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Bob's Discount Furniture Celebrates Grand Opening in Bowie on September 1

The new store is located at 15510 Annapolis Road



Bob's Discount Furniture Store Manager Oludare Agbelese cuts the ribbon with Bob's Regional Sales Director Peter Bermudez at Bob's Grand Opening in Bowie, MD.



Kym Taylor, Maryland State Delegate, District 23 and Ingrid Watson, County Council Member of Prince George's County present citations to Bob's Discount Furniture Store Manager Oludare Agbelese at Bob's Grand Opening in Bowie, MD.

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Michaeline Gandolph, Assistant Director Bowie Interfaith Pantry (left), Bowie Food Pantry Assistant Director and Tim May (right), Chief Development Officer of Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland accept donations at Bob's Discount Furniture Grand Opening in Bowie, MD.



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Council Enacts Legislation Requiring Gas Stations to Display Credit Card Prices

Consumer Protection Bill Proposed by Council Member Burroughs Demands Transparency in Gas Station Credit Card Prices

By ANGELA J. ROUSON
Council Office of Communications

The Prince George's County Council, during session on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, voted unanimously to enact CB-044-2023, legislation requiring gas stations to prominently display credit card prices on their signs.

Under the measure, convenience stores and gas stations will maintain an unobstructed line of sight allowing a clear view of credit card prices from the cash register and sales area. Windows and doors must also remain unobstructed to allow for clear viewing.

District 8 Council Member Edward Burroughs III, author of the legislation, said the bill is about protecting consumers.

"We have so many seniors and individuals who go to the pump every single day thinking that they are going to pay one price, but because they primarily use a credit card or debit card, they are forced to pay a higher price. We even have situations where gas companies will post the price of gas based on whether you receive a car wash or not, so you believe you are paying a certain amount when you are really paying several dollars

more. The goal of this bill is to increase transparency."

CB-044-2023 will take effect 45 calendar days after it becomes law. Convenience stores and gas stations currently in operation have 12 months from the effective date of the legislation to complete requirements of the measure. Convenience stores and gas stations that remain noncompliant after the grace period shall be charged a civil monetary fine of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$250.00 for the second offense, \$500.00 for the third offense, and \$1,000.00 for every subsequent offense every calendar year.

City of Glenarden Community Day

By MONAY WARD
City of Glenarden

Join the City of Glenarden for This Year's Glenarden Day on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 from 11 a.m.–6 p.m. at the Glenarden Municipal Center (8600 Glenarden Pkwy., Glenarden, MD 20706). This year's theme is centered around "Keeping the Tradition Alive".

This theme is to encourage citizens to continue the traditions of building the community through their love of God, family, friends, and community. It is this that makes Glenarden great!

There will be FREE games, prizes, live music, arts & crafts, amusements and so much more! Hope to see you there!

M&T Bank, Prince George's County Launch Small Business Accelerator Program

Deadline to register for free eight-week program is Sept. 15; sessions begin Sept. 26

By PRESS OFFICER
M&T Bank Corporation

LARGO, Md. (Sept. 7, 2023)—M&T Bank and Prince George's County are looking for as many as 25 small business owners to participate in a new business accelerator program designed to provide entrepreneurs with the guidance and skills needed to build strong companies, spur economic growth in Prince George's County and help build generational wealth for their families.

The eight-week business accelerator program—a partnership between M&T, FSC First and Prince George's Economic Development Corporation (EDC)—will focus on business planning, sourcing capital, establishing credit, managing bank accounts, marketing, branding, and licensing.

The program launches Sept. 26 with a hybrid mix of courses held virtually and in person at various locations in the county. The program concludes Nov. 14 with a graduation and award ceremony for the winners of the pitch competition, resulting in cash prizes for the finalists.

Entrepreneurs interested in participating must complete an application by Sept. 15, be based in Prince George's County, in operation at least two years and be in good standing. Qualified applicants will be enrolled in the free program on a first-come, first-served basis.

"In partnership with Prince George's County, M&T Bank is thrilled to offer the Business Accelerator Program, which provides local entrepreneurs with the resources to help their businesses thrive," Jim Peterson, M&T Bank's VP and Small Business Ambassador. The program's curriculum is designed to offer small business owners mentorship opportunities, to enhance their chances of success in a competitive business landscape, drive local economic growth and help build generational wealth."

This is the second business accelerator program M&T Bank has sponsored in Prince George's County this year. In June, M&T and Prince George's County Economic Development Corp. (EDC)

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Prince George's Film Festival and Prince George's County's Office of the County Executive Shine Spotlight on Homegrown Talent With Opening Night Film Screening

By PRESS OFFICER
PGAHC

LARGO, Md. (Sept. 5, 2023)—The Prince George's Film Festival is excited to announce a special opening night film screening in collaboration with Prince George's County's Office of the County Executive. The festival, dedicated to celebrating cinema and local creativity, will proudly showcase MegaMind Media's riveting film, The Deadly Getaway, which was filmed entirely within the borders of Prince George's County. This collaboration underscores the importance of community support for local artists and filmmakers.

The Deadly Getaway is a cinematic tour de force that not only captures the landscapes of Prince George's County, but also encaps-

ulates the unique spirit and stories of our beloved community. MegaMind Media's exceptional storytelling ability shines through, creating an experience that resonates with audiences on both an emotional and local level.

"We are beyond thrilled to partner with County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and MegaMind Media to bring The Deadly Getaway to our opening night," says Donna Foster, Director of Prince George's Film Festival.

