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## Transformative High School Model Boasts 46 Percent Increase in Graduation Rates



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From L to R: Steve Proctor (President & CEO of G.S. Proctor & Associates, Inc.), Ed Grenier (President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Greater Washington), Dr. Monica E. Goldson (Chief Executive Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools), and Jack Harris (President and Chief Executive Officer of 3DE)

By PRESS OFFICER

### Junior Achievement of Greater Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 2, 2019)—Junior Achievement of Greater Washington, in partnership with Prince George's County Public Schools and Potomac High School, announced the Fall 2020 launch of 3DE at Potomac High School.

United around the belief that equitable access to high-quality education is the lever to economic mobility, 3DE is re-engineering traditional curriculum to be more experiential and better reflect the real world. By integrating relevant content, interdisciplinary pedagogy, entrepreneurial thinking, project/problem-based learning and authentic workplace experiences, 3DE schools empower students to achieve greater economic opportunity.

Originally piloted in Georgia in 2015, 3DE schools have seen tremendous success, with students consistently outperforming their host school peers on all state standard benchmarks and milestones. Since its implemen-

tation in Fulton County, Georgia's lowest-performing high school, 3DE has seen a 46 percent increase in graduation rates and a 30 percent reduction in transiency.

"Working in partnership with the Prince George's County Public Schools and Potomac High School has allowed us to bring 3DE's transformative capabilities to the Greater Washington region and build on the established success of the 3DE model," said Ed Grenier, President and CEO, Junior Achievement of Greater Washington. "By connecting education to real-world concepts through 3DE, we aim to improve students' appreciation for academics, give them vision to see what is possible in the future and equip them with the skills they need to be 100 percent prepared for the real world."

Over 100 people were in attendance for the soft launch event to announce the Fall 2020 arrival of 3DE on October 1, 2019 from 8-9:30 a.m. at Junior Achievement Finance Park Prince George's County. In addition to a breakfast and brief program, Dr. Monica

E. Goldson, Chief Executive Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools, spoke about the innovative partnership that has been formed with Junior Achievement and her excitement for the launch of 3DE in 2020 at Potomac High School. Jack Harris, President and CEO of 3DE, was also in attendance.

"Using an innovative model, 3DE will complement our portfolio of high school programs with rigorous standards-based education and real-world authenticity. This unique program enables innovation to work from the inside-out towards positive outcomes for the high school community and Prince George's County as a whole," said Dr. Goldson. "We are excited to launch this signature program at Potomac High School. This is an exciting development for all of our students, parents, business partners and PGCPs stakeholders."

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## Banneker-Douglass Museum Hosts First Community Forum

Unit of Governor's Office on community initiatives seeks feedback to inform future programming and exhibitions

By SOO KOO

### Governor's Office of Community Initiatives

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 3, 2019)—Banneker-Douglass Museum (BDM) hosted a Community Forum on September 14, 2019. This event brought together museum professionals, community leaders, and stakeholders to envision future initiatives at the museum. The day consisted of a tour of the museum's current exhibitions: Deep Roots, Rising Waters; Verda's Place; and Doing the Work. The tour was followed by facilitated dialogues, break-out sessions, and surveys providing critical feedback to inform future programming and exhibitions. The forum is already delivering useful feedback that will enhance the Maryland Commission on

African American and History and Culture visibility, and increase youth programming, community dialogues, and trainings.

"As we continue an aggressive two-year fundraising campaign to raise \$500,000, it is critical that we utilize opportunities such as this forum to assess museum operations," said Chanel Compton, Executive Director of the Banneker-Douglass Museum. "We plan to introduce these forums as part of the ongoing culture at BDM to empower our staff and visitors. With the insights and knowledge we continue to gain from our partners, we can ensure the funds we utilize support programs and exhibitions that matter most to Marylanders."

The data collected during this forum will be included in a report that is to be presented to the

Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, which operates the museum. Participants were selected as experts in their fields who could offer insights related to expanding collections, curating exhibitions, increasing visitorship, and improving overall museum operations. Invitees included Vedet Coleman-Robinson, Association for African American Museums; John Kille, Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation, Inc.; Jeanette Marxen, Historic Annapolis; Skye Bailey, Anne Arundel County NAACP; Monica Montgomery, Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center; Paulette Carroll, the Stanton Center; Johanna Doty, Anne Arundel County Public Library; Delegate Julien Ivey, District 47A, Prince George's County;

and Carol Benson, Four Rivers Heritage Area.

"I could easily envision how much farther this Museum can go if it gains the appropriate resources," said Carol Benson, Executive Director, Four Rivers Heritage Area. "My advice was, 'Aim high! You are a treasure within our community and you can extend your impact to the state and to the nation.'"

"The staff at the Banneker-Douglass Museum is doing a tremendous job of staying true to its mission, as well as continuing to elevate their impact and relevance within Annapolis, the State of Maryland, and throughout the nation," said Vedet Coleman-Robinson, Executive Director, Association of African American Museums. "I do not doubt that BDM will continue to create strategic partnerships and find new collaborators and funders so their goals and aspirations can be fulfilled to the highest measure."

Banneker-Douglass Museum will host the next Community Forum on March 2, 2020.

## Prince George's County Small And Minority Business Policy Forum—Fall Quarterly Meeting

Please join me, the local small business community, and your neighbors for discussion and strategic advocacy for (1) increasing opportunity and prosperity for small and minority businesses in Prince George's County and (2) growing our commercial revenue for funding critical services, like education, public safety, human services, and transportation. We will also discuss the launch of the #PrinceGeorgesMeansBusiness Small & Minority Business and Local Jobs Initiative.

When and where: **Wednesday, October 16, 7-8:45 p.m.**, Doors open at 6:30 p.m., at the UMUC Academic Center in Largo, 1616 McCormick Drive, Largo, MD 20774. Light refreshments will be provided. Free and open to the public.

RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/small-minority-biz-fall-forum>  
#PrinceGeorgesMeansBusiness is an Advisory Neighborhood Community (ANC) Initiative.

—Mel Franklin, Council Member At-Large

## Growing Green With Pride Event

LARGO, Md. (October 2, 2019)—Prince George's County's bi-annual countywide beautification event—"Growing Green with Pride"—will take place on **Saturday, October 19, 2019, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**, rain or shine. The County invites community organizations, schools, businesses, municipalities, and anyone interested in helping to keep our County clean and green to participate. The registration deadline [was] October 4 for this community cleanup event.

For registered participants, DPW&T will provide plastic gloves, trash bags, safety vests, litter grabbers, and a maximum of eight (8) bags of mulch for the event. Students who participate in 'Growing Green with Pride' can receive community service hours. Community service verification forms are available at schools.

'Growing Green with Pride' is a partnership between Prince George's County Government, Prince George's County Public Schools, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Keep Prince George's County Beautiful, and the Neighborhood Design Center.

