.

SUITLAND, Md. (July 11, 2019)—Twenty exceptional scholars, one parent stand-in, and their families, were honored at The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc. Scholarship Reception on June 19 at the Harborside Hotel in Oxon Hill Maryland. The 2019 Charities Scholarship recipients were awarded over \$38,000 in scholarships through the generous contributions from The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc. members, community organizations, and from endowments, memorial scholarships, as well as individuals. Awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

The reception opened with the spoken word delivered by Temple University student, Suitland High School graduate, and previous Charities scholarship recipient, Yasmin Eubanks. Following the spo-

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

Memories of Apollo From People All Over the World

By ELIZABETH TAMMI
NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

Fifty years ago, we all watched together.

When the Apollo 11 mission reached the Moon, humans set foot on another world for the first time. Television screens shared the momentous first steps in countries worldwide on July 20, 1969. News of the Moon landing spread across the world, captivating an entire generation and instilling an in-

fectious sense of possibility for what was to come in space exploration.

A half-century later, NASA asked people all over the world to share their memories and hopes for the future in an oral history project called Share Your Apollo Story. Hundreds of people of all ages shared their reflections on the Apollo 11 Moon landing. They recount

the historic moments of the Apollo program and look forward to the milestones that lie ahead.

Some of the submissions appear in the NASA Explorers: Apollo audio series, a four-episode podcast that sheds light on lesser-known stories of lunar exploration from the Apollo program to now. NASA Explorers: Apollo examines the cultural and scientific legacy of the Moon, while also considering what's next for our future space missions.

"We were mapping one planet, and NASA was starting the job of mapping its Moon."

On July 20, 1969, Richard was on board a research vessel. Along with other oceanographers, Richard worked on a mission to study the seafloor of the Pacific Ocean to the west of Vancouver Island.

"We were mapping one planet," Richard said, "and NASA was starting the job of mapping its Moon."

He remembers the crew stopping their work to glance over at the black-and-white scenes flickering from their television on board.

Two Anniversaries

Back on land in the United States, Paul was in the middle of getting married. The pastor announced to the congregation that the astronauts had touched down during the wedding, so now, Paul has two 50-year anniversaries to celebrate this year.

Hear more Apollo stories on the NASA Explorers: Apollo podcast: <https://www.nasa.gov/nasa-explorers-apollo>

Craig also associates July 20, 1969, with two huge occurrences. He was at his Eagle Scout ceremony!

It ended just in time for him to hear over the radio, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

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What are so-called regional climate models and why do we need them given that we already have pretty decent global climate models?

—Rich W., Seattle, WA

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Recovering From a Mistake

It happens to all of us. We're in a situation where we have to perform, make a decision, or accomplish something important, and instead, we fail. We freeze up, or make a poor decision or simply don't deliver the results that were expected. The outcome isn't pleasant and we are embarrassed.

The reality, of course, is that no one can be right all the time. We may fail at something but, hopefully, it usually isn't the end of the world. The problem happens when we find it hard to get past that mistake or failure. Instead of simply going, "Oops!" and telling ourselves we'll do better next time, we dwell on our mistake and find it makes us timid and afraid to take on new things if there appears to be any type of risk involved.

This can seem difficult to overcome, especially if the previous mistake has had serious ramifications, but in most cases you can move on successfully. A starting point is to see a failure not simply as an ending point, but rather as a mistake from which you can learn and improve. It's important to realize that you are much more than that mistake or failure.

Life is a learning experience. Yes, there will be things that make you nervous, perhaps really scare you, but when you have the courage to face such events, even if you may eventually fail at them, you're taking action to learn and to build a better you. And the result will be, after time, that things that once made you nervous or scared are now clearly in the domain of things you can handle.

The key is to not dwell on the past but rather to keep moving forward. When faced with something that may contain some risk, it's important to ask yourself, "What's the worst that can happen?" Try to evaluate how you would deal with that negative outcome. Is it possible that not succeeding might even have positive benefits in the long run?

Too often we focus on the immediate present, seeing what has happened as a major disaster. But when we take the time to step back and evaluate the disaster, it usually turns out that while it was an outcome you may wish hadn't happened, it's almost always one you can move past.

Learn from a setback and you'll be less anxious about trying once again.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

Council Member Dannielle Glaros Connects District 3 Residents and County Resources

By ANGELA ROUSON
Prince George's County Council Media

UPPER MARLBORO (July 8, 2019)—Prince George's County Council Member Dannielle Glaros (D) – District 3, will host *Resource Workshops: Bringing Services to You*, a series of community events aimed at bringing County resources to District 3 residents. Events will be held on the fourth Thursdays in July and August, 6–8 p.m., at the New Carrollton Branch Library, 7414 Riverdale Road, in New Carrollton.

During the month of July, residents will have an opportunity to learn more about tax credits for renters and homeowners. Event participants will also be able to apply on-site prior to the September 3, 2019 deadline. "Each year we are contacted by residents who are unaware of the tax credits they may be eligible for," said Council Member Glaros. "By providing residents with information on this program, I'm hopeful that more will apply for the tax relief they may need."

