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Prince George's County Launches New Initiative to Clean Sweep Litter

By Press Officer
PG County Government

Largo, MD—Prince George's County Government in partnership with the Maryland State Administration and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has launched a new anti-litter initiative dubbed Clean Sweep designed to kick litter to the curb.

Clean Sweep began September 1, 2015 and ends on October 31, 2015. Throughout this period, residents will see this County and State collaborative effort tackle roadside litter, reduce incidents of illegal dumping, patrol communities for littering activities and promote trash-free conditions in local parks, neighborhoods and along trails to produce cleaner, greener neighborhoods and watersheds. The anti-litter activities will target 20 communities located in the Anacostia River Watershed and TNI (Transforming Neighborhood Initiative) areas to help the County make progress in improving the quality of life in TNI neighborhoods and achieving compliance with a Federal mandate to reduce the litter load on the Anacostia River.

"Litter costs our County thousands of dollars a year, decreases our property values, has a negative impact on our health and wellness and threatens our wildlife, reservoirs and waterways" states Prince George's County Executive Rushern L.

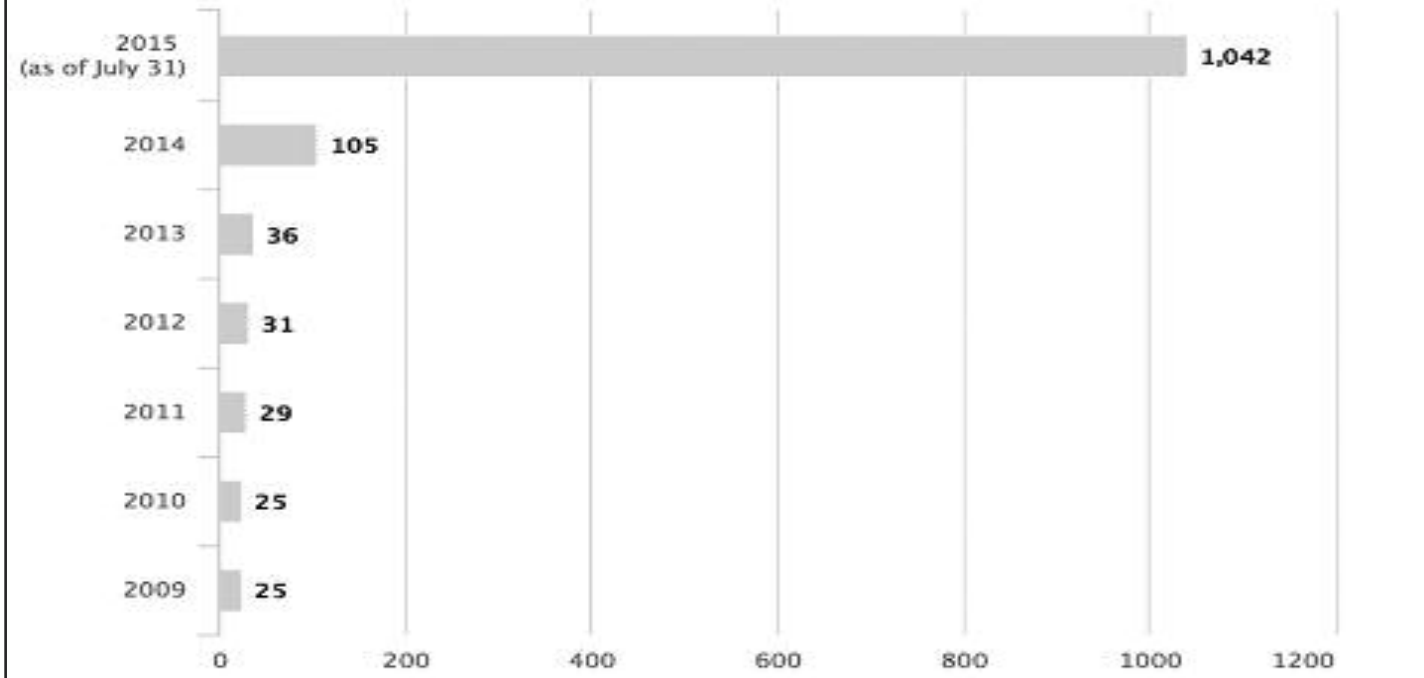
Baker, III. "Prince George's County is proud to be part of this comprehensive collaboration that unites government and community members to join together to effect long-lasting change in reducing litter."

A key goal of the Clean Sweep Initiative is to help the County fulfill its obligation to reduce litter in the Anacostia River in accordance with a Federal mandate. A trash pollution diet or Total Maximum Daily Load (TDML) for the Anacostia River was developed through a cooperative agreement among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), District of Columbia and state of Maryland. Compliance with the trash TDML is mandated through the County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) Permit. This permit requires that the County achieve a trash reduction rate of 170,628 pounds per year for the Anacostia River. This removal rate applies to trash that typically enters our storm drain systems and outfalls to waterways leading to the river.

The partnership, led by the County's Department of the Environment (DoE) includes anti-litter activities performed with assistance from the Departments of Corrections (DOC), Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), Permitting, Inspection

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2015 saw a dramatic increase in Syrian refugees entering the United States



GRAPHIC BY SISSI CAO AND MADELEINE DEASON, CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

The U.S. has increased the number of Syrian refugees admitted since the crisis began, but O'Malley and others are calling for a much greater contribution. Source: Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

After O'Malley's Appeals for More Syrian Refugees, Obama Administration Signals Shift

By JON BANISTER
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON—After repeated calls from former Maryland governor and presidential candidate Martin O'Malley for the United States to take more Syrian refugees, the Obama administration is signaling that it may be ready to do just that.

"We are committed to increasing the number of refugees

that we take. And we are looking hard at a number that we can specifically manage with respect to the crisis in Syria and Europe," Secretary of State John Kerry told a group of reporters after a meeting on Capitol Hill Wednesday, according to published reports. "That's being vetted fully right now and I think at the appropriate time we'll have a better sense of what exactly that number will be."

O'Malley's call for the United States to accept 65,000 refugees came after a photograph of a three-year-old Syrian boy's body washed up on a Turkish beach sparked outrage last week. The photograph underscored the harsh realities of a four-year war that has left more than 4 million Syrian refugees in need of resettlement.

The State Department announced last week it expected

to welcome between 5,000 and 8,000 Syrian refugees in fiscal year 2016, up from 1,000 to 2,000 in FY15. This number did not satisfy O'Malley, who has been vocal about the United States taking greater leadership in humanitarian crises.

"For us to sit back and do nothing and say 'oh we can

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The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council Announces Photo Contest Winners

By PRESS OFFICER
MDDHCD

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC) congratulates Lisa Brabazon, Anna Haberkorn, Tali Levine, and Erin Rupolo for submitting the winning photographs (shown below) of MDDC's 2nd Annual Photo Contest titled, *Side-by-Side: Living a Full Life in the Community*. The MDDC asked people with developmental disabilities and their families to submit a photo showing a person(s) with disabilities accessing opportunities to live, work, socialize, and play in the community alongside non-disabled peers. "The DD Council works to advance the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life and the selected photographs illustrate this beautifully," said Brian Cox, Executive Director.