What makes this screening even more special is that MegaMind Media is the recipient of the Prince George's Film Office's Film Grant Program. This program was established and supported by the County's American

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In & Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Suitland High '63 celebrates 60th Anniversary

For the Suitland High grads of 1963, here's a slightly-edited message from your classmate, Jan Stocklinski:

"Hard to believe it has been 60 years since we graduated from Suitland High School, yet here we are. In celebration of this occasion, a 60th Reunion has been planned for Saturday, October 21, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Waldorf.

"Plans include an early buffet dinner, DJ playing '60s music, a dance floor for those so inclined, a cash bar and the chance to enjoy the camaraderie of old friends. There will be a photographer on hand to capture special moments and do a Class of '63 Reunion picture. We are also planning a Meet-and-Greet social in the bar area of the hotel on Friday evening for those who are interested.

"For those coming from farther away, the hotel is offering a special reduced rate for Reunion attendees for both Friday and Saturday nights.

"All of this for \$75.00 per person.

"Time is ticking away, and we need to reach as many fellow graduates as possible, so please share this information with others you know who may be interested in attending. The event is also open to graduates from 1961 through 1965."

For more information, visit the Reunion Committee at SuitlandHS63Reunion@gmail.com.

Finally, Jan adds a sincere "Hope to see you there!"

Town of Morningside

Morningside Chief of Police Wesley Stevenson announces that anyone caught going over the speed limit in Morningside's school zones will face double charges. "We especially don't want our school kids hurt." Slow down!

The Morningside Town Meeting will be Sept. 19, 7 p.m., at the Municipal Center. Still shuttered: GI Liquors.

Morningside honors Virginia Rosch

The bench at the entrance to Morningside was officially dedicated September 12, in honor of Virginia Rosch, wife of the late Matthew P. Rosch for whom the Municipal Center is named.

Matt Rosch was Morningside Chief of Police for years. I fondly remember him also as a regular at the meetings of the

Morningside Recreation Council. He and Virginia are an important twosome in the history of the Town.

Congratulations, Billy and Sarah!

Morningside Council Member Sharon Fowler hosted a wedding celebration at her home last weekend for son William (better known as Billy) and Sarah, his highschool sweetheart. They were married July 30 in Lake Superior, Mich.

Neighbors & other good people

Mary Truman, who teaches preschoolers with autism, has been acclaimed Prince George's County Teacher of the Year. She has served as a County educator for 22 years and currently teaches at Kenmoor Early Childhood Center in Landover.

My nephew Mike Mudd retired July 15 as Captain with American Airlines. He graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1985, transferred to the Air Force and served 21 years as an AF pilot, before becoming an American Airlines pilot. He now lives in Dunkirk, Md., with his wife Ann.

I enjoyed a 3-day visit from my siblings, Rosie Nickodemus and Tom Mudd, who drove down from Saginaw, Mich. One purpose was to deliver a number of items to the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House in Waldorf. It's the home, after all, of our great-grandparents. It was rewarding to see how lovingly it is cared for, and how visitors continue to show up for tours.

The Skyline Citizens Association held their monthly meeting Sept. 12 at the Morningside Firehouse. We (I am one) continue to hope for SCA's return as a viable neighborhood voice. As we planned our 50th year banquet in 2020, Covid killed the celebration and nearly killed the Association.

Changing landscape

Southern Style Chicken & Waffle has recently opened at 6711 Marlboro Pike. It's open 24 hours a day!

A home at 6700 Pine Grove Drive has recently sold for \$285,000.

Places to go & Things to do

The 99th annual Charles County Fair continues at the Fairgrounds, September 14 thru 17. Admission: ages 11 & over, \$10; children ages 10 & under, free at all times. Also, there's a free Shuttle Bus to and from your car. Info: www.charlescountyfair.com. Visit Planet Word, a wonderful new mu-

seum near the White House. Once you attend, you'll want everyone you know to give it a try. It's free but donations encouraged. It's described as "The museum where language comes to life." It's at 925 13th St NW, Washington, DC 20005. Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, and Monday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. It's a good idea to call ahead; the number is 202-931-3139. Last time I went, I ate at Immigrant Food in the museum. Our waiter was, indeed, an immigrant. From South America. All I've got to say about Planet Word is "Go!"

Jean Browne dies at 89

Jean Frances Browne, 89, of Forestville, a member of Forest Memorial Church, died July 27. She was born in Washington, daughter of Joseph and Alma Worthington.

She worked as a switchboard operator. Her husband John Roger Browne Jr. preceded her in death. Survivors include sons John Roger III, Steve and Mark Browne. Visitation and funeral were at Lee Funeral Home in Clinton.

Diane Gibbs, secretary at Census and IRS

Diane Elizabeth Pike Gibbs, IRS retiree, died August 28 in Rockville. She was born in Washington, daughter of Ruth and Wesley Pike.

She was a secretary for AT&T in Rockville before marriage to Steve Gibbs. After marriage and having two children, she returned to the workforce as secretary with the Bureau of the Census and the IRS in Suitland, and in Sunrise, Fla. She retired in 2013 with 25 years of Government service.

Survivors include her husband Steve, brother Dennis Pike, son Wesley, daughter Caren, and three grandchildren. Services were at Stauffer Funeral Home in Mt. Airy, with burial at Resurrection in Clinton.

Her friend Beverly has fond memories of Diane when "we were friends and neighbors raising our young children in Waldorf."