On Thursday, August 22, residents will have the opportunity to learn more about community resources for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.

The first summer series event, held on June 27, featured the Department of the Environment's Rain Check Rebate Program.

For questions or additional information please contact Alesha Wilson, District 3 Community Engagement & Special Projects Coordinator, at 301-952-3060 or aewilson@co.pg.md.us.

Tax Credits for Renters and Homeowners—July 25, 2019
Resources for Individuals Living with Dementia and their Caregivers—August 22, 2019

Hospital Receives 3rd Consecutive Gold-Level Rating in Wellness at Work Awards

By CHONDRIA ANDREWS
Doctors Community Hospital

LANHAM, Md. (July 11, 2019)—Doctors Community Hospital has earned its third consecutive gold-level rating in the 2019 Wellness at Work Awards program. This statewide honor recognizes exemplary accomplishments in the promotion of workplace health and well-being.

The Wellness at Work Awards is sponsored by the Healthiest Maryland Businesses program, which is a statewide movement to create a culture of wellness—an environment that makes the healthiest choice the easiest choice. This initiative recognizes Maryland employers who are dedicated to protecting and promoting wellness in the workplace based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Workplace Health Model. Applicants also provide assessments about the planning, management, implementation and evaluation of their programs and activities.

Some of these initiatives include:

- Low-cost gym available to employees and their family members
- Healthy food options in the cafeteria and vending machines
- Free seminars with topics ranging from stress management to nutrition education
- Wellness navigators who serve as health coaches
- A community garden that encourages light exercising and healthy eating

Volunteer With a Nonprofit With a 40-Year Tradition of Caring For Life

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN
Hospice of the Chesapeake

PASADENA, Md. (July 9, 2019)—Forty years ago, Hospice of the Chesapeake began its journey of caring for life with four volunteers serving four patients. Four decades later, more than 42,000 hospice patients have been served by more than 5,200 volunteers in Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

The need for volunteers is constant for this nonprofit organization. Volunteers play a vital role on the hospice team by visiting and providing comfort to patients, performing honor salutes, supporting caregivers, serving as counselors and facilitators in grief programs, acting as advocates at community events and assisting in our offices and inpatient care centers.

There is an immediate need for military personnel—active or veteran—to perform Honor Salutes for veteran patients. More than 25 percent of hospice patients are veterans, which is why Hospice of the Chesapeake has focused much energy on addressing their unique needs. Each year, more than 150 of these brief yet powerful ceremonies are performed at the homes and bedsides of dying veterans, leaving a lasting impact on

not only the patient, but their family and friends. Minimal training and an authorized military dress uniform is required to serve in this position.

The organization has been intensifying its outreach effort to educate the community on the importance of end-of-life and advanced illness planning, resulting in an increased need for community outreach volunteers to advocate for hospice, palliative and bereavement care at healthcare fairs, senior fairs and other public events.

Music plays an important role in the care of hospice patients and there is a need for musicians to supplement the therapeutic music program. Therapeutic certification or experience is not required as basic training will be provided.

Other areas of need include:

- **Patient Visitors** provide companionship and a supportive presence for our patients and respite for caregivers. They offer a listening ear, open mind and loving heart to those in our care.
- **Veteran-to-Veteran Volunteers:** These are patient visitors with a military background assigned to visit patients who are veterans.
- **Vigil volunteers:** Available upon request

to support patients and families during the final days and hours of life. Additional training is provided.

- **Licensed cosmetologists:** Provide haircuts and other grooming to our patients in their homes.
- **Healing arts:** Aromatherapy, Comfort Touch and reiki practitioners (free training is provided), therapeutic musicians, artists and pet therapy animals with their owners.
- **Grief support:** Provide a caring presence either by phone or in person to support grieving individuals.
- **Four-wheel drivers:** Volunteers with four-wheel drive vehicles are needed to assist patients and staff in inclement weather.

Become a hospice volunteer if you are age 18 or older and willing to complete volunteer training. Opportunities also exist for high school students and internships are available. Free training is provided; in fact, many enjoy taking advantage of the variety of complimentary learning opportunities offered to volunteers and staff. Contact joinus@hospicechesapeake.org, 443-837-1508 or visit www.hospicechesapeake.org/volunteer for more information.



PHOTO BY ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN, HOSPICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE

(Oct. 30, 2018) Air Force Tech Sgt. Akasha Lowry of Crofton presents a certificate of appreciation during an Honor Salute for Hoyt Gamble, a patient at Futurecare Landover.

Maryland State Police, Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Offer Tips to Secure Vehicles

By RON SNYDER
Maryland State Police
Office of Media Communications

PIKESVILLE, Md. (July 10, 2019)—The Maryland State Police, along with the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, are reminding motorists to take simple steps to avoid having their vehicles stolen.

The warnings come as July is National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month. In Maryland, a car is stolen every 40 minutes, while one is stolen every 45 seconds in the United States.

Overall, 50 percent of the vehicles stolen had the keys inside the vehicle while 60 percent of the vehicles stolen were left unlocked. Also, more than 66 percent of vehicle thefts occur at night and 95 percent of the vehicles stolen had no anti-theft devices.