PHOTO BY LISA BRABAZON

First place photo: "Hi I'm Claire!" Claire enjoys playing at the park and meeting new friends!

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Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation Receives \$5K Grant from NRPA

By Press Officer
MNCPPC

RIVERDALE, MD—The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) was selected by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) to receive a \$5,000 grant from the National Recreation Foundation to help develop health and wellness family engagement materials, which will eventually be distributed on a national scale.

The department is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles

by providing quality physical recreation activities along with educational opportunities to develop healthy habits, both providing life-long benefits.

The constant effort to meet those goals has made the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), a bi-county agency which oversees the DPR, a five-time National Gold Medal Award winner for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management as awarded by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, in

partnership with NRPA. MNCPPC has an opportunity to win a sixth gold medal this September as a finalist for this year's awards program.

In return for the grant, the DPR will assist NRPA in creating downloadable and customizable family resources on healthy eating and physical activity to be used at home.

The National Recreation Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the role of recreation

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PGCPS Teachers Named Educators of Distinction by NSHSS

By Press Officer
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) named Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) teachers, Alma Smith, a science teacher at Chesapeake Math and IT, and Zana Sukaj, foreign language teacher at Bowie

High School, 2014–2015 Claes Nobel Educators of Distinction. The teachers received their awards on Saturday, August 1, at the society's annual Scholar's Day event, which was held at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

The Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction award recognizes teacher role models who have made a lasting difference

in their classroom by encouraging students to strive for excellence. Student members of NSHSS nominated teachers for their outstanding dedication, commitment to excellence in the classroom, and the contributions they've made to student success.

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The Value of Labor

As we celebrate labor and America's slow but steady climb to newfound economic prosperity during its most sustained period of job creation this century, we discover a dark cloud inside the silver lining of our recovery: the prosperity of the American economy is not being shared equally.

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Maryland Casinos Generate \$96.7 Million in Revenue During August

Maryland Lottery and Gaming announced August 2015 revenue numbers for the state's five casinos—Hollywood Casino, Horseshoe Casino, Casino at Ocean Downs, Maryland Live Casino, and Rocky Gap Casino Resort. August 2015's combined statewide revenue totaled \$96,744,459.

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Movie Review: "Once I Was a Beehive"

Standing on the shoulders of the well-meaning but mostly lame Mormon comedies that have come before it, "Once I Was a Beehive" manages to be funny, sweet, AND sincere (a rare combination), with a lovely story about girl power, acceptance, and avoiding bears.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

There's a lot of talk about the potential for renewable energy sources like solar and wind. But cheap, abundant coal is still going to power the world for a long time. How can we harness the energy from coal without emitting our way into a much warmer future?

—Sally Ristau, Erie, PA
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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Andrews' Air Show is back, with the Thunderbirds and the A.F. Band

The Air Show will fly again at Joint Base Andrews on Saturday, Sept. 19, for the first time in three years. (The show will be also held Sept. 18, but only for Department of Defense cardholders and special invitees.)

Gates will be open 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Opening ceremonies are at 11:30 and air demos—including the Air Force Thunderbirds—will be between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. That will include about 40 maneuvers, featuring formation flying and solo routines. On the ground you can enjoy displays of modern and vintage aircraft, the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and the U. S. Air Force Band.

There'll be no parking on the base. Free shuttles will depart FedEx Field and the Branch Avenue Metro Station beginning at 8 a.m. The last buses will depart the base to return to parking at 5:30 p.m. Shuttles will run continuously, but the last bus to the Air Show will be at 1 p.m.

There's a long list of prohibited items but these are the ones most likely to apply to you: no food and beverages (except for baby formula and water in plastic bottles), no coolers (except for formula and meds), no large camera bags, and no pets. Food will be available for sale on the base.

More information is available on Facebook, Twitter and the Andrews' website.

Pope Francis

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, Pope Francis will fly in from Cuba and land at Joint Base Andrews at 4 p.m. This will be his first visit to the United States. I wonder if his motorcade will travel Suitland Road. If so, I'll be out there waving.

While he is in Washington, he'll visit the White House, meet with bishops at St. Matthew's Cathedral; celebrate Mass at the east portico of the Basilica of Immaculate Conception and give an address before Congress.

He'll depart for New York on Sept. 24 (probably from Andrews). Then he'll go on to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

PROMOTION TO BUDGET DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ruth Turner of Brandywine, Maryland granddaughter, Candyce Mitchell Jackson's husband, Aaron Jackson, has just received a promotion. Aaron has been appointed the new Budget Director for Louisville, Kentucky Metro Government. He has nine years of experience with the city as an analyst and manager. Aaron contributed greatly to Metro's Distinguished Budget award presented by the Government Finance Officers Association for the last two years. Prior to joining Metro, he worked in the banking industry and earned his MBA from the University of Louisville. Aaron, a Louisville native, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky in finance.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday to Jane Perry, Lonice Carter, Osayi Omoregbe, Chidinma Mbakwe, Marima Davies, Alhaji Davis, Ronald Jones, Pamela Stahl, Donna Cain, Norman Noel, Alexis Glee, Clarkie Kinard, Kirk Samuel, Beonie Pearson, Juanita Brinkley Hall, Idena Thomas, Karen Taylor, Curt Falby, Jo Stolworthy, James Dorsett, IV, Kizzy Savoy, Dr. Dandeson Panda, Rebecca Mosley, Umaru Davies and Paul

Neighbors

Father Ted Hegnauer, pastor of St. Philip's Church in Camp Springs, is the new Chaplain for the St. Pius X Council of the Knights of Columbus in Forestville.

Somali and Jocelyn Fuller of Morningside have announced the upcoming wedding of their daughter Amber Armstrong to Skyler Coles on Sept. 25 at Kingdom Hall in Forestville.

Theresa Toye, of Skyline, was a big winner in a senior bowling tournament in Gastonia, N.C.

Ray Short, of Camp Springs and formerly of Morningside, turns 90 on Sept. 23.

Lee Burkhart, of Clinton, is celebrating her 90th birthday on Sept. 20.

Mary Dean, of Morningside, has enjoyed visits from two grandchildren this summer. In June, granddaughter Jennifer—who has just passed her CPA exam—came from Colorado with her friend Grant. A big family gathering followed at the home of Mary's daughter Crystal. In July, grandson Carl Snowden and his family came from Iowa, and they enjoyed a family crab feast.

Get well soon wishes to Dawn Miller, of Morningside, who suffered a bad fall while on vacation in Virginia Beach. She was hospitalized for several days and now is home recovering.

Get free flu shots at Health Fair 2015

Councilman Obie Patterson (Council District 8) is hosting a Community Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Southern Regional Technology & Recreation Complex. It's open to the public and it's free.

