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April 1, 2023—Left to right, Donald Hoffman, president and CEO of EXCEL Services Corporation; BSU President Dr. Aminta Breaux; Dionne Warwick; Gospel and R&B singer BeBe Winans; and Franco Nuschese, owner of Café Milano and president of Georgetown Entertainment Group, LLC.

## Bowie State Unveils Dionne Warwick Theater

Music Icon Honored by Fans and Other Celebrities

By PRESS OFFICER  
Bowie State University

BOWIE, Md. (April 1, 2023)—Hundreds gathered in attendance as Bowie State University unveiled the Dionne Warwick Theater at the university's Fine and Performing Arts Center. Warwick, a six-time Grammy

winner, attended the unveiling ceremony for the theater, which is now the only performing arts venue in the world that bears her name.

Gospel singer BeBe Winans made an in-person appearance during the ceremony and honored Warwick with an impromptu performance of Amaz-

ing Grace to mark the occasion. A host of other celebrities, which included Phylicia Rashad, Debbie Allen and Tom Selleck among others, also honored Warwick through video messages that were shown during the program.

The tribute further cemented the connection between War-

wick and Bowie State, the oldest HBCU in Maryland.

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## Maryland's Moore Fights National Hype to Stay Focused on State Business

By MICHAEL CHARLES and HANNAH ZIEGLER  
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 28, 2023)—Just a month into his first public office, the top media started asking Maryland Gov. Wes Moore if he's running for president.

While it can be hard to deflect the spotlight, Moore insists that he is focused solely on Maryland and Marylanders.

One month almost to the day after Moore officially took office, he appeared on "DMV Zone" on Fox5—a top station in a top-10 national media market, and was asked by anchor Marina Marraco, "You've been in office for 23 days and people are already raising your name as a potential Democratic nominee for 2024. What do you say to the constituents who voted you into the State House in Annapolis that you could potentially be leaving in the next year?"

"I am not leaving next year," said a chuckling Moore. "The president is going to run and I'm going to support his reelection campaign." When asked again, Moore doubled down.

"I'm also going on the record of saying that not only will I not run, I'm going to support the president in his reelection," Moore said. "We're excited for the partnership that we have with the federal government and in order for this to be Maryland's decade, which it is, it means we're going to have strong partnerships with Washington in order to make that happen."

Moore noted that President Joe Biden visited Maryland often in 2023, with one trip for the announcement of a project that will bring 30,000 jobs to the state. State leaders in Maryland are "thankful" for Biden's partnership, Moore added during the Fox5 interview.

The national media clamor has only continued to mount since Moore took office in mid-January. That attention, rather than serving as a distraction, may benefit him as he looks to prove himself to Marylanders and other observers, state political analysts have said.

"If Governor Moore does, in fact, have long-term national ambitions, he has to demonstrate his ability to govern effectively here in Maryland," said Len Foxwell of Tred Avon strategies, a Democratic consulting firm. "While it has to be personally gratifying for the governor to receive this level of national speculation at such an early phase, ... his ultimate success will be determined by the extent to which he focuses on what's happening right here in the state of Maryland, and his ability to do his day job to the best of his ability."

Moore's background has also made him a tantalizing potential presidential candidate. The 44-year-old was born in Takoma Park,



PHOTO BY MICHAEL CHARLES/CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller and Gov. Wes Moore

Maryland, graduated from Valley Forge Military College in 1998 and from Johns Hopkins University in 2001 before attending the University of Oxford as a Rhodes scholar. He later served as a captain and paratrooper with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne, including leading troops into combat in Afghanistan. Moore also launched a business called BridgeEdU, designed to assist underserved college students, before becoming CEO of the anti-poverty Robin Hood Foundation.

Moore had never held elective office, yet won November's general election by 32.4 points over Republican challenger Dan Cox, becoming Maryland's first Black governor.

Maryland's geography, so near the halls of national power, and its plentiful media presence has meant that "the question" is not

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## County Council Hosts Visit From U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen From Maryland

Council 'Meet and Greet' Focuses on Concerns Impacting Prince Georgians

By KAREN D. CAMPBELL

Prince George's County Council Media

The Prince George's County Council welcomed U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D - MD), to the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building in Largo, MD, on the morning of Monday, March 27, 2023, for an informal "Meet and Greet" event.

Senator Van Hollen included a summary of the last two years in Congress; discussion about transportation issues, including the Purple Line, and the recent opening of the new Metro Building in New Carrollton; and updates on the federal delegation's efforts to bring the FBI headquarters to Prince George's County, in his opening remarks to the local lawmakers.

"Delivering results to Marylanders means working together at all levels of government. It was an honor to meet with members of the Prince George's County Council this week to discuss how we're focused on doing just that—including partnering together to bring new investments to the County in infrastructure, economic development projects, small businesses, transit, housing, and more. I'm committed to working alongside the members of the Council to continue bringing new opportunities and investments—including the new FBI headquarters—to the County,"

said Senator Van Hollen.

Council Chair Tom Dernoga thanked Senator Van Hollen for providing updates on important issues and addressing the Council's community concerns and questions.

"We value the effective leadership of Senator Van Hollen on Capitol Hill, and his strong advocacy on behalf of constituents in Prince George's County, our state of Maryland, and our nation. Senator Van Hollen shared important information and updates with this Council during this meeting, and we look forward to his continued partnership with us in service to Prince Georgians."

Senator Van Hollen addressed questions and comments from Council Members focused around federal funding in Prince George's County; supporting families still grappling with the effects of COVID with additional SNAP benefits; affordable housing; environmental protections and addressing climate change; amending the tax reform law to provide relief to homeowners; assistance to minority business and students after the anticipated Supreme Court decision in Students for Fair Admissions vs. Harvard; and federal immigration, particularly accessible healthcare for undocumented immigrants.

## Council Member Ingrid Watson Supports Legislation Addressing Self-Storage Facilities in Prince George's County

Council Member Watson Works with Community Members to Successfully Stop Planned Consolidated Storage Facility Impacting District 4 Community

By ANGELA J. ROUSON

Prince George's County Council Media

Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid Watson voted in the affirmative on CB-11-2023, during Council session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. The legislation, authored by District 5 Council colleague Jolene Ivey, limits where new Consolidated Storage facilities are located within Prince George's County.

Plans to build a new storage facility in their neighborhood struck a nerve with District 4 residents in Bowie's Covington community, prompting their testimony during Tuesday's public hearing on the legislation. Dannielle Hussein said that the planned location for the facility is just blocks from her home.

"This proposed storage facility would be entirely surrounded by townhomes, our community pool, our community center, and right across the street from Glen Allen Park. It doesn't match the nature of the neighborhood. It would be an eyesore. It just doesn't fit."