—Paulette L. Jones, DPW&T

## District 8 Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker Partners To Prevent Domestic Violence

Prince George's County Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker (D) - District 8, partnered with Progressive Life Center, Inc. and Community Advocates for Families & Youth (CAFY), to host the *Removing the Mask Domestic Violence "Bystander" Symposium*, on Saturday, September 21, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Temple Hills. The program was supported through the Prince George's County Council Domestic Violence Grant Program.

The *Removing the Mask Domestic Violence "Bystander" Symposium* provided training for domestic violence "bystanders," focusing on identifying the signs of domestic violence; language and actions necessary to help victims of domestic violence; and steps to aid victims of domestic abuse. Also featured were testimonials, and Prince George's County resources and services for victims and survivors.

Council Member Anderson-Walker stressed the importance of awareness and education as necessary tools for eradicating domestic violence from County communities.

"Statistics show that approximately 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 7 men, will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes. Given these numbers, it is possible that someone could encounter a victim of domestic abuse and not be aware or know how to help. Providing training to potential 'bystanders' enables them to better recognize domestic violence victims and empowers them to provide critical support."

Special guests included Prince George's County Chief Assistant Sheriff, Colonel Darrin Palmer; Progressive Life Center, Inc. Director, Evette Clarke; Department of Family Services Director, Jackie Rhone; and Boys 2 Bowties Founder, B.J. Paige.

Panelists provided an overview of domestic violence, the "red signs," and resources. Council Member Anderson-Walker says panelists also discussed the impact of domestic violence on the larger community, urging residents to remain watchful and engaged on this critical issue.

"During the panel discussion, Colonel Palmer shared that a victim has likely experienced at least seven acts of domestic violence before calling for help. These are numbers we want to change. Open dialogue and educational sessions will help to prevent more domestic violence incidents and help survivors to thrive." Council Member Anderson-Walker closed her remarks with a call for action for bystanders, "If you see something, say something! Let's all do our part to end domestic violence."

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To request assistance for a domestic violence crisis, call 2-1-1.

—Angela Rouson, Prince George's County Council Media

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Friday, October 11, 2019, 8-10 p.m.

Montpelier Arts Center

Upcoming Events: 'Shatter the Silence' Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 5K Walk/Run

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# TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

### Darnall's Chance invites you to The Great Jack O'Lantern Campfire

"A mad scientist has taken over the Great Jack O'Lantern Campfire and is threatening to cancel the holiday. Can you help save Halloween?"

Darnall's Chance House Museum invites you to "put on your lab coat and goggles, and join the spooky fun," on Saturday, Oct. 19. Enjoy hot cider and popcorn, roast marshmallows, see the dazzling display of hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns and help the kids on the pumpkin hunt.

The fun starts at 7 p.m. and runs through 8:30. The fee is \$5 per person (cash only). Recommended for ages 6 & up. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Darnall's Chance is at 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, on a hill overlooking Schoolhouse Pond in Upper Marlboro. For information, call 301-952-8010 or go to [history.pgparcs.com](http://history.pgparcs.com).

### Neighbors & other good people

Morningside Fire Chief Thomas Grooms was inducted into the Prince George's County Volunteer & Rescue Association's Hall of Fame at their Sept. 27 annual awards ceremony. Chief Grooms was honored for his 45 years of dedicated service to Prince George's County.

Francis W. Smith, 85, of Hillcrest Heights, the first Black Basketball player to earn All-Metropolitan Honors in the history of the DMV region in 1953, died Sept. 5.

Valda Everson Nagel sent an email announcing the death of her mom, Sue M. Everson-Thompson on Sept. 21. Sue was the first policewoman to serve with the Morningside Police Department. That was back in the 1970s when the family lived on Larches Court.

Father William Montgomery, a former educator, pastor and chaplain who retired in 2017, celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest in June. In the early years of his priesthood he served as associate pastor at Mount Calvary in Forestville while teaching at the now-closed La Reine High School in Suitland.

### Changing landscape

- University of Maryland University College (UMUC) has changed its name to University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) reflecting its mission as a state university with a global reach, offering online and

regular courses, more than 90 programs and specializations, and more than 140 classroom and service locations worldwide.

- County officials gathered in Capitol Heights Sept. 27 to celebrate the beginning of construction for a \$250 million development project in Hampton Park. It's expected to feature multi-story apartments, retail, offices, hotels and a \$35 million Health & Human Services Building. Also mentioned were the Market Fresh Gourmet Grocer and Ivy City Smokehouse restaurant.
- The Crafty Crab is opening in District Heights this month with Cajun/Creole cuisine. Head over to 5644 Silver Hill Road to check it out.

### More Halloween fun

Morningside holds its annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, Oct. 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Prizes will be given for the best-decorated cars. If you plan to decorate yours, call 301-836-2301 by Oct. 14 to register. Also, volunteers are needed to help out with this Halloween activity.

Join a naturalist for a non-scary Halloween event at Clearwater Nature Center on Saturday, Oct. 26, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Sit around the campfire and enjoy nature tales. See live animals and do a craft. Costumes are not required. Marshmallows, hotdogs and roasting sticks will be available. You may bring your own drinks if you like. The fee is \$5. For ages 2 & up. Clearwater Nature Center is at Cosca Regional Park, 11000 Thrift Road in Clinton. Info 301-297-4575.

### Don't become an auto-theft victim

Jen Donelan, Director of Media Relations for the County Police, reported on a vehicle which was broken into and a cell phone and computer stolen. And that wasn't the only thing. Also on Wednesday, Oct. 2, fifteen other thefts from autos were reported.

Director Donelan urges, "Hide it, remove it, and lock it!"

### Morningside Memories: 40th birthday

Morningside celebrated its 40th birthday with a weekend double-header Oct. 6-7, 1989. An Anniversary Dinner was held at the VFW on Oct. 6, and a family celebration the next day at Patterson Park with games, contests, food and music by The Yellow Brick Road.

Past and present Morningside Mayors and Council Members gathered for a group photo that ran in *The Enquirer-Gazette*. Among the Mayors: Harold Shugarts, June Stocklinski, Leonard Gardner, Virginia Brumbaugh (widow of Matthew Rosch) and incumbent Gerald Glaubitz. There were also 21 Council Members, Morningside Police Chief Frank Holmes and the Marylandaires, a barbershop chorus founded 28 years before at the Morningside Fire Department.

### Open House at McNamara

Bishop McNamara High School is hosting an Open House on Nov. 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 6800 Marlboro Pike in Forestville. For more information, visit their website: [bmhs.org/admissions](http://bmhs.org/admissions).

### Skyline's 50th (continuing)

By 1981, SCA had 330 paid members and new officers. Dwight Holloway was president; other officers were Marvin Faulcon, Russ Kyser, La Salle Petty, Nita Boone, Mabel Harper and Larry Miller. Rev. James Bryan, pastor of Morningside Baptist, was named to chair the Skyline Crime Committee. Engravers were available to "mark your valuables."

