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COVID-19 Update: Prince George's County Remains in Phase 2 Reopening

Governor Hogan announced September 1 that the State of Maryland will move to the third and final phase of reopening as of September 4. While we have made astonishing progress as a community to flatten the curve, Dr. Carter and our public health officials believe our COVID-19 numbers may be on the border of spiking. That's why Prince George's County will remain in phase 2 of reopening and will not be moving forward to phase 3 with other parts of our State.

—County Executive Alsbrooks, *Community Connections*, September 4, 2020

Grief Camps: Children's Camps Go Online; Teen Camp Stays Outdoors Per CDC Guidelines

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN
Hospice of the Chesapeake

PASADENA, Md. (September 3, 2020)—Wearing a gray and blue baseball jersey with "Chesapeake Life Center" emblazoned across the front in a sporty swoop, Amy Stapleton stretched her arms straight out in front of her, palm to palm, and then made a scissor motion. "Didn't someone say alligator?" Stapleton said.

A small voice from a computer in front of Stapleton spoke up, "Yes, but it's not an alligator." "Oh, what is it?" "It's a crocodile," the boy responded. "They are very different."

On the second day of Grief Burst 2020!, the group of children ages 6 to 12 were playing charades with the counselors via Zoom. They had already gotten to know one another, already feeling comfortable to share in games, crafts, yoga, and more importantly, talk about how they feel after losing someone important in their lives. "What does the word 'grief' mean to you," Stapleton asked the children whose heads appeared as if in windowpanes on the screen before her. "It's how you feel after someone in your family dies," one of the campers said.

For more than 28 years Chesapeake Life Center has facilitated grief camps that had children holding hands in a circle and getting encouraging hugs from their own adult volunteers known as Big Buddies. In the face of COVID-19, the team had to rethink how they could continue with this vital service for grieving children. Which was how Grief Burst 2020! began. Stapleton, the center's manager of bereavement services, said that they still needed to ensure the time spent online had some of the same fun associated with camp while allowing time for some grief work. The children each received a camp kit, delivered by a Hospice of the Chesapeake team member, filled with all the things they need for camp—a T-shirt, craft supplies, activity sheets, and other fun items. They were instructed to not open the kit until the day of camp, so they could all share in the discovery together.

The counselors and kids met for two 90-minute sessions over two days with families joining in for a third and final session. The family day is important time for the team to reinforce what the children have learned by meeting with the families at the end of camp. In the end, the people those campers live with every day are the people who will continue to support them in the work of coping with loss. "The best predictor of how kids will do in a time of grief is how the adults around them are doing," Stapleton said.

Of course, the camp included some discussion about the pandemic. Stapleton said that COVID-19 brings its own sort of grief, which com-



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(August 15, 2020) From left, Jeremiah Faust and Lillian Cross ride in a swing that flies high into the tree canopy during Camp Phoenix Teen Grief Camp held at Terrapin Adventures in Savage, Maryland.

pounds the grief of losing someone dear to them. They are not able to experience the rituals that come with mourning, and not able to connect with friends or family in person. "I talk a lot about ambiguous loss. It's a type of grief to not be able to go back to school right now," Stapleton said. Being able to talk about it with others experiencing the same thing, even if it is through a computer screen, gives them a sense of normalcy. "They see that they're not alone in feeling these feelings."

This is especially important with teenagers. The center was happy that they were able to move forward with the plan to have a small group of teens for its annual Camp Phoenix take part in an adventure camp at Terrapin Adventures in Savage, Maryland. "For teenagers, their peer group is their community, so they're already feeling

isolated," Stapleton said. Working with the facility, they were able to plan physically distanced activities held outdoors with teens and counselors wearing facemasks.

Stapleton said having the support of the organization, the families and the community helped to make camps happen when other hospice organizations' bereavement programs were unable to hold their camps this year. As important as it is to the children, that achievement is also fulfilling to her colleagues and her. "It is awesome to see how kids show up for each other in ways that help them release what's going on inside of them and in the world and do that in safe ways, with a lot of support," she said. "And it's always a reward for them to find joy and to realize it's okay to be happy again. They can love someone who died but the death doesn't have to define their life."



(August 12, 2020) Chesapeake Life Center Bereavement Services Manager Amy Stapleton plays a game of charades with camper Jyair Levenberry during the second day of Grief Burst 2020!, a virtual grief camp held in August.

Library Offers Resources For Learning From Home

By NICHOLAS A. BROWN
Prince George's County Memorial Library System

LARGO, Md. (September 2, 2020)—As students, families, and educators settle into the new academic year, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is honored to support learning from home with a wide array of online educational resources for students in grades K–12. This September, the Library launches the new Resources for Learning from Home portal at pgcmls.info/school. The portal complements the Library's Homework Support Suite to enhance the virtual learning experience for local students.

All Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students have access to the Library's online resources with their LINK card number. When accessing the online library and prompted for a library card number, students should use their 9-digit LINK card number with PGCPS in front (example: PGCPS100100100). No library card sign-up is required. Students' pin numbers are the last four digits of their LINK card number. Adults may register for a free virtual library card at pgcmls.info.

Library staff curate featured

online resources by age level for elementary, middle school, high school, and post-secondary students. Free access is available to live tutoring, grade and subject-specific activities, and more with resources like Brainfuse HelpNow, PebbleGo, and EBSCO's LearningExpress Library.

- **Brainfuse HelpNow** offers live tutoring in English and Spanish between 1–11:55 p.m. ET.

- **PebbleGo** offers students in grades K–3 reading and research tools such as leveled text, consistent navigation, fun educational games, and spoken-word audio that models correct pronunciation and fluency.

- **EBSCO's LearningExpress Library** provides skill-building, college admission essay, and standardized test resources, including practice PSAT/NMSQT®, ACT®, SAT®, AP®, and ASVAB tests.

Reference and research resources include ABC-CLIO, Gale in Context: Biography,

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National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum to Host 9/11 Memorial Service

Memorial service and wreath layings to take place at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial to remember law enforcement officers who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Event to be live-streamed on Facebook.

By PRESS OFFICER
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum

WASHINGTON (September 3, 2020)—The National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum will pay tribute to the brave men and women who died while responding to the 9/11 terrorist attacks and those who died in subsequent years as a result of 9/11-related illnesses. The memorial service will take place on Friday, September 11 at 8:15 a.m. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC and will be broadcast live via Facebook in lieu of inviting guests.

On September 11, 2001, hundreds of law enforcement officers responded to terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and the fatal crash of a hijacked plane in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Seventy-two officers died responding to these attacks. Another 350 officers have died in the years that followed due to illnesses stemming from harmful exposure to toxic materials.

"Unfortunately, we continue to see officer deaths stemming from 9/11, even 19 years later," said National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund CEO Marcia Ferranto. "Every year our staff has honored these fallen heroes on 9/11 with a remembrance service at the Memorial, and despite coronavirus concerns, we decided this year would be no exception."

This year's 9/11 memorial service will include several wreath layings, a reading of the names of law enforcement officers who died on September 11, 2001, special remarks from local law enforcement leaders and ceremonial music. The public is encouraged to light a virtual candle in memory of a fallen officer through the Memorial and Museum's ongoing United By Light campaign.

On-site participation is by invitation only. In accordance with current District of Columbia health regulations, all participants will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

The general public is encouraged to watch the service via live-stream on the Memorial and Museum's Facebook pages.

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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Website report from our very busy Morningside firefighters

Every Thursday, when I start my column, I check the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department website for the latest. Here are some entries for last week:

Aug. 30: "For the second time in 4 hours the Rescue Engine put its Hurst tools to work, this time on Suitland Parkway and Suitland Road, less than a mile from the firehouse." (The news item has a photo of a badly wrecked car off the road into the trees. Also, I looked up "Hurst tools" and found it refers to the Jaws of Death.)

Aug. 29: "At 1500 hours the Rescue Engine and B Ambulance were dispatched to the 2400 BLK of Shadyside Ave for a vehicle into a house with entrapment. The B Ambulance arrived first on scene. The Rescue Engine arrived on scene, completed a quick size up of the structure, and began work stabilizing the vehicle then extricating the patient. After a small fire and multiple box alarms, it has been a busy start to this Saturday in Prince George's County."

Aug. 28: "The Rescue Engine taking in the 3rd auto fire of the night. Another sleepless night for our dedicated members." (The news story features a powerful video of one of those fires. They really put that fire out!)

Aug. 13: "Our volunteers have spent the last couple days taking pride in the Engine Company, including re-racking the attack and supply lines, re-painting the tips of the extension ladder, and keeping the hand tools looking sharp."

The Morningside VFD has been all-volunteer since December 2013. And those volunteers do a great job!

Virus update

My granddaughter Samantha McHale was back at Towson University for her sophomore year, all settled in her dorm, ready for school. And now, with a campus spike in COVID-19, the university has shut down and sent everyone home.

There have been 110,012 cases in Maryland, including 693 new cases. Death numbers have climbed to 3,778 with 12 deaths the last day. These figures are through 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3.

Parts of Maryland have moved to

Phase 3. But not Prince George's. County Health Officer Ernest Carter, spokesman for County Exec Angela Alsbrooks, announced, "Our numbers clearly show that it is not safe to move to Phase 3."

Anyway, I'm still here, shut in.

Town of Morningside

The monthly Town Meeting will be Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. The announcement says "Town Hall," but you might want to call 301-736-2300 to see if it's virtual.

National Night Out, in Morningside, will be celebrated Oct. 6 beginning at 5 p.m. I'm sure food and family fun will be on the menu, as well as an opportunity to talk to Police and other VIPs.

There'll be fireworks at dusk.

Neighbors & other good people

Sisters Anna and Samantha Martin, from District Heights, won over the Shark Tank panel in the most-watched episode in Shark Tank history on Fri., August 28.

Josie Daniel Toomey, formerly of Camp Springs, died Aug. 31. She was a charter member of Grace Brethren Church of Clinton where services were held for her on Sept. 5.