During Council session, Council Member Watson shared that the storage facility located at 3610 Elder Oaks Boulevard in Bowie,

would not move forward.

"The attorney for the applicant confirmed that they are not proceeding with the project. Additionally, the pre-application deadline as stated in the bill is April 1, 2023, which leaves no time for any other applicant to propose a similar project."

Council Member Watson says she appreciates the leadership of Council Member Ivey, the work of her colleagues and most importantly, the partnership of residents who shared their concerns about the location of storage facilities in their community.

"The people have power, and it is that power that makes a difference. Community action, in partnership with the Council enactment of a new policy on storage facilities that locates them more appropriately in industrial zones, yielded a positive result for the Covington neighborhood, and improves the quality of life for communities throughout Prince George's County."

CB-011-2023 will take effect 45 calendar days after it becomes law.

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# TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

## In & Around Morningside-Skyline by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

### Remembering a Morningside tragedy, 72 years ago

At 4:07 p.m., April 8, 1951, an abandoned twin-engine B-25 passed low over a group of ICE Club men building a fence. Startled, they looked up to see the plane hurtle across Suitland Road and along 500 feet of Lombardy Road, strike a power line and plow into a house at 302 Poplar Road with a deafening roar.

M/Sgt. Samuel R. Snyder, his wife Dorothea, and daughters, 6-year-old Kay and 8-week-old Rene, had visitors—Dorothea's sister and brother-in-law, Violet and Irvin Guyer, in town from Cranford, N.J., to see the cherry blossoms and their new niece. They took a ride around the Tidal Basin; the cherry blossoms were at peak. As they returned home, neighbors Rose and Floyd Bookhultz saw them and waved. Twenty minutes later the bomber crashed through the front door and an explosion turned the house into an inferno.

Volunteer firemen, including Asst. Fire Chief Jerry Glaubitz, pulled three survivors from the blaze. Seven fire departments and four rescue squads responded. But the town had no hydrants and only 500 gallons in the water tank. The water ran out too soon.

The two little girls, Kay and Rene, and their Uncle Irvin died in the fire. Violet Guyer was taken to Casualty Hospital in serious condition; the Snyders were taken to Bolling AFB Hospital in fair condition.

### Aftermath of the tragedy

The next day 500 people jammed the ICE Club (Idle Club Elite, now the VFW) to protest the pilot's decision to abandon the airplane. Who to blame for the shortage of water. A committee formed, including Morningside Mayor William J. Spahr, Fire Chief Laddie Beardmore, Duncan Fleming and Curtis Deily. The Washington Star offered to forward donations to the Town. Andrews started raising money for the victims. The ICE planned a benefit dance.

What had gone wrong? The bomber with three crewmen had taken off from Andrews at 11 a.m. As they attempted

to land, they found the landing gear wasn't working. They aimed the plane at the Chesapeake Bay and parachuted to safety.

On April 13, 1951, a County grand jury indicted the pilot, Capt. Paul V. Chapman, for manslaughter. I've never learned what happened to him.

Three years later, in 1954, water service was installed in Morningside.

The Snyders' house was rebuilt, but they eventually moved away. They never had another child.

Years ago, I was contacted by a librarian at Surratts-Clinton Library. They'd had a call from a former serviceman who'd been stationed at Bolling in 1951 and was assigned to help with clean-up at the accident site. He wanted to talk to someone else who remembered. I called him. He told me he couldn't get out of his head seeing the bodies of those little girls. We talked for a while; I gave him my number if he needed to talk again.

If you lived in Morningside in 1951 and remember that tragedy, email your thoughts to muddmm@aol.com.

### Town of Morningside

Morningside's Yard Sale is coming up Saturday, April 15, at the Morningside Fire Department, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To participate, it's \$15 for the first table or space, \$10 for each additional table/space; \$25 for 2. Cash only—must be prepaid, no refunds. To reserve your table/space, call 301-736-2301 no later than Wednesday, April 12, 4 p.m. Space is limited, so reserve now. Rain date, April 22.

Morningside Meetings: Work Session, Tuesday April 11; Town Meeting, Tuesday April 18. Both beginning at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Info: 301-736-2300.

### Neighbors & other good people

Barbara Everitt Bryant, a market researcher who became the first woman to lead the Census Bureau, died March 3 in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was 96.

I mentioned the death of Dr. Louis Kaufman in a recent column. Julie Koch-

Michael emailed, "So sorry to learn of Dr. Kaufman's passing. I worked with him for many years, and he was one of my mom's physicians when she lived in Prince George's. He was a wonderful person and physician, always kind and gentle with his patients and very knowledgeable in his field of pulmonary medicine. He was a pleasure to work with and I'm sure he will be greatly missed."

I wished Morningside's Gina Foster a Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary, both events being on March 26. What I just learned is that Gina Abbott married Terry Foster on her 17th birthday.

### Free dogs, cats & mulch

The Animal Services Facility and Adoption Center (ASFAC) is offering free dog and cat adoptions through April 30, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from Best Friends Animal Society, a leading animal welfare organization. You can visit the Center, 3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Standard adoption processes still apply and there is a \$10 license fee for residents: bit.ly/pgcadoptapet

County residents can pick up free mulch from the County Organics Composting Facility on Sat., April 22, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or while supplies last. Mulch is from live Christmas trees collected curbside or dropped off. A skid loader will be available to load mulch directly into pickup trucks (no commercial vehicles). Residents transporting mulch by car need to bring their containers, shovels or pitchforks. mypgc.us/mulchmadness

### Changing landscape

GI Market is still boarded up after a stolen auto ran off Suitland Road and plowed through the front window into the store on Friday, March 17.

The county council unanimously passed a bill that limits future storage facilities to industrial zones of the county. It comes after months of compromise and discussion.

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## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

### UPCOMING TRIP

Prince George's Public School Retirees Association (PGP-SRA) will sponsor a trip to see MOSES June 14, 2023, at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Showtime is 11 a.m. Following show is lunch at Miller's Buffet Restaurant in Lancaster, PA.

Departure from Maryland Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland 7 a.m. Arrival in Lancaster approximately 10:15 a.m. Showtime 11 a.m., 2 p.m.\* Lunch/Dinner. 4 p.m.\*Depart for Maryland. Arrival to Equestrian Center in Maryland 7:30 p.m. (\*Approximate Time).

Price: \$150 per person (includes trip, show and lunch). No refunds after May 14, 2023. Make checks payable to the PGP-SRA Trips). Mail to Addie L. Martin (Trips) 9706 Frank Tippet Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Questions: (301) 868-6081.

### AFTERNOON TEA

Zachary Smith & the Dixie Power Trio will appear at Harmony Hall Arts Center Wednesday April 19, 2023, at 2 p.m. Address is 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744.