Included will be: free flu shots; medical, dental, vision and HIV/STD screenings; hospital representatives; vendors; and physical fitness activities for seniors, family and children. There'll be giveaways, door prizes, a farmers market (free produce!), and more.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with registration beginning at 9 a.m. The Complex is at 7007 Bock Road in Fort Washington.

The Fair is in partnership with M-NCPPC, County Health, and the Kappa Foundation of Fort Washington.

Changing landscape

A HEARING sign has gone up on Suitland Road in front of the woods next to the VFW. I think it has to do with new homes planned. If you'd like information, call 301-699-CALL and give them this number: 4-14008.

May they rest in peace

Elizabeth A. (Rhodes) Kenworthy, 66, of Manassas, former teacher at Suitland High School, died Aug. 12. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, LTC (Ret.) Donald Kenworthy, three daughters and other relatives. She will be buried at Arlington.

Theodore E. "Ted" Lombard, 91, the first chairman of the Mount Calvary Parish Council, died Aug. 12 in Annapolis. He was an Eagle Scout, decorated World War II veteran, attended Georgetown University on the GI Bill and received a law degree in 1949. He practiced law in Washington for more than 50 years. He was co-founder of Recovery Point Systems of Germantown, Md., one of the leading providers of disaster-recovery services in the country today. He devoted much of his later professional life to serving the poor through the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Davidsonville and before that, Mount Calvary in Forestville. His wife of 62 years, Margaret, predeceased him. He was the father of 10 children, grandfather of 33 and great-granddad of 14.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Betty Nagro, Sept. 21; Karen Rooker and Teresa Kessler, Sept. 22; Elizabeth Long, Mary Kilbride, and Raymond Short, Sept. 23; Dottie Arehringer, Amy Schlor and Peg Richardson, Sept. 24;

Happy Silver Anniversary to my son Brian and Carol McHale on Sept. 22. They plan to celebrate the occasion with several days in New Orleans.

Jeffrey Kerrick who are Clinton United Methodist Members celebrating their birthdays during the month of September.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary to Charles & Janice Moore, Joe & Daphne Rojas, Gloria & Wade Garrett, Evangeline & Ronald Crawford who are Clinton United Methodist church members celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month of September.

CONTEE JOHNSON FAMILY REUNION

Families United (Hoping, Inspiring, Believing) generations that included the Contee families of James, Louise, Sidney, Samuel, Thomas, Matilida, Jane, George and Robert. Generations that included the Johnson families of John, Richard and Benjamin had a wonderful time recognizing the accomplishments of our past and celebrating the possibilities of our future August 29, 2015 at Mayo Beach Park in Edgewater, Maryland.

LOCAL STUDENTS JOIN THE 2015 YOUTH TOUR

Approximately 1,700 students and chaperones represent-

ing 44 states attended the Youth Tour for its 51st year. The students had a week-long study tour of the nation's capital where they learned more about our government in action.

SMECO joined other cooperatives from around the world with four local High School Students. Rica Taliman who attends Gwynn Park High School in Brandywine, Maryland was among the students attending the Youth Tour.

NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP/NOTTINGHAM MYERS CHURCH

Congratulations to Cary & Kim Montgomery, Walter & Janice Mozee, James & Katie Wilkerson, who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month of September.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Catherine Brown, Corbin Parker Toombs, Matthew Montgomery, Angie Savoy, Pam Parker Toombs, Jasmine Pinkney, Catherine Watkins, Alicia Young and Alexis Champion who are New Hope Fellowship/Nottingham Myers members celebrating their birthdays during the month of September.

Neighborhood Events

Edwards, USDA, and PGCPS Highlight Initiative to Increase Schools' Ability to Provide Healthy Meals to Students



Congresswoman
Donna F. Edwards

Washington, D.C.—Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Katie Wilson, and Director of Food and Nutrition Services for Prince George's County Public Schools, Joan Shorter, visited William Hall Academy in Capitol Heights, Maryland. The visit highlighted the USDA's "Team Up for School Nutrition Success" Initiative, a targeted technical assistance and peer-to-peer mentoring program for schools nationwide, aimed at improving the ability of schools to provide healthy meals to school children. The group saw firsthand how the program is being implemented at William Hall Academy, ate lunch with students, and toured the kitchen facilities.

"Today's visit was a great opportunity to see federal and local partners working together to improve the availability of nutritious meals for students," Edwards said. "As we know, childhood hunger doesn't take summers off; it is an ongoing threat in communities throughout Maryland and the entire country, one that is detrimental to a child's growth and development. I was grateful to see the operation that Prince George's County Public Schools, in conjunction with the USDA, has in place to have nutritious meals served on site and delivered. I thank USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Katie Wilson, Director of Food and Nutrition Services for Prince George's County Public Schools, Joan Shorter, and everyone involved in making these programs a success."

Capitol Heights, Maryland Local Joins Teach for America's 25th Anniversary Corps

New York, NY, August 4, 2015—Teach For America announced today that a Capitol Heights local has been accepted into the organization's 2015 teaching corps. Teach For America is a national nonprofit working to expand educational opportunity for students in low-income communities. Corps members commit to teach in high-need urban or rural public schools and become lifelong advocates for educational equity. Jhoskesia Manigault, a 1998 graduate of Central High School and a 2012 graduate of Troy University, will teach in D.C. Region. Jhoskesia joins the corps from a job at Maya Angelou Public Charter School.

Charles Herbert Flowers HSI Recognized as Best High School by National Awards Show

Upper Marlboro, MD—Charles Herbert Flowers High School received the 'Best High School Award' at the 2015 Steve Harvey Neighborhood Awards Show

at the Philips Arena in Atlanta, Georgia.

The award was received by Gorman Brown, principal of Charles Herbert Flowers High School. BET News correspondent Ed Gordon and actress Wendy Raquel Robinson presented the award to Brown.

Brown accepted the honor and gave an acceptance speech encouraging people on the importance of supporting children in every community.

"It is the responsibility of every adult to make an investment in every child in the communities in which we live," said Gorman Brown, principal of Charles Herbert Flowers High School. "This is what we must do today, to have a better tomorrow," added Brown.

Flowers High School boasts a student population of 2,100 and has a graduation rate of nearly 90 percent. The graduating class of 2015 earned more than \$15 million dollars in scholarship offers.

Flowers High School is now the second PGCPS high school to receive the award of 'Best High School' from the Steve Harvey Neighborhood Awards Show. In 2014, Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School was also awarded the coveted title.

Business Partners Donate School Supplies For More Than 12,000 Students and Teachers at Prince George's County Public Schools

Upper Marlboro, MD—As Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) prepare for the upcoming school year, local businesses including Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (ESFCU), Office Depot, Inc., and Staples, have donated enough supplies to benefit more than 12,000 students and teachers this school year.

"Thank you to our business partners who have invested in our communities and schools," said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer, PGCPS. "Business partnerships not only benefit our teachers and students, they enhance student learning."