Milestones

Happy Birthday to Kimberly Brewer, Everett Mason, Jr. and Joan Stakem, Sept. 17; Shirley Tull Smith, Sept. 18; Lee Burkhardt, Sept. 20; Linda Holbart Van Meter, Karen Rooker and Teresa Kessler, Sept. 22; Elizabeth Long and Mary Kilbride, Sept. 23. Happy 35th anniversary to Russell & Carole Butler who wed Sept. 17, 1988.

Around the County

September 17, 2023 Little Chapel Food Pantry

The next St. Philip's Little Chapel Food Pantry Distribution will be held this Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, from 9 a.m. to Noon, while supplies last. Our Pantry is located behind the main church building at the corner of 6th and Prince George Streets in Historic Laurel (by the playground), one block off of Main Street. We will have non-perishable items, frozen items, and some produce while supplies last. A small selection of school supplies will also be available. Coincidentally, this is the 175th anniversary of St. Philip's in Laurel. We have been blessed to be a part of this community and strive to return the blessings to our friends and neighbors.

Register for the 4th Annual Purple Bike Ride

The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office is gearing up for their annual Purple Bike Ride. The event is meant to bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence and raise money to assist survivors. So come and ride for a good cause. There will also be other activities for you to enjoy throughout the day.

Saturday, October 7, 2023, 8 a.m.

Register: www.bikereg.com/pgsao-4th-annual-purple-bike-ride-2023

Fairwood Community Park, 12390 Fairwood Pkwy, Bowie, MD 20720

—Aisha Braveboy, State's Attorney

District 4 Council Member Ingrid Watson Announces 'Pick It UP!' Anti-Litter and Beautification Initiative

Community Clean-Up Day September 30 Bowie, Greenbelt, Glenn Dale, and Lanham Residents 'Pick It UP!'

Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid Watson (District 4) will launch the inaugural District 4 "Pick It UP!" Anti-Litter and Beautification Initiative on Saturday, September 30, 2023, with a simultaneous Community Clean-Up Day in the Bowie, Greenbelt, Glenn Dale, and Lanham communities.

The Pick It UP! Initiative and accompanying anti-litter campaign will encourage clean, litter-free District 4 communities; raise awareness around the harmful impacts of litter and illegal dumping; promote community involvement; and encourage civic pride through ongoing clean-up drives and prevention education efforts.

Council Member Watson invites every District 4 resident to join in and 'Pick It UP!'

"Volunteers of all ages and in every District 4 community can share in the excitement and benefit of the Pick It UP! Initiative. Each small effort will have a huge impact on our local environment—something our residents agree is paramount—maintaining property values, protecting wildlife and natural spaces, beautifying our neighborhoods, raising awareness around plastic pollution, and promoting our community bonds. We want to keep our communities clean."

Council Member Watson adds that this initiative is especially timely, amid new COVID health alerts and as students begin a new school year.

"The impacts of COVID include additional reasons to address clean communities. Trash is a breeding ground for disease and improper disposal of face masks, gloves, and sanitizer wipes only adds to our litter problem. It is up to us to set the example for our young people and encourage them to take pride in their community and not to throw trash on the ground or out of a car window. I am strongly encouraging all family members, adults, and children, to participate in the Pick It UP! Campaign."

District 4 residents are invited to take the Pick It UP! Pledge and commit to cleaner, greener communities. To sign the District 4 Pick It UP! Campaign Pledge, visit https://pgccouncil.us/936/Take-the-Pick-It-UP-Campaign-Pledge?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

For more information on how to participate in the Pick It UP! Initiative, please contact Jobina Brown at JCBrown@co.pg.md.us

There's Still Time to Enjoy National Harbor's Boating Activities

From REI Co-op rental paddle boards, pedal boats and kayaks to GoBoat and boat rentals on the Potomac River

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (Sept. 5, 2023)—In just 15 years, National Harbor has become the premier waterfront destination in the Washington, D.C. region. Even though the calendar says September, there is still time to be on the water at National Harbor. Enjoy one of their many water activities including the new REI Co-op's rental location. Boating options include single and tandem kayaks and one to four person paddleboards and pedal boats.

REI offers a variety of boating experiences on the Potomac River including Learn to Stand Up Paddleboard classes through the end of September and hourly rentals for self-led excursions and Learn to Kayak classes through October. As the most popular REI excursions in the D.C. area, these paddling activities are great for families, couples, and groups of friends who want to get out on the water.

Another new addition, GoBoat, seats up to 8 people. Boaters will enjoy a unique social sailing experience with friends and families. You are your own captain when renting these electrically powered 18-foot boats. The boats' speed is about 3-4 knots (5-7 miles per hour.) The boats are Danish designed and do not require a license to drive but drivers must be at least 21 years of age. GoBoats can be booked online through October 31.

Freedom Boat Club and Carefree Boat Club at National Harbor are a membership program where guests can rent a boat. A boating license is required. Maryland Yacht Charters has added an additional boat for National Harbor this season. Here, you can rent a boat with a captain for 2-4 hours and BYOB.

For more information on National Harbor, visit www.nationalharbor.com.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT BOWIE STATE

Is Bowie State the first HBCU? Founded in 1865, Bowie State is the oldest Historically Black College/University and one of the ten oldest in the country. It is also a diverse university whose students, along with faculty and staff, represent many ethnic and cultural backgrounds. <https://www.bowiestate.edu/about> About Bowie State University.