Nationally, more than 773,000 vehicles were stolen in the United States in 2017. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, only about 59 percent of all stolen motor vehicles are ever recovered. According to the FBI, the approximate cost of vehicles stolen in the United States in 2017 totaled \$6 billion.

Here are steps you can take to prevent motor vehicle theft:

- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running.
- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Always stow away your valuables.

The Maryland General Assembly created the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council in 1994 as a statewide planning and dedicated fund-

ing resource. The Council embraces a statewide strategy directed at public awareness, vehicle theft by juveniles, law enforcement and prosecution through a grant award process.

For more information, see <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/OfficeoftheSuperintendent/VehicleTheftPreventionCouncil.aspx>

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COMMENTARY

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

Michelle Obama at Essence Fest: Frank and Free

"And if we're thinking about what the agenda is, which is getting to a place where we all live in a country where we're proud to pass on to our kids, going high is the only way we get there. It's our patience, our tolerance, it's our belief in honesty and truth, it's our belief in hard work. It's not about getting somebody back, it's not about the immediate clapback. The immediate clapback is just for your own selfish purpose right there in the moment and rarely does it solve anything."

—Michelle Obama, July 6, 2019, New Orleans

In the 25 years since, as mayor, I first brought the Essence Festival to New Orleans, I've been privileged to experience some of the festival's most groundbreaking and innovative phenomena. Michelle Obama's interview with Gayle King, which took place on Saturday, ranks as one of those memorable moments that could only happen at Essence.

As First Lady, Michelle Obama earned a singular place in American History as the first Black woman to hold the title. But it was her dignity and grace, her compassion and her commitment

to uplifting the American people that truly defined her era in the East Wing of the White House.

Since her husband left office, her popularity and influence have only soared. Her memoir, *Becoming*, sold more copies than any other book published in the United States in 2018, breaking the record in just 15 days. Her tour to promote the book sold out in cities across the United States, Canada and Europe.

Her interview with Gayle King showed her at perhaps her most honest, outspoken and decisive. She spoke candidly of her marriage and family life, the Obama legacy and the state of the nation in the Trump Era.

I was particularly struck by her reflections on Inauguration Day, 2017: "That day was very emotional and then to sit at that inauguration and to look around at a crowd that was not reflective of the country, and I had to sit in that audience as one of the handfuls of people of color, all that I had to hold on to over those last eight years, and it was a lot emotionally."

Her words resonate all the more because that crowd, "not reflective of the country," has served as kind of an omen for the exclusive and regressive policies, hostile to people of color, immigrants, LGBTQ persons, the administration introduced.

The Obamas experienced more than their share of hostility during their time in the public eye—to the point where she considered dropping out of the campaign trail.

"For a minute there, I was an angry black woman who was emasculating her husband," she said. "As I got more popular, that's when people of all sides—Democrats and Republicans—tried to take me out by the knees and the best way to do it was to focus on the one thing people were afraid of: the strength of a black woman."

She decided to use the opportunity to be a role model.

"I would have to earn my grace and I knew I would have to quickly define myself and I want all young girls out there to know—we all struggle with that, people of color, working class folks, women of color—people try to define us in a negative way before we get a chance to get out there and tell our own stories."

It would be hard to overstate how influential and inspirational Michelle Obama has been over the last decade, particularly for Black women who are the heart of Essence Festival. Michelle Obama was the ultimate headliner for a gathering devoted to the empowerment and celebration of Black women.

Marion Wright Edelman

President Emerita, Children's Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

Realizing a Dream For Our Children

[This] week, clergy, seminarians, religious educators, community organizers, young adult leaders and other faith-based advocates in the intergenerational, interracial, multi-ethnic, ecumenical community pursuing justice for our nation's children will come together at the Children's Defense Fund's Haley Farm in Tennessee for the 25th Annual CDF Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. The theme for this year's gathering is "Guide Our Feet: Pursuing Justice for All God's Children." As we focus on the many urgent challenges facing children and families right now, especially poor children, those caught up in the mass criminalization of children of color, and children at our borders, in the words of the beloved spiritual we

will ask God to guide our feet as we seek to make our nation fit, safe and just for all children because we don't want to run this race in vain.

Several years ago South African Archbishop and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu sent Proctor attendees a video message. An outspoken defender of human rights and campaigner for justice for the oppressed, Bishop Tutu is a prophetic voice in our world today revered for his commitment to fighting poverty, racism and all forms of discrimination against any human beings and his dedication to reshaping our conversations about peace, equality and forgiveness. He shared this timeless exhortation for pursuing justice: "Justice needs champions. Good leaders with the ability to identify the challenges and

the tenacity to address them. Good leaders driven not by personal ambition, but by an innate desire to improve the circumstances of the human family and the human condition."

He continued: "We inhabit a moral universe. Goodness, righteousness, and fairness matter. We are born to love—all of us, including black, Latino, and white [children] and everyone else. As members of the human family—God's family—we were created with equal, infinite worth for interdependence. In conditions of harmony, equity and common purpose, the whole family thrives. God does not use strong-armed tactics to ensure justice is done. God empowers us to do the right thing. It is up to us—you, and you, and you, and me."