Formed in 1992, Zachary Smith & the Dixie Power Trio has developed a reputation as the East Coast's premier "Louisiana variety band," capable of playing authentic-sounding New Orleans jazz, zydeco, Cajun, street parade, and Louisiana-style funk. The four-piece trio (we blame Cajun math) has carved out a niche as a fun and exciting ensemble capable of entertaining audiences of all ages. The group has shared concert stages with many Louisiana luminaries, including The Neville Brothers, Terrance Simien, Dr. John, Wynton Marsalis, Chubby Carrier, Beausoleil, the Dirty Dozen, the Olympia Brass Band, Cowboy Mouth, Galactic, and John Cleary. Come out and enjoy yourself with us. All ages. Tickets: \$20/person. Purchase tickets through PARKS DIRECT!

### RECOVERY CAP CONFERENCE

Join our 5th Annual Culturally Aligned Peer Recovery Conference Thursday June 8, 2023 at 4 p.m. to June 9, 2023, 5 p.m. at Bowie State University for the advancement of culturally responsive peer services. Address is 14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, Maryland.

This conference is designed to support the advancement of culturally aligned recovery. This includes a variety of culturally aligned methods, practices, rituals, programs, and belief systems that promote a recovery to discovery process. We expect our attendees to come away with a broader knowledge of culturally aligned peer recovery services while being refreshed in their journey of recovery.

Unfortunately, due to funds being allocated to support the planning of the conference, we do not offer refunds on ticket sales. We may be inclined to deduct your ticket cost from

future course purchases, events, webinars, etc. Thank you. Planning Team!

Ticket Information. Student Registration cost \$35, Early Bird Registration cost \$35, General Admission Registration cost \$70. Hosted by Jordan Peer Recovery. (<https://allevents.in-bowiemd.com>.)

### SUMMER CAR SHOW

Join us Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Summer Car Show 15501 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Maryland hosted by Crescent Wine & Spirits. It is that time of year. Come join us for our annual car show and wine/beer/spirits festival. There will be fun for all ages, so bring your family and friends. We will have raffles, face painting, free tastings, food and more.

### HBCU CON 2023

Join us for #BlackGeekHomecoming as HBCU Con brings a Different World to the campus of Bowie State University Friday, April 28, 2023, 4 p.m. -Sunday, April 30, 5 p.m. Address: 14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, Maryland. Information and Tickets: Eventbrite.com, All events.

### SUMMER WHITE AFFAIR

Lake Arbor Jazz Festival Summer White Affair by Prince George's Cultural Arts Foundation Friday, July 14, 2023 from 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Location: MGM National Harbor 101 MGM National Avenue, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745.

Sport your favorite summer white attire and meet us at MGM National Harbor Hotel and Casino for an explosive night of contemporary jazz featuring Pieces of a Dream, world-renowned saxophonist Mike Phillips, and songstress Karen Linette.

The event features a delectable 3-course dinner, cash bars, vendors, silent and live auctions, and a fantastic evening of live entertainment. VIP Dinner, Preferred Reserved Dinner, and General Reserved Dinner, and General Reserved theater seating are available.

VIP all access tickets include reserved front stage premium seating, a private pre-show meet and greet reception, one complimentary drink and admission to the Summer White After Party. Get your tickets now. This will be a sold-out event.

Review your tickets carefully before purchasing. There is a strict no refund policy. No refunds, no cancellations, no exceptions. Get tickets at Eventbrite + ticketfly \$75-\$225.

### SUMMER WHITE AFTER PARTY

Summer White After Party Friday, July 14, 2023, 10 p.m. at MGM National Harbor, 101 MGM National Avenue, Oxon Hill, Maryland. Tickets starts at \$75-\$225. Get tickets on Eventbrite.

## Around the County

### Growing Green With Pride

Help beautify our county by joining neighbors in your community for a day of cleaning, weed removal and mulching.

Saturday, April 22, 2023

8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Rain or shine!

Registration is required for participation. Register by April 14, 2023 at mypgc.us/growinggreen.

Students may earn service learning hours! For more information, contact Tonya Hairston at GrowingGreenWithPride@co.pg.md.us.

—The DoE Sprout, March 30, 2023

### Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County Ramps Up Recruitment

*Offers Many Opportunities to Work Where You Play*

RIVERDALE, Md. (March 27, 2023)—The M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County currently has hundreds of opportunities available to work in a fun environment with great pay. Recruitment efforts are being increased to find skilled, dedicated professionals to join our team. We're looking for talented people to work in a variety of Summer, part-time and career positions such as:

- Park Police Officers and Dispatchers
- Aquatics Staff
- Administrative Staff
- Course Instructors
- Customer Service Representatives
- Drivers
- Facility Technicians
- Health & Wellness Staff
- Lifeguards
- Park Maintenance
- Rental Site Support
- Senior Activity Center Staff
- Summer Camp, Playground, and Teen Center Staff
- Therapeutic Recreation Staff

Hiring Managers will be available for on-site interviews at several in-person job fairs this Spring, including:

April 13 Expungement Fair—Second Chance Month Event, Cedar Heights Community Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 27 Second Chance Job and Resource Fair, Cedar Heights Community Center

May 11 Park Police Career Fair, Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex, 12-4 p.m.

Searching for a summer job? Start your search with us and spend the Summer in Parks and Recreation. Applicants can be as young as 15 years old for Lifeguard and certain other positions. To explore these and many other openings, visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/mncppc>.

### District 7 Council Member Krystal Oriadha

#### Introduces Legislation Establishing the Prince George's County Senior Housing Assistance Program Act of 2023

*Measure Would also Establish the Prince George's County Senior Housing Assistance Fund*

Prince George's County Council Member Krystal Oriadha (District 7), during Council session on Tuesday, March 14, introduced Council Bill-042-2023, legislation establishing a program that provides temporary financial assistance up to twice a year, to low-income senior residents of Prince George's County who are 62 years or older for rent, mortgage or property tax payment relief.

Council Member Oriadha, a member of the Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) committee, says the measure, which also seeks to establish a Prince George's County Senior Housing Assistance Fund, will relieve a financial burden and enable seniors to age in place.

"One of the most vulnerable populations in our County are senior citizens, who too often face financial hardship and are forced into bad living conditions, even homelessness. We should be doing everything in our power to protect our senior residents and ensure that they are aging in place and with dignity. This bill will allow us to have a set amount of funds yearly so that we are able to assist our senior population when they are in most need."

CB-042-2023 has been referred to the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) committee for legislative review.

### MGM National Harbor's Conservatory

#### Celebrates the Start of Spring

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (March 28, 2023)—Springtime is in the air at MGM National Harbor with a new vibrant conservatory display, open now through September 9. Inspired by the natural beauty of the DMV's flowers, foliage and atmosphere, MGM National Harbor is ushering in the season with beautiful floral creations and charming photo opportunities.