The County Planning Board approved a preliminary plan to construct 238 new homes around Skyline Elementary—195 detached single-family dwellings and 43 townhouses, on an extension of John Street. This development became Skyline Hills.

And a really major change: Buffalo Sand & Gravel rezoned! That site is now known as Branch Avenue Metro Station and thousands of condos and apartments.

The Morningside Sportsmen's Club awarded the annual Laddie Beardmore Award to Mary McHale for her service to the community. (I still have the Sportsman's jacket with "Mary" on the pocket.) To be continued.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Tj Foster, Oct. 12; Mildred Peaire and Carolyn Williams, Oct. 16; Frank McCrone, Oct. 17; Andrew Nicholas Smith, former Morningside Councilwoman Carol Kline DeGraba and VFW 9619's Nola Cook, Oct. 18.

Happy 66th (!) anniversary to former Skyline residents Daisy and Ralph Young on Oct. 15; and happy 39th anniversary to Michael and Anita (Fulton) Freeman on Oct. 18.

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

### RUN FOR WILDLIFE

Together the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Patuxent River Park and The Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary comprise over 3,500 acres along the banks of the Patuxent River. The river and its shores are home to an incredible variety of wildlife. By participating in this benefit race, you will be directly contributing to conservation projects and research aimed at preserving the Patuxent River's natural wildlife.

24th Annual Jug Bay 10k/5K and 3K Fun Walk Run for Wildlife will be held Saturday, November 2, 2019, 9 a.m. at Patuxent River Park hosted by M-NCPPC Park Rangers. Prize categories are ages 19 & under/ 20-29/30-39/40-49/ 50-59/60-69/70 and up. The Park is located at 16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Information: 301-627-7755, TTY 301-699-2544.

### A SOLDIER'S ANGUISH

"As a soldier part of me is forever at the foot of a hill. Memories surround my mind like a dark cave seeking lost comrades and friends forever buried in their graves. Beyond control the past seems to continually haunt me. Although I want to run, I just can't escape. For I was lucky to return to the world or where the others better off with their fate."

"Returning home, I expected to be granted a hero's welcome a thank you second to none but all that I was greeted was silent, confusion and shame for a war that society wished never happened and fellow soldiers who felt empty and drained."

"The fate of war reaches out beyond human boundaries. Touches souls who actually participate. Leaves them forever mentally and physically changed. Stretches our focus and shakes our balance of the world leaving strands of character shaken and rearranged. God has brought me this far, so I have nothing to fear." This poem was written by my very close friend Joan Evelyn Hayes. Joan's journey of poetry began in junior high school and over the years she has written various poems of nature, fantasy, family and history.

### PART II DR. PATRICIA TURNER RETIRES

Dr. Patricia Turner Mitchell is the daughter of the late

James and Ruth Turner of Brandywine, Maryland. Dr. Mitchell has been honored by the University San Francisco community. She was the recipient of the USF Ignatian Service Award: The Outstanding Faculty presented by the USF School of Education Alumni Society and the recipient of the faculty Award presented by the USF Black Alumni Association. Dr. Mitchell is the past president of the USF Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International and is presently serving as advisor. She also served as an Area Coordinator for Phi Delta Kappa for two years and as delegate. USF's Chapter is internationally recognized because of Dr. Mitchell's tireless work for Phi Delta Kappa. Additionally, she received the Morgan State University Alumni Special Achievement Award for 2017.

### GRAND OPENING

Prince George's County Council members joined the Grand-Opening celebration for the new Prince George's Community College Center for the Performing Arts. The new venue, a premier facility that nurtures and develops student passions for theater, music, dance, and communications, will attract local, national and international talent.

### CLUB 300

Club 300 is a year-round Senior Walking Program sponsored by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County and Special Programs Division's Senior Services Unit. This walking program will "virtually" take you from the east to west coast of America! Earn rewards along the way.

Prince George's County residents (ages 60 and better) or pre-seniors (ages 50-59) of all fitness levels are welcome to join Club 300. For more information, call the Club 300 voicemail at 301-446-3444 or visit [pgparcs.com](http://pgparcs.com) and search "Club 300" in the search box.

### INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Washington East District's Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Johnnie Cogman's Installation Service will be held October 27, 2019, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Westphalia UMC, 9363 D'Arcy Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774.

## Around the County

### Free October Health Resources Provided by Doctors Community Health System

LANHAM, Md. (October 1, 2019)—Throughout the year, Doctors Community Hospital offers numerous screenings and support groups. They are designed to help people maintain and improve their overall health. Some of the upcoming events include:

#### Free Lymphedema and Chronic Swelling Support Group

October 17 at 5-7 p.m. | December 19 at 2-4 p.m.  
Doctors Community Hospital, 8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, 5th Floor, DSE Room, Lanham, MD 20706, 301-552-8144 | [DCHrehab.org](http://DCHrehab.org)  
Join people who have lymphedema as they share their experiences while learning about the latest treatment and management options.

#### Free Bariatric Surgery and Weight Loss Seminar

Fridays: October 25 and November 22, 1-2 p.m.  
Doctors Community Hospital, 8116 Good Luck Road, Professional Office Bldg., Suite 210, Lanham, MD, 240-965-4405 | [DCHweightloss.org](http://DCHweightloss.org)  
Attend this free lecture presented by Dr. Hitesh Amin, medical director, Bariatric and Weight Loss Center. If you are at least 30 pounds overweight, learn whether weight loss surgery is right for you. Registration required.  
—Chondria Andrews, Doctors Community Health System

### Do You Know What a Senior Village Is?

BOWIE, Md. (October 1, 2019)—A Senior Village is neighborhood-based membership grassroots movement supported by volunteers. A Village makes it easier for older neighbors to keep living safely, comfortably and actively in their own homes while staying connected with their neighbors and community.

The City of Bowie in cooperation with the Maryland Umbrella Group (MUG) will be conducting two informational meetings to discuss the potential formation of a Bowie Senior Village, and to launch a senior-services needs assessment. Please join us for light refreshments at an informational meeting on either:

Friday, October 18, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

Bowie Senior Center – Dining Room  
14900 Health Center Drive,  
Bowie, MD 20716

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Bowie City Hall – Room 243  
15901 Excalibur Rd.,  
Bowie, MD 20716

For more information, please contact Christal Batey at 301-965-0220. RSVP via email to [negesi@m-u-g.org](mailto:negesi@m-u-g.org) or via phone at 301-968-7816.

—Sally Hein, City of Bowie

### Robinson, David and Johnson Selected CIAA Players of the Week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (October 1, 2019)—The CIAA released its weekly Football Honor Roll and a trio of Bulldogs were named for Week #4. Seniors John Robinson and DuShon David along with junior Ja'rome Johnson were selected as Offensive Lineman, Receiver and Quarterback of the Week.

Robinson played a key role in Bowie State gaining 526 yards of offense, including 208 yards on the ground and 318 yards through the air, in their 54-6 win over Saint Augustine's. David had a game-high seven receptions for 117 yards and two touchdowns in the Bulldogs win over Saint Augustine's. In his first start of the season, Johnson completed 19 of 29 passes (65 percent) for a season-high 307 yards and four touchdowns and ran for 34 yards and two touchdowns.