Bishop Tutu then shared what he believes is God's dream for all human children: "And God says, I have a dream. I have a dream that all of my children will discover that they belong in one family—my family, the human family—a family in which there are no outsiders; all are held in the embrace of the one whose love will never let us go; the one who says that each one of us is of incredible worth, that each one of us is precious to God because each of us has their name written on the palms of God's hands. And God says, there are no outsiders—black, white, red, yellow, short, tall, young, old, rich, poor, gay, lesbian, straight—everyone. All belong. And God says, I have only you to help me realize my dream. Help me."

I hope America can realize God's dream for all humankind. I believe we can realize God's and Bishop Tutu's dream if each of us holds ourselves

accountable and realizes that it is up to us to do whatever is necessary to pass on to our children and grandchildren a better and more just country and world than we inherited. We can move America closer to being that family and nation where everyone belongs and everyone has worth. But to do so, we must wake up, open our eyes and ears, avoid convenient ignorance, seek the truth, speak up, stand up and never give up fighting for justice for all.

How long will it take? America's own great 20th century prophet, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., addressed that question: "We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. And that will be a day not of the white man, not of the black man. That will be the day of man as man. I know you are asking today, 'How long will it take?' Somebody's asking, 'How long will prejudice blind the visions of men?' . . . I come to say to you this afternoon, however difficult the moment, however frustrating the hour, it will not be long, because 'truth crushed to earth will rise again.' How long? Not long, because 'no lie can live forever.' How long? Not long, because 'you shall reap what you sow' . . . How long? Not long, because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

How long? Not long, even in this difficult moment in 21st century America, if a critical remnant among us is determined to commit ourselves to being the good leaders and champions for justice that immigrant children, poor children, children of color and all children need right now.

Chris Van Hollen

United States Senator for Maryland



Van Hollen, Senate Democrats To Trump: Don't Deport Military Families

Trump Administration's proposed policy change would end protections against deportation of military spouses and families, threatening military readiness

WASHINGTON (July 11, 2019)—Following reports that the Trump Administration is ending protections against the deportation of military families whose loved ones are deployed, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) joined Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and 20 other Senate Democrats in demanding the Trump Administration reverse course immediately. The Trump Administration is reportedly planning on ending the "Parole in Place" (PIP) program, which prevents immigrants who are spouses, parents and children of active-duty servicemembers and Veterans from being deported. The Senators emphasized how deporting military spouses and family members is a significant threat to military readiness and our national security, especially at a time when servicemembers are being asked to sacrifice for our country.

"Through this program, servicemembers are able to fight for the United States overseas and not worry that their spouse, children, or parents will be deported while they are away," the Senators wrote in a letter to Acting Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan and Acting Defense Secretary Mark Esper. "Terminating PIP would not only cause

personal hardship to our servicemen and women, but negatively impact them in combat. Withdrawing protections from military families is a direct threat to our military readiness and our national security."

"At a time when our Armed Forces are fighting dangerous wars overseas, we must enact policies that support our men and women in combat, rather than repeal policies that cause unnecessary harm," the Senators continued. "Ending the program flies in the face of American values and signals that we do not value the contributions of military families. The Trump administration should provide favorable immigration solutions for military families, not break them up."

The letter was also signed by Senators Michael Bennet (D-CO), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Chris Coons (D-DE), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Ed Markey (D-MA), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Patty Murray (D-WA), Jack Reed (D-RI), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Ron Wyden (D-OR).

FCC Robocall Ruling Offers Hope; In the Meantime, Just Hang Up on Dodgy Callers

Report shows 5 million seniors lose \$27.4 a year to phone scammers

By PRESS OFFICER
Association of Mature American Citizens

WASHINGTON, DC (July 8, 2019)—Seniors may get robocall relief if a new Federal Communications Commission [FCC] ruling prompts phone companies to implement technologies that automatically block them. Dan Weber, an advocate for older Americans, says the ruling is a step in the right direction.

The president of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] reports that "while it is still early days, it appears the major phone service providers are ready to cooperate. It was good news when Verizon was quick to 'welcome' the ruling."

Verizon issued a statement hours after the FCC announced its decision. In it, the company stated that it is "putting robocallers on notice. We've got their number and we're taking big steps to stop them from doing what they're doing."

Meanwhile, Apple has announced a new software update will be available in the fall that can automatically block unwanted spam callers.

Weber says, however, that he is taking a wait and see attitude regarding these latest efforts to rein in phone scammers. "It's a lucrative crime and the perpetrators are tech savvy enough to find new ways to prey on the elderly."

He cites an article on the FCC ruling published by Politico, which noted that: "experts warn that callers slinging bogus tax bills and insurance schemes might still find a way to get through. Calls originating from overseas could present a technical challenge. And the measures are voluntary: phone companies won't be required to take advantage of the call-blocking systems that the FCC is encouraging and could charge consumers fees for using them."