Patrick Agustin, McNamara HS '04, was ordained to the priesthood at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 20.

Small-sized wild life

Marilyn Robinson, who lives behind the defunct Toys R Us in Clinton, sent a photo of the box turtle that likes to sun just outside her patio door.

I have a skink, which sometimes suns on my front step.

What wild life have been visiting your yard during quarantine?

Changing landscape

The entry boulevard or Gateway for Allentown Andrews, the new community in Camp Springs, has been enhanced with a new divider on Allentown Road, which includes a left-turn lane for the Gateway. The finished project will include a Wawa gas convenience station, Lidl grocery, 60 townhouses, 15,000 sq. of retail, and parks. Allentown Andrews is at the corner of Allentown Road and Branch Avenue.

Lord & Taylor is going out of business after filing for bankruptcy. It will close its current 38 stores and shut down its website. It was founded as a dry goods store in 1826, making it one of the country's oldest department stores. It's hard to lose a favorite department store. I still miss Hecht's and Woodies, and even Hudson's where I shopped when I was home in Saginaw.

Jim Mozingo, firefighter, bailiff, cabbie and more

James Thomas "Jim" Mozingo, Sr., 83, a Clinton resident for 35 years, died Aug. 15. He was born in Washington to Joseph and Doris Mozingo.

Jim's many careers included working for the Wilson Line and DC Water Department, and as a DC Firefighter for 13 years before retiring in 1974. Then he served as bailiff in Upper Marlboro, worked at Roscroft Raceway and as a real estate agent. He drove a DC cab because he loved driving in Washington.

He was a member of Independent Baptist Church, the Southwest Washington Alumni Association (S.W.A.A.), Elks Lodge and American Legion.

His wife of 56 years, Cleo (Peed) Mozingo, son Timothy, siblings Patricia and Joseph predeceased him. Survivors include children Deborah Hough, Patricia Smith and James Mozingo Jr., four grandchildren, a great-grandson, siblings David, Linda, Dee Dee and John. Services were at Kalas with burial at Cedar Hill.

According to his obituary, his favorite eateries were McDonald's, Cracker Barrel and Topolino's. "He will be remembered by his beautiful baby blue eyes and contagious smile."

Milestones

Happy birthday to Anthony Thomas and Hank Busky, Sept. 12; Patricia Epperly, Sept. 13; Kenny Clark, Sept. 14; Elnora McCall, Sept. 15; Dolores McDonald, Steven Warren and Yolanda Dooley, Sept. 16; Kimberly Brewer, Everett Mason, Jr. and Joan Stakem, Sept. 17.

Happy anniversary Les and Kathy Hedrick on their 51st, Sept. 13; and to Sal and Kathy (Blankenship) Biberaj, their 17th on Sept.14.

Around the County

Alicia L. Lyons Receives Certification in "Medical Technologist Microbiology" (Medical Lab Scientist)

Alicia L. Lyons of Bowie received her certification in "Medical Technologist Microbiology" from the American Society for Clinical Pathology on August 13, 2020. Alicia currently works in the Lab at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington DC. A dedicated wife, mother of three and PTO President of Northview Elementary School in Bowie, Alicia studied days/nights and between breaks to become certified in the distinguished field of laboratory scientists. "I am very proud of Alicia's devotion and commitment to this vital profession in serving others," says her mother-in-law, Melody Kebe.

Watch the Newest Pride of Place Parlour

This summer, the Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center partnered with the Town of North Brentwood and the Town of Brentwood to host "Bridging the Brentwoods: A March for the Movement". This historic march commemorated the towns of Brentwood and North Brentwood uniting in the name of social justice and communal solidarity. Tune in as community leaders Councilmembers Evan Dame, Charles Wiley, Marcus Monroe, and Mayor Petrella Robinson reflect on this impact of this historic event on their communities.

<https://youtu.be/KbqqjDUGsJU>

—Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center

Bible & Leadership Institute: 2020 Fall Semester

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Accokeek First Church of God online, via Zoom

301-283-2116 / www.accokeekchog.org

Rose Kitt, rosesblackus48@aol.com, 301-885-8124 (cell)

The Fall semester of our Bible & Leadership Institute is offering the following classes:

1. How to study and understand the Bible in 5 easy steps: Saturday mornings: 9 a.m.
2. Christian Ethics: Saturday mornings: 9 a.m.
3. Exalt His Name: Understanding Music and Worship 201: Saturday mornings: 10 a.m.
4. You and Your Bible: Saturday mornings: 10 a.m.

Registrations are open now up to September 19, 2020. To register and learn more about our entire course offerings and benefits, go to: <http://accokeekchog.org/bible-institute/> or email to: adminasst@accokeekchog.org. Or call Rose Kitt at 301-885-8124.

Board of Public Works Approves Funding for Clean Water and the Chesapeake Bay

BALTIMORE (September 2, 2020)—The Maryland Board of Public Works approved more than \$10 million in grants today to reduce pollution and improve water quality. The board is composed of Governor Larry Hogan, Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp and Comptroller Peter Franchot.

"These are smart investments to protect public health and prevent water pollution in Maryland communities," said Maryland Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles. "Upgrading sewer systems and reducing the harmful effects of stormwater runoff will help us to green and grow the state's economy and lead in the race to protect and restore Chesapeake Bay watersheds."

The following projects were approved today:

WSSC Sewer Basin Reconstruction Program—Prince George's County

Bay Restoration Fund grants totaling \$9,154,250 to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will help fund one part of a broader program to repair, replace and rehabilitate sewers and manholes on or near state, local and county road right-of-ways throughout Prince George's and Montgomery counties. This grant is for improvements in the Northeast Sewer Basin, Section 1, and the Lower Anacostia Sewer Basin, Section 1, both in Prince George's County. This project is consistent with Maryland's climate change adaptation and resiliency objectives through the reduction of runoff that is exacerbated by increased precipitation or flooding events.

—Maryland Department of the Environment

September is National Preparedness Month

We all know, now more than ever, that things can suddenly change. Don't be afraid, let's prepare together. Things like making an emergency kit and getting your important documents together will help if you're ever in a pinch.

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/782/Preparedness-Center?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Resources from A1

Literacy Reference Center, and Science Reference Center.

- **ABC-CLIO** provides access to various historical and cultural databases, including The African American Experience, American History, The American Indian Experience, Issues: Controversy and Society, The Latino American Experience, and more.
- **Gale in Context:** Biography includes detailed biographies with links to related full-text articles from books, interviews, magazines, and newspapers.
- **Literacy Reference Center** provides information on thousands of authors and their works across literary disciplines and timeframes.
- **Science Reference Center** offers full text for hundreds of science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, and other sources. Students can explore topics like biology, chemistry, earth and space science, environmental science, health and medicine, history of science, life science, physics, wildlife, and more.

The Library's 85+ online resources are searchable by category. Featured resources are included in the Library's Support Suite: Creative, Digital, Discovery, Homework Support, and News.

Educators and parents/ guardians may contact the Library at 240-455-5451 or askalibarian@pgcmls.info for assistance with online resources and to schedule virtual outreach sessions for schools and parent organizations.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

COMMUNITY IN THE COURTHOUSE 2020

Dates to join Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha N. Braveboy and #TeamPGSAO for Community in the Courthouse are cancelled for September and October.

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Dear Neighbor, you will be receiving an Application for a Mail-In-Ballot from the State of Maryland in the mail unlike in the June Primary. When you receive the Application, please immediately follow the instructions to request a Mail-In-Ballot if you would like to safely vote from home. You can either go online to request a ballot or fill out the form and mail it back. Postage is paid, you do not need a stamp.

In addition, if you are able and willing, please consider voting early so you can volunteer as a poll worker at one of Maryland's voting centers during Early Voting or on Election Day, to assist your neighbors who prefer to vote in person. "If you are interested in volunteering at the polls, please call my office at 301-464-5170 so we can provide you with more information." Sincerely Congressman Steny H. Hoyer.

Requesting an absentee ballot must be received by October 20 if you have not received one in the mail: <https://www.usa.gov/absentee-voting#item-37337>. Maryland State Election visit <https://elections.maryland.gov>.

WEARING MASKS IN PGCPs BUILDINGS

As a reminder, all employees and visitors are required to wear a face mask/covering in all Prince George's County Public School Buildings. If you do not have one, it will be provided to you. If you see someone without a mask, please extend a friendly reminder. Employees should consult with their immediate supervisor for additional information. Thank you for your cooperation. PGCPs Announcements announcement@pgcps.org.

A NEW ARTIST

Cleo Mitchel, wife of Robert Mitchel, daughter of the late James and Ruth Turner of Brandywine, Maryland is applying her talent in many forms of art. Cleo lives in Bermuda Downs St. Helena Island, South Carolina and is the sister of Audrey Johnson. During COVID 19, Cleo went

from creating jewelry to acrylic paintings and became known as a local artist in St. Helena Island, South Carolina.

You can visit Cleo on Facebook, and Instagram to see some of her beautiful paintings. "Always something interesting to photograph in my yard. There is never a dull moment." Visit her on Facebook at #deerlover#deerofinstagram#deer, #cloudphotography#cloudsky#followme#clouds#weirdclouds, #luvftbluesky, #acrylicartwork, #acrylicpaintings, #luvft "painting this picture was a new challenge for me".

PROVIDENCE-FORT WASHINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In 1905, the church was put on the Waldorf-Prince George's charge with the parsonage in Waldorf. The addition of a second cemetery was begun in the church yard. "The small "country Church" grew as more homes were built in the community. By 1938 the need for a Sunday School addition was affirmed, and under the leadership of Reverend Charles Clinton Bush, a building fund was begun. Reverend Arthur L. Hunter continued the plans and the first Sunday School rooms were added in 1940. The first dinner was held in the church April 1940. The site of the old church was sold, and the old cemetery was enclosed with a fence and is still maintained today).