What major is Bowie State University known for? The most popular majors at Bowie State University include Business Administration and Management, General; Criminal Justice/Safety Studies; Radio and Television Broadcasting Technology/Technician; Psychology, General; Biology, General Computer/Information Technology Administration and Management; Child Development; <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/bowie-state-university-2062>.

What celebrities went to Bowie State? Toni Braxton (African American Singer), Wale (Olubowale Victor Akintimehin) (American Rapper), Christa McAuliffe (Astronaut).

What is the racial makeup of Bowie State University? The enrolled student population at Bowie State University, both undergraduate and graduate, is 80.7% Black or African American, 4.52% Hispanic or Latino, 4.12% Two or more races, 2.8% White, 1.6 % Asian, 0.19% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanders, and 0.14% American Indian or Alaska Native.

Bowie State University (BSU) is a prestigious public historically black university situated in Bowie, Maryland, United States. It has been an integral part of the University System of Maryland since its establishment in 1865. BSU is dedicated to providing its students with exceptional education and opportunities.

147TH HOMECOMING ANNIVERSARY

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Baden Parish will be celebrating their 147th Homecoming Anniversary on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Worship Service-Holy Eucharist will be held at 10 a.m. "Theme: Looking back with gratitude, Standing Firm in Hope, Moving ahead in Faith."

We are honored to have The Rev. Hugh E. Brown, III, D. Min. MSW, LMSW as our Speaker of the Hour. Please plan to attend and hear the spiritual message. Lunch will be served immediately following service. St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Baden Parish is located at 13801 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613-8426.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat Jesus' Love is so sweet. Bring your treat bucket or bag Saturday, October 7, 2023, 12-3 p.m. Rain date: Saturday, October 21, 2023. Free pony and horse rides for kids and adults.

Rides 1-3 p.m. A waiver must be signed. Questions? Call 240-755-9008.

The event will be at Providence Fort Washington United Methodist Church, 10610 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744. Kermit C.C. Moore, Pastor. Sponsored by the C.I.A. Ministry.

POEM WRITTEN FOR THE 1999/2000 FIX

"I found one of my poems which I wrote for the 1999/2000 fix (seems to still be true in 2023)" Joan Hayes. Y2K written during the scare of computer year 2000. Let not our passion for human life go barren. As we patiently wait for the "New Year".

"As we approach the next millennium people are beginning to treat 2000 as a blossoming moon by continual Daydream and Romanizing. Believe me the arrival for Y2K will be here soon. Already the term Y2K has taken over the last of our 1999 century year. Computer programmers and scholars live in daily fear. Whatever did we do before computers were here?"

"Seems to me we talked more person to person. With disc and storage space we got the work done. We made room to seek and personally comfort each other. Distance seemed away and family units were more complete. Because the computer is now a necessity for some in life. Every third household has at least one computer. Business cannot seem to function without them. Poem written by Joan Hayes, Poet who is my close friend".

"Now instead to discuss solutions made within conference meetings and phone calls. We have placed information on a business intranet web page so we can resolve this and communicate to all. And at home with access to the internet we can shut ourselves from the real world. Isolate human contact for days and days".

"And of course, we will make the traveling arrangements if you want to go outside. Tell you where to stay, places to visit and other things to do. With the help of your exhausted credit card, we will do it all for you. For the love and life of the 20th century without mainframe and artificial intelligence. Let us not forget to treat life with ourselves and each other. Place Y2K in its proper place and focus on getting human relationships done".

2024 CIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Join us for the 2024 CIAA Basketball Tournament February 26-March 3, 2024, in Baltimore, Maryland (bowiestate.edu/ciaa). #FebruaryIsCIAA. Bowie State University is the host institution once again for the CIAA Tournament and Bulldog fans are encouraged to stay connected to the Office of Alumni Engagement and Stewardship to be among the first to know about all CIAA events, including making your reservations at the BSU host hotel for CIAA.

COMMUNITY

Leadership Maryland Now Accepting Applications for Class of 2024

Deadline to Apply is October 31, 2023

By PRESS OFFICER
Leadership Maryland

Maryland (Sept. 6, 2023)—Leadership Maryland, the professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders, is now accepting applications for the Class of 2024. Leadership Maryland's selection committee will choose 52 applicants to complete an eight-month hands-on learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic, and environmental issues.

Applications are open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in their careers and/or their communities. Ideal Leadership Maryland applicants will have a desire to learn more about Maryland's most critical issues and a personal commitment to be a force for positive change in their organizations, communities, and state. The chosen class will reflect a cross-section of the state by including diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity, age, and gender.

To be considered for the Class of 2024, application packages must include:

- Completed application, available online only at www.LeadershipMD.org;
- Paid non-refundable application fee of \$250;
- Two references;
- One letter of recommendation;
- Authorizing official statement from applicant's supervisor or CEO (unless applicant is self-employed or is their own supervisor);
- Professional color photo

Completed application packages and registration fees must be received by Leadership Maryland by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2023. Upon acceptance of the application, candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview

with members of the Leadership Maryland selection committee. The selected Class of 2024 will be announced in early February 2024.

Before applying, candidates should know they will be able to attend Class of 2024 sessions on the following dates:

- March 11 (evening reception)
- April 18 & 19 (Orientation—mandatory)
- May 9 & 10
- June 13 & 14
- July 11 & 12
- September 12 & 13
- October 17 & 18
- November 8
- December 3 (Graduation)

Full information regarding Leadership Maryland's application instructions, selection process, tuition, and financial assistance, 2024 program dates and locations, and attendance policy are available at www.LeadershipMD.org. Anyone with questions may contact Leadership Maryland at 410-841-2101 or Info@LeadershipMD.org.