The back-to-school supplies donated to students offer items such as backpacks, pencils, pens and more. Teachers received welcome kits filled with essentials including reams of paper, a tote bag, pens, staplers, pencils, scissors, craft items and more.

"The donation contained just the right items to help me prepare for the school year and find some creative activities for my students," said Kelly Yutesler, eighth-grade English teacher at Stephen Decatur Middle School. "Thanks for supporting our work."

"It is with incredible excitement we welcome this group of remarkable and diverse corps members," said Elisa Villanueva Beard, co-CEO of Teach For America. "They join a group of 50,000 leaders who have raised their hand to

be part of ensuring every child has access to an excellent and equitable education."

Over the past 25 years, thousands of talented individuals have launched or continued careers in social justice through Teach For America. Hundreds of corps members and alumni have been honored as teachers of the year by their school, district, county, or state. More founders and leaders of entrepreneurial education organizations started careers with TFA than from any other organization or company. Alumni have gone on to become leaders in politics, school systems, nonprofit work, advocacy, and more. Together, they form a nationwide network helping to expand and strengthen the movement to give all kids access to a great education.

About Teach For America

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. In 2014-15, 10,600 corps members taught in 50 urban and rural regions across the country while more than 37,000 alumni worked across sectors to ensure that all children have access to an excellent education. Teach For America is a proud member of the AmeriCorps national service network. For more information, visit www.teachforamerica.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

Staying Involved In Your Teenager's Schooling

We all know how much a good education matters in today's world. But as our kids enter high school, many parents become less involved in their teen's education. As our teenagers become more independent, it's natural to expect them to learn responsibility by handling school work successfully or dealing with the consequences.



But while teenagers do need more freedom, it's not unusual for teens, especially those with busy schedules, to make poor decisions about time usage, often relegating school work to the bottom of the priority list.

As a parent of a teenager, it's great to encourage teen responsibility, but you also want to offer much needed guidance regarding time management and achieving school success. Staying involved in your teen's schooling can help achieve academic benefits and a stronger relationship with your child.

And how do you do this without being an overbearing parent? Start by taking an interest in your teen's classes. Encourage discussion of the school day and individual classes. Yes, starting such communication can be difficult. Often you'll hear only complaints or refusals to talk. But stick with it and offer positive, understanding feedback, rather than criticism.

It's also important to keep in contact with the school. Go to parents' nights, schedule teacher or counselor conferences when you have concerns, and pay attention to progress reports and test grades.

You can also help directly with time management. Offer your assistance in setting up a schedule that includes not only homework time, but also time for friends, sports and fun activities.

Setting clear, reasonable expectations for grades and schoolwork is also important. Talk with your teen about his or her goals, abilities, interests, classes and teachers, then make the final expectations a joint decision. Together decide on consequences if expectations aren't met, then monitor school progress. Let your teen know you're there to help with trouble spots, not just to criticize or punish.

Although most teenagers are desperate to be more independent and to make their own decisions, it's easy for teens to be overwhelmed at times by all the choices, responsibilities and consequences that come with that decision making.

Find ways to stay involved with your student's schooling while still supporting of his or her growing independence and you'll have a teen who will do better academically and may even appreciate your efforts, though it might be years before that's ever said out loud.

New TTI Study Shows Washington, D.C. Area Drivers Losing Two Entire Workweeks Stuck in Traffic

Annual Congestion Cost Is 82 Hours, \$1,834 and 32 Gallons of Gas Per Auto Commuter

By PRESS OFFICER
AAA Mid-Atlantic

| Urban Area | Yearly Delay Per Auto Commuter | Wasted Gallons of Fuel | Congestion Cost Per Auto Commuter | Travel Time Index | Freeway Planning Time Index |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Washington DC-VA-MD | 82 | 35 | \$1,834 | 1.34 | 3.48 |
| Very Large Area Average | 63 | 27 | \$1,433 | 1.32 | 3.06 |

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Two workweeks stuck in traffic. A new report by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) finds that drivers in the Washington, D.C. area face annual congestion delays of 82 hours in comparison to 67 hours in 2013. Once again, we are number one in the entire nation in this category. Surprise, surprise, surprise.

"Washington, D.C. tops the list of gridlock-plagued cities, with 82 hours of delay per commuter, followed by Los Angeles (80 hours), San Francisco (78 hours), New York (74 hours), and San Jose (67 hours)," according to TTI's 2015 Urban Mobility Scorecard. In fact, our hours stuck in gridlock and traffic delays increased from 67 hours, as was the case in 2013, to just over 80 hours, notes AAA Mid-Atlantic. In 2011, the Texas Transportation Institute ranked the Washington metro area as first in the nation in terms of suffering from the worst traffic congestion from coast to coast. Back then, the average driver was stuck in traffic for 74 hours, or as a leading transportation reporter styled it "with drivers spending more than three days out of every 365 caught in traffic."

"Year after year, the Washington area reigns as the worst area in the nation for congestion," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's Manager of Public and Government Affairs. "We are actually losing ground, despite billions of dollars in transportation projections, including the Springfield Mixing Bowl or interchange (costing \$676 million), the new Wilson Bridge (costing \$2.357 billion), the ICC (costing \$2.56 billion), the 395 Express Lanes (costing

\$1.4 billion), the 95 Express Lanes (costing \$925 million), and the Silver Line (costing \$3.14 billion for the first phase only). We are now losing two entire workweeks, \$1,834 and 32 gallons of fuel annually due to congestion as compared to 15 fewer hours in 2013. The nation is driving at historic levels thanks to an improving economy and low gas prices."

Wasted days and wasted nights. "The problem has become so bad in major urban areas that drivers have to plan more than twice as much travel time as they would need to arrive on time in light traffic just to account for the effects of irregular delays such as bad weather, collisions, and construction zones," the TTI notes.

The 2015 Urban Mobility Scorecard also reports that congestion costs in the Washington metro area have increased to \$1,834 per auto commuter, up from \$1,398 in 2013. The average area driver in the Washington metro area also wastes 35 gallons of gasoline each year in traffic delays, up from 32 gallons in 2013. The Travel Time Index level of 1.34 means that 20 minute trip in normal traffic conditions would take 26.8 minutes during peak traffic across the Washington metro area, according to the report. Time lost is worse for freeway travel. A Freeway Planning Time Index of 3.48 equates to a 20 minute trip turning into a 70 minute trip in the metro area.

What causes traffic? As of July 1, 2014, there were 3.9 million registered vehicles in the

metro area of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, an increase of 2.9% over 2011, according to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. While other parts of the country lost population during the economic downturn, the 2010 Census showed the area gained 30,000 people. Washington, D.C.'s daytime population increases by nearly 80%, according to the Census Bureau. The region is also home to mega commuters with 27.4 percent of District workers traveling more than 60 minutes to get to their jobs, reports the Census Bureau.