Tech journalist and privacy advocate Paul Bischoff recently prepared an elder fraud analysis of phone scams targeting seniors for the technology research firm, CompariTech. The Bischoff report (<https://www.comparitech.com/blog/vpn-privacy/elder-fraud-by-state/>) provides an eye-opening state-by-state assessment of elder fraud.

He told AMAC that the FCC ruling to stop unwanted robocalls "is a step in the right direction but ultimately might not have the desired impact for consumers."

The report revealed that seniors are primary targets for fraudsters accounting for 38% of scams and that there are an estimated 5 million cases of elder fraud annually resulting in \$27.4 billion in losses.

"We are hopeful that the new focus on protecting the elderly from phone scammers will have a positive effect going forward. In the meantime, just hang up if a caller starts asking for personal information or makes threats. Don't take their word for it if they say they are calling on official business. No official will ever ask for you to reveal account numbers, Social Security numbers, Medicare id's over the phone."

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Will My Canadian Pension Affect My U.S. Social Security?

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
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Dear Rusty:

I worked for 15 years in Canada and for 20 years in the USA and I live in the USA. I will get Social Security from the US soon and I suspect that I can get a smaller (20% of US) pension from Canada as well. Does the US claw back (all or part) of a Canadian pension from the US pension amount? Is it possible it's a net loss to apply for Canadian pension? **Signed: Dually Entitled**

Dear Dually Entitled: The United States and Canada have a bilateral agreement which regulates benefits for people who have worked part of their career in both countries and are eligible for benefits from both. Under this agreement, your Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) benefit, earned independently in Canada, will affect your U.S. Social Security (SS) benefit amount based upon a rule in U.S. Social Security regulations known as the Windfall Elimination Provision (or "WEP").

WEP will not take effect until you start your Canadian pension but will then affect your U.S. Social Security benefit by using a special formula to compute (or re-compute) your U.S. benefit amount. Your U.S. Social Security benefit amount will be based upon your "average indexed monthly earnings" (or "AIME"), which is the inflation-adjusted monthly average for your years of lifetime significant earnings in the U.S. The AIME actually uses 35 years of lifetime earnings, and if you don't have a full 35 years of U.S. earnings they add in zeros to make it 35 years.

To compute your SS benefit, your AIME is broken into three parts, each of which is multiplied by a different percentage to arrive at an amount, which will become part of your "primary insurance amount" (the "PIA" is the amount you get at your full retirement age). If you have 20 years or less of significant U.S. earnings, the WEP formula will take 40% of first part of your AIME as the first of three numbers which will be added together to arrive at your U.S. Social Security benefit (without WEP, the normal formula uses a 90% multiplier). What that would mean, if you first become eligible for U.S. Social Security in 2019, is that the first \$926 of your AIME, rather than adding \$833 to your SS benefit amount, would instead add \$370 (a reduction of \$463; thus, your total U.S. Social Security benefit amount would be reduced by \$463). But there are some additional things you should be aware of:

- WEP cannot reduce your U.S. benefit amount by more than 1/2 of your Canadian CPP/QPP benefit amount.
- WEP cannot and will not eliminate your U.S. SS benefit.
- If you have more than 20 years of significant U.S. earnings, the 40% multiplier increases by 5% per additional year, which would mean a smaller WEP reduction. The WEP provision does not apply to anyone with 30 or more years of significant Social Security earnings.

Regarding the interaction between your Canadian and U.S. benefits, you may find the information at this helpful link: https://www.ssa.gov/international/Agreement_Pamphlets/documents/Canada.pdf. Scroll to Page 10 in the document at the above link and read the paragraph titled "A CPP/QPP pension may affect your U.S. benefit." Please be aware too that you can apply for your Canadian Pension Plan benefits by visiting any U.S. Social Security office and filing form CDN-USA-1.

The 2 million member Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) (<https://www.amac.us>) is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at <https://amac.us/join-amac>.

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Business and Professional Women of Maryland Invite Nominations For 2019 Woman of Achievement

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (July 11, 2019)—Business and Professional Women of Maryland (BPW/MD), the leading nonprofit advocate for Maryland's working women, is pleased to open nominations for its 2019 Woman of Achievement award. Accomplished Maryland women may be nominated for any of the following contributions:

- Outstanding career achievement
- Outstanding efforts in public policy
- Outstanding assistance to other women in advancing their careers
- Outstanding guidance to youth or women-in-transition
- Outstanding community service

The 2019 Woman of Achievement will be honored during a luncheon celebration from 12–2 p.m. on October 26, 2019, at the Ramada Plaza in Hagerstown, Maryland. As part of National Business Women's Week®, the event will also recognize other outstanding women and employers selected by BPW/MD Local Organizations.

All Maryland businesses, residents, and nonprofits are invited to nominate a Woman of Achievement for 2019. Membership in BPW/MD is not required of a nominee or a nominator, though nominees must be Maryland residents. Nomination forms are available at www.bpwmaryland.org. Please email submissions to Greta Davis at gdavis2011@comcast.net by August 1, 2019, or call 301-449-6316 for more information.

Business and Professional Women of Maryland (BPW/MD) fosters the success of working women by providing career advancement resources, work/life strategies, personal and professional connections, and scholarships. Membership is open to all women and men who support equity for women in the workplace.