Leadership Maryland is a non-profit organization offering professional and youth development programs dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its current and future leaders. Established in 1992, Leadership Maryland's professional development program selects as many as 52 diverse and accomplished executives from Maryland's public and private sectors each year to come together as a class for an eight-month learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic, and environmental issues. Leadership Maryland also offers Maryland Leadership Workshops (MLW), the state's premier leadership development program for middle and high school students. To learn more, visit leadershipmd.org or mlw.org.

Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Announces New Partnership With GEICO

Insurance company to provide \$40,000 for community programming and scholarships

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCAC Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

CAPITOL HEIGHTS, Md. (Sept. 5, 2023)—The Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter (PGCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated announced today a new partnership with insurance company GEICO. GEICO will provide \$40,000 to PGCAC as a part of its community investment grant program.

Through this partnership, PGCAC will be able to expand its outreach efforts in the areas of food insecurity, literacy, and "comfort closets" within Prince George's County. In addition, the grant funding will enable PGCAC to provide additional scholarship opportunities for students pursuing higher education.

"PGCAC's work helps communities within Prince George's County thrive on so many levels," said LaDonna Bond, GEICO Head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. "We couldn't have found a better partner to help touch so many lives by giving families access to essential items and providing students opportunities to further their education so they can pursue their dreams."

As a part of its continued commitment to helping children and families in need, PGCAC will utilize the grant in the following ways:

- **Food Insecurity**—Expansion of PGCAC's current Feed the Hungry program within Prince George's County.
- **Literacy**—Purchase of a Book Worm vending machine that will hold up to 300 books. The machine will be located at William Paca Elementary School in Landover, Maryland.
- **Comfort Closet**—Expansion of the Comfort Closet initiative, which provides everyday essentials for families, at various Prince George's County Public Schools.

- **Scholarships**—Provide two new scholarships titled "GEICO Changemakers Scholarships" for students who have previously been recipients of a PGCAC scholarship.

For more information about PGCAC and our community programs, visit www.pgcacd.org.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has over 300,000 initiated members and more than 1000 chapters worldwide, including seven in Wisconsin. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national and local programs.

GEICO (Government Employees Insurance Company) was founded in 1936 and insures more than 27 million vehicles in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. A member of the Berkshire Hathaway family of companies, GEICO constantly strives to make lives better by protecting people against unexpected events while saving them money and providing an outstanding customer experience. Along with personal auto insurance, commercial auto and personal umbrella coverages are also available. Homeowners, renters, condo, flood, identity theft, term life, and more coverages are written through non-affiliated insurance companies and are secured through the GEICO Insurance Agency, Inc. Visit geico.com to learn more.

Better care for a stronger Laurel.

UM Laurel Medical Center now open.
We're here to help build a stronger and healthier Laurel, connecting you to the innovation of academic medicine all in one new location. And this is just the beginning. Look for additional services as we evolve to meet your ever-changing wellness needs and drive to improve the health of Maryland. That's a better state of care.

Learn more at umms.org/laurel.

UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM

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COMMENTARY

Marian Wright Edelman

Founder and President Emerita,
Children's Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

“Draw the Circle Wide”

My dear friend Rev. Dr. Shannon Daley-Harris recently preached a sermon at Princeton University Chapel titled “Draw the Circle Wide.” She opened by sharing memories from time she spent living and working in Belfast in the late 1980s, as the Troubles between Protestant Unionists and loyalists and Catholic Republicans and nationalists had segmented Northern Ireland’s capital city by the Peace Wall, “a lovely name for a hideous structure: concrete blocks, bricks, steel, barbed wire, a physical representation and enforcement of a divided community.”

She described life by that dividing line. “Armed soldiers in Kevlar vests and armored vehicles patrolled both sides, representatives of the

ruling Protestant Unionists. When patrolling the Catholic Republican side of the wall, disenfranchised young men from that side of the community would hurl petrol bombs . . . I taught at a school on the Catholic side of the Wall up the Falls Road. Seared into my memory is the image of a small child leaving the school and approaching a fatigue-clad soldier, crouched by the Wall a few yards away. He was clutching his weapon. She was clutching a crayon drawing, and held it out, wanting to show him what she drew. He looked at it, offered admiring words—he must have been someone’s dad or uncle—and then as the small child climbed aboard the school van, he turned to his fellow soldier and said, gesturing

at the whole situation, ‘I can’t bloody stand this.’”

Rev. Daley-Harris explained that as an American visitor, she had unusual freedom to cross the city and an outsider’s sense of perspective: “Several days a week I would take an IRA-run Black Taxi to travel up the Falls Road to tutor unemployed Catholic adults, and work in an after-school program. Other days I would take a city bus—what the Protestants used—to tutor young men who had been incarcerated for Protestant paramilitary offenses. As someone who came into Belfast as an outsider, with abstract knowledge but no lived experience of either side of the community and their history and hurts, present and pain, future and fears, it was in some ways easier to see the tragedy—and in a sense absurdity—of all the invisible lines as well as those that were visible. Children who would never meet and play and learn together. Adults who read different newspapers, took different transportation, frequented different pubs, even played different instruments. Couples who faced threats for marrying across the lines. Lines that created and maintained suspicions, stereotypes, fears, and hatred.” She then had a question: “I wonder, what tragic and even absurd invisible lines and walls do you think someone coming from the outside to the U.S. would see?”