The situation has also worsened. Just two years ago, the TTI 2013 report showed it cost the average auto commuter in the Washington Metro area \$1,398 in lost money, 67 hours in lost time and 32 gallons of wasted gasoline. Misery loves company, the old saying goes. We have plenty of it, as we are not alone in the misery index. This is the besetting problem for all major urban areas across the USA. For example, "in order to reliably arrive on time for important freeway trips, travelers had to allow 48 minutes to make a trip that takes 20 minutes in light traffic," according to the 2015 Urban Mobility Scorecard.

"In 2014, congestion caused urban Americans to travel an extra 6.9 billion hours and purchase an extra 3.1 billion gallons of fuel for a congestion cost of \$160 billion. Trucks account for \$28 billion (17 percent) of that cost, much more than their 7 percent share of traffic," notes the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI). Even so, "From 2013 to 2014, 95 of America's 100 largest metro areas saw increased congestion, from 2012 to 2013 only 61 cities experienced increases," warns the TTI.

And things will get worse on area roadways and freeways this year. In June 2015 alone, motorists in Virginia racked up 7.2 billion miles on their odometers in June, compared to 7 billion VMT last June, comprising a 1.6 percent increase. That's according to Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) estimates by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Maryland motorists traveled 5.2 billion miles this June, compared to 5.1 billion miles last June, a 1.9 percent increase over the same month a year earlier. Motorists in the District drove 341 million miles (VMT), compared to 332 million miles (VMT) a year ago June. It comprises a 2.7 percent increase.

"U.S. driving topped 1.54 trillion miles in the first half of 2015, beating the previous record—1.5 trillion, set in June 2007. This is more than double the amount driven during the same period in 1981, continuing a trend of America's driving mileage doubling nearly every generation." That's according to new estimates released by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). A monthly estimate of U.S. road travel shows that 275.13 billion miles were driven last June, the most ever in June of any year and the highest VMT for the first half of any year, notes the FHWA.

Contest from A1

Council member Aileen O'Hare added, "When I was growing up I did not really have friends without disabilities. Back then I was removed from my classroom and I felt singled out, like I didn't be-

thanks all those who participated and in preparation for the third annual photo contest in 2016, encourages people with developmental disabilities, their families or support staff to continue to take photos in alignment with Council values of empowerment, op-



PHOTO BYANNA HABERKORN

Second place photo: A bouquet of ballerinas! Molly, pictured second from the left, doesn't sit on the sidelines--She had a choice to dance, and made that choice with joy!

long. Looking at the pictures reminded me of what I did not have as a child. I am glad to be a part of the changes we saw looking at all the pictures."

The contest was competitive with over seventy submissions. First, second, and third place winners received \$200, \$175, and \$125 respectively. Facebook fans chose a Fan Favorite from eleven runner ups. The Fan Favorite received \$100.00. The MDDC

portunity, and inclusion.

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council is a public policy and advocacy organization working to advance the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life. For more information on how MDDC works to improve quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families in Maryland, or to receive the MDDC newsletter and action alerts, contact us at www.md-council.org and



PHOTO TALI LEVINE

Third place photo: Despite having multiple diagnoses, Yoni's tenacity and can-do attitude made him a top 20 runner in Montgomery County last fall for grades 9-10 and he just placed 28th out of 902 participants in the Autism Speaks 5K in July! Yoni is pictured on the left.



PHOTO ERIN RUPOLO

Sophie, pictured on the right, has a rare genetic condition called Williams Syndrome. Sophie has just finished her first Mini Meet alongside typically developing peers. She participated in the age 6 and under category kick board competition and came in 12th out of 21 participants! Her sense of accomplishment was indescribable!

Litter from A1

and Enforcement (DPIE), Police Department and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

"Reducing and monitoring litter in our environment sends a signal that we care how we live and work and translates into positive behavior change," says DoE Director Adam Ortiz. "The government doesn't have the resources to fight litter on its own; it takes all of us to make a difference in our communities." Communities are invited to work in concert with the County to take a stand against litter by hosting a voluntary community cleanup during their designated two-week Clean Sweep period.

The Clean Sweep Initiative is one of a host of programs the County offers to combat litter. Clean Up, Green Up, an annual beautification program offered twice a year in partnership with DPWT and the Neighborhood Design Center provides residents with litter cleaning supplies and free planting material. The next event is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015. The registration deadline for completing the Clean Up, Green Up application is Friday, September 18, 2015.

For more information or to find out how you can volunteer for the Clean Sweep Initiative, contact DoE Acting Associate Director, Sustainable Initiatives Division Dawn Hawkins Nixon at (301) 883-5839 or DoE Senior Planner Alfred Titus-Glover at (301) 883-7164.

Upcoming Dates and Locations

| DATE | COMMUNITIES |
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COMMENTARY

Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator for Maryland



Mikulski Announces More Than \$36 Million in Federal Funds to Help Maryland Crime Victims Rebuild and Recover

Federal Funding to Help Crime Victims Across Maryland is Four Times the Amount Awarded in FY14

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), Vice Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee, today announced that the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) has been awarded \$36.3 million to help victims of violent crime in Maryland through the Department of Justice's Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) grant program.

"Victims of crime need a government on their side. That's why I fought so hard to increase federal funding to help victims of crime recover and rebuild their lives," Senator Mikulski said. "VOCA grants provide critical federal and state support to give people a helping hand when they need it most. I will keep fighting to put funds in the federal checkbook that help victims in Maryland create a way forward."

VOCA grants, which are administered through the Crime Victims Fund, provide federal funds to support state compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, homicide and other violent crimes. VOCA grants also provide funding to local groups that provide support services like crisis counseling, advocacy and education

to victims. Victims' medical care, mental health counseling and lost wages are also covered by VOCA funding. From 2005 to 2014, Senator Mikulski worked to secure more than \$100 million for Maryland victim assistance programs through VOCA. The award for FY15 is more than quadruple the amount Maryland received in FY14 (a total of \$8.4 million).

Due to the tough fiscal environment, many national, state and local nonprofit organizations that benefit victims of crimes have reported declines in total revenue and individual contributions as well as increases in expenses and staff layoffs. Meanwhile, demand has skyrocketed for social "safety net" services provided by these organizations. VOCA grants are vital in ensuring there is support for victims and their families.

VOCA established the Crime Victims Fund in 1984 to support direct state victim assistance and compensation programs that include support services such as emergency shelter, crisis intervention, counseling and assistance within the criminal justice system. The Fund provides monetary support for crime victims and their families using money raised through criminal fines and penalties paid by federal offenders, not taxpayer dollars. Every year, VOCA funding serves over 3.5 million victims of crime at approximately 4,400 agencies nationwide.



Maryland State House

MARYLAND STATE HOUSE
 Completed in 1779, it was the site of nationally important events during the American Revolution, including George Washington's resignation as commander in chief of the Continental Army from the army, and the ratification of the Treaty of Paris. The rich architecture and history of the building was recognized in 1960 when the State House was designated as a National Historic Landmark. The State House is open to the public every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Christmas and New Years Day. To help make your visit to the Maryland State House more enjoyable, and to provide you with an understanding of its rich and historic past, self-guided tour information is available in the Office of Interpretation on the first floor.