#### Conservatory

Guests of MGM National Harbor will be immersed in the 15,000-square-foot sanctuary filled with vivid florals showcasing the DMV's energetic spring and summer seasons. Extraordinary butterflies and blooming flowers cascade across the 85-foot atrium, with the natural elements of running water and singing birds offering a serene sense of calmness. Located in the retail district, visitors can take a photo in front of the spring-themed backdrop adjacent to Specs.

#### Conservatory Fast Facts

- Nearly 2,500 plants used throughout the display
- (8) 6-foot yellow flowers and (8) 8-foot orange flowers overhead
- (18) 8-foot butterflies at various heights and colors
- 20-foot bamboo watering can with water feature
- 8-foot-tall animatronic butterfly
- (4) 15-foot-tall purple iris flowers
- 6-foot turtle
- 22-foot-tall weeping willow tree
- 6-foot water spigot
- 10-foot pylon bridge and pylons
- 7-foot-tall seagrass
- 10-foot-tall terra cotta pot
- 20-foot-tall black-eyed Susan flowers



# COMMUNITY

## Teacher of the Year Announcement

By PRESS OFFICER  
Imagine Schools  
Mid-Atlantic Region

Imagine Mid-Atlantic Region is an entity comprising of non-profit public charter school campuses in the U.S. with the Mid-Atlantic region governing four schools in Prince George's County. As a national network of non-profit public charter schools, we partner with parents and guardians regarding the education of their children by providing high quality schools that prepare students for lives of leadership, accomplishment, and exemplary character. We strive on three particular values that guide our work as an organization: Justice. Integrity. Fun. These Shared Values, along with our Measures

of Excellence, ensures that every Imagine campus is built upon expectations high enough to live up to each child's potential.

Each year we celebrate the hard work and great accomplishments of our teachers in the region as they put in appreciable efforts in educating our scholars. This year is no different; however, our aim is to take it up a notch. Upon careful deliberations and selection scheme by our Regional Academic Director, Coaches and Principals, we choose teacher of the year per each school, respectively. They are then shortlisted for us to choose the Regional Teacher of the Year; who would now stand the chance of winning Teacher of the Year nationwide.

Gladly, the deliberations has

come to an end and Imagine Mid-Atlantic Region has a Teacher of the Year for SY2022/2023. Therefore, it is time for the due announcement, which we plan on a different way of executing that. By way of having a mini press assembly on the campus of the TOY, inviting the regional team, principals, other guests and press coverage.

I believe this will set a great pace in-terms of the positive subjection we continue to work on as Imagine Schools Mid-Atlantic region.

This press assembly will happen on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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Adults (L-R) PGCEA members Brian Glover, J'Shaun Johnson, and President Donna Christy, with MSEA President Cheryl Bost (with book).

## Celebrating Read Across America, MSEA Donates Books to Prince George's County Schools

By PRESS OFFICER  
PGCEA

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (March 30 2023)—On March 29, the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA) and Prince George's County Educators Association (PGCEA) celebrated Read Across America Month with Barack Obama Elementary School. MSEA donated a collection of new books to the school with a grant from the National Education Association (NEA), and MSEA President Cheryl Bost read "Someone Builds the Dream" with the students.

During the month of March, MSEA celebrated and encouraged a love of reading by donating a total of nearly 1,000 new books to schools throughout Maryland.

"As a fourth- and fifth-grade

teacher I have seen how important it is for a student to be able to develop a love of reading," said MSEA President Cheryl Bost. "It opens doors to new worlds and new perspectives. We've chosen fun and inspiring books where our students can see themselves and we hope that will motivate them to dream big."

"In Prince George's we picked Barack Obama Elementary School to receive the donation because of the school's multicultural and multi-faceted approach to reading," said PGCEA President Dr. Donna Christy.

MSEA, which represents 75,000 Maryland educators, designed its Read Across America program to help support students from historically underserved communities across the state. MSEA is a state affiliate of the

National Education Association (NEA), which began Read Across America 25 years ago to bring the joys of reading to students of all ages and make children feel valued and welcomed by celebrating diverse readers and books. Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading.

Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) is an advocacy organization that actively represents classroom educators and other instructional personnel to negotiate over wages, terms and conditions of employment. PGCEA supports quality schools through its bargaining efforts to retain and attract teachers of excellence and promote opportunities for all students to learn. For more information, visit [www.pgcea.org](http://www.pgcea.org), and follow PGCEA on Twitter and Facebook.

## The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Presents Inaugural GospelFest

Gospel legend Karen Clarke Sheard headlines the two-day celebration

By PRESS OFFICER  
BSO

BALTIMORE (March 28, 2023)—Today, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) announces its first-ever GospelFest 2023 event. The two-day concert festival takes place at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall on Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29. (1212 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201) The first concert features the Nadja Scott & Divine Anointing Choir and The Jonathan Pettus Chorale. Headlining the festival, Gospel music icon, Karen Clarke Sheard, of the legendary Clarke Sisters, joins the Orchestra under the baton of BSO Associate Conductor, Jonathan Rush on the second evening. Alongside them, the concert will feature HBCU choirs, the Morgan State University Concert Choir, and the Howard Gospel Choir.

Designed with both gospel-lovers and newcomers in mind, the world-class Orchestra is excited to showcase its versatility and present this quintessential, American music genre like never heard before. Concertgoers are in for a treat as they hear classic favorites as well as world-premiere selections and song arrangements specifically crafted for the BSO's GospelFest. Guests can look forward to the following performances:

### GospelFest 2023: Too Hot to Handel

Friday, April 28 at 8 p.m., Meyerhoff

Jonathan Rush, conductor  
Nadja Scott & Divine Anointing Choir  
The Jonathan Pettus Chorale  
ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK New



Work (BSO Commission and World Premiere)  
Selections from Too Hot to Handel

### GospelFest 2023:

Karen Clark Sheard  
Saturday, April 29 at 8 p.m., Meyerhoff

Jonathan Rush, conductor  
Karen Clark Sheard, vocalist  
Morgan State University Concert Choir, Dr. Eric Conway, director  
Howard Gospel Choir, Reginald A. Golden, director  
"Gospel music is a global language that provides the uplifting and inspiration that many of us could use now more than ever," said BSO's Associate Conductor and GospelFest creator, Jonathan Rush. "GospelFest is sure to be a great gathering that highlights the talent of beloved and emerging vocal performers and the remarkable versatility of our Orchestra musicians. We're fortunate to witness Karen Clarke Sheard's artistry in person and we can't wait to join both new and experienced Orchestra attendees together for this event."

Concerts can be purchased individually or packaged together for a 20% off promotional price. For more information and tickets, visit [BSOmusic.org](http://BSOmusic.org). GospelFest 2023 is a part of the BSO's Kids

Listen Free program. Children ages 7-17 may attend for free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Reservations should be made in advance, by phone, or in person.