“Do you think they’d see dividing lines of race and ethnicity, dividing lines of income and educa-

tion, dividing lines of gender identity and geography, dividing lines of sexuality and social media and news sources, and, yes, dividing lines of political party and religious faith? I wonder, what lines do you think they would see?”

Rev. Daley-Harris’s message that morning was that we are all called to do the work of dismantling our divisions and instead to see each other and every child as beloved, precious children of God. Instead of drawing lines, we are called to draw wider circles. She added: “When we know that truth, really know that truth, I wonder how we will find ourselves called to recreate this world, to challenge systems and structures, stereotypes and segregation, politics and policies that deny the humanity and beloved preciousness of anyone. Will we live it out as we support and protect trans children seeking gender affirming care and stand against book banning and for AP courses that tell the truth of our history? Will it change how we act with and for immigrant families held back by lines of buoys in Texas or offloaded by buses in New York? Will that truth call us to advocate for the millions of children pushed back under the poverty line when the expanded child tax credit expired?” Drawing wider circles that welcome others in is a mandate and responsibility that will make us richer.

—September 8, 2023

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

Wealthy Extremists Attacking Funding for Black Women Entrepreneurs Are Desperate to Preserve Systemic Inequality

“In the face of persistent, systemic discrimination against Black people and all people of color arising from our country’s long history of racism, Ed Blum and his recently-created front group are bent on dismantling programs benefiting the Black community. They seek to kneecap any effort to undo entrenched racial inequalities and further cement the status quo of inequitable market access.”

—Damon Hewitt, President and Executive Director of Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

In recent years, women entrepreneurs of color have started companies at more than four times the rate of the overall population.

In 2021, 17% of Black women were in the process of starting or running new businesses, compared to 10% of white women, and 15% of white men.

While Black women represent 14% of the female population, they account for 42% of net new women-owned businesses.

Black women business owners who apply for

funding are rejected at three times the rate of white business owners. Only 3% of black women-owned companies mature and survive longer than five years. Last year, only 0.1 percent—one tenth of one percent—of venture capital funds went to Black and Latino women founders.

Anti-racial justice activist Edward Blum, backed by wealthy, dark-money foundations, contends the system is rigged—in favor of Black women.

Blum has filed suit against the Fearless Fund, a venture capital firm that has awarded \$26 million in investments and \$3 million in grants in the last four years to more than 40 businesses led by women of color.

Blum, who was behind the lawsuit that resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court decision that ended affirmative action in college admissions, is on a well-funded and increasingly successful crusade to preserve systemic racial inequities and the advantages they afford people like himself and his backers.

As if to add insult to injury, he is suing under a post-Civil War law intended to protect Black Americans from racial discrimination.

His lawsuit—like his many others—makes a mockery of both the law and the very idea of racial equity.

The National Urban League has joined in filing an amicus brief in the case, along with Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, National Action Network, NAACP, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, and LatinoJustice PRLDEF. As the brief explains, Section 1981 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 was explicitly designed to further the aims of the Thirteenth Amendment by creating a remedy for discrimination against Black people that hampered their ability to enter into contracts and fully participate in the nation’s economy.

Programs like Fearless Fund, which strengthen Black Americans’ rights to equal participation in the marketplace, are indisputably authorized under federal law.

Fearless Fund founders Ayana Parsons and Arrian Simone, both Black women with deep experience in business, estimated they took 300 meetings with potential investors before getting their first \$5 million in funding.

Blum and his extremist backers apparently don’t think 300 is enough.

—September 8, 2023

Council Chair Tom Dernoga Addresses 9/11 Anniversary

The Prince George’s County Council, on this solemn 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks against our nation, joins with fellow Americans to remember the innocent lives we lost.

Nearly 3,000 Americans, including hundreds of first responders, perished in horrific acts of terror on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and outside Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

In the greatest loss of life among jurisdictions in our region, 24 beloved Prince Georgians were killed in the attack on the Pentagon. They were residents of Forestville, Temple Hills, Springdale,

Camp Springs, Upper Marlboro, University Park, Clinton, Fort Washington, Lanham, Capitol Heights, Landover, Oxon Hill, Forest Heights, and New Carrollton.

Their contributions to our community are beyond measure and will be deeply felt for generations to come. In remembrance, we encourage residents to visit Prince George’s 9/11 Memorial Park, located near the entrance of the Bladensburg Waterfront and Peace Cross.

We remain committed to serving and strengthening the resolve of our communities. We will never forget.

Maryland Department of Health celebrates National Preparedness Month

This year’s theme will focus on encouraging older residents to prepare and plan for disasters and emergencies

BALTIMORE (Sept. 6, 2023)—The Maryland Department of Health honors National Preparedness Month, held annually in September, to encourage families, businesses and communities to prepare and plan for disasters and emergencies. This year’s campaign focuses on preparing older Marylanders and encourages them to have an emergency plan in place based on their unique health needs, which is especially important for older residents who are living alone, are low-income, have a disability or live in rural areas.

During the month of September, the Maryland Department of Health will share preparedness information, resources and tips to help older adults prepare for disasters and emergencies. The campaign will take place across the Department’s Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts including the Office of Preparedness and Response’s Twitter and Facebook.

For more preparedness information from the Office of Preparedness and Response, visit health.maryland.gov/preparedness.