Shortly after, the Baltimore Conference ordered that the church name be changed to Providence United Methodist Church. In 1947, Providence was taken from the Prince George's circuit and shared Reverend Richard D. Ames with Bells Methodist in Camp Springs. By 1951, Providence had a pastor of its own and could hold more frequent services, the congregation had again outgrown the building, and more classrooms, a kitchen and a fellowship hall were added. Reference: Providence Fort Washington United Methodist Church History at <http://pfwumc.org/about-us/church-history>. The last part of the history of Providence-Fort Washington United Methodist Church will be included in September 17, 2020 Article.

COMMUNITY

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
AND POETRY FOUNDATION PRESENT

**POETRY
OUT
LOUD**



Register for Poetry Out Loud

For the 2020–2021 year, the Maryland State Poetry Out Loud competition will be held virtually! Students (who want to independently participate), educators, and community organizers are encouraged to register indicating their intent to submit student poetry recitation videos for competition consideration. Poetry Out Loud is a great opportunity for a remote and hybrid student learning project. You can showcase your students' creativity in a new, fun, digitally engaging way! To view the full Poetry Out Loud schedule and to register, visit www.msac.org/poetry-out-loud.

Deadline: Monday, November 2 at 11:59 p.m.

—Maryland State Arts Council

MAEF Announces Winners of Annual Calendar Contest: Ag Tag Edition

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md. (September 2, 2020)—Eighteen Maryland student artists have won a \$50 award and the publication of their artwork in the annual calendar for the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF).

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the approval of the Maryland agricultural license plate, which supports MAEF programs, this year's calendar has been dubbed the "Ag Tag" edition.

The Calendar Contest is open to students across the state of Maryland. This year, over 200 contest entries were received from students statewide. MAEF's mission of promoting the understanding and appreciation of the importance of agriculture in everyone's daily lives proves to be a winner among students. Their enthusiasm and various scenes portrayed in their art reflect their understanding of the importance of agriculture to the Maryland community and beyond.

MAEF congratulates the following Prince George's County student on their artistic achievements and designation as a 2020 Calendar Contest winner:

Gabriela C., 3rd grade, Beltsville Academy, Prince George's County

To purchase a copy of the annual calendar, which serves as a fundraiser for the organization and its programming, please visit www.maefonline.com or contact Diana Tyler at dt Tyler@maefonline.com.

Dedicated to increasing agricultural literacy and agricultural education, MAEF is a nonprofit organization with programs serving pre-kindergarten through post-secondary audiences. MAEF signature programs include "Infusing Ag in the Classroom" professional development courses for teachers; mobile science labs; mobile agricultural showcases and Maryland FFA. Funded by the Maryland "ag tag" license plate revenues, gifts, grants and program fees, MAEF promotes the importance of agriculture in everyone's daily lives. For more information visit www.maefonline.com

Luminis Health Hospitals Update Visitor Guidelines

By ARMINTA PLATER
Luminis Health

ANNAPOLIS and LANHAM, Md. (August 31, 2020)—Caring for and protecting our patients, families, employees, and the community during COVID-19 is of the utmost importance to Luminis Health. As a patient- and family-centered organization, we continue to review and update our visitor guidelines and practices as the situation changes.

Below are the most up-to-date guidelines across Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) and Doctors Community Hospital (DCH), effective Monday, Aug. 31, 2020. While temporary restrictions remain in place, exceptions and guidelines for specific areas are below.

See general guidelines that apply to all visitors on the AAMC and DCH websites.

Acute Life-Threatening Event:

- All patients, including those with COVID-19 positive results, may have up to two family members/support persons at bedside, allowed 24/7 on all units.

Intensive Care Unit (ICU):

- At AAMC, up to two family members/support persons per day may visit from 8 am–8 pm for all patients, both with COVID-19 positive and COVID negative results.
- At DCH, the ICU will not have general visiting hours. Visitor approval is on a case-by-case basis.

End of Life:

If the health care team deems the patient is at end of life, the care team will contact family (as defined by patient).

- Patients who have COVID-19 negative re-

sults may have up to two family members/support persons at bedside, 24/7 on all units.

- Family members/Support persons may switch throughout the visit.
- An adult must be with minors under 18. The minor counts as the second visitor.
- Patients who have COVID-19 positive results may have up to two designated family members/support persons at bedside, 24/7 on all units.
- Family members/Support persons may not switch throughout the visit.
- An adult must be with minors under 18. The minor counts as the second visitor.

Patients with Disabilities:

For patients with disabilities, support persons provide personal, behavioral and/or communication support not otherwise provided in a hospital setting. A support person may be appropriate for, but is not limited to, patients with intellectual, developmental, physical or neurocognitive disabilities. A support person can include, but is not limited to family members, personal care assistants and/or disability service providers.

- One support person can be present with patient 24/7 on all units. Applicable to all patients, including those with COVID-19 positive results.
- We may ask support persons or caregivers to leave the room during certain procedures.

Labor and Delivery/Mother Baby:

- One family member/support person per laboring patient may be with the patient during their entire stay.

Pediatrics:

- One parent/guardian may be with the patient during their entire stay. Applicable to all patients, including those who have COVID-19 positive results.
- If critically ill, two family members (defined by patient/family) may be present per above "Acute Life-Threatening" guidelines.
- If siblings are present and have no one to care for them, please contact leadership.

Emergency Department:

- One family member/support person may be with patient through the completion of the triage process.
- If critically ill, two family members (defined by patient/family) may be present per above "Acute Life-Threatening" guidelines.

Surgical/Procedural Patients:

- Patients arriving from home and undergoing a scheduled surgery or procedure may have one family member/support person present during surgical/procedural check-in.
- We will ask the family member/support person to wait elsewhere during the surgery/procedure. Hospital staff will call when it is time to pick up the patient.

Luminis Health, a new health system formed in 2019, serves residents of Anne Arundel County; Prince George's County and the Eastern Shore. Comprised of Anne Arundel Medical Center; Doctors Community Medical Center and J. Kent McNew Family Medical Center; Luminis Health also includes multi-specialty practice groups, ambulatory sites and clinics, physician practices and clinical service lines that constitute Luminis Health Clinical Enterprise (LHCE). With 635 licensed beds, the health system has more than 6,400 employees, 1,800 medical staff and 1,300 volunteers. Luminis is symbolic of light, signifying a commitment to being a beacon of hope and healing for the region, while igniting new possibilities for how and where health care is delivered. Learn more at LuminisHealth.org.

Voter Engagement Campaign Seeks to Encourage Black Student Voter Turnout and Mobilize Campuses

Student Organizers at Historically Black Colleges and Universities Can Receive Funding for Planning Events About Voter Engagement

By IAN WEINER

Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights

WASHINGTON (September 2, 2020)—Yesterday, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law launched the HBCU's Vote campaign, which will provide financial, educational, and organizing support to student leaders at historically black colleges and universities in an effort to increase student voter participation in the November 2020 election. Students can receive up to \$2,000 for planning a virtual or socially-distanced event that focuses on voter education and engagement, will have access to a Young Voter Resource Guide, and will be invited to participate in a series of webinars led by

members of the national Election Protection coalition.

Confusion over where to register to vote, figuring out how to request an absentee ballot, and navigating the deadlines for requesting and sending in mail-in ballots are all barriers students face when it comes to voting. Student voter engagement programs can help overcome these obstacles and ensure students exercise their fundamental right to vote.

"There are nearly 20 million student voters across the US, but their participation in our elections is abysmally lower than the general public, which means their voices are not being heard," said Chynna Baldwin, senior national coordinator on the Voting Rights

Project at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. "We have the opportunity to build on a long-lasting culture of Black student participation in our elections and build on the surge in student voter turnout we saw during the 2018 midterms. We are in a defining moment for our democracy, and it is critical that everyone uses their fundamental right to vote."

The campaign will run until Oct. 1, and is in honor of John Lewis, a civil rights pioneer and former Congressman. The Young Voter Resource Guide includes information on voter registration, state specific guidance on voting by mail, and ways to get further involved in the 2020 election, such as being a poll worker.

MPT's Annual Ways to Pay for College Provides Valuable Strategies and Tips for Financing College Education

One-hour special airs live on September 24

By PRESS OFFICER

Maryland Public Television (MPT)

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (September 2, 2020)—Maryland Public Television (MPT) continues its tradition of providing viewers valuable insights into successfully navigating the college selection and financial aid process with Ways to Pay for College, a live, one-hour special airing Thursday, September 24 at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD. A live stream of the program also will be available at mpt.org/college and remain there for viewing following the broadcast.

Ways to Pay for College originates this year from MPT's studios and the campus of Goucher College in Baltimore County. Baltimore television journalist Kerry Cavanaugh is host for the live portion of the broadcast, while co-host Mario Armstrong contributes recorded segments guiding viewers through the twists and turns of finding money for college.

During this fast-paced program viewers will hear from financial aid professionals and learn about government initiatives such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Maryland's Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Act. The program will also feature suc-

cess stories from Maryland students who conducted financial aid research and made smart choices in selecting their colleges and career paths.

Viewers are encouraged to email their questions to college@mpt.org before, during, and after the program. To date, Ways to Pay for College financial aid experts have answered hundreds of questions about govern-

ment aid and paperwork, public and private education grants, scholarships, and student loans.

In addition, on Wednesday, September 30 at 7 p.m. MPT will offer a special virtual screening of the one-hour broadcast on a viewing platform called OVEE. A panel of experts will be part of this screening to answer questions, share tips, and provide resources during and after the program using the OVEE chat feature. To register for this screening, visit <https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/m6el4>.

MPT-HD will also air a half-hour recorded version of Ways to Pay for

College on Saturday, September 26 at 11 a.m.

Ways to Pay for College began at MPT in 1981 under its original name, You Can Afford College. It is a co-production of MPT and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Education. Additional support comes from the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center located at Chesapeake College.



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COMMENTARY

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To Be Equal:

Commitment March 2020: Get Your Knee Off Our Necks

“And so this march must go beyond this historic moment. We must support the strong. We must give courage to the timid. We must remind the indifferent, and we must warn the opposed. Civil rights, which are God-given and constitutionally guaranteed, are not negotiable in 1963.”