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Child Watch
 by Marion Wright Edelman



Bishop Tutu's Dream

"O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted."

—Cry of the Hebrew prophet Habakkuk

This ancient plea strikes a deep chord in me and among many today. After the horror of the racist terrorist murders in Charleston, South Carolina many of us have been crying out with questions about all the strife and violence permeating our nation. How long until America confronts its historic love affair with guns and violence and undergoes a healing process of first truth and then reconciliation about our profound crippling birth defects of slavery, Native American genocide, and exclusion of all women and non-propertied men from America's dream and electoral process? Only when we face the truths of our past which continue to flare up in our present can we work toward true reconciliation and wholeness as a people and begin to close the huge gap between our dream of equality and our reality of massive racial and economic inequality. How long and what will it take to make America, America?

In South Africa, many people credit that nation's formal Truth and Reconciliation Commission as a key component in the country's transition from the brutality of apartheid to the ongoing struggle to build a fuller and freer democracy. The Commission was a court-like body set up to bear witness to, record, and in some cases grant amnesty for the violence and human rights abuses of the past—giving South Africans from all sides a formal way to acknowledge their shared history of violence, racism and injustice. At its interfaith commissioning service in February 1996, South African President Nelson Mandela said: "Ordinary South Africans are determined that the past be known, the better to ensure that it is not repeated. They seek this, not out of vengeance, but so that we can move into the future together. The choice of our

nation is not whether the past should be revealed, but rather to ensure that it comes to be known in a way which promotes reconciliation and peace."

Our nation has not gone through a similar truth process. Our "racial" wars—including slavery, genocide, lynchings and repeated unjust deaths of Black citizens at the hands of law enforcement officials and self-appointed vigilantes or racist terrorists—have been manifestations of racial beliefs among us in various incarnations. Today, a Cradle to Prison Pipeline™ feeds our mass incarceration system. Our re-segregated and still hugely unequal schools for children of color, especially if they are poor, are repeating pre-Brown v. Board of Education era practices. Our massive child and family poverty—which unjustly affects children and people of color—and indefensible massive wealth and income inequality continue two Americas of haves and have nots. And guns, guns, guns everywhere lethally hate, terrorize inner-city children daily in dangerous neighborhoods, and darken the future of millions of children in search of America's elusive dream. There are no safe havens from the carnage of guns which kill or injure a child or teen every 35 minutes. The recently publicized police killings of unarmed Black

boys and men have opened a new chapter in exposing many old and still deeply engrained systemic problems of racism and classism in America. And the murders of nine Black churchgoers in a Charleston, South Carolina prayer meeting by a 21-year-old White man remind us that the most aberrant and violent kind of racial hatred is still alive in our gun saturated society—passing on the old poisons to new generations. While the removal of the Confederate flag and statues of Confederate war heroes symbolizing slavery and racial apartheid is a step forward, it does not confront the deeper historical national blight of slavery and the structural and cultural inequalities and racial seeds from our shared past that still permeate the tainted soil of our nation today.

It's time for real truth and then reconciliation in America from the bottom up and top down. And it must begin with teaching truthfully American history. And while we can't just imitate South Africa's or Germany's or Rwanda's or other countries' processes we can learn from them in designing a process that fits America's history and context if we are to redeem our future for our children's sake.

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Marc Morial, President and CEO
National Urban League



The Value of Labor

"It is necessary to reaffirm that employment is necessary for society, for families and for individuals. Its primary value is the good of the human person, as it allows the individual to be fully realized ... Therefore, it follows that work has not only the economic objective of profit, but above all a purpose that regards man and his dignity. And if there is no work, this dignity is wounded. Indeed, the unemployed and underemployed risk being relegated to the margins of society, becoming victims of social exclusion."

—Pope Francis, March 20, 2014

Despite the dizzying array of clearance sales and bargains to be found in our nation's malls and department stores, Labor Day is no creation of our retail industry. It is our nation's annual tribute to the working class, American worker whose physical, and largely manual labor, built this country's infrastructure and built a labor movement that spurred social and economic achievements for all American workers—regardless of job sector.

As we celebrate labor and America's slow but steady climb to newfound economic prosperity during its most sustained period of job creation this century, we discover a dark cloud inside the silver lining of our recovery: the prosperity of the American economy is not being shared equally. Too many people are working harder, but are falling further behind. Too many people remain at the distant margins of the job market—particularly in our communities of color, where unemployment remains at crisis level, even as our economy continues to rebound.

The unemployment rate in our country currently sits at 5.3%, it's lowest rate since May 2008. But take a deeper dive into those numbers and the tale of two recoveries is clear and unmistakable. While the unemployment rate for whites is at 4.6%, the Hispanic unemployment rate is at 6.8% and the Black unemployment rate is 9.1%—double that of white job seekers. The unemployment rates for Blacks and Hispanics are nothing if not discouraging and telling. These communities, especially hard hit during the last recession, are not benefiting from our economy's rebound.

The ability to secure work that provides a fair, living wage—regardless of gender—is an asset to the worker, the worker's family, neighborhood, community, and ultimately, our nation. We are an

immensely stronger America when access to work is not excluded to some, but rather, extended to all.

That is why the National Urban League has proposed a 12-point Blueprint for Quality Job Creation. Our plan offers a dozen dynamic and imaginative measures to benefit those most profoundly affected by recession but left out of the ensuing recovery, while also remedying many of the underlying causes behind the recession's inordinate and amplified impact on the communities we serve:

- Restore the Summer Youth Jobs Program as a stand-alone program;
- Create 100 Urban Jobs Academies to implement an expansion of the Urban Youth Empowerment Program;
- Develop a dynamic, national public-private jobs initiative to create jobs, train urban residents and stimulate economic growth in the areas of technology and broadband, health care, manufacturing, transportation, public infrastructure and clean energy;
- Boost minority participation in information and communication technology industries;
- Reform, revise and reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act to prepare and retrain workers for 21st century jobs;
- Create Green Empowerment Zones;
- Expand small business lending;
- Initiate Tax Reform that reduces rates across the board and eliminates tax loopholes;
- Establish and promote multilateral international trade policies that expand the market for American goods and services;
- Enact the Urban Jobs Act (H.R. 5708);
- Expand the hiring of housing counselors nationwide; and
- Fund direct job creation in cities and states.

We continue to urge Congress and the White House to adopt these measures without delay. The standard of living many of us take for granted today was won for us through the determination and organized protests of the American worker. The solidarity of the workers of the past must be reborn in our political discourse today as we collectively strive to open blocked pathways to work, success and the American dream of economic mobility. We must all work together—individuals, politicians and corporations—to ensure the possibility of work for fair wages for all who seek it.