Maryland Transit Administration Announces Red Line Project Leadership Team and Additions to Purple Line Team

New Members Join Teams Managing Development and Delivery of Critical Transit Infrastructure Projects

By PRESS OFFICER

Maryland Transit Administration

BALTIMORE (Sept. 6, 2023)—The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration is pleased to announce the leadership team for the Red Line project in Baltimore, including new Project Director Allison Scott and Communications Manager Jerome Horne. The Red Line team will oversee project development and delivery of this vital east-west transit service, which was relaunched by Governor Wes Moore in June after having been canceled in 2015. The team will engage with the public, stakeholders and local government partners to evaluate how the Red Line can best meet the region’s needs and determine a locally preferred alternative by winter 2024.

“I am excited to add Allison and Jerome to the team that will move the Red Line forward,” said Maryland Transit Administrator Holly Arnold. “These individuals recognize the important role transit plays in supporting sustainable communities and providing access to employment, education and recreation.”

Ms. Scott brings more than 18 years of experience to the position of project director. She has served as a civil engineer, successfully leading transportation and transit projects in urban, multimodal environments from concept studies through preliminary and final design. She has been the civil engineering lead on numerous large transit projects in the metropolitan area as both a design oversight consultant and

an engineer of record, including Montgomery County Bus Rapid Transit on US 29 and MD 586, D.C. Department of Transportation Streetcar and K Street NW Transitway, and the Maryland Transit Administration’s Purple Line light rail project.

Mr. Horne comes to the Red Line from TransitCenter, a foundation working to improve public transit in cities across the United States. His prior experience also includes roles at Foursquare Integrated Transit Planning and at IndyGo, where he focused on proactive community engagement and improving the rider’s transit experience. Mr. Horne is a respected transit advocate and was a member of the 2022 American Public Transportation Association Emerging Leader program.

“The addition of key members of the Red Line project advance Governor Moore’s pledge to bring this critical project to reality,” said Maryland Transportation Secretary Paul J. Wiedefeld. “Allison and Jerome join a team that’s committed to delivering a project that will connect neighborhoods, grow our economy and create new opportunities for education, jobs and a higher quality of life.”

In addition to the Red Line team leadership, the agency also announced that Alexa Heidrich has been named Deputy Project Director for the Purple Line project in Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, and will work with Ray Biggs II, Purple Line Project Director, to

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Why Is My Age 70 Benefit Not Higher Than My January Amount?

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

Dear Rusty: I plan to retire in 2025 (the year I turn 70). Given that I'm still working, I'm delaying my Social Security until that year. I noticed on my Social Security statement that my payment in January of 2025 will not be much different than my age 70 amount in October of 2025. If that is truly the case, would it not be better for me to start taking Social Security payments starting in January of 2025. Am I missing anything here? **Signed: Uncertain Senior**

Dear Uncertain Senior: Your benefit in October 2025 at age 70 will be about 6% more than it will be in January 2025. If that isn't shown on your Statement of Estimated Benefits, it may be due to a particular nuance in Social Security's rules relating to Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). When benefits are claimed mid-year after full retirement age (FRA), the DRCs earned in that year aren't applied until the following January. Thus, someone who claims benefits to start mid-year will initially get the DRCs they've earned through the end of the previous year, but not immediately get credit for the additional DRCs earned during the claim-year. Those extra DRCs earned between January and the month benefits started will be applied the following January.

By way of example, if someone beyond FRA claims benefits to start in October 2024, their initial SS retirement benefit will be what they were entitled to at the end of 2023 and would not include DRCs earned between January 2024 and September 2024. They will collect that initial January 2024 benefit until January 2025 when the DRCs earned in 2024 are applied, at which point their benefit would increase by 6%. There is, however, one exception to this rule, which is that all DRCs are immediately credited when benefits are claimed to start in the month age 70 is reached, so despite what your Statement of Estimated Benefits might reflect, if you claim for benefits to start in the month you turn 70 (October 2025) you will get your maximum age 70 benefit immediately and won't need to wait until January 2026 for those extra DRCs to be applied.

Unfortunately, Social Security's benefit estimator doesn't explain how this nuance works and may show someone claiming mid-year receiving the same benefit as for the preceding January, without further explanation. That is, in my opinion, a flaw in the estimator which may result in people making a wrong decision on when to claim their Social Security benefit. Nevertheless, rest assured that your benefit in October 2025 (the month you turn 70) will be your maximum amount—6% more than it would be if you claimed benefits to start in January 2025, and you won't need to wait until the following January to get the DRCs earned earlier in 2025.

The 2.4 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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Maryland Secretary of Commerce Kevin Anderson and PGCEDC President & CEO David Iannucci Take VIP Tour of National Capital Business Park

Development in Upper Marlboro is one of the most significant development opportunities DMV

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCEDC

LARGO, Md. (Sept. 5, 2023)—Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation President and CEO David Iannucci joined Maryland Secretary of Commerce Kevin Anderson for a VIP tour of the new National Capital Business Park in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

The National Capital Business Park is one of the most significant development opportunities in the DMV. National Capital Business Park ("NCBP") is a 3.5 million square feet of Class A industrial buildings designed to meet regional distribution, cold storage,

manufacturing, and data center users.

"There are few opportunities to build new class A logistic facilities close to D.C. due to the shortage of industrial land," said David Iannucci. "National Capital Business Park is one of the largest development opportunities in the DMV with three to five million square feet for industrial and warehousing facilities just 20 minutes from the metropolitan city center and the ideal location for light manufacturing, e-commerce, and last mile logistics."

National Capital Business Park is ideally located to serve the entire eastern seaboard of the United States, from Maine

to Florida. It's the perfect location for light manufacturing, e-commerce, and last-mile logistics facilities, with several access points to DC, Baltimore, and I-495 (Capital Beltway) via Routes 4, 50, and 214.