This project is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. To find out more about how National Endowment for the Arts grants impact individuals and communities, visit [www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov).

For over a century, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) has been recognized as one of America's leading orchestras and one of Maryland's most significant cultural institutions. The orchestra is internationally renowned and locally admired for its innovation, performances, recordings, and educational outreach initiatives including OrchiKids. The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra performs annually for more than 275,000 people throughout the State of Maryland. Since 1982, the BSO has performed at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore, and since 2005, with the opening of The Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda, MD, the BSO became the nation's first orchestra performing its full season of classical and pops concerts in two metropolitan areas. Maestro Jonathon Heyward begins his five-year contract in the 2023-24 season.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

# SATURDAY APRIL 22

8 am to 1 pm or while supplies last

Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility  
6550 Maude Savoy Brown Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD  
(From Crain Highway, proceed on Maude Savoy Brown Road to Facility)

Public restrooms are not available.

Source Reduction Tips: Reduce water usage, prevent soil erosion, and reduce the use of herbicides in your home gardens by applying mulch.

This mulch is primarily derived from the Christmas tree collections.

The event is for County residents only, proof of residency may be required.

All attendees are encouraged to wear a face covering and follow social distancing guidelines.

Self-loaders must bring their own shovels, pitch forks, bags, containers and/or tarps to secure/transport the material.

Only non-commercial vehicles, 3/4-ton maximum weight are permitted. No business vehicle signage will be permitted, all commercial signs should be covered or removed prior to entering the site.

For more information, visit [mypgc.us/mulchmadness](http://mypgc.us/mulchmadness)

## Over 900 Use Local SoberRide Program on St. Patrick's Day

DC area's DUI prevention effort removes potential drunk driver from area roadways every 47-seconds on St. Patrick's Day

By PRESS OFFICER  
WRAP

TYSONS, Va. (March 28, 2023)—Over 900 (904) persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used the free safe ride service, SoberRide® this St. Patrick's Day (March 17) as opposed to possibly driving home drunk.

"For its hours of operation this St. Patrick's Day, this level of ridership translates into SoberRide removing a potential drunk driver from Greater Washington's roadways every 47-seconds," said Kurt Erickson, President of the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the organization conducting the region's SoberRide® effort.

Lyft provided SoberRide® trips throughout the Washington-metropolitan area to local residents age 21 and older who otherwise may have attempted to drive home after drinking.

The most recent St. Patrick's Day ridership of 904 users was the second highest for that holiday since SoberRide® began in 1991. WRAP also offers free safe ride services on Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day, Halloween and the winter holidays through and including New Years Eve.

SoberRide® was offered throughout Lyft's Washington D.C. coverage area which includes all or parts of: the District of Columbia; the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's and towns therein plus the cities of Bowie, College Park, District Heights, Gaithersburg, Glenarden, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Laurel, Mount Ranier, New Carrollton, Rockville, Seat Pleasant and Takoma Park; and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William and towns therein plus the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax,

Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

Since 1991, WRAP's SoberRide® program has provided 85,580 free safe rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

Having commemorated its 40th year in 2022 after being founded in 1982, the nonprofit [501(c)(3)] Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) is a coalition of diverse interests using effective education, innovative programs and targeted advocacy to end alcohol-impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington, DC metro area. Through public education, innovative health education programs and advocacy, WRAP is credited with keeping the metro-Washington area's alcohol-related traffic deaths historically lower than the national average.

More information about can be found at [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com).

### Morningside from A2

A home at 6520 Suitland Road just sold for \$335,000.

### Opening Day

Those were magic words where and when I grew up, in Saginaw, Michigan—the Opening Day for the Detroit Tigers. The whole state was excited; every radio tuned in. It's certainly not the same here. But our team here had Opening

Day at Nationals Park. And managed to lose 7 to 2 to the Boston Braves. Up in Michigan, the Tigers lost to Tampa Bay, 4-0.

### Milestones

Happy Birthday to Donna Wood, April 11; Suitland Historian (Darlie) Fay Norton and Donald Brown Jr., April 13; Donald Brown Sr., Jean Osterkamp, Sarah Shipman, Autumn Williams and Fr. Jeffrey

Samaha, Chaplain at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center, April 14; Bill Ward, Eva Hay and Les Borman, April 15; and Tara Destiny Proctor, April 16.

Happy Anniversary to Chuck and Laura Smith Jenkins, their 47th on April 10; and Tex and Rickie Beardmore who were wed April 11, 1964.

A Blessed Easter to you all



# COMMENTARY

## Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



### To Be Equal:

## Randall Robinson Opened the Door of Freedom in South Africa and Challenged America

*"We want our brothers and sisters in South Africa to know that we are with them today, we will be with them tomorrow, and we will be with them until their final freedom."*

—Randall Robinson, 1985 National Urban League Conference, Washington, D.C.

Thousands had gathered to hear TransAfrica founder and president Randall Robinson address the National Urban League's 75th Anniversary Conference.

He almost didn't make to his own speech. Earlier in the day, he and then-National Urban League Pres-

ident John E. Jacob, along with dozens of other Urban Leaguers, had been arrested at the South African Embassy during a peaceful mass protest against apartheid.

I was arrested during a protest at the same embassy just a few months later. It remains among the great honors of my life to have stood in that movement alongside the man who was singularly responsible for forcing the United States to confront the apartheid regime in South Africa.

Robinson died last week at the age of 81.

That July 1985 protest drew 1,500 people, most of whom were there to take part in the National

Urban League Conference where U.S. policy toward South Africa was a major theme. During the demonstration, before he and Jacob were arrested, Robinson said they were delivering "the knock of freedom on the door of the South African Embassy."

Within a little more than a year, Congress would override President Ronald Reagan's veto and impose economic sanctions against South Africa. The resulting withdrawal of large, multinational corporations crippled the South African economy.

Robinson and the organization he founded in 1977 are best known for their role in ending apartheid. But the movement grew out of opposition to U.S. policy toward the former Republic of Rhodesia, then under white minority rule.

"It was 1976, and I was working for Charlie Diggs [then-chairman of House foreign affairs subcommittee on Africa], when several of us became concerned about the administration's handling of the Rhodesia issue," Robinson said in 1993. "Diggs and Andy Young called together some 120 black leaders to figure out what we ought to do. I was named chair of a working group charged with organizing an institution to galvanize black public opinion in support of U.S. Africa policy. That was the beginning of TransAfrica."

Robinson's 27-day hunger strike in 1994 pressured the Clinton Administration into changing its policy of turning away Haitian refugees without a hearing.