—Rebecca Wise, Business and Professional Women of Maryland

MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center Receives Awards

By CHERYL RICHARDSON
MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center

Get With The Guidelines® Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award

American Heart Association Award recognizes MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center's commitment to quality stroke care

CLINTON, Md. (July 9, 2019)—MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center (MSMHC) has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based

on the latest scientific evidence.

MSMHC earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

"MSMHC is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke initiative," said MSMHC President Christine Wray. "The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes."

MSMHC additionally received the association's Target: Stroke™ Elite Plus award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center, located in Clinton, Maryland, is a 176-bed acute care hospital serving the Washington, D.C., metro and Southern Maryland area. The hospital is focused on caring for patients and their loved ones utilizing advanced technology under the guidance of expert clinicians. Quality, Safety, Wellness, and Patient Satisfaction are achieved through a spirit of patient centered services that connect us to the community we serve. For more information, visit MedStarSouthernMaryland.org.

Get With The Guidelines® is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's hospital-based quality improvement program that provides hospitals with tools and resources to increase adherence to the latest research-based guidelines. Developed with the goal of saving lives and hastening recovery, Get With The Guidelines has touched the lives of more than 6 million patients since 2001. For more information, visit heart.org.

AAA Helps You Speed Through the Airport Security Line By Offering TSA Pre-Check to Members and General Public

TSA Pre-Check Mobile RV Comes To AAA's Brandywine Car Care Center

By JEANETTE TEJEDA DE GOMEZ
AAA Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON, D. C. (July 11, 2019)—Area frequent flyers can obtain the coveted Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Pre-Check screening approval with ease at AAA this summer. The Identigo TSA Pre-Check® Mobile RV will make a stop in Brandywine, Maryland from August 12–16 at AAA's Brandywine Car Care Insurance and Travel Center, 16301 Crain Highway, Brandywine, Maryland 20613. Registration for the event is available.

"TSA Pre-Check® is an expedited screening program that enables identified low-risk air travelers to enjoy a smart and efficient screening experience," said John B. Townsend II, Public and Government Affairs Manager at AAA Mid-Atlantic. "For TSA Pre-Check® travelers, there is no need to remove shoes, 3-1-1 liquids, laptops, light outerwear or belts. Today, TSA Pre-Check® has more than 450 lanes at 200+ U.S. airports."

AAA is pleased to partner with the TSA to help provide this valuable service for AAA members and the general public. AAA Members and non-members must register in advance for enrollment at the Identigo TSA Pre-Check® Mobile RV. Visit <https://midatlantic.aaa.com/travel/tsa-precheck?zip=19802&devicecd=PC> to access AAA's website for more details about the Brandywine event, as well as other upcoming TSA Pre-Check® events.

Follow these steps to pre-enroll. Be sure to schedule an appointment online and bring your proof of U.S. Citizenship with you to your appointment!

- Visit www.identigo.com/precheck to access the application page
- Click "Start Application Now", then click "New Enrollment"
- Fill out Steps and choose "Next" at the bottom of each screen
- Type in your location at Zipcode/City/Airport Code box—search
- Choose the AAA location near you and click "Next"
- Select your desired appointment time (Please be sure to make

Partner for Change Award From Practice Greenhealth in 2019

CLINTON, Md. (July 8, 2019)—For the third year in a row, Practice Greenhealth, the leading organization promoting sustainable health care, has recognized MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center (MSMHC) for exceptional performance. This year, the hospital has won the Partner for Change Award.

According to Practice Greenhealth, facilities winning this particular award must have demonstrated that they are recycling at least 15 percent of their total waste, have reduced regulated medical waste, are on track to eliminate mercury, and have developed successful sustainability programs in many areas.

"We're proud to have earned recognition once again from Practice Greenhealth," said MSMHC President Christine Wray. "We take environmental stewardship seriously, and it is our hope this recognition shows to our community how much we care about our environmental impact as we continue to improve our processes."

Mission: Lifeline Bronze Receiving Achievement Award

CLINTON, Md. (June 27, 2019)—MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center (MSMHC) has received the Mission: Lifeline® Bronze Receiving Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the deadliest type of heart attack, caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program's goal is to reduce system barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks, beginning with the 9-1-1 call, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. The initiative provides tools, training and other resources to support heart attack care following protocols from the most recent evidence-based treatment guidelines.

MSMHC earned the award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for quick and appropriate treatment through emergency procedures to re-establish blood flow to blocked arteries in heart attack patients coming into the hospital directly or by transfer from another facility.

"Our hospital is dedicated to providing optimal care for heart attack patients," said MSMHC President Christine Wray. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in cardiac care through Mission: Lifeline."

"We commend MSMHC for this award in recognition for following evidence-based guidelines for timely heart attack treatment," said Tim Henry, M.D., Chair of the Mission: Lifeline Acute Coronary Syndrome Subcommittee. "We applaud the significant institutional commitment to their critical role in the system of care for quickly and appropriately treating heart attack patients."