—National Urban League President
Whitney M. Young, 1963 March on Washington
for Jobs and Justice

Fifty-seven years to the day after Whitney M. Young stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to declare that civil rights are not negotiable, I stood on the very same spot to say: racial justice is not negotiable in 2020.

Transforming our racially-biased criminal justice system and mass incarceration crisis is not negotiable.

Protecting and defending our sacred right to vote against racially-motivated suppression and foreign sabotage is not negotiable.

Dislodging the structural racism that infects our institutions and paving a patriotic pathway to shared prosperity, economic parity and educational opportunity is not negotiable.

Last week's Commitment March, “Get Your Knee Off Our Necks,” was convened in support of police accountability in solidarity with the families of

African Americans killed or injured at the hands of the police.

In conjunction with the March, the convening organizations—National Urban League, National Action Network, NAACP, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., along with Martin Luther King, III—have issued a Statement of Principals to establish a shared civil rights and social justice agenda. These principles are:

- Fundamentally Transforming the Criminal Justice System
- Protect and Defend Voting Rights During the Pandemic and Beyond
- Achieve Economic Parity for African Americans
- Promote Equity in Educational Opportunity
- Promote a Fair and Accurate Census
- Promote a Healthier Nation by Eliminating Disparities and Prioritizing Testing, Treatments and Cures for Covid-19 in Communities of Color

The Commitment March, like the March in 1963, happened as people all across the country are taking to the streets to demand justice. The cycle of lawlessness against Black people extends back through the centuries. Police have shot and killed an average of approximately 1,000 people in the United States in each of the past three years, and 2020 is on track to meet or exceed that number. Moreover, Black peo-

ple are three times more likely than white people to be killed by police. We support the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this year. We urge the U.S. Senate to pass, and the president to the bill into law.

When we gathered to march in 1963, the white establishment stopped Black people from voting with violence, literacy tests, and poll taxes. Today, they are sabotaging the Postal Service. Reductions of early voting, restrictive identification requirements, onerous registration procedures, exact name match requirements, purges of voting rolls, foreign and domestic disinformation campaigns, and mandated in-person voting during a pandemic are all efforts designed to undermine the rights of African-Americans to the franchise. We urge the Senate to pass and the president to sign the Voting Rights Advancement Act. This is the most fitting tribute to the late Congressman John Lewis, who dedicated his life to the advancement of voting and civil rights.

The pandemic has thrust long-standing economic injustices into the forefront of our consciousness. Our leaders must adopt a fair response to the Covid-19 pandemic that has destroyed the nation's economic output, thrown tens of millions of people out of work, left families with greater food insecurity, cut off millions of school-age children from learning, and has left municipal and state budgets for public services in shambles. In the immediate term, we believe that the HEROES Act, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 15, 2020, represents the best response to the economic devastation caused by the pandemic. We urge the Senate to pass the HEROES Act and the president to sign it into law immediately.

The disparity in educational investment in minority communities and the resulting achievement gap among Black youth is the biggest threat to equality and upward mobility. Therefore, we support progressive funding mechanisms that promote quality and direct more resources to those areas where the need is greatest—more often in high poverty and minority communities. We support a universal early childhood curriculum that prepares our youngsters to learn and

achieve at a competitive level. We believe college should be an attainable—and affordable—goal, and that federal resources should be structured to ensure that financial aid does not become a barrier to the development of the next generation of leaders in business and government.

For several years, concerned communities across the country have worked tirelessly to spread the word about the importance of the 2020 Census and the need for everyone—especially Black Americans—to participate. Even so, Black America is facing an historic crossroad due to low participation in the 2020 Census. To make matters worse, the current Administration is trying to end all counting efforts by September 30, a month sooner than previously announced. The National Urban League has sued to stop it. We urge the Senate to include much-needed language and allocation of funds in the next COVID relief package to extend the statutory reporting deadlines for the 2020 Census by four months.

According to one recent estimate, Covid-19 is the third-leading cause of death among Black Americans. For too many people of color, healthcare is tied directly to employment. High unemployment means low access to healthcare. Furthermore, low wage workers often do not have employer-provided healthcare and too few states have opted into Medicaid expansion. During the Covid-19 pandemic, too few African Americans have access to rapid testing, antibody testing, therapeutics, and vaccines. We support prioritizing the availability of testing in communities of color. Personal protective equipment, paid for by employers, should be made available to front-line workers. We also encourage funding for research into the long-term health effects of Covid-19 infection. By providing access to quality and affordable health care for all, promoting community-based prevention efforts, and expanding Medicaid to our most vulnerable citizens, the Affordable Care Act will play a pivotal role in reducing the human cost of these disparities.

Read the full Statement of Principles: <https://nul.org/commitment-march-declaration-of-principles>

Marion Wright Edelman

President Emerita,
Children's Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

Please Welcome Dr. Starsky Wilson as CDF's New President!

As America is immersed in a new movement demanding an end to racial and economic injustice, the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) announced the appointment of Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson as CDF's next President and CEO. He is a national racial justice thought leader, community organizer and movement builder and a champion of children's rights with a longstanding relationship with CDF. He led the effort to bring the CDF Freedom Schools® model to children and families in the St. Louis area and demonstrated his leadership at CDF's annual Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry at CDF Haley Farm. He co-chaired the Ferguson Commission after the tragic 2014 shooting of teenager Michael Brown by police, which released the “Forward Through Ferguson: A Path Toward Racial Equity” report calling for sweeping changes in policing, the criminal justice system, child well-being and economic mobility.

CDF's mission to Leave No Child Behind® and

ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood has never been more important than during these perilous times for children and our nation. Dr. Wilson shares CDF's servant leadership values and is committed to training the next generation of servant, not self-serving, leaders. In his assumption of the presidency, he is the right leader for CDF at this time and I could not be more pleased.

Dr. Wilson has worked long and hard over many decades to pursue and achieve God's vision of community and justice with peace and love. He has been President and CEO of the Deaconess Foundation since 2011, a faith-based grant-making organization supporting a movement for child well-being in St. Louis through philanthropy, advocacy and organizing for racial equity and positive child-focused public policy. Under his leadership, Deaconess invested nearly \$90 million to improve the lives of children.

Responding to the dual pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic racism, Deaconess launched collaborative funds investing in Black-led recovery efforts and racial healing this year. Dr. Wilson serves as board chair for the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) and vice-chair of the Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE).

For 10 years from 2008-2018, Dr. Wilson pastored Saint John's Church (The Beloved Community), an interracial, inner city congregation related to the United Church of Christ where he established The Beloved Community Conference resourcing social justice ministries and Sojourner's Truth: Celebration of Preaching Women. After the police killing of Michael Brown his church hosted the #BlackLivesMatter Freedom Ride to Ferguson and served as the welcome center for the #FergusonOctober.

Dr. Wilson has a bachelor's degree in political science from Xavier University of Louisiana, a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Duke University. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. He is married to Dr. LaToya Smith Wilson, a dentist for St. Louis Children's Hospital, and they are raising four children.

Dr. Wilson has shaped policy from the ground up, listening to and learning from those affected by unjust systems, structures, and policies—especially young people. The hurts, hopes, struggles and stories of children, especially poor children, have shaped his community strategies for systemic change. Dr. Wilson says he is now honored to serve young people through CDF at this critical time when there is so much work to do. “As we wrestle with the politics of the pandemic, protests, and a presidential election,

it's a little too easy to forget about crafting policy for children who don't get to vote, don't have lobbyists and can't make campaign contributions...According to the U.S. Census Bureau estimates, 2020 is the first year in American history where the majority of children in our country are children of color. Child well-being and racial justice are intimately and forever intertwined. This makes the civil rights legacy and child advocacy vision the Children's Defense Fund has woven together for nearly fifty years even more vital.”

I've gotten to know and respect Starsky over many years. As Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, says: “Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson is an extraordinary bridge-builder who has spent his ministry being a ‘repairer of the breach.’ He has organically created meaningful relationships with young Black Lives Matter activists and civil rights icons. This is not happenstance, but a skill nurtured by a deep commitment to community building and his belief in the power of developing organizational efficiency with courageous compassion. This is the moment in history where leaders of Wilson's caliber are so needed to build bridges, speak prophetically, love fiercely, and organize carefully to create a new world for our children yet to be born...[T]he only phrase that is appropriate comes from the epistle penned by Paul to the church at Corinth; ‘Eyes have not seen, ears have not yet heard...’ what tomorrow holds for CDF as it marches into the future under the leadership of a grounded and gifted young servant named Starsky Wilson.” It is with immense joy that I welcome Starsky Wilson as my successor as President of the Children's Defense Fund. He will continue to lead our movement to ensure no child is left behind.

September Is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

African-American men are at highest risk so
Get It Checked

By Ana Fadich Tomsic, MPH,
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Health Network

Prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer in men and will strike approximately 192,000 men this year—and kill more than 33,000—making it second only to lung cancer as the deadliest cancer in men.

African-American men are at especially high risk. Compared to other men, they're 1.7 times more likely to develop prostate cancer, and more than twice as likely to die from the disease.

Caught early, prostate cancer can be treated, usually successfully. Early detection is especially important for African-American men, who are more likely to be diagnosed when their cancer is at an advanced stage. The good

news is that the earlier the disease is caught, the better the odds of successful treatment—regardless of race. In other words, All men, regardless of race or ethnicity whose cancer is caught at the same stage will have identical outcomes.

In early stages, prostate cancer has no symptoms, however, so don't wait for “something bad” to happen to Get It Checked (www.GetItChecked.com).

This is doubly true in this year of COVID-19. Don't let the pandemic deter you from getting an easy, fast screening test. Talk to your healthcare provider to schedule one this month.

For almost 30 years, doctors have had a powerful weapon in their arsenal for detecting prostate cancer. Now, doctors have a sec-

ond test as well. In addition to the digital rectal exam (DRE), a physical exam that allows the doctor to feel the prostate, patients can have a simple blood test called a prostate specific antigen test (PSA) that will detect a majority of prostate problems early. Since the PSA has been used, prostate cancer deaths have declined and the number of successfully treated prostate cancer cases has risen.