—Gregory C. Goings, Bowie State Sports Information

### Glenarden Woods Elementary Named National Blue Ribbon School

UPPER MARLBORO (September 30, 2019)—Glenarden Woods Elementary has been named a 2019 "Exemplary High Performing School" in the U.S. Department of Education's (USDE) National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. The school joins 361 public and private schools across the nation in being recognized for outstanding academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Glenarden Woods was selected as a Maryland Blue Ribbon School last December. The school was previously honored as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2006.

"Glenarden Woods has a long history of excellence in teaching and learning. Strong leadership combined with high expectations for academic achievement among students, families and staff continues to ensure student success," said Dr. Monica Goldson, Chief Executive Officer. "The Prince George's County Public Schools community commends Glenarden Woods for creating a culture of success and earning the highest honor in education."

Glenarden Woods serves nearly 500 students and offers a Talented And Gifted (TAG) program that emphasizes science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). The school's renovated "green" building earned LEED certification for its energy-efficient features. Two Destination Imagination teams have participated in global competitions and its Science Bowl teams have won four championships. Glenarden Woods also partners with Bowie State University to develop the next generation of teachers.

Glenarden Woods will receive the National Blue Ribbon School flag and an engraved plaque as symbols of excellence during USDE's awards event on November 15 at Gaylord National Resort and Conference Center in National Harbor.

—Office of Communications, Prince George's County Public Schools

### Hoyer Congratulates National Blue Ribbon Schools in the Fifth District

WASHINGTON, DC (September 26, 2019)—Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) congratulated two schools in Maryland's Fifth Congressional District on their selection as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2019: Mount Harmony Elementary School in Owings and Saint Joseph Regional Catholic School in Beltsville. The schools in the Fifth District were two of the 362 public and private schools throughout the nation to be recognized this year.

Now in its 37th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was founded in 1982 to recognize our nation's top schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps. Representatives from each of the 362 schools will be recognized at a ceremony in Washington, DC in November.

# COMMUNITY

## The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

### Don't Let Anger Get the Best of You

In today's world, high levels of stress and anxiety seem to be the norm. We face daily news reports of economic woes, political fights, weather disasters and international threats. And even if we choose to ignore this news, there are still many problems of daily life. Whether it's work pressures, financial worries, or normal family and personal issues, it seems there's always something that adds anxiety to our lives.

One unfortunate side effect of all this stress is that sometimes we can reach a point where all it takes is a small incident to unleash an outpouring of rage and anger. This is never a good thing.

When someone isn't able to manage and control their anger, the outcome is usually negative for both professional and personal relationships. Experts say anger is the most poorly-managed emotion in our society. It's estimated that one in five Americans have an anger control problem.

Is out of control anger, a sudden explosion of emotion and possibly action, a problem you may face? It isn't difficult to judge if unchecked anger might be an issue. Do you have frequent arguments with others? During an argument have you ever found yourself shouting? Have you broken something; pushed, slapped or physically hurt someone; embarrassed yourself or felt out of control? If any of these apply, consider some actions you can take to better control your anger:

- Start by accepting responsibility for your anger. Although someone or something else may have triggered your outburst, you are the one who lets it happen and grow out of control.

- Recognize the beginning signs of your rage. Anger is easier to control while emotions are still low.

- Try to identify the source of your anger. It usually isn't another person, but something within you, emotional or psychological from your past, that may be the real source of your becoming upset.

- Learn to focus on the situation or behavior making you angry, not the other person. Criticizing or name-calling only escalates the situation. Use "I" statements to talk about what you're feeling and experiencing

- Take time to listen and communicate more effectively.

Anger should never control you. If your anger is sometimes out of control, consider an anger management course through your local hospital or mental health agency, or contact a professional counselor trained to help with anger management issues.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to [ACAcorner@counseling.org](mailto:ACAcorner@counseling.org) or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

## PGCPS to Receive Funding For Electric School Bus

By OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS  
Prince George's County Public Schools

UPPER MARLBORO (October 3, 2019)—Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will receive \$340,336 from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to launch its first electric school bus.

Prince George's is one of four counties statewide to receive funds to pilot electric or alternative fuel school buses.

"Eco-friendly initiatives, such as electric school buses, help to keep our children safe inside and outside of school," said Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson. "We are grateful for these

funds and look forward to seeing our yellow school buses 'go green.'"

MDE's "clean" school bus program is funded through settlements with manufacturers who installed devices in diesel-powered vehicles to illegally bypass emission standards. The program works hand-in-hand with MDE's school bus idle reduction program, adopted by more than 50 Maryland schools. Both programs will improve air quality and provide immediate youth health benefits through reduced vehicle emissions. The buses will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. After funding the first round of electric or alternative fuel school bus proposals, approximately \$2.1 million will be opened for new proposals in spring 2020.

## Maryland State Police, MDOT SHA Continue to Stress Importance of Move Over Laws

By RON SNYDER  
Maryland State Police

PIKESVILLE, Md. (October 1, 2019)—This month marks the one-year anniversary of Maryland's "Move Over" law being expanded to include all service vehicles on state roads.

The Maryland State Police and the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration are using this milestone as a reminder on just how important it is for motorists to adhere to these vital motor vehicle safety laws. The outreach to the public for this law will include news releases, social media, public service announcements and media interviews.

All 50 States have enacted "Move Over" laws, but very few Americans know they exist. According to a national poll by Mason Dixon Polling & Research, sponsored by the National Safety Commission, 71 percent of Americans have not heard of move over laws. So far in 2019, 29 law enforcement officers have been killed nationally in traffic-related crashes.

Maryland's "Move Over" laws require drivers approaching from the rear of an emergency vehicle using visual signals while stopped on a highway to, if possible, make a lane change into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle.

This movement should only be done if another lane in the same direction is available and the move can be made safely and without

impeding other traffic. If moving to another lane away from the stopped emergency vehicle is not possible, the law requires drivers to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions.

The intent of the law is to provide an extra barrier of safety for police officers, fire fighters emergency rescue personnel and service and utility workers working along Maryland roads. It is hoped that drivers will become more aware of police and emergency workers stopped along the road and move away from them or slow down as they pass by the traffic stop or incident scene.

The original law went into effect in 2010. In 2014, the law was expanded to not only include police cars but also, tow trucks, fire trucks and medical and rescue trucks as well. On Oct. 1, 2018, the law expanded again to transportation, service and utility vehicles, as well as waste and recycling trucks, with yellow or amber flashing lights or signal devices.

Motorists appear to have received the message as since the law expanded in 2014, troopers went from issuing 5,408 citations and 12,179 warnings to 1,349 citations and 5,677 warnings in 2018 for move over viola-

tions. Through Sept. 26, 2019, troopers have issued 1,347 citations and 4,979 warnings for similar violations.