OUT on the TOWN

Check Out the Happenings at The Maryland Zoo!

People Flocking to New Animal Webcams

See flamingo, giraffe, lion and penguins live online!

BALTIMORE, Md. (July 10, 2019)—There's a new species of reality TV at The Maryland Zoo thanks to the addition of live cameras in the animal habitats now streaming online!

Zoo fans can tune in via four links on the Zoo's website. Two of the cameras center on the newly expanded and renovated African Journey habitats. Enter the lions' habitat via the Lion Cam, where Zuri and Hassan can often be seen playing with enrichment items and taking cat naps. On the Giraffe Cam, viewers can watch the herd of reticulated giraffe munching at the Giraffe Feeding Station.

The Flamingo Cam offers all the drama with the Zoo's flock of bright pink Caribbean flamingos. And, three live cameras at Penguin Coast, give viewers the inside view of the Zoo's bustling colony of nearly 100 African black-footed penguins.

Most animals are in view on the cameras during the Zoo's public hours, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. daily. The live cameras can be found in the "Meet the Animals" section of the website—<https://www.marylandzoo.org/animals/live-cams-feeds/>.

Party Like An Animal At Zoo Bop!

Featuring Emmy Award-winning Disney's *Imagination Movers*

BALTIMORE, Md. (July 3, 2019)—Get your wild moves and grooves on with your family at Zoo Bop at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore on Saturday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Geared toward younger cubs, families can dance, sing and join in the live-performance ex-zoo-berance of Baby Beats! with Max and Root, Angelo and Marie's Fantastic Bubble Show, and Disney's *Imagination Movers*.

At 10:30, get blown away by the Baltimore-based Angelo and Marie's Fantastic Bubble Show, where the duo creates a truly unique liquid art, followed by Baby Beats! with Max and Root—a live music and movement program for children! Max Bent and Jamaal "Black Root" Collier are both human beat-boxers trained in the field of arts integration. After participating in training for early education offered by Wolf Trap, Max and Root began applying their musical abilities to writing content geared towards the curious and active minds of the younger crowd. Baby Beats! was born at Remington's Single Carrot Theatre in Baltimore.

Bop 'til you drop with Disney's *Imagination Movers* at noon. The quartet brings lively and silly musical fun that encourages audience participation. As featured in their series on the Disney Channel, the group mixes catchy music with quirky problem-solving and props. The Emmy Award-winning group has been performing for more than 15 years and has produced 10 albums, in addition to their three-season tv show.

The theme of this year's Zoo Bop is "Super Heroes." Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite super hero.

Zoo Bop tickets are \$5 for adult and child members, \$26 for non-Zoo member adults and \$20 per non-member child. Children under 2 are always free. All tickets include admission to the Zoo on show day, and access to kid-friendly activities, bounce houses and vendors. An exclusive meet and greet with Disney's *Imagination Movers* will be available after Zoo Bop. Tickets for the meet and greet are \$30 per person and sold separately. Advance registration is required. Tickets are on sale now at www.marylandzoo.org.

Zoo Bop is sponsored by The Goddard School and Green Mountain Energy. —Claire Aibel, *The Maryland Zoo*



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On June 21, 2019, Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford joined the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore for the ribbon cutting and official opening of the new African Journey Exhibit. Lt Governor Rutherford was joined by Baltimore Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young, Maryland Zoo CEO Don Hutchinson, and other zoo officials. The new exhibit is nearly five years in the making and is the largest in the Zoo's 143-year history. It will increase the habitats for African elephants, lions, and a giraffe. The Maryland Zoo worked closely with the Department of Budget and Management's Office of Capital Budgeting and the Department of General Services to be able to create a place that will continue its dual purposes of conservation and education.

ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK

.... Movie Review

Men in Black: International

Men in Black: International
Grade: C
Rated PG-13, a little profanity,
mild sexual innuendo,
moderate fantasy violence
1 hr., 54 min.

It takes considerable effort to render a pair as charismatic as Chris Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson boring, but the makers of "Men in Black: International" are up to the task. This completely forgettable "next generation" sequel brings in new MIB agents but recycles everything else, with a generic plot and the inconsequential feel of a pilot episode for a TV show that everyone knows isn't going to get picked up anyway.

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones are long gone, and the only holdover from "Men in Black III"—a movie that exists despite there being no evidence of it—is Emma Thompson as the boss, Agent O. She sends Agent M (Tessa Thompson, no relation), an eager new recruit who had an alien encounter as a child but never had her memory erased, to the London office of Earth's extra-terrestrial immigration agency to see if there might be a mole in the operation. There she is partnered with

the resident rakish hotshot, Agent H (Hemsworth), on an alien-babysitting assignment that goes awry and ends with a powerful secret weapon MacGuffin in M's possession. The London boss, Agent T (Liam Neeson), is always covering for Agent H, who's gotten sloppy and has been coasting on his great reputation for a few years, while Agent C (Rafe Spall) seems intent on bringing

Agent H down. Whom can M trust? WHOM??