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and Men's Health Network (MHN) urges all men to talk to their healthcare providers about prostate cancer. MHN also encourages women to get involved and to urge their husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, and other loved ones to talk to their healthcare provider about prostate screening, including the PSA and DRE tests.

Let others know about the risks of prostate cancer and the potential benefits of screening. Posters, fact sheets, and a social media tool kit, for use year round at your place of worship, where you

work, and for your fraternity or sorority, can all be downloaded for free at the www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com web site.

You can learn more about prostate cancer and other cancers in minority communities, at the Office of Minority Health, www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov And, You can also ask questions of Nathan, the prostate cancer expert at CDC, www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate

A federally staffed panel of experts, the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF), makes recommendations about screenings that healthcare providers look to for guidance. The Task Force has recommended that men age 55–69 should speak to their healthcare provider about using the PSA test to screen for prostate cancer. But Men's Health Network, many other patient advocate organizations, and many

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Should We Get Married or Just Live Together?

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
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Dear Rusty: My question is about benefits and getting married. I am a retired man, 65-years-old, and collecting Social Security plus 2 pensions. My girlfriend will turn 62 in October of 2020 and plans to apply for Social Security benefits on her 62nd birthday. If we were to get married, would we be affected money wise? Or should we just live together? **Signed: Contemplating Marriage**

Dear Contemplating Marriage: Your own Social Security benefit will not be affected in any way if you get married, unless your potential new bride is a very high earner and her Social Security entitlement at her full retirement age (which is 66 years and 8 months) is more than twice the full benefit amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age (even though you claimed your SS earlier). In that case, you would become eligible for a spousal benefit from your new wife after you are married for one year.

If, however, your potential bride is the lower earner and claims at 62 but is entitled to a Social Security benefit at her full retirement age (FRA) that is less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount, your new wife may be entitled to a "spousal boost" from you after you are married for a year. I cannot tell you the answer to those questions without knowing your respective benefit amounts at each of your full retirement ages.

You may also wish to consider potential survivor benefits. If you are married and one spouse dies, the surviving spouse is entitled to 100% of the amount the deceased spouse was collecting at their death, if the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (otherwise the survivor benefit is reduced for claiming it early). The surviving spouse gets the survivor benefit if that benefit is more than they are entitled to on their own.

In any case, neither of you would be eligible for a Social Security spousal benefit or survivor benefit from the other unless you are married (you must be married for at least one year to get a spousal benefit and at least 9 months for a survivor benefit).

Note that so-called "common law" marriage isn't recognized in most U.S. states, and Social Security goes by state law on that topic. The only states which currently recognize common law marriage are Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah (and the District of Columbia). So, unless you were to live in one of those states, or in D.C., cohabitating would not be considered a "marriage" for the purposes of Social Security benefits, and no spousal or survivor benefits would be available to either of you.

The 2.1 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac.us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country. And the AMAC Foundation (www.AmacFoundation.org) is the Association's non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting and educating America's Seniors. Together, we act and speak on the Association members' 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 www.amac.us/join-amac.

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State of Maryland Offers Powerful Business Intelligence Tool To Small Business Owners

FY2021 Procurement Forecast Now Available on Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs Website

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (September 3, 2020)—The State of Maryland's Procurement Forecast for Fiscal Year 2021 is now available on the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs website. The database provides insights on projected opportunities that are expected to be advertised or awarded through June 30, 2021.

"This is a powerful business intelligence tool for small, minority, women, and veteran business owners," said Jimmy Rhee, Special Secretary of the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs. "It provides insight on what is likely to be coming down the pipeline, yet many entrepreneurs don't even know it exists."

The forecast identifies both new and recurring purchases of \$100,000 or greater on projected opportunities in the current fiscal year. This includes task orders issued under master contracts. As an added feature and since small businesses are often seeking contracting opportunities below the mandated \$100,000 threshold, many state agencies also included information on projected contracts between \$15,000 and \$99,999.

"Projects with lower thresholds are a great entry point for firms looking to break into the state contracting arena," Rhee said. "Now, more than ever, this is exactly the information small business owners need in order to connect with buyers at the agency level."

Users can access the online database 24/7 and build a customized data set from six different search options. Downloading the results into Excel is a critical step as this gives users several expanded data fields that are not visible on screen, such as the buyer's name, phone number, and email address.

To access the database, visit the Procurement Forecast tab at goMDsmallbiz@maryland.gov.

—Governor's Office Of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Announces Finalists For Dream Big Award From Record Number of Applicants

By PRESS OFFICER
U.S. Chamber Press

WASHINGTON (September 1, 2020)—The U.S. Chamber of Commerce announced the finalists for its annual Dream Big Awards, presented by Chase for Business, with support from MetLife. The awards celebrate the achievements of small businesses and honors their contributions to America's economic growth.

"Over the last several months, small business owners have faced challenge after challenge. Yet, despite these challenges small business owners never stop innovating, pivoting, taking risks, working hard, and dreaming big," said Tom Sullivan, U.S. Chamber vice president of small business policy. "Small businesses are a critical and vibrant sector of the U.S. economy and the U.S. Chamber is proud to celebrate the very best in American small business through our Dream Big Awards."

The Dream Big Awards program includes Business Achievement Awards to recognize excellence in six categories. The finalists reflect the leading businesses in each of the following areas: emerging, green/sustainable, minority-owned, veteran-owned, woman-owned, and young entrepreneur businesses.

New this year and in response to the coronavirus pandemic is the Community Support and Leadership Award, which recognizes a small business that has demonstrated an exemplary level of leadership and community engagement to assist the needs of their community, and to service

the needs of their customers, employees, and neighbors.

This year's finalists, selected from a record number of over 700 applicants, are:

Emerging Business Achievement Award

GotSpot, Inc. – Humble, TX
JWC General Contractors – Southlake, TX
South LA Café – Los Angeles, CA

Green/Sustainable Business Achievement Award

Green Clean Maine – Portland, ME
Looptworks – Portland, OR
Waterlust – Miami, FL

Minority-Owned Business Achievement Award

Dulan's Soul Food – Los Angeles, CA
Makpar – Leesburg, VA
Superb Maids, LLC – Las Vegas, NV

Veteran-Owned Business Achievement Award

Aptive Resources – Alexandria, VA
Mabbett & Associates, Inc. – Stoneham, MA

Phoenix Group of Virginia, Inc. – Chesapeake, VA

Woman-Owned Business Achievement Award

Ellevate Network – New York, NY
JJPR Agency – Daphne, AL
New Horizons Enterprises, LLC – Kansas City, MO

Young Entrepreneur Achievement Award

Campfire Industries – South Jordan, UT
Rolling Storage LLC – Knoxville, TN
Teen Hustl – Broomfield, CO

Community Support and Leadership Award

Building Momentum – Alexandria, VA
InclusivCare – Avondale, LA
re:3d Inc. – Houston, TX

Dream Big Small Business of the Year Award

Jam Hops Gymnastics Factory – Ham Lake, MN
Maud Borup – Plymouth, MN
The Bizzell Group, LLC – Lanham, MD

Award winners will be announced at the Dream Big Awards on October 15, 2020.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing companies of all sizes across every sector of the economy. Our members range from the small businesses and local chambers of commerce that line the Main Streets of America to leading industry associations and large corporations. They all share one thing: They count on the U.S. Chamber to be their voice in Washington, across the country, and around the world. For more than 100 years, we have advocated for pro-business policies that help businesses create jobs and grow our economy.

TSA Continues Piloting "Self-Service" Checkpoint Technology

Effort promotes social distancing, reduces contact between officers and passengers

By PRESS OFFICER
TSA

WASHINGTON (September 1, 2020)—The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is piloting a new touchless "self-service" technology that matches a traveler's live photo with the photo on their ID. The initiative automatically authenticates a traveler's ID, matches the live photo with the image on their ID, and confirms their flight information in near real time.

"In light of COVID-19, advanced health and safety precautions have become a top priority and part of the new normal for TSA," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "As a result, we are exploring rapid testing and deployment of this touchless, self-service technology. At the conclusion of the pilot, we expect to be able to determine how positioning the new technology will allow passengers to use it themselves thereby providing a safer checkpoint experience, while adding significant security benefits."

The current pilot at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) follows a previous 30-day test of the credential authentication technology with a camera in September 2019 at McCarran

International Airport with volunteer TSA PreCheck™ passengers. Following that pilot, TSA refined the technology in partnership with the vendor and industry experts. The pilot at DCA also includes volunteer TSA PreCheck travelers, who generally have the shortest wait times and the least amount of physical contact while at a TSA checkpoint.

Travelers at DCA are now able to voluntarily participate in the pilot. Passengers will be able to approach the device and insert their own ID into the scanner for authentication, rather than physically handing it to a TSA officer, thus promoting social distancing and reducing physical contact. The device will also verify the identity of passengers by taking a photo of the traveler and comparing it with the image on their ID. The device will display results for face matching, ID authentication, and flight information to the TSA officer, who will be behind an acrylic

shield to further minimize contact between the officer and passengers.

The credential authentication technology units authenticate several thousand types of IDs including:

- U.S. driver's licenses and photo IDs issued by state motor vehicle departments
- U.S. passports/Permanent resident cards or visas
- U.S. military common access cards/Retired and Uniformed service military ID cards

• Department of Homeland Security Trusted Traveler ID cards

Photographs of travelers taken as part of the program are not saved, as there is no capacity to do so. The photographs are only used for identity verification to confirm that the photo matches the image on the traveler's ID and ensure the passenger is the true bearer of an authentic ID. Signs near the checkpoint will provide notice to passengers on how to participate in the pilot, in addition to providing instructions on how to decline having their photo taken, although passenger IDs will still have to be scanned

through the device for identity verification. Participating travelers may complete a brief survey via a QR code regarding their experience and satisfaction with the self-service system and its usability.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TSA

Credential Authentication Technology with attached camera.