Statewide, more than 17,000 motorists have received citations or warnings from all police for violating the "Move Over" law in Maryland since the law expanded last year. From 2014 to 2018, more than 3,400 people were injured, and 46 people were killed in work zone crashes in Maryland.

"Since the law went into effect last October, more than 17,000 motorists have received citations or warnings for violating the law on Maryland roads," said Lt. Col. Frank Lioi, Maryland State Police Field Operations Bureau Chief. "We will continue to protect those that work on and alongside our roads and enforce this life-saving law."

For more information on the "Move Over" law, visit [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov).



# BUSINESS AND FINANCE

## BBB Tip: New Research Shows Low Financial Literacy, Social Isolation Increase Scam Risk

By KELSEY COLEMAN  
Better Business Bureau

WASHINGTON, DC (October 1, 2019)—New fraud research shows that people who live alone or have low financial literacy levels are more likely to lose money to fraudsters. The research also shows that the highest engagement and victimization rates in-

volve online purchases and social media—outpacing telephone, mail and email fraud.

The report, "Exposed to Scams: What Separates Victims from Non-Victims," comes from the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust, the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, and the Stamford Center on Longevity and was released in recognition of World In-

vestor Week (September 30–October 6).

During the study, researchers surveyed more than 1,000 Americans and Canadians who were targeted by scammers and reported the fraud to the Better Business Bureau via BBB Scam Tracker. Nearly half of those surveyed did not engage with the fraudster. However, nearly a quarter did, losing an average of \$600.

Some key findings include:

- When phone and email were used by scammers to target consumers, relatively few consumers engaged with the scammer or lost money. However, when exposed to a scam on social media, 91 percent engaged and 53 percent lost money. Similarly, 81 percent of consumers who were exposed to a fraud via a website said they engaged with the scammer, and 50 percent lost money.
- Consumers were more likely to be victimized if they did not have any-

one to discuss the offer with. Consequently, those who engaged scammers and lost money were less likely to be married and more likely to be widowed or divorced. Generally, those who engaged, and those who lost money, reported significantly higher feelings of loneliness. Social isolation appears to play a role in fraud victimization.

- The likelihood of victimization for this sample is greater for individuals

See SCAM RISK Page A6

## Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

### What Will My Widow's Benefit Be?

By RUSSELL GLOOR, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor, Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty:

My husband just started receiving Social Security Disability in June. He is diagnosed with a terminal disease that likely he will rapidly succumb to. He will be 65 in Oct 2019. I turned 62 July 2019. I was his caregiver when he was at death's door and was pulled back to 75% full life on immunotherapy. We see him starting to go downhill again; it creeps, then starts moving rapidly with the symptoms. I will be the caregiver again for round 2 that has no brakes to stop it this time—no do over. After he passes, when does the disability SS amount stop and what amount starts coming to me in my name as his widow, at my age? *Signed: Survivor under age 65*

**Dear Survivor:** Please know that you have my sympathy for what you and your husband are going through. Let me at least try to ease your anxiety by answering your Social Security questions.

Your husband's disability benefit will cease in the month he passes. Although, depending upon the date, he may receive a disability payment for the month he passes (it would be received the following month), that payment, if received, will need to be returned to Social Security (SS). Social Security will only pay up to the last full month your husband is alive. The funeral home is supposed to notify Social Security of your husband's passing, but you should verify that they will be doing that. Your benefit as your husband's

survivor will be based upon the SS disability amount your husband was receiving at his death.

Although your survivor benefit will be based upon the amount your husband was receiving, if you take it before you reach your full retirement age (FRA) the survivor benefit will be reduced. Your full retirement age for the widow's benefit is 66 plus 2 months (versus your normal FRA of 66 1/2). You have a choice to take the reduced survivor benefit early (before your FRA), or wait until your FRA to claim the full amount your husband was collecting at his death. If you claim your widow's benefit early, the reduction will be about 4.75% for each year earlier than your FRA that you claim it. Your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your widow's FRA. You must apply for your widow's benefit in person with Social Security and you should contact your local office by phone first to make an appointment. You can easily find your local SS office contact information at this link: [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator).

Taken at age 62, the survivor benefit will be reduced by about 20%. When to claim your survivor benefit might be influenced by whether you are eligible for Social Security benefits from your own lifetime work record. If you are eligible for your own benefit, you should look at what your own benefit will be at age 70. If it will be more than your survivor benefit, you should make sure to file a "restricted application" for survivor benefits to allow your

own benefit to continue to grow. It will grow until you are 70, at which time you would switch from the lower survivor benefit to your own (you get whichever benefit is higher). Your decision on when to claim the survivor benefit might also be influenced by your plans for working. Since you have not yet reached your normal full retirement age (66 + 6 months), any Social Security benefit you claim before that (including your survivor benefit) will be subject to Social Security's earnings test. The "earnings limit" for 2019 is \$17,640 (changes annually) and if you exceed that, Social Security will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. The earnings limit will be in effect until you reach your normal full retirement age, at which point it goes away. Once again, you have my sympathy for the difficulties you are experiencing, but fortunately your Social Security widow's benefit will be available to you when your husband passes.

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

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# COMMENTARY

## Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



### To Be Equal:

## Congress is Duty-Bound to Investigate Alarming Reports of Trump's Misconduct

*"Any attempt by a President to use the office of the presidency of the United States for personal political gain—rather than the national interest—fundamentally undermines our sovereignty, democracy, and the Constitution ... Misuse of the office of the presidency for such a corrupt purpose would thus represent a clear breach of the trust placed in the President to faithfully execute the laws of the United States and to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution."*

—Statement by Rep. Adam Schiff, Chair of the House Permanent Select Committee on

Intelligence, Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, Chair of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Rep. Eliot L. Engel, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Ever since Russian interference in American democracy first was disclosed in September of 2016, the words of George Washington's 1796 Farewell Address have been invoked many times: "Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence (I conjure you to believe me, fellow citizens) the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly

awake, since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government."

Credible allegations have been made that President Trump not only solicited a foreign government for election assistance, but also sought help in discrediting an U.S. intelligence finding about previous foreign interference and implicitly threatened to withhold military aid if his requests are not honored.

The gravity of these allegations cannot be overstated. Congress is duty-bound to conduct a thorough and comprehensive investigation to protect American democracy.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi is correct when she says this is a sad time for our country. Regardless of where one falls along the political spectrum, no one should take any pleasure in the idea that the Commander-In-Chief could be abusing the power of his office for personal and political gain.

"Our tone must be prayerful, respectful, solemn, worthy of the Constitution," Pelosi said.

Nor should the impeachment process be abused for political gain. It is a remedy for only the most egregious betrayals of the public trust. Only a fact-driven, evidence-based inquiry can determine whether that remedy is warranted.

The integrity of American elections is sacrosanct for African-Americans, who have bled and died in defense of the right to vote. We at the National Urban League found reports that Russian interference specifically targeted African Americans so troubling that we devoted our 2019 State of Black America® report to an examination of the attacks.