Deliveries are expected to begin in January 2024.

Notable Attendees:

John Graham, Managing Director and Principal for Manekin; Cole Schnorf, COO and Director of Development for Manekin, Senator Ronald Watson, Maryland State Senator; Ingrid Watson, District 4 County Council; Jeff Ludwig, Senior Vice President of NAI Michael; Delterese George, Senior Business Development

Representative, MD Department of Commerce; Kahu Ludwig, Vice President of NAI Michael; Tony Perez, President/CEO of LA Perez Consulting; Trey Proctor, Vice President of G.S. Proctor & Associates

Celebrating 40 years, the mission of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (PGCEDC) 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.

Two Prince George's County Business Make The Washington Business Journal Top 30 Small Technology Companies List

PowerTrain and Vidoori take the #2 and #14 spot on the list ranked by 2022 revenue

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCEDC

LARGO, Md. (Sept. 6, 2023)—Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation congratulates PowerTrain and Vidoori for making The Washington Business Journal Top 30 Small Technology Companies List. With PowerTrain.com leading as the number two mention and Vidoori in the top twenty landing at the 14th slot, the accomplishment is another testament that Expansion Starts Here in Prince George's County.

"This is the second major listing of Prince George's County based companies in The Washington Business Journal this year, following another company making the Top 100 Public Companies List," said David Iannucci, President & CEO of Prince

George's County Economic Development Corporation. "We are Prince George's Proud of these companies that have brought exciting new employment opportunities and industry sectors while also creating a better quality of life for all Prince George's County residents. Expansion starts here!"

PowerTrain, located in Landover, MD, was founded in 1994 as a woman-owned, small business. Since then, they have supported thousands of government and commercial projects on a wide variety of human performance initiatives. In a rapidly evolving industry in which technological adaptability and innovation are critical, PowerTrain is proud to celebrate 29 years in the business.

Vidoori, located in Hyattsville, MD, is a consulting firm that provides high-quality information technology services and prod-

ucts to solve business problems for Government and Commercial clients. The Vidoori approach utilizes an unyielding focus on quality delivery and the innovative use of industry best practices. Vidoori provides business and government clients a measurable return on investment (ROI). We have demonstrated success in delivering projects on time. Their team's experience spans numerous federal government, healthcare, commercial, and non-profit sectors.

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Program from A1

wrapped up a seven-week business accelerator program for Latino-owned businesses that was held entirely in Spanish. It was M&T's first business accelerator program offered in a language other than English.

M&T also offers similar accelerator programs in Montgomery, Howard and Frederick counties as well as Baltimore City.

"We are excited about the unique partnership between M&T, FSC First and Prince George's EDC," said Dawn Medley, FSC First President & CEO.

"The program will equip local entrepreneurs with essential skills and access to valuable mentorship, fostering their increased business success. FSC First is committed to empowering entrepreneurs in underserved communities, and we see this accelerator program and partnership as another way to better serve our community."

David Iannucci, President & CEO of Prince George's County EDC, said: "Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation is proud to partner with FSC First and M&T Bank to help expand and attract business in Prince George's County. This next it-

eration of the M&T Bank Business Accelerator Program builds upon the impact made from our recent partnership from the Latino Business Accelerator program to continuously provide support and resources to the entire Prince George's County business community. Expansion starts here."

To apply for the Prince George's Business Accelerator Program, visit https://mtbank.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8Jp17dvJOpKMN12.

M&T Bank Corporation is a financial holding company headquartered in Buffalo, New York. M&T's principal banking subsidiary, M&T Bank,

provides banking products and services in 12 states across the northeastern U.S. from Maine to Virginia and Washington, D.C. Trust-related services are provided in select markets in the U.S. and abroad by M&T's Wilmington Trust-affiliated companies and by M&T Bank. For more information about M&T Bank, visit www.mtb.com.

Founded in 1978, FSC First provides flexible business financing solutions and technical assistance programs to established and emerging businesses in Prince George's County and the state

of Maryland. FSC First stands apart as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) designated by the U.S. Treasury Department with a mission to stimulate the growth and development of the local economy.

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Screening from A1

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide resources and support for local businesses, including filmmakers. MegaMind Media's dedication and talent have resulted in a film that not only showcases the beauty of Prince George's County, but also underscores the significance of investing in the arts in our community. "As a Prince Georgian, 2022 Award

Grantee and sponsor of the festival, having The Deadly Getaway as the Opening Night film is heartwarming and rewarding. It is my hope that both seasoned and aspiring individuals wanting to grow in the film business join us," says Tressa Azarel Smallwood, CEO of MegaMind Media.

"The Deadly Getaway is a testament to the remarkable talent and greatness that grows in Prince George's," Prince

George's County Executive Angela Alsbrooks emphasizes. "We were proud to use ARPA funding to support the Prince George's Film Office's Grant Program, which aims to empower local artists like MegaMind Media to create exceptional works that reflect our shared experiences. We remain committed to championing the efforts of our local artists in any way possible."

The opening night screening of The

Deadly Getaway will take place on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at The Center for Performing Arts at Prince George's Community College. The event will mark the beginning of the Prince George's Film Festival, which will run from September 29–October 1, 2023.

Join us in celebrating the success of MegaMind Media newest film and the support of Prince George's County for our local creative community. For more

information about the festival and to purchase tickets, visit www.pgfilmfestival.com.

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