National Small Business Week to Kick-off September 22–24

SBA Hosts Virtual Event to Honor America's Small Businesses

By JACK SPIRAKES, MPA
U.S. Small Business Administration

WASHINGTON (September 3, 2020)—Today, Jovita Carranza, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, announced the kick-off for National Small Business Week. The virtual event, rescheduled from May due to the coronavirus pandemic, will be held September 22–24. National Small Business Week honors the nation's small businesses, many of which are veteran, women and minority-owned, for their achievements and dedication to their communities. This year's National Small Business Week activities will include numerous educational panels providing retooling and innovative practices for entrepreneurs as our nation's small businesses look to pivot and recover toward a stronger economy. The event will recognize the national award winners, including the naming of this year's National Small Business Person of the Year.

"I am thrilled to host SBA's virtual National Small Business

Week ceremony and provide this opportunity to recognize inspiring entrepreneurs from across the country for their innovation, and in many cases this year, resilience," said SBA Administrator Carranza. "This year, we will spotlight America's outstanding small businesses and their stories of perseverance and their ability to pivot and overcome adversity. This event will also feature many educational forums that will inspire entrepreneurs around the country as they recover and sustain their operations."

National Small Business Week will also recognize small business advocates for their involvement in disaster recovery, government contracting, and their support for small businesses and entrepreneurship. Awards will be presented to SBA partners in financial and entrepreneurial development, including top SCORE Chapter, Small Business Development Center, Women's Business Center, and Veterans Business Outreach Center.

For registration and additional information on National Small Business Week, please visit sba.gov/NSBW.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Latin GRAMMY Winner 123 Andrés Joins PGCMLS to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

By NICHOLAS A. BROWN
The Prince George's County Memorial Library System

LARGO, Md. (September 3, 2020)—The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is proud to celebrate the vibrant local Hispanic community for Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15, 2020). Prince Georgians can enjoy 32 virtual programs and numerous featured online resources that support an intercultural dialogue. Highlights include a series of family performances by Latin GRAMMY Award-winning ensemble 123 Andrés, a special program on Mayan weaving supported by REFORMA, reader's and viewer's advisories hosted by library staff and local Hispanic bookstagrammers, Tween Book Trivia, and Spanish/bilingual read-alouds for children. PGCMLS Hispanic Heritage Month programs are presented in association with Casa de la Cultura El Salvador, an area non-profit that promotes Salvadoran and Hispanic culture in the United States.

The Library also launched a new Hispanic Heritage webpage, as part of the ongoing Prince George's County Heritage Project. The page contains featured online resources, historical information, and book recommendations. Spanish speakers can access the Library's resources through Su biblioteca and La biblioteca de Prince George Facebook. Library staff are available to assist customers in Spanish at 240-455-5451 or via email at askalibrarian@pgcmls.info.

Performing Arts Events

Several area ensembles will share Hispanic performing arts traditions with virtual concerts and interactive programs. 123 Andrés performs a series of "Around the World" educational shows (Tuesdays at 1 p.m., September 15–October 6) and a "Music and Fun" virtual concert (Saturday, October 10 at 12 p.m.). DanceInTime presents "Latin Dancing and Culture," an interactive dance event (Friday, September 18 at 4 p.m.). Cantaré presents "Mucha

Música: Latin American Music" for children and teens (Saturday, September 26 at 12 p.m.). Lulu Delacre performs popular songs and rhymes from Latin America in "Arrorró mi niño: Latino Lullabies and Gentle Games" (Wednesday, September 23 at 10 a.m.).

Noche de Cuentos: Maya Weaving Alive!

Julia Lopez and Yolanda Alcorta present a program on Mayan weaving traditions called Noche de Cuentos: Maya Weaving Alive! on Saturday, September 19 at 12 p.m. This program is made possible through a national mini-grant program from REFORMA, the professional organization for Hispanic library workers and Hispanic culture in libraries.

Featured Events

Area bookstagrammers convene an "Own Voices: Hispanic Heritage Reader's Advisory" event on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m.. The discussion of books by Hispanic authors features Ofelia Montelongo (@ofe23), Alejandra Montoya-Boyer (@Libros.ConCoffee), Lupita Reads (@Lupita.Reads). The Library also hosts a series of discussions with Hispanic leaders in the community through the Café a las cuatro program (Tuesdays at 4 p.m.). Library staff share book and movie recommendations throughout the month with a series of reader's advisory, viewer's advisory, and discussion-based events.

Established in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebration also offers programs that promote empathy, build resilience, and catalyze positive change within our diverse communities. The day of September 15 is the anniversary of independence for several Latin American countries, marking the start of the annual commemoration.



Schedule of Virtual Events

Events are broadcast on a variety of platforms, including YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Zoom. Select virtual events require advance registration. Hispanic Heritage Month programs are presented in English and/or Spanish. Visit pgcmls.info/events for the latest information and broadcast links.

- September 15 at 12 p.m.: 123 Andrés "Around the World" (Performance, Ages 5–12)
- September 15 at 4 p.m.: Café a las Cuatro: Conozca su comunidad (Discussion, Adults)
- September 16 at 10 a.m.: Spanish/English Read-Aloud Series (Read-Aloud, Ages 2–5)
- September 16 at 7 p.m.: Own Voices Hispanic Heritage Reader's Advisory (Discussion, Adults)
- September 18 at 12 p.m.: STEM at Home: Hispanic Scientists (STEM, Ages 5–12 with Adults)
- September 18 at 4 p.m.: DanceInTime presents: Latin Dancing and Culture (Performance, All Ages)
- September 19 at 12 p.m.: Noche de Cuentos: Maya Weaving Alive! (Arts and Crafts, All Ages)
- September 22 at 1 p.m.: 123 Andrés "Around the World" (Performance, Ages 5–12)
- September 22 at 4 p.m.: Café a las Cuatro: Conozca su comunidad (Discussion, Adults)
- September 23 at 10 a.m.: Lulu Delacre - "Arrorró mi niño" (Performance, Ages 2–5)
- September 25 at 3 p.m.: Crafternoon: Los Alebrijes (Arts and Crafts, Ages 5–12)
- September 26 at 12 p.m.: Cantaré - Mucha Música: Latin American Music (Performance, Ages 5–17)
- September 28 at 7 p.m.: Film Discussion with Catherine Murphy (Director, "Maestra") (Discussion, Adults)
- September 29 at 1 p.m.: 123 Andrés "Around the World" (Performance, Ages 5–12)

- September 29 at 4 p.m.: Café a las Cuatro: Conozca su comunidad (Discussion, Adults)
- September 30 at 10 a.m.: Spanish/English Read-Aloud Series (Read-Aloud, Ages 2–5)
- September 30 at 5 p.m.: Reader's Advisory for Tweens (Discussion, Ages 9–12)
- September 30 at 5:30 p.m.: Reader's Advisory for Teens (Discussion, Teens)
- October 1 at 7 p.m.: Hispanic Heritage Viewer's Advisory (Discussion, Adults)
- October 2 at 3:30 p.m.: Tween Book Trivia Game (Interactive, Ages 9–12)
- October 3 at 11 a.m.: Cooking the Recipes of Chef Aarón Sánchez (Discussion, Teens/Adults)
- October 6 at 1 p.m.: 123 Andrés "Around the World" (Performance, Ages 5–12)
- October 6 at 4 p.m.: Café a las Cuatro: Conozca su comunidad (Discussion, Adults)
- October 6 at 7 p.m.: Viewer's Advisory in Spanish/Cineforo en español (Discussion, Teens/Adults)
- October 7 at 10 a.m.: Spanish/English Read-Aloud Series (Read-Aloud, Ages 2–5)
- October 8 at 4 p.m.: Community Conversation with Roberta Phillips (Discussion, Adults)
- October 10 at 12 p.m.: 123 Andrés Presents "Music and Fun" (Performance, Ages 2–12)
- October 13 at 4 p.m.: Café a las Cuatro: Conozca su comunidad (Discussion, Adults)
- October 14 at 10 a.m.: Spanish/English Read-Aloud Series (Read-Aloud, Ages 2–5)
- October 15 at 7 p.m.: Film Discussion: "Neruda" and "Real Women Have Curves" (Adults)

Young Playwrights' Theater Presents The Digital Playwriting Program and The Playwrights' Lab, Playwriting Workshops For Youth and Adults

By TESHONNE NICOLE POWELL
Young Playwrights' Theater

WASHINGTON (September 3, 2020)—As part of its initiative to launch a responsive digital curriculum, Young Playwrights' Theater (YPT) presents a series of online programs and courses for youth and adults this fall. Registration is now live for the Digital Playwriting Program, an after-school program for students, grades 3–12, and The Playwrights' Lab, a series of beginning and intermediate playwriting courses for adult writers, ages 18 and above. Students can enroll for both programs at bit.ly/YPTOnline.

WHAT: The Digital Playwriting Program is a program for students interested in learning how to express themselves through playwriting through after-school enrichment. This month, YPT launches the Fall session of the Digital Playwriting Program for students in grades 3–12! By learning how to create bold characters, imaginative settings, and thrilling stories, students will write their own original plays with the guidance of a YPT Teaching Artist online via video conferencing. YPT is dedicated to providing accessible programming to all young people; the basic registration fee is \$20, and discounts are available to ensure all students can attend with no financial barrier.

The Playwrights' Lab is a virtual playwriting workshop series for beginner and intermediate adult writers, ages 18 and over, interested in learning and practicing the art of playwriting. In collaboration with The Welders, a playwrights' collective and theatre company

in Washington, DC, these weekly workshops are great for adults interested in writing and discussing plays with a group of supportive fellow writers and opening their creative writing to constructive feedback and ideas. Registration is \$300 and tuition support is available. Please visit the YPT Programs Page or contact our Programs Team at programs@yptdc.org for more information.