What we found puts the egregiousness of President Trump's apparent efforts to absolve Russia into stark perspective. The greatest portion of Russia's online disinformation effort was aimed at discrediting African Americans from voting. Russian trolls exploited the credibility of legitimate online movements like #BlackLivesMatter, posing as activists, and abusing that trust to tamp down Black voter participation.

One Russian-created fake account, @WokeLuisa, garnered more than 50,000 followers, and its posts were highlighted by dozens of prominent news outlets.

All patriotic Americans should be outraged. Our leaders should be doing everything within their power to protect the integrity of our elections and thwart foreign interference. If, instead, President Trump is trying to deflect blame for this attack on democracy away from Russia, it is right to question where his loyalties lie.

## Marion Wright Edelman

President Emerita, Children's Defense Fund



### ChildWatch:

## Rev. C.T. Vivian's Wisdom

Legendary civil rights leader Rev. C.T. Vivian turned 95 this year, celebrating a lifetime of wisdom and service. Rev. Vivian, a Presidential Medal of Freedom winner, was a leader in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a confidant of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and a role model for so many of us in the 1960s era of civil rights activism. He remains an indispensable long haul moral, racial, and economic justice warrior. I am so grateful for his friendship and example.

A few years ago Rev. Vivian inspired and challenged a receptive Children's Defense Fund audience of college students when he said he believes young people today are inheriting the world at a unique crossroads in history and that "this is the moment we have waited for." He explained:

"When I say 'we've' waited for, I'm talking about humankind has waited for. I'm talking about all the great philosophers and thinkers have waited for this moment. We have lived like we have lived, blowing each other up, killing each other, stealing from each other, making a world that is not fit for human beings—we have lived that way because it's been allowed to be." But Rev. Vivian said he believes we are finally reaching a tipping point where many are realizing that "today, if we decide to live like we lived yesterday, none of us will live at all." I truly hope so for our children and grandchildren's sake!

The 1960s civil rights movement laid a foundation for this new world as ordinary people tired of injustice seized the moral high ground and confronted the racial violence surrounding them with

controlled, disciplined, nonviolent action which allowed America to see there was another way to create change. As a leader in the Nashville sit-in movement, one of the ministers who joined Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) members on Freedom Rides into Mississippi, and a SCLC leader bringing people to the steps of Selma's courthouse to vote, Rev. Vivian faced violence repeatedly. But when he was beaten and jailed he never wavered. He believed along with Gandhi and Dr. King that human history has shown hatred and violence always destroy more than they create. Now, he says, "the central task will be to remove violence as a means of solving social problems" for good: "When we really think of it that way, then we are on our way. The task will be different than before. We all dreamed of it. We sat in church and talked about it. We made songs about it. We talked about a new world coming. We talked about all of that, right? Now that it's here, we've got to make it real."

His words have a special meaning and challenge today when violence as a conflict resolution strategy has become a daily threat in this era of domestic and global terrorism, out of control demagogic political discourse encourages violence at home and fuels anger around the world, and relentless gun violence driven by a powerful gun lobby saps the lives of 30,000 human beings in our nation every year including thousands of innocent children. Since 1947 the Bulletin of Atomic

Scientists has published a "Doomsday Clock" to warn us all about how close humans are to global destruction as a result of weapons and technology we've created. In 2018, they reset the clock to 2 minutes to midnight, tying 1953 as the most dangerous time in history. They explained that a renewed threat of nuclear conflict and the existential threat posed by climate change have created what they call "the new abnormal."

But rather than be discouraged or paralyzed by the disturbing direction our nation and world have been heading again, we need to get up, organize, and mount without ceasing our strong nonviolent voices and witnesses to change the narrative of what it means to be a good steward of God's earth and all of God's peoples. What is it going to take for enough of our political leaders and citizens to stand up and reject the old world view too often riddled with intolerance and hatred and confront those who fuel racial and religious intolerance within and without our borders? How many of us will stand up and say no to the violence of coarse and careless political, racial, gender-based, and any other rhetoric intended to demean other human beings that teaches our children we cannot disagree without being disagreeable? And when will a critical mass of people and leaders come together determined to pass on a safer and better nation and world order to our children and grandchildren? If Rev. Vivian is right, *now* is the moment we are waiting for.

## Steny H. Hoyer

Maryland Congressional District 5



## Hoyer Attends Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee's Annual Ploughman and Fisherman Unity Dinner

UPPER MARLBORO (October 3, 2019)—[Last week], Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) attended the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee's annual Ploughman and Fisherman Unity Dinner with Congressman Anthony Brown (MD-04), Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, and Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy. County Executive Alsobrooks served as the keynote speaker for the event.

"I was glad to join my friend County Executive Alsobrooks and Democrats from across Prince George's County in Upper Marlboro this evening," said Congressman Hoyer. "I'm proud of the work that Democrats at the state, local, and federal levels are doing to expand opportunity for more Marylanders. Since taking the Majority, Democrats have been delivering on

our For the People agenda. We've passed legislation to raise wages, improve access to affordable health care, make government more transparent, and address the climate crisis. We are also upholding our Constitutional duty to conduct oversight over the Trump Administration."

"In the months ahead, we'll continue to advance a progressive agenda that helps working people get ahead and create economic security," continued Congressman Hoyer. "I join in thanking the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee for the important work they do in our County. I will continue to work with local and state officials as well as the Maryland Congressional Delegation to advance our agenda and ensure more people can make it in America and right here in Prince George's County."

## Hoyer Meets with Fifth District NAACP Representatives

WASHINGTON, DC (October 3, 2019)—[Last week], Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) met with NAACP representatives from Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties to provide an update on the work Democrats are doing for families in Maryland in Congress.

"I appreciated the opportunity to sit down with representatives from Fifth District chapters of the NAACP this afternoon," said Congressman Hoyer. "Their insight into some of the is-

ssues facing families in the Fifth District is extremely important. I was glad to provide an update on the work Democrats in Congress are doing for families in our state, including taking action to raise wages, lowering the cost of health care and prescription drugs, and working to ensure that every person is counted in the 2020 Census. I look forward to continuing to work with the NAACP in Maryland as we fight for opportunity, equality, and justice for all Marylanders."

## Get Your Flu Shot Early This Year, Particularly if You Are 65 or Over, Says AMAC

It's fully covered by Medicare

WASHINGTON, DC, (October 4, 2019)—"Almost all people who get influenza vaccine have no serious problems from it," according to the Centers for Disease Control [CDC]. And, if that doesn't motivate you to get a flu shot this year, the "CDC estimates that influenza has resulted in between 9.3 million and 49.0 million illnesses, between 140,000 and 960,000 hospitalizations and between 12,000 and 79,000 deaths annually since 2010."

"As you get older, your immune system gets weaker and you become more susceptible to the flu virus, so get your flu shots early," cautioned Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens.