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BUSINESS

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Getting The School Year Started Right

The start of the new school year brings a big sigh of relief for many parents that another summer vacation period has been survived. But the reality is that while the kids may be the ones going back to school, you also have school-related work to do to help ensure a successful school year.

Taking a few positive steps now can help increase the chances for a positive school experience for your children and help minimize the problems, stress and tension that school can sometimes bring, both for you and your kids.

One easy tension and chaos reducer is to institute a little organization into the usual morning. "Mom, I'm late again, I can't find my shoes, where is my history paper and ...!"

The key is to make that organizing happen the night before. Create designated spots where the next day's school clothes, homework, lunch money, permission slips and whatever else will be needed. All must be gathered pre-bedtime, or there are consequences.

What kind of consequences? That's part of the negotiation with your child. It might be missing a favorite TV show, or losing game-playing time on the computer, but the two of you should agree on the process and the consequences, and then enforce the penalty if the agreed to actions don't take place. Remember that the goal isn't to punish your child, but to teach a little organization to make life easier for the both of you.

This beginning of the school year is also the time to take action to make in-school activities run more smoothly. Get copies of the school calendar so you know when school breaks and vacations are happening. It's much less stressful to find out now when the kids have off for that teacher training day, than it is to find out about it the night before your big work meeting with the boss.

This is also a great time to contact your school's counselor. You don't need to have a problem to talk to the counselor. Instead, schedule an appointment where you can meet him or her, can talk a bit about your child, and can learn what the counselor may have to offer during the school year. A good, early relationship with the school counselor can be a real stress reducer if problems arise (at school or at home) and some help is needed during the school year.

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as a positive force in improving the quality of life of youth. It does this by investing in recreation programs directed at those who are economically, physically or mentally disadvantaged.

NRPA is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 50,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit NRPA.org.

Teachers from A1

"This award demonstrates that my students truly understand and recognize the importance of science study and training in their lives," said Smith. "It's a privilege to prepare them for careers in science, health-care, and STEM. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to show them that science can be an enriching experience."

Sukaj was nominated by student Stevenah Gardner, who described her as "a hard-working educator that deserves to be recognized for her patience and kindness towards us. She comes to work every day with an open mind and a passion to teach our generation the wonders of learning and understanding another culture." Tiana Smith nominated Smith because she "continues to expand the scientific mindset of students and has allowed them to explore continuous practice by partaking in research projects and National competition. She inspires and motivates stu-

The Department of Parks and Recreation provides comprehensive park and recreation programs, facilities and services which respond to changing needs within our communities. The department strives to preserve, enhance and protect our open spaces to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations in a safe and secure environment.

For more on the Department of Parks and Recreation, visit www.pgparcs.com and stay connected on Facebook and Twitter. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities in all programs and services.

dents to feel excited about science and learning, and recognizes students for their contributions within the program as they prepare to become."

"We are thrilled that our teachers are recognized for the positive impact they have on our students," said Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer, PGCPs. "They are two of the many teachers we employ who are committed to the academic success of our students."

About PGCPs: Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPs), one of the nation's 25 largest school districts, has 208 schools and centers, over 125,000 students and nearly 18,000 employees. With an annual budget of \$1.795 billion, the district serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities. PGCPs is nationally recognized for its innovative programs and initiatives, including the expansion of Advanced Placement courses and partnerships with businesses and institutions of higher learning.

Maryland Casinos Generate \$96.7 Million in Revenue During August

By PRESS OFFICER
ML&G

(Baltimore)—Maryland Lottery and Gaming today announced August 2015 revenue numbers for the state's five casinos—Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County, Horseshoe Casino Baltimore in Baltimore City, Casino at Ocean Downs in Worcester County, Maryland Live Casino in Anne Arundel County, and Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Allegany County. August 2015's combined statewide revenue totaled \$96,744,459.

Hollywood Casino Perryville generated \$6,558,172 from both slot machines and table games in August. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was: \$211.12 for slot machines, \$2,429.70 for banking table games and \$292.93 for non-banking table games. Hollywood Casino's August 2015 revenue decreased by \$796,209, or 10.8%, from August 2014. Hollywood Casino Perryville operates 850 slot ma-

chines and 22 (12 banking and 10 non-banking) table games.

Horseshoe Casino Baltimore generated \$27,583,023 from both slot machines and table games in August. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was: \$191.84 for slot machines, \$2,865.12 for banking table games and \$1,141.70 for non-banking table games. Horseshoe Casino Baltimore operates 2,200 slot machines and 178 (153 banking and 25 non-banking) table games. The casino opened on August 26, 2014.

Maryland Live Casino generated \$52,124,828.64 from both slot machines and table games in August. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was: \$278.83 for slot machines, \$3,199.41 for banking table games and \$1,326.39 for non-banking table games. Maryland Live's August 2015 revenue decreased by \$5,201,508, or 9.1%, from August 2014. Maryland Live Casino operates 4,059 slot machines and 202 (150 banking and 52 non-banking) table games.

Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$6,075,822 from slot machines in August, and its gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$244.88. Casino at Ocean Downs' August 2015 revenue increased by \$138,151, or 2.3%, from August 2014. The Casino at Ocean Downs operates 800 slot machines, and does not have table games.

Rocky Gap Casino Resort generated \$4,402,613 from both slot machines and table games in August. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was: \$196.03 for slot machines, \$1,154.36 for banking table games, and \$251.58 for non-banking table games. Rocky Gap Casino Resort's August 2015 revenue increased by \$151,064, or 3.6%, from August 2014. Rocky Gap Casino Resort operates 627 slot machines and 18 table games (16 banking and 2 non-banking).

In a year-to-year comparison, August 2015 casino revenue increased from August 2014 by \$16,128,889, or 20%. In a year-

to-year comparison excluding Horseshoe Casino Baltimore, revenue decreased from August 2014 by \$5,708,501, or 7.6%, reflecting changes in market shares after the opening of Horseshoe Casino Baltimore. Visit <http://gaming.mdlottery.com/maryland-casinos-generate-96-7-million-in-revenue-during-august/> for a detailed breakdown of August 2015's fund disbursement, fiscal year-to-date totals for the individual casinos and combined state total.

Maryland Lottery and Gaming (ML&G) is responsible for all matters relating to regulation of the state's casinos. In this regulatory role, the agency oversees all internal controls, auditing, security, surveillance, background investigation, licensing and accounting procedures for the facilities. To keep Marylanders informed and maintain integrity and transparency in its regulation of the state's casinos, ML&G posts monthly financial reports on casino revenue on its website, gaming.mdlottery.com.

Refugees from A1

only accept 8,000 people as part of this crisis," I think is morally indefensible," O'Malley said Tuesday on CNN. "We need to remember that our enduring symbol is the statue of liberty. We need to be a leader among

nations when it comes to alleviating this crisis. 65,000 is not too large a number for a country as strong and as big as the United States."

In a statement released Friday, O'Malley noted that Germany has agreed to accept 800,000 Syrian refugees, adding "certainly we—the na-

tion of immigrants and refugees—can do more."