WHO: Young Playwrights' Theater is an award-winning arts education organization and theater company in Washington, DC. YPT inspires young people to realize the power of their own voices through high-quality arts education programming and productions. Learn more at yptdc.org.

For questions about YPT's programs please contact our Programs Team at programs@yptdc.org or visit bit.ly/YPTOnline.

WHEN: The Digital Playwriting Program takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays, from September 28 to November 4,

2020, at the following times:

- Grades 3–5: 3:30–4:15 p.m.
- Grades 6–8: 3–3:45 p.m.
- Grades 9–12: 2:30–3:30 p.m.

The Playwrights' Lab

Introduction to Playwriting is a great primer for playwriting basics: story structure, character building, plot development, and best practices in the craft.

- September 29–November 15 | Tuesdays, 6–7:30 p.m.

Exploring Style and Form is the perfect follow up to Introduction to Playwriting, or a great opportunity for writers who have written plays before and would like to dive further into style, writing techniques, genre, and more.

- October 1–November 17 | Thursdays, 6–7:30 p.m.

WHERE: All workshops take place online. Platform details and login instructions will be provided upon enrollment.

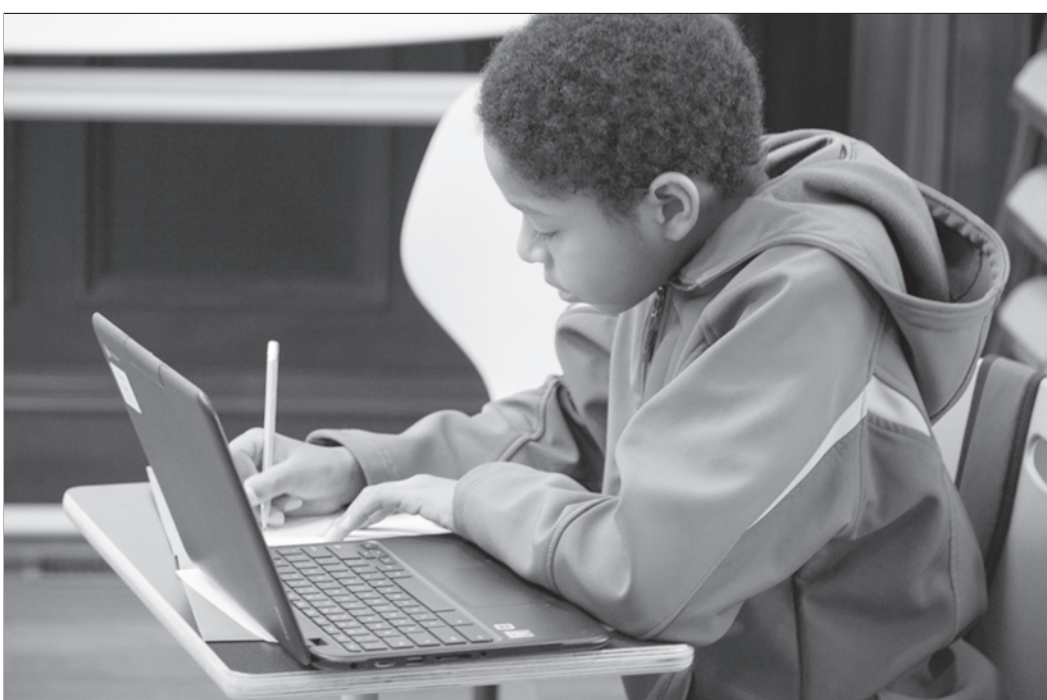


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See All the Film Trailers For the Upcoming Virtual Chesapeake Film Festival NOW!

By NANCY TABOR

The Chesapeake Film Festival

EASTON, Md. (September 1, 2020)—Stock up on the popcorn! The 2020 FREE Virtual Chesapeake Film Festival is coming to you Oct. 1 (9 a.m. EDT)–Oct. 4 (12 p.m. EDT), wherever you may be.

There is NO registration for this free event, just go to chesapeakefilmfestival.com and click on the button to enter the festival on October 1.

Also, starting today, all our trailers are available to you by going to chesapeakefilmfestival.com.

The Virtual Festival is our gift to film lovers in our community, and beyond, in the difficult times precipitated by COVID-19. While participation is free, donations are appreciated.

You can select the films you want to watch, and when and where you choose to enjoy them. The Virtual Festival benefits our filmmakers, too, with the amazing opportunity to present their films to an audience without borders.

Now in our 13th year, the Chesapeake Film Festival invites you once again to savor an explosion of cinematic flavors, including dramas, comedies, documentaries and animations. From 5-minute shorts to 90-minute features, the Festival offers something for every cinematic taste.

These are a few of the diverse, innovative, independent films our jury selected for the 2020 Virtual Chesapeake Film Festival. A full program is accessible on our website.

Narrative Features:

About Us, Directed by Stefan Schwartz—In an effort to rekindle their troubled marriage, a young couple revisits the location where they spent their honeymoon eight years earlier. They navigate the beauty and the pain of love, culminating in a heartbreaking finale as truths are revealed.

Fort Bliss, Directed by Claudia Myers—A decorated Army medic and single mother (Michelle Monaghan) returns home from an extended tour in Afghanistan to discover that the bond with her five-year-old son has been shattered. In her absence, the boy has attached to his father (Ron Livingston) and his new girlfriend (Emmanuelle Chriqui). As she struggles to reclaim her son's affection and reintegrate into civilian life, she meets a mechanic (Manolo Cardona) with whom she becomes romantically involved.

Documentary Features:

Balloon Man, Directed by Chantal Potter—Made in Maryland—After being drafted by the Buffalo Bills, a life-threatening tragedy forces Bill Costen out of his dream. Saying goodbye to a career on the turf, Costen takes to the air to become the first African-American Master hot-air balloon pilot in the nation.

The Penny Black, Directed by William J. Saunders.

The estranged son of a con artist

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VIRTUAL EVENTS

International Underground Railroad Month Events

EXPERIENCE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY International Underground Railroad Month

In 2019, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan proclaimed September as International Underground Railroad Month, which recognizes Maryland as the most powerful destination for authentic Underground Railroad history. It also commemorates all those involved in the Underground Railroad, including Maryland's courageous Harriet Tubman, the brilliant Frederick Douglass, and thousands of freedom seekers.

Maryland is truly unique in the number of places that tell inspiring stories of the heroic men, women and children who fought for freedom from slavery along the Underground Railroad. Discover more about those involved in the Underground Railroad, including Maryland's courageous Harriet Tubman, the brilliant orator Frederick Douglass, and thousands of freedom seekers. Maryland is open for heroes.

Please note the following sites are accessible for outdoor exploration; however, the interiors are temporarily closed until further notice. Be sure to visit their websites to gain insight on these historic sites.

Belair Mansion, www.cityofbowie.org/288/Belair-Mansion

Darnall's Chance House Museum, <http://www.mncppc.org/3055/Darnalls-Chance-House-Museum>

Elizabeth Keckly Burial Site, <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/hyattsville-md/national-harmony-memorial-park/9735>

Marietta House Museum, <http://www.mncppc.org/3072/Marietta-House-Museum>

Northampton Slave Quarters and Archeological Park, <http://www.pgparcs.com/3009/Northampton-Plantation-Slave-Quarters>

Echoes of the Enslaved Conversations

This two-day virtual event will allow you to participate in a virtual "Conversation Circle" around the fire at Montpelier Historic Site. Share your stories, insights, and thoughts about the Legacy of Slavery in Prince George's County Maryland. Friday,

September 18, and Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., <https://www.facebook.com/events/304154070812002/>

Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Attractions

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (September 3, 2020)—For the second consecutive year, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan has proclaimed September International Underground Railroad Month. The statewide commemoration salutes all who worked to end slavery and pave the way for the more comprehensive civil rights movement that followed in the United States.

Annapolis and Anne Arundel county attractions and historical sites are among many across the state that have helped earn Maryland the designation of being the most powerful Underground Railroad storytelling destination in the world.

Throughout September, visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County invites area residents and visitors to take advantage of activities and events that help tell the ongoing story of humanity's quest for self-determination and freedom.

Tuesday, September 15

Virtual Lecture: Tubman Travels, 7-8 p.m.

Virtual Lecture via Zoom. Advance registration required: <https://annapolis.org/media-content/virtual-lecture---tubman-travels>

Jim Duffy, author of *Tubman Travels: 32 Underground Railroad Journeys on Delmarva*, will share true-life stories of the Underground Railroad. He will introduce his audience to the small towns of Maryland's Eastern Shore and Delaware, where men and women set out against all odds in search of freedom from slavery. In addition to sharing the stories of well-known escaped slaves, Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, Duffy will shed light on the challenges experienced by some lesser known escapees whose journeys out of slavery were equally harrowing and courageous.

Wednesday, September 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

African American Heritage Tour

Tour departs from Market House Park, across from City Dock, Annapolis, MD

In partnership with the Kunta Kinte-Alex Haley Foundation, Watermark's award-winning tour traces the journey of African Americans in Annapolis through the centuries and explores the positive impact people of color have had nationally and internationally. Attendees will visit the statue of Roots' author Alex Haley and learn of his ancestor Kunta Kinte's arrival at City Dock in 1767. In the 1800s, the Underground Railroad played a significant role in the Chesapeake Bay region at a time when the tobacco economy depended upon the labor of enslaved and free blacks. During the 19th century, Maryland was home to more free African Americans than any other state. Outside of the State House, participants will learn about newly installed statues of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass in the Old House of Delegates Chamber and about Maryland native Thurgood Marshall, who became the nation's first African American Supreme Court Justice in 1967.

Annapolis and Anne Arundel County African American Heritage Resources and Attractions

While the Maryland State House is closed to the public at this time, it's in the midst of producing a video that will provide interested individuals with a virtual up-close look at the Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass statues that were installed in the Old House of Delegates Chamber in February 2020. The new statues depict Tubman and Douglass at the moment the Maryland Constitution of 1864 was ratified in the House of Delegates Chamber, officially freeing enslaved individuals in Maryland.