In fact, the Centers for Disease Control [CDC] says that seniors 65 years old and older are at greatest risk of dying from the flu. The CDC reports that "between about 70 percent and 90 percent of seasonal flu-related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older and between 50 percent and 70 percent of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations have occurred among people in that age group."

The flu season starts in late September and early October, but it takes about two weeks for the vaccine to become fully effective. So, Weber urges everyone to get their shots as early as possible, noting that the vaccine is fully covered by Medicare. He suggests setting up an appointment with your family doctor to get vaccinated sooner rather than later or visit the CDC's vaccine finder Web site [www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/flu-finder-wid-get.html] to find locations near you where the vaccine will be available.

"There are a lot of myths out there about vaccines, in general, and flu shots, in particular, that suggests offer reasons why not to get immunized against the flu. Perhaps the most senseless misconception people might have is that they need not be vaccinated every year to be protected. The most important reason for getting a shot every year is the simple fact that in the course of a year the vaccine loses its effectiveness. In addition, the makeup of the flu virus, itself, changes each year so a new vaccine needs to be produced annually. And, that is why the CDC strongly recommends that everyone six months old and older should be immunized at the onset of flu season.

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## Calendar of Events

October 10–October 17, 2019

### Fifth Annual Green Summit

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12, 2019, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Description: Join YOUR Prince George's County Department of the Environment, partners and presenters for a one-day Green Summit! Engage, promote and empower action for tackling various environmental and health issues in our County. This free event will have green vendors, DIY workshops, food truck, ice cream, raffle prizes and so much more fun for the whole family!  
Cost: Free. To register for your free ticket, visit [bit.ly/doesummit2019](http://bit.ly/doesummit2019)

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Prince George's Ballroom/Kentland Community Center, 2413 Pinebrook Ave, Landover, MD 20785

Contact: Brittani Garner at [BGarner@co.pg.md.us](mailto:BGarner@co.pg.md.us).

### Fire Prevention Open House

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12, 2019, 12–4 p.m.  
Description: Come out and grab a bite to eat, meet representatives from local, county and state public safety agencies, check out vehicle displays and cool live life saving demonstrations and more!  
Cost: Free

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: District Heights Volunteer Fire Station 826, 5900 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747

### Belgian Fall Fest

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12, 2019, 12–4 p.m.  
Description: Celebrate fall the Belgian way! Rosalie Stier Calvert, a native of Antwerp, brought her Flemish culture with her when she moved into Riversdale in 1803. In partnerships with the Embassy of Belgium, experience Belgian culture, food, drink, crafts, and music during Mrs. Calvert's favorite season.

Cost: FREE admission to grounds; \$5 Food Tickets; \$1 Beverage Tickets

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

### Fall History Talk: Stories and Postcards from US Rt. 1

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12, 2019, 2 p.m.  
Description: Historians Richard Friend and Aaron Marcavitch share vintage postcards and the local history of Route 1 (presented by Richard Friend). Aaron's and Richard's books, Postmark Laurel and US Route 1: Baltimore to Washington D.C., respectively, will be for sale. Sponsored by the Friends of Montpelier.

Cost: Free

Ages: Adults

Location: Montpelier Historic Site, 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708

### Driskell Center Exhibition Tour

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12, 2019, 5 p.m.  
Description: Dorit Yaron, with The David C. Driskell Center, University of Maryland, will lead a guided tour of the center's current exhibition of African American artworks selected from a number of different collections.

Cost: Free, **but RSVP required:** [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) to reserve your spot (limit 25)

Location: Driskell Center, 1214 Cole Student Activities Building, College Park, MD 20742

Contact: 301-927-3013 (leave message)

### Teen Vocal Showcase

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12, 2019, 7–10 p.m.  
Description: Come out and cheer on your favorite artist in this year's Xtreme Teens Rising Stars Vocal Showcase! This vocal competition has cash prizes of \$1,000 to the first place winners, and \$500 to the second place winners. The categories include Teens, Pre-Teens, and Best Original Performance.

Cost: Tickets: \$5 online or at the door!

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715

Contact: 301-341-3749; TTY 301-699-2544

### Children's Craft & Tea

Date and Time: Sunday, October 13, 2019, 1 p.m.  
Description: Enjoy a Halloween-inspired tea with our child-friendly tea menu. Following the tea, children will make crafts such as pumpkins, spiders, ghosts, and scarecrows.

Cost: \$10/person. **Reservations are required.** Call to secure your place today!

Ages: 4–10

Location: Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769

Contact: 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544

### Tribute to the Music of Motown

Date and Time: Sunday, October 13, 2019, 6 p.m.  
Description: This Motown tribute concert features performers singing the best-known—and best-loved!—hits of "Motor City's" performers, narrated and including a history of each group. Songs include "Baby Love," "Tears of a Clown," "Bernadette," "ABC," "My Girl," "Signed, Sealed & Delivered," all accompanied by the 16-piece BRENCORE Allstars Band.

Cost: \$30; \$15: Seniors & Children under 15; group sales, call 301-805-6880. Tickets available at [www.bowiecenter.org](http://www.bowiecenter.org)

Location: The Bowie Center, 15200 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715

Contact: David Andrusia, 415-283-7375

### Greenbelt Museum Lecture Series: Mapping Racism

Date and Time: Thursday, October 17, 2019, 7:30–9 p.m.  
Description: Hear Stuart Eisenberg, Executive Director of the Hyattsville CDC (HCDC), talk about this multi-faceted project which shines a light upon the historic use of racially-restrictive deed covenants in the area. Mapping Racism employs dance, theatrical experiences, and a series of workshops to focus on remnant, built structures with the legacies of segregation and speaks to how local communities coped with them. For more information, visit [greenbeltmuseum.org/events](http://greenbeltmuseum.org/events).

Cost: Free. **Register at eventbrite. Space limited**

Location: Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Contact: 301-507-6582, [info@greenbeltmuseum.org](mailto:info@greenbeltmuseum.org)

# OUT on the TOWN

## Calendar Spotlight: Jazz

### The Lao Tizer Band feat. Eric Marienthal and Karen Briggs

Date and Time: Friday, October 11, 2019, 8–10 p.m.  
Description: Jazz Group of the Year nominee, The Lao Tizer Band featuring Eric Marienthal and Karen Briggs, return to the beautifully intimate Montpelier Arts Center led by pianist, keyboardist, composer, and former "Best New Jazz Artist" nominee, Lao Tizer. The group also features Grammy award-winning sax legend Eric Marienthal; violinist extraordinaire Karen Briggs; Grammy award-winning drummer Gene Coye; and, Senegalese bassist Cheikh N'Doye. Do not miss this memorable evening of music! ADA: Yes

Cost: \$25; 10% discount Montpelier mbrs/seniors 60+

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708

Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Montpelier Arts Center

PHOTOGRAPH BY JEN SHECKELS

Located on the grounds of the historic Montpelier Mansion, the **Montpelier Arts Center** opened in 1979. It houses three galleries, artist studios, a metal casting facility, gas- and electric-fired kilns, a digital lab, and classrooms. The center offers visual, literary and performing arts experiences for children to adults; beginners to advanced. Their exhibitions include cutting edge work as well as more traditional approaches and feature both emerging and established regional, national and international artists. The Main Gallery is also the site for the performances of the Jazz, Folk/Blues and Classical music series. The galleries and studios are free and open to the public seven days a week, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. except for major holidays.