Directed without personality by F. Gary Gray ("Be Cool," "Straight Outta Compton"), the film dutifully trots the globe in the service of its too-busy plot (courtesy of "Transformers: The Last Knight" writers Matt Holloway and Art Marcum), which also includes: a race of gopher-sized chess-piece aliens of whom only a pawn (voiced by Kumail Nanjiani) has survived; a three-armed intergalactic arms dealer (Rebecca Ferguson) who used to be H's girlfriend; a pair of breakdancing alien twins (Laurent and Larry Bourgeois) intent on finding the secret weapon; and, briefly, a female alien who saves H's life on the condition that he sleep with her (which he does—for fun, imagine how the conversation around

that would play out if it were a male alien extorting a female MIB agent for sex).

Thompson and Hemsworth have chemistry together when the film slows down enough for them to use it, which is infrequent. Everyone else in the movie is obsessed with how good-looking Hemsworth is, but thank goodness, Agent M doesn't care: There's no will-they-or-won't-they? to their relationship, just professional respect and collegial banter. The movie is only intermittently funny and not particularly good, but to the extent that it's not particularly bad, either, it's because of the cast's energy and commitment. I only wish I could think of an appropriate reference or metaphor to describe a movie that you forget all about as soon as it's over.



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The Men in Black have always protected the Earth from the scum of the universe. In this new adventure, they tackle their biggest, most global threat to date: a mole in the Men in Black organization.

Spotlight: Outdoor Movies!

Outdoor Summer Movie Series: Incredibles 2

Date and Time: Friday, July 19, 2019, 8:30 p.m.

Description: Join Council Member Deni Taveras, M-NCPPC Parks and Recreation, and our local School PTA/Os for an Outdoor Summer Movie Series throughout District 2! Our local PTA/Os will have a concession stand filled with a yummy selection of treats. Come out and enjoy a movie, all while you support our local school PTA/Os.

Cost: Free!

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Lane Manor Park, 7601 West Park Drive, Adelphi, MD 20783

Contact: Facebook: Council Member Deni Taveras, Twitter: @PGCMDeniTaveras and Instagram: cm_deni_taveras

Movies in the Park: How to Train Your Dragon 2

Date and Time: Saturday, July 20, 2019, 7 p.m. The featured movie will be shown at dusk.

Description: Bring the whole family for a movie under the stars on the big screen! Add even more family fun by bringing snacks or a picnic dinner. Don't forget your blanket or lawn chairs as the event is in the grass!

Cost: Free!

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: On the Green at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Contact: 301-218-6700; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens Movie Night:

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse

Date and Time: Saturday, July 20, 2019, 7–10 p.m.

Description: Come and enjoy a night under the stars as we watch a recent movie and enjoy light snacks. Bring a blanket or lounge chair—get comfortable!—to watch this movie.

Cost: FREE with M-NCPPC Youth ID!

Ages: 10–17

Location: Good Luck Community Center, 8601 Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD 20706

Contact: 301-552-1093; TTY 301-699-2544

Outdoor Movie: The Day We Walked on the Moon

Date and Time: Saturday, July 20, 2019, 7–10 p.m.

Description: Bring your blankets and chairs for a movie on the lawn celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first human landing on the moon. As the sun sets, join us for moon-themed activities before watching, "The Day We Landed on the Moon." In this film astronauts, members of Mission Control, and the children of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin reveal their personal stories behind the scenes of the iconic day. Pop culture notables like Queen guitarist and doctor of astrophysics Brian May, and television personality and professor of physics Brian Cox, describe where they were and what they felt during that "One Small Step." It's a story that ranges from the deeply personal to the grand and historic, an in-depth look at one of the most important 24-hour periods in history. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Cost: Free! Reserve tickets through Parks Direct

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park, MD 20740

Contact: 301-864-60529; TTY 301-699-2544

July Outdoor Movie Night: How to Train Your Dragon

Date and Time: Saturday, July 20, 2019, 8–11 p.m.

Description: Come early and get to know your neighbors and share your love of movies along with FREE popcorn! Attendees are welcome to bring their own blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks.

Cost: Free!

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Sasser Recreation Fields (behind the Board of Education located at 14201 School Ln, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772). Parking available in the BOE lots.

Contact: 301-627-6905

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Miniature Train at Watkins Regional Park

PHOTO COURTESY MNCPPC

A shiny red and black C.P. Huntington replica miniature locomotive, hand built by Chance Rides, made its inaugural appearance on Opening Day of the 2018 Season. The new train is Number 399, meaning it is the 399th one built. The Number 342 silver and black miniature locomotive that began running in the park in 2005 is alive and well and will be here for future use as a companion to the newer model. The original Number 81 red, white and blue locomotive that proudly served the park beginning in 1970 will now be on display in the park for photo opportunities. Bring yourself, family, and friends out to ride the rails winding through the woodlands offering a close-up view of Old Maryland Farm. Be on the lookout for the tree faces and wildlife along the way. The train is wheelchair accessible. Summer hours for the train are from Memorial Day–Labor Day, Monday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sunday, 12 noon–5 p.m. Ticket sales end 15 minutes prior to closing for the train.

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<https://www.mncppc.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/-287>