While it is closed to the public at this time, the Bancker-Douglass Museum will be offering an African Americans and the Vote Virtual Symposium on Saturday, October 24. Attendees will be invited to join historians, artists, and educators to explore the history of African Americans and the vote in Maryland.

In July 2020, Annapolis non-profit organization Future History Now teamed up with the Bancker-Douglass Museum and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture to find the space, sponsors and volunteers needed to create a 7,000-square foot mural painting of Breonna Taylor on a basketball court at Chambers Park in a historically black neighborhood in Annapolis. Designed by Annapolis artist and Future History Now founder Jeff Huntington, the image honors the young black woman who was shot and killed by police in her Louisville, Kentucky apartment in March 2020.

Unveiled in July 2019, African American Voices, Memories, and Places: A Four Rivers Heritage Trail is a combination of photos, videos, and oral histories of 200 sites throughout the Four Rivers Heritage Area, which covers Annapolis, London Town, and southern Anne Arundel County. The website documents, shares, and protects local black history. It chronicles slavery and emancipation, voting rights, and desegregation. The virtual tour begins at https://www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/cultural-resources/forms-and-publications/African_American_Heritage_Guide.pdf.

In spring 2019, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated Annapolis City Dock and Historic London Town and Gardens as "Sites of Memory Associated with the Slave Route." London Town shares the history of the colonial port town of London. At least eight slave ships called into London between 1708 and 1760. Hundreds—perhaps thousands—of slaves were sold there.

The Maryland State Archives offers virtual programming about the history of slavery in Maryland. It joins the Maryland State House and Bancker-Douglass Museum as a designated site on Maryland's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

The State House and Bancker-Douglass Museum, along with a Strike for Freedom exhibit at the Maryland House of Delegates Building are featured in Maryland's Frederick Douglass Driving Tour.

Film Festival from A6

fighters temptation, paranoia, and his own nefarious legacy as he searches for the rightful owner of a mysterious, million-dollar stamp collection.

You Don't Know Nothin' Bout Groove City, Made in Maryland, Directed by César González. In the mid-1970s a musical revolution with roots in the emerging New York City hip hop scene explodes on Pine Street in Cambridge, MD. One block away on Race Street, nobody knows anything about it. You Don't Know Nothin' Bout Groove City includes such greats as Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald and James Brown, while exploring the racial tensions that continue to divide the town where Harriet Tubman was born.

International Features:

Imaginarium, Chile—Directed by Juan Ignacio Bello—A total solar eclipse draws thousands of astronomers and tourists to the Elqui Valley of Chile, where skies stand out as the clearest of the planet. Amid the unusual frenzy that surrounds their town, four friends take a journey of learning and friendship. A story filled of humor, fantasy and creativity.

Our Gorongosa, Netherlands—Written and produced by Carla Rebai. Gorongosa National Park has become one of Africa's most celebrated wildlife restoration stories. After a decade of renewed protection, Gorongosa's large mammal population has increased 10-fold to over 100,000 animals. But the Park must also find a way to co-exist with the 200,000 people living in surrounding communities.

Environmental Shorts:

An Island Out of Time, Made in Maryland—Directed by Sandy Cannon-Brown and Dave Harp. This is a film about a remarkable couple, Mary Ada and Dwight Marshall, whose lives personify Chesapeake Bay's waterman, seafood-harvesting culture and history. It is also about the four children who chose to break with that tradition. The film, like Tom Horton's 1996 book, *An Island Out of Time*, is both celebration and elegy for a place beset with rising sea levels and erosion, pollution and harvest restrictions, and young people seeking opportunities older generations of islanders never dreamed of—all this seen through the lens of the Marshall family of Smith Island.

Heartsounds, Directed by Alan Chriest. The loving backdrop of penguins illustrates the similarities of their family life to that of humans, especially when grieving.

Emerging Filmmakers (Student):

Never Too Small, Directed by Mason Mirabile. The Earth is dying. Climate change is the most important issue the world is facing today. *Never Too Small* is a short documentary about climate change and how kids can help. Nine-year-old director Mason Mirabile, who filmed, edited and scored the film, asks experts at the World Wildlife Fund to help him tell his story.

Night of Crabs, Directed by Elyas Masrour. A group of citizen scientists help a peculiar species with unique characteristics, the Horseshoe Crab. Learn more about the Horseshoe Crab and how modern science is trying to save it.

Animations:

Shy & Ketchup, Directed by Teresa Romo, Chile, 2019

A shy girl obsessed with ketchup has to get out of her comfort zone when she runs out of her beloved condiment.

The Bird & the Whale, Directed by Carol Freeman, Ireland, 2018—The Bird and the Whale is a story about a young whale struggling to find his voice. After straying too far from his family to explore a shipwreck, he discovers its sole survivor, a caged songbird. Together they struggle to survive lost at sea.

Check chesapeakefilmfestival.com for more information or call Nancy Tabor, Executive Director at 443-955-9144. Schedule of films is subject to change.

The Chesapeake Film Festival is generously supported by the Shared Earth Foundation, Maryland Film Office, Maryland State Arts Council, Talbot County Arts Council, Talbot County Department of Tourism, Artistic Insights Fund, Richard and Beverly Tilghman, Karen and Langley Shook, U.S. Small Business Administration, Talbot CARES Small Business Grant and The Ravenel Foundation. Funding has also been provided to the Chesapeake Film Festival from Maryland Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020.

Poe Baltimore Goes Virtual With Third Annual Poe Fest International in October

Live-streamed events are free; virtual tours available for a fee

By PRESS OFFICER
Poe Baltimore

BALTIMORE (September 2, 2020)—Poe Baltimore will host the third annual International Edgar Allan Poe Festival and Awards (Poe Fest International) online October 3 & 4, 2020, to include virtual tours, workshops and watch parties. The FREE festival will be live-streamed via poeinternational.org, Facebook @PoeBaltimore and YouTube. Special ticketed events include Virtual Death Weekend Tours, Virtual Tours of the Edgar Allan Poe House, and the new Virtual Poe in Film & Fashion Exhibit, which explores the ways in which Poe's life and works continue to inspire popular culture. NOTE: Death and funeral imagery (including body in an open casket) during some events may not be suitable for young children. Viewer discretion advised. (See details at ticketing.)

The two-day online event will feature Edgar Allan Poe-themed performances, vendors, readings, music, and art workshops. Programs will be presented by The Edgar Allan Poe House & Museum, The Poe Museum (Richmond, VA), The Poe Studies Association, The Enoch Pratt Library, The National Cryptologic Museum, The United States Military Academy at West Point, The Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore, National Edgar Allan Poe Theatre, Chesapeake Shakespeare Theatre, and others. After the festival, Poe Baltimore members can enjoy the festival video library thru October 31, 2020. A complete schedule of festival events and ticket information will be regularly updated at <https://poeinternational.com/festival-program>.

Highlights and Special Event Information:

- The online International Edgar Allan Poe Festival & Awards, October 3 & 4, 2020, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., free to the public
- Special Event: The Edgar Allan Poe Film & Fashion Exhibit: 1 hour webinar; \$12 plus fees (purchase via Eventbrite), 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day
- Get a sneak peek at upcoming Poe-movie adaptations; view historical exhibits of 1800's fashion; and discuss the mysterious circumstances of Poe's 1849 death in Baltimore and how the very clothes in which he was found are a clue to the mystery of his final days. A live tour guide presents each webinar and can answer attendee questions.
- Special Event: Edgar Allan Poe House Live Virtual Tour: 1.0 hour; \$12 plus fees (purchase via Eventbrite) 12 PM, 3 PM and 6 PM each day
- Tour inside Baltimore's historic Poe House; enjoy readings by a special un-dead mystery guest. A live guide will share the history of Poe's life in Baltimore, explore the poet's 1849 mysterious death in the city, and discuss poems and short stories Poe wrote while residing at Poe House
- Special Event: Virtual Death Weekend Poe Places Tour: 1.5 hours; \$20 plus fees (purchase via Eventbrite) 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day
- Explore the enduring mystery surrounding Poe's tragic death, and view four important Poe Places around Baltimore and scenes from a special re-enactment of Poe's first funeral.
- On Saturday, October 3, 8 p.m., Poe Baltimore will present The



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Prostate Cancer from A4

healthcare providers think that doesn't go far enough. Men's Health Network urges the following men to talk to their healthcare provider about routine prostate cancer screening:

- All men over age 50, and at age 40 for African Americans and others at high risk
- Men with a family history of prostate cancer
- Veterans exposed to Agent Orange, and
- Men exposed to pesticides and certain other chemicals.

If you are on Medicare, prostate cancer screening is a part of your Welcome to Medicare physical, the free comprehensive physical exam you receive in your first year of eligibility. But you may have to ask for the "Welcome" physical since many healthcare providers don't seem to know about it. Medicare continues to cover prostate cancer screening in following years.

For younger men, more than 30 states require that insurance companies offering health insurance in their state provide coverage for prostate cancer tests. Insurance companies may offer prostate cancer screening in the remaining states but are not required to do so.

When you receive your PSA test results, ask the healthcare provider what your PSA number is, write it down, and compare it against future tests. If the number goes up in future tests, talk to your healthcare provider.

The bottom line? Having an annual prostate exam, including a PSA test, just might save your life. No matter what age you are, an annual PSA test creates a benchmark to judge future tests against.

No insurance and limited funds? Watch for free screenings in your area. Many healthcare providers, hospitals, clinics, and health fairs offer free prostate screenings in September and at other times during the year.

Take any opportunity you can to Get It Checked (www.GetItChecked.com).

- Resources:
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com
 - Prostate Health Guide: www.ProstateHealthGuide.com
 - Get It Checked (screening guidelines for men and for women): www.GetItChecked.com
 - PCORI. treatment options explained: www.pcori.org/evidence-updates/for-patients-early-stage-and-localized-prostate-cancer
 - Men's Health Network: www.MensHealthNetwork.org

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