"My view has always been ... it doesn't matter

whether a country is black or white, left or right, you judge human rights observance with the same yardstick," he told his hometown newspaper, "And where I have seen human rights abuse, I have criticized it with as much tenacity as I can muster. And that's been the case in Ethiopia, it's been the case in Liberia, it's been the case in Zaire, it's been the case, of course, in South Africa. And it's been the case in Haiti."

Though I still was a teenager when Robinson founded TransAfrica and focused the nation's attention on human rights abuses there, he inspired me as few others before or since. In the early 1980s, I was part of a leadership team of National Black Law Students Association that pushed for divestment of South African investments by U.S. companies.

I had the privilege of serving with Robinson as a panelist for Tavis Smiley's State of the Black Union forum in 2009. By then he had been living for several years in St. Kitts, where he emigrated out of frustration toward the nation's exploitation of people of color and the poor.

"I tried to love America, its credos, its ideals, its promise, its process," Robinson wrote in *Quitting America: The Departure of a Black Man From His Native Land*. "I have tried to love America but America would not love the ancient, full African whole of me."

The National Urban League mourns his passing and honors his legacy by striving to hold America to its credos, its ideals, and its promise.

—March 30, 2023

## Council Vice-Chair Wala Blegay Seeks to Support Restaurant Owners Offering Healthier Foods in Prince George's County

By ANGELA J. ROUSON

Prince George's County Council Media

During Council session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, Prince George's County Council Vice-Chair Wala Blegay, Esq. (District 6) introduced Council Bill-046-2023, an Act to establish a voluntary healthy restaurant program. If enacted, the Prince George's County Government would support businesses that apply and offer foods deemed "healthy" by a Health Department registered dietician. County support would be offered in the form of promotions, grants, loans, and other incentives. Promotions would include publicity, advertising, marketing, and signage promoting the restaurants under the Healthy Restaurant Program.

Council Vice Chair Blegay says restaurants in the County need more healthy options. "There are very limited healthy restaurant options throughout communities in Prince George's County, and our shopping centers are filled with many fast food options, which can lead to chronic illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease. This legislation is intended to provide more healthy food options in our restaurants and help consumers in our community live a healthier life."

Restaurants, as a condition of participating in this program, would have to offer at least one or more healthy food options, distinguish their healthy food options on the menu from non-healthy food options,

and display them prominently near the point of ordering.

Furthermore, restaurants would participate in periodic program promotions and celebrations such as the annual Metropolitan Washington Restaurant Week, the Maryland Restaurant Week, and/or other such events.

Under the proposed legislation, the Health Department would set up a website with information about the healthy restaurants under this program, links to menus, and nutrition information. The Health Department would also perform outreach and marketing support by:

- Providing a list of healthy restaurants to local elected officials, government commissions, committees agencies, local hospitals, colleges, universities, parent associations, and other large employers, and encourage them to order food for public and internal meetings from the "healthy" restaurants.
- Hosting an annual restaurant recognition event and issuing invitations for local media coverage.
- Promoting Healthy Restaurants during the annual Metropolitan Washington Restaurant Week, the Maryland Restaurant Week, and/or similar events.
- Collaborating with the local tourism or convention bureau to publicize healthy restaurants under the Program to visitors.
- Holding press events announcing new healthy restaurants under this Program to local media outlets.

- Placing ads in local newspapers, on radio and television stations, on websites, and in programs at youth and adult sporting and entertainment events.
- Arranging for the Program to be promoted at local hospitals, colleges, universities, and other large employers.
- Working with local YMCAs, gyms, and health clubs to promote the Program.
- Working with local schools and affiliated parent associations to promote healthy restaurants under the Program.

Other assistance would be provided by the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, including zero interest loans for the restaurants certified under the Program.

In terms of promotions, the County would:

- Pay for symbolic menu labeling for healthy food options at point of purchase.
- Promote restaurants certified under the Program and the Program itself on the Prince George's County website and on local government channels or programming.
- Promote restaurants certified under the Program and the Program itself on community way-finding signs and walking maps.

According to the Prince George's Department of Health, one out of every three American adults are living with pre-diabetes. Being overweight and obese are risk factors for pre-diabetes and can lead to type 2 diabetes. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention an estimated 70% of adults in Prince George's County and the United States, in general, are classified as overweight.

District 7 Council Member Krystal Oriadha is also a proposer of CB-046-2023, which has been referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) committee for legislative review. To learn more, visit The People's Agenda, Prince George's County Legislative Branch, MD (pgccouncil.us)

### Moore from A1

that unusual for a Maryland political leader. Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat, ran for president in 2016, conceding shortly after a third-place Iowa caucus finish. Gov. Larry Hogan was touted as a moderate Republican alternative candidate to Donald Trump, but he abstained from entering the presidential arena. And now Moore, who as the state's first Black governor and as one of the younger leaders of an aging Democratic Party, is seen as a fresh alternative to the status quo.

But unlike O'Malley and Hogan, who built momentum while in office, the buzz around Moore began before he was even sworn in. Political analysts have said Moore can channel this momentum to build his Maryland agenda, thus propelling his national stature, if that is his goal.

"You need to build a record, you need to build the agenda because, in the end, the ultimate currency is what you do in office," said Michael Ricci, Hogan's director of communications. "Obviously approval ratings matter, profile in the party matters, but you have to have a record. Things you passed, things you did. You're an executive, you get measured by results."

Ricci credits Hogan's rejection of Trumpisms and strong approval ratings from handling the COVID pandemic as a catalyst

for his rising national platform. While Hogan did not make national appearances often, the attention he garnered was beneficial to his work in Maryland.

According to Moore's office, before his third month in office, the governor had appeared on at least eight national television programs, including trips to "Morning Joe" on MSNBC and "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer" on CNN. He was a guest at Biden's State of the Union speech. And it didn't hurt his popularity that media mogul Oprah Winfrey introduced him at his inauguration.

Moore's youth and enthusiasm could account for some of the attention, given the aging of the national, as well as Maryland's, political elite. Maryland's longtime, highest-ranking, national political leader, Rep. Steny Hoyer, is serving his 22nd term in the House. The Democrat representing Maryland's 5th Congressional District served in Democratic House leadership for more than 20 years, including two stints as majority leader. He stepped down from leadership earlier this year.

Other prominent Democrats in national politics—including former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Biden and Rep. Jim Clyburn, currently the assistant Democratic leader in the House—are each in their early 80s.

"You're looking to a party that is aging. You look at our president, you look at Nancy

Pelosi, Steny Hoyer, Jim Clyburn, here is a much younger, new generation," said Todd Eberly, an associate professor of political science and public policy studies coordinator at St. Mary's College of Maryland. "Now we have Wes Moore—young, served in the military, former CEO, an investment banker, wins by 30 points. And I think folks instantly look to him, as well as here's the dynamic young leader of the Democratic Party."