A *Guardian* survey of all 22 presidential candidates released Monday found that O'Malley is the only candidate to unequivocally say the U.S. should accept more refugees, though some candidates, including Democrats Hillary Clinton and

Bernie Sanders and Republicans Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio, did not respond to the newspaper's request.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the agency in charge of finding

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Watch from A4

There are thoughtful beginnings with Brown University's examination of the slave trade's role in its history and Trinity Church Boston's and Trinity Church Providence's examination of their historic engagement with slavery. Perhaps other colleges, universities, churches, denominations and other prominent institutions which benefited from slavery and the slave trade should consider following their examples to set history straight. All of us would benefit from reading *Ebony and Ivy* by Craig Steven Wilder and supporting efforts by the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama led by Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy*, to put up markers indicating where slave markets existed and documenting lynchings in our not very distant past.

When the prophet Habakkuk asked "how long," the answer he received was: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay." America's great 20th century prophet, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., answered the same question in his time: "We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. And that will be a day not of the white man, not of the black man. That will be the day of man as man. I know you are asking today, 'How long will it take?' Somebody's asking, 'How long will prejudice blind the visions of men?' ... I come to say to you this afternoon, however difficult the moment, however frustrating the hour, it will not be long, because 'truth crushed to earth will rise again.' How long? Not long, because 'no lie can live forever.' How long? Not long, because 'you shall reap what you sow'.... How long? Not

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Housing Authority of Prince George's County

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ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK

Movie Review

“Once I Was a Beehive”

Once I Was a Beehive
Grade: B+
Rated PG,
mild thematic elements
1 hr., 59 mins

DISCLAIMER: You should not even listen to me about this movie because my friends made it and I am a biased liar. Ask anyone. I've never said anything critical about a friend. It's just not in my nature. Heck, I have a hard time criticizing strangers, let alone people I know. So I am not to be trusted here. Ignore me. Don't even read this review. Turn off your computer and throw it into the ocean.

Standing on the shoulders of the well-meaning but mostly lame Mormon comedies that have come before it, “Once I Was a Beehive” manages to be funny, sweet, AND sincere (a rare combination), with a lovely story about girl power, acceptance, and avoiding bears. It's set at a week-long summer camp for teenage Mormon girls, and is aimed more at that demographic than at mine. But in truth, its sunny idealism and practical approach to faith make it almost universally appealing, unless you're some kind of monster.

In a smart narrative choice, we're introduced to the world of girls camp through the eyes of an outsider: 16-year-old Lane Speer (Paris Warner), whose widowed mother (Amy Biedel) has just married a Mormon man (Brett Merritt). While they honeymoon, Lane spends the summer with her new step-cousins, including 12-year-old Phoebe (Mila Smith), a precocious bundle of anxiety and fear. It's the first year Phoebe is old enough for girls camp, but she doesn't want to go, especially not without Roxy, her comfort dog. Lane, generous of spirit despite grieving the loss of her father and not being totally OK yet with mom's remarriage, offers to tag along so Phoebe will have a friend.



ROTTENTOMATOES

In **ONCE I WAS A BEEHIVE**, Lane Speer is a 16 year old girl who spends her family vacations camping in the mountains. She takes the memories for granted until she loses her father to an unexpected bout with cancer. Only a year later, as Lane is still reeling from her father's death, her mother remarries a guy that Lane hardly knows. Worst of all, he is a Mormon. To top it off, while they are on their honeymoon, they arrange to have her stay with her Mormon step-aunt who takes her away to a bible-themed girls camp with a bunch of young Mormon girls. Confronted with memories of camping with her family, she tries to find peace with her new surroundings and deal with the death of her father. ©Purdie

There are 10 girls total, a few of whom blend together as background rather than as distinct characters. Among those that register are bossy queen bee Bree (Clare Niederpruem); class clown Mindy (Kaley McCormack); and boy-crazy Charlotte (Allie Jennings). The whole gang is escorted into the woods by their Young Women's leaders: Phoebe's mom, Holly (Hailey Smith); Bree's supernaturally enthusiastic mother, Carrie Carrington (Lisa Valentine Clark), whose name makes Lane think of “the alter ego of a Christian superhero”; and Nedra Rockwell (Barta Heiner), a salty old ex-Marine who prefers the camping and survival skills over the froofy scrapbooking and skit-performing that go on here. Their earnest Mormon bishop (Ken Craig) is here too, arriving in the sidecar of Nedra's motorcycle.

Written and directed by Maclain Nelson (who never

went to girls camp) from a story he conceived with Hailey Smith (who did), the film finds a lot of avenues for humor without overdoing any of them. There are tent mishaps and weather-related shenanigans; some silly flirting with the hunky park rangers; and some drama arising from the fact that even nice Mormon girls can be total b-words. But Nelson doesn't indulge much in stereotypes (which would be antithetical to the film's message of being kind to everyone regardless of differences), instead mining good-natured laughs from simple character conflicts.

More importantly, Nelson and his cast give the movie an abundance of heart. Lane and Phoebe's parallel heartaches help them bond, while Bree comes to grips with the insecurities that fuel her quest for excellence. All of the girls (some of them young adults, actually) give authentic, charming per-

formances, in particular Paris Warner and Mila Smith in the crucial roles of sad, vulnerable Lane and Phoebe. Your heart goes out to them immediately, and you root for their happiness. Barta Heiner, a veteran of Utah stage and screen and a beloved fixture in the BYU theater department, brings additional lump-in-the-throat goodness to Nedra Rockwell.

Some vaguely spiritual lessons are learned as the girls and their leaders face trials of faith, but the movie isn't interested in proselytizing, and what religious elements are included aren't unique to Mormonism. (You'll hear a couple of prayers that could have come out of any Christian mouth.) The real point is to show young people forming friendships and learning to be decent, and maybe to squeeze a few tears out of us along the way. The movie has an infectious optimism that, for a viewer, translates into pure joy.

Refugees from A5

settlement for Syrian refugees, has said it is seeking sanctuary for 130,000 Syrian refugees in the next two years, and the UNHCR hopes the United States can take a greater role.

“The U.S. is the global leader on resettlement so what they do is an example to other countries,” said Larry Yungk, senior resettlement officer for UNHCR in Washington.

“We're happy that they're setting a goal of 6,000 to 8,000, we hope they'd be on the high side of that and that in the future we can find a way to make that number go higher.”

Refugee Council USA, a coalition of U.S.-based organizations focused on refugee protection, earlier this year called for the United States to accept 65,000 refugees.

In May, a group of 14 Democratic Senators led by Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Amy

Klobuchar (D-MN) sent a letter to President Obama voicing support for this call and urging the administration to take greater action to resettle Syrian refugees.

“The Syrian refugee crisis is perhaps the most serious challenge to the legal obligation to protect refugees since World War II,” the letter read. “We cannot expect countries hosting Syrian refugees to continue