Montpelier Arts Center : 9652 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708  
301-377-7800, TTY: 301-699-2544

<http://www.pgparcs.com/2143/Montpelier-Arts-Center>

## October 21 Film on Nuclear Ban Treaty at "Reel & Meal" Greenbelt Event

By PRESS OFFICER

### Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition

On Monday, October 21 the "Reel & Meal" event in Greenbelt will feature *The Beginning of the End of Nuclear Weapons*, a documentary focused on how some 120 nations came to agree on the 2017 UN Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons. It includes background on the development of the atomic bomb, the impact of its use on Hiroshima, and progress over decades of anti-nuclear activism. The free show begins at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt 20770. An optional vegan buffet at \$14 will be served from 6:30 p.m.

This June 2019 documentary is a collaboration of Spaniard Alvaro Orus, long a maker of films on nonviolence, and Briton Tony Robinson, co-director of Pressenza International Press Agency. Pressenza was a partner of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, which won the Nobel Peace Prize for promoting the ban treaty. It shows how stagnation after the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty led to a new chance, the "humanitarian initiative" which resulted in the ban treaty. The film's title refers to the Nobel Laureate speech made by Hiroshima survivor Setsuko Thurlow. One of the many other activists interviewed dismantles arguments used to support the theory of nuclear deterrence.

Discussion after the screening will cover how local citizens can participate in the current US "Back from the Brink" campaign for federal policy changes to help prevent nuclear war. The discussion leader will be Gwen DuBois, president of Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility and co-founder of Prevent Nuclear War Maryland.

For more about the film see <http://theendofnuclearweapons.com/>. This program is planned by Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition; contact [justpeacepg@earthlink.net](mailto:justpeacepg@earthlink.net) or call Lucy Duff at 202-549-5574. Other sponsors of the monthly "Reel & Meal" series are Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Utopia Film Festival.

## ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK

### .... Movie Review ....

## Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

Grade: B

Rated PG-13, some profanity, some fairly strong violence and scary stuff  
1 hr., 51 min

Though Alvin Schwartz's books were published between 1981 and 1991 and had timeless settings, the movie version of *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* is set in 1968—at Halloween, specifically, which means it's also a few days before the election of Richard Nixon. Something wicked this way comes indeed. There's some socio-political subtext that makes the setting appropriate for the current moment (at the end of a turbulent decade, a nation examines itself and its thirst for macabre stories), but mostly it's just spooky, malevolent fun.

Shepherded through a lengthy development process by Guillermo del Toro and ultimately directed by André

Øvredal (*Trollhunter*), this teen-targeted chiller is not an anthology like you'd expect from a movie based on a collection of short stories, but a single narrative in which the stories happen to the characters. On a suburban Halloween night, platonically teen pals Stella (Zoe Margaret Colletti), Auggie (Gabriel Rush), and Chuck (Austin Zajur), along with enigmatic new kid Ramon (Michael Garza), investigate a spooky old house where they find a book of eerie stories handwritten by a turn-of-the-last-century madwoman. Then, scrawled by an unseen hand, new stories start appearing on the diary's blank pages that are not fiction at all but true accounts of things that are occurring at that moment elsewhere in town. For example, we saw a letterman-jacketed bully (Austin Abrams) throw rocks at a scarecrow earlier; now the scarecrow takes its revenge.

A few incidents are along those lines—apt punishments



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**Exhibition Opens at University of Maryland in College Park To Salute Maryland Public Television's 50 Years of Service**

*Hornbake Library gallery hosts "Made Possible By Viewers Like You: Maryland Public Television Turns 50" exhibition through July 2020*

By PRESS OFFICER  
**Maryland Public Television**

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (October 4, 2019)—Shining Emmy® Award statuettes, a decades-old TV field camera, aging black-and-white photos, and vintage video clips. These items and more are features of a museum-quality exhibition titled *Made Possible By Viewers Like You: Maryland Public Television Turns 50*, now on display in the University of Maryland's Hornbake Library Maryland Room Gallery in College Park. The opening of the exhibition coincides with the statewide public television network's debut on October 5, 1969.

Open to the public free of charge, the exhibition will remain in the gallery through July 2020. Hornbake Library operating hours during the university's fall and spring semesters are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., with extended hours until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. The gallery is also open on Sundays from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Curated by archivists from UMD Libraries' Special Collections & University Archives in collaboration with MPT, the exhibition traces the five-decade history of the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting—later Maryland Public Television—and its service to the citizens of the Free State and beyond.

To watch a short preview of the exhibition produced by MPT's State Circle public affairs program, visit <https://youtu.be/4vDXPjjGuxk>. The segment includes visuals of the exhibition's many artifacts as well as an interview with its curator, Laura Schnitker, Ph.D. More information is available at [mpt.org/50th](http://mpt.org/50th) or [lib.umd.edu/mpt-turns-50](http://lib.umd.edu/mpt-turns-50).

Among artifacts on display are microphones, studio lighting fixtures, and broadcasting equipment—old and new—including an original field camera and a current-day GoPro camera. Also in the exhibit are logo-bearing premiums from promotions and pledge shows through the years plus awards and statuettes—Emmys, Webbys, and Tellys among them. The archivists have included a copy of *Nightmare's Child*, the first program to air on the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting at 6:30 p.m. on October 5, 1969, and decades-old newspaper articles about the newly arrived public TV phenomena in Maryland.

All exhibit items are accompanied by explanatory copy that tells the story of the early "pioneers" on the network's Owings Mills, Maryland campus whose creative exploits—produced for decades without computer assistance—yielded hundreds of remarkable documentaries and TV series.

The exhibit creators tell the story of MPT's history by highlighting program genres—from news/public affairs and children's programming to arts/culture and natural history. The featured video clips from MPT's most popular programs over the decades will be especially enjoyable to older viewers who recall viewing Hodgepodge Lodge as children or financial news devotees who relished time spent with Wall Street Week With Louis Rukeyser on Friday evenings.

For nearly 30 years, Maryland Public Television has partnered with the University of Maryland Libraries to contribute print and audio-visual materials to the National Public Broadcasting Archives. In honor of MPT's 50th anniversary and to continue making accessible the significant historical content created by MPT, the organizations have strengthened their cooperation by launching The Maryland Public Television Preservation Fund. Donations to the fund help support ongoing digitization of the many analog tapes that remain in the MPT collection, which are housed at the university but must be transferred to digital format to be accessed by the viewing public. Digitized programs held by the University of Maryland Libraries are made available for online viewing through the university's Digital Collections website.

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