Maryland's senior Sen. Ben Cardin, who will be 80 this year, is not surprised that Moore has made a splash with his national appearances and entertains speculation around his future in national politics.

Moore's relative youth, paired with the "full package" of clear policy visions, a strong state legislature and natural charisma makes it easier for him to relate to younger generations of voters, Cardin said.

"He is charismatic, he is talented, he is showing all the right signs. And yes, he is popular around the nation as one of the rising stars," Cardin said in an interview with Capital News Service. "I do think he recognizes that, regardless of what happens nationally, his options are going to be very much tied to what he does as governor of Maryland."

Moore's national popularity coming early in his first term is also part of a broader trend of "young, diverse and exciting"

leadership rising through the Democratic Caucus, Hoyer said in a statement to Capital News Service.

The governor excites members of the Democratic Party and speaks "eloquently and inspiringly" about the work his administration has taken on, Hoyer said. Moore's national spotlight is a testament to Maryland's continued ability to produce great leadership, he added.

"I endorsed him early on because I knew what sort of leader he could be for Maryland," Hoyer said. "As a man of integrity and decency, he is able to make people feel seen and heard. He has already proven to be a great leader of our state."

Eberly said that most American governors have considered a presidential bid at some time during their times in office. But few governors ever "elevate" the thought of "Hey, could I possibly be president?" to a serious discussion, Eberly added.

Foxwell said that national recognition is an asset for Moore and Maryland.

"To the extent that he applies his star power, his stature and reputation to his governing agenda here in Maryland, yes, it gives him political capital," said Foxwell. "It will only enhance rather than diminish his popularity and it will only enlarge the platform that he has from which to advocate for priorities such as better health care, better education, social equity and economic

justice."

That profile is already paying off, said U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen, Maryland's junior Democratic senator. The governor hit the ground running with a diverse Cabinet and voiced full-throttle support for bringing the FBI headquarters to Maryland, Van Hollen said in a statement to Capital News Service.

Moore has "bold plans to open the doors of opportunity to more Marylanders," the senator added.

"Governor Moore's early weeks in office make clear that his vision for a state that leaves

no one behind is more than just a slogan," Van Hollen said.

Cardin called Moore an "inspirational" leader and "rising star" in American politics whose charisma has allowed him to make a bigger splash on a national stage.

"He's representing the best state in the country. He has the best vision, he has talent, and he has a support network in our state that can certainly help him be a successful governor," Cardin said. "And being a successful governor means there's gonna be more and more conversation about (his future)."

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# BUSINESS AND FINANCE

## IBEW Local 26, Baltimore/DC - Metro Building Trades Council and GWRCCC Hosted Inflation Reduction Act Tax Credits and Workforce Standards Workshop

By PRESS OFFICER  
GWRCCC

LANHAM, Md. (March 30, 2023)—The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 26, the Baltimore/DC-Metro Building Trades Council and the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC) hosted a discussion on the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Tax Credits and Workforce Standards on Monday, March 20, 2023, at the IBEW Local 26 Building in Lanham, Maryland.

This workshop was an opportunity for contractors and developers to learn how they can take advantage of IRA tax credits. The IRA includes tax credits and workforce standards for clean energy jobs in the solar, electric vehicle (EV) charging, energy efficiency, fleet electrification, clean energy and renewable energy sectors.

GWRCCC, IBEW and the Baltimore/DC-Metro Building Trades Council seek to promote business opportunities for local contractors, with an emphasis on women and minority-owned businesses, by encouraging the creation of clean energy jobs that pay prevailing wages and provide registered apprenticeship training. Increasing awareness of the IRA is an avenue to reach these goals.

This event was an opportunity to increase awareness and provide a forum for local contractors to network and ask questions of leading experts. Union and non-union companies were able to learn and ask questions about the union workforce standards and grants available under the IRA to promote the creation of a clean energy workforce. Keynote speaker, Con-

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### Social Security Matters

#### Ask Rusty:

#### Why Should a Non-working Spouse Be Entitled to Social Security Benefits?

By RUSSELL GLOOR,  
National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation,  
the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

**Dear Rusty:** Why can a non-working spouse claim half of their working spouse's benefit even though they have not contributed to the Social Security system? This doesn't seem right or fair to those of us who have contributed for years from our paychecks. **Signed: Inquisitive**

**Dear Inquisitive:** This is a question which needs a bit of historical background to properly explain: Social Security's original purpose when it was enacted in 1935 was to prevent America's seniors from living in poverty (remember, Social Security was enacted during the "Great Depression"). Even before the first Social Security check was sent to a retired worker in 1940, Congress had already changed the original Social Security law to, as well, provide anti-poverty benefits to non-working spouses of a worker (a predominant family reality at that time) and surviving spouses, as well as to their minor children. Social Security's fundamental goal has always been to lift eligible Americans out of poverty, which it still does very effectively.

It's important to note that this change did not (and does not) detract in any way from the benefits provided to those who work and contribute to Social Security thus earning their own SS retirement benefit. In other words, those who receive their personally earned SS retirement benefit are not at all penalized if their non-working spouse also receives a benefit (albeit a considerably smaller amount) on the worker's record. Living expenses for two people are, simply, higher than for one, which was/is the rationale for also paying benefits to a dependent not eligible for Social Security benefits on their own work record. In the end, it all comes down to avoiding poverty.

Although the numbers vary somewhat by state, gender, and ethnicity, without Social Security about 38% of all Americans over age 65 would be living below the poverty line, whereas with Social Security only about 9% of Americans over 65 live below the poverty line. But that 9% number would be significantly higher if non-working spouses and survivors of eligible workers were also not entitled to Social Security benefits.

While it is true that Social Security is facing future solvency issues, the thought of restricting benefits to only those who have worked and contributed to the program (and not to their non-working spouses or minor children) is not something being considered by anyone with Congressional influence, regardless of political affiliation. Doing so would be devastating to a large segment of the American population, severely increasing poverty—the very thing that Social Security is designed to prevent.

The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] [www.amac.us](http://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](http://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](http://www.amac.us/join-amac).

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## Council Unanimously Approves Legislation Limiting Consolidated Storage Facilities

Legislation Sponsored by Council Member Jolene Ivey Limits the Location of New Public Storage Facilities to Industrial Zones in the County

By ANGELA ROUSON  
Prince George's County Council Media

The Prince George's County Council, on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, voted to enact legislation proposed by Council Member Jolene Ivey (District 5) limiting where consolidated storage facilities will be allowed to be built in the County.

The bill, CB-011-2023, changes the County's zoning law to prohibit consolidated storage in zones where they were allowed before, and now limits them to industrial areas. A handful of projects that have already been approved by the Plan-

ning Department will be allowed to be built, and for some of those there will be a requirement that they include an incubator space on the ground floor to be made available rent-free to a non-profit or a start-up business.

District 5 Council Member Jolene Ivey, the author of the legislation, stated that she appreciated the unanimous support of her colleagues, and said new consolidated storage facilities popping up in neighborhoods and other undesirable places will be stopped.

"Residents continue to share concerns about the number of consolidated storage

facilities in the County. While these facilities serve a purpose, they do not create many jobs, generate economic benefits for surrounding communities, and should not be built in locations where the land can be used to better benefit the County and its residents. This legislation stops these projects from going forward except in industrial zones where they will be allowed. I'm also very happy to have included in this important measure the nonprofit and business incubator space that will be rent free for those grandfathered businesses."

The bill will take effect 45 calendar days after it becomes law.

## Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation Announces Halvik Lease Signing of 80,000 Square Foot Facility in Beltsville

The information technology company joins growing ecosystem of NASA contractors in Prince George's County

By PRESS OFFICER  
PGCEDC

LARGO, Md. (March 31, 2023)—Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (PGCEDC) is excited to announce that Shaw Real Estate LLC and Halvik have executed a lease for 80,000 square feet of class A office space at 7601 Ora Glen Drive in Beltsville, MD.

"PGCEDC is proud to expand the technology footprint in Prince George's County with Halvik," said David Iannucci, PGCEDC President & CEO. "The IT sector is an important factor in the economic development stratosphere, and we are dedicated to bringing more economic opportunities to the County. This is yet another example of why Expansion Starts Here."

PGCEDC is working with the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) to expedite the necessary permits. Cushman & Wakefield represented The Tenant, and Danac Realty Advisors represented The Landlord.

"We are excited for our growing NASA contractor community," said Mayank Ka-

pur, PGCEDC Director of Business Development, IT & Cybersecurity. "We are very excited for Halvik to join our growing Information Technology ecosystem."

This transaction represents a significant commitment by Halvik to remain in Prince George's County. The Virginia headquartered company is putting a big footprint in the County.

"We are very pleased to announce a new Halvik regional office that will inspire innovation, collaboration and creativity," said Vijay Bathula, President of Halvik. "Halvik's office will feature a two-story glass lobby and a modern, open floorplan across three levels of office space; outdoor areas and other amenities to support collaboration and creativity. We are confident that this location will help us attract and retain great talent and provide one of the best employee experiences in the region."

Shaw Real Estate will work with Halvik to make significant improvements within the building. Brasher Architects is also assisting Halvik with their architectural and permitting requirements.

"We are thrilled to have Halvik as a

new tenant in our project and excited to create a very special environment for their employees for a long time to come," said Steve Shaw of Shaw Real Estate.

Halvik is an award-winning company specializing in providing smart, technology-enabled solutions to help our clients realize new mission and business capabilities, and to continuously enhance and improve operations. Our breadth of capabilities, industry leading experience, client trust, and commitment to excellence, has enabled us to manifest the promise of agile business and adaptive IT into reality.

PGCEDC's mission is to cultivate and promote a strong local economy that supports the growth and prosperity of entrepreneurs and businesses, dedicated to strengthening communities through business development and job creation. For more information about the services the Economic Development Corporation provides to local companies, visit [www.pgcdec.com](http://www.pgcdec.com).

## Governor Moore Announces Major Offshore Wind Energy Initiatives During International Forum in Baltimore

Initiatives Will Increase Offshore Wind Output, Prioritize Wind Energy Partnerships, and Create 15,000 Jobs

By PRESS OFFICER  
Maryland Governor News

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 29, 2023)— Governor Wes Moore today announced major offshore wind energy initiatives to build a more economically competitive state. To move Maryland toward achieving its 100% clean energy goal by 2035, Governor Moore announced that Maryland will significantly increase its offshore wind output and prioritize wind energy partnerships to position Maryland to be the country's leader in offshore wind production.

"Here in Maryland, we can have both a growing economy and lead the way in clean energy," said Governor Moore. "Maryland is rich in natural assets, institutional strength, numerous offshore wind energy partnerships and a thriving workforce—and I believe if we work together, our state will lead the country in offshore wind energy production."

The governor presented his vision during a plenary keynote [last Wednesday] morning at the International Offshore Wind Partnering Forum in Baltimore. The forum is the premier annual offshore wind energy conference in the Americas, connecting global leaders, businesses and industry experts to discuss technology, policy, and vision for the future of offshore wind.

To move Maryland toward achieving the goal of 100% clean energy by 2035, the governor announced that Maryland will aim to quadruple the amount of energy produced by offshore wind from about 2 gigawatts to 8.5 gigawatts of power, which is enough to power nearly three million homes. To support the effort, the administration is working to establish new lease areas and strengthen the offshore wind supply chain.

Governor Moore is also elevating a key partnership between U.S. Wind and Tradepoint Atlantic to build an offshore wind manufacturing yard at Sparrows Point in Baltimore at the location of the former Bethlehem Steel plant. Orsted has committed to using Tradepoint Atlantic as a logistics hub to assemble advanced foundation components for offshore wind turbines using materials produced on the Eastern Shore at Crystal Steel. The partnerships will create nearly 15,000 jobs.

"The clean energy industry represents tremendous economic benefit for Maryland and it is important we have a strategy in place to not only grow our existing companies, but create a business climate that attracts new clean energy companies and global invest-



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The governor presented his vision during a plenary keynote at the International Offshore Wind Partnering Forum in Baltimore.

ment," said Maryland Department of Commerce Secretary Kevin A. Anderson. "Working one-on-one with this industry, we will better understand their challenges and opportunities, and help them thrive in our state."

To accelerate Maryland's transition to a clean energy future, the governor also announced that the Maryland Department of Commerce has created a dedicated position that will ensure industry access to an array of state resources and create an environment conducive to startups, attracting investment and assisting established firms with growth, expansion, and workforce development. The Maryland Energy Administration will also focus on delivering more grants to companies that form key connections along the offshore wind supply chain, including those that develop turbines, blades, cables, and other mechanical parts.

"This is a code-red moment in our fight against climate change, and offshore wind will be at the center of our work to supercharge the renewable energy transition," said Maryland Energy Administration Director Paul Pinsky. "We need to join forces across communities, states, and countries to invest in this emerging industry—and Maryland will be the headquarters of that work. I applaud Governor Moore for his leadership in this arena. He knows, as I know, that the stakes are too high for us to fail."



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IBEW Local 26, the Baltimore/DC-Metro Building Trades and GWRCCC hope to host more events similar to this one as more guidance is released on the Inflation Reduction Act. If you are interested in co-hosting a similar event, contact GWRCCC at (202) 671-1580 or go to [www.gwrccc.org](http://www.gwrccc.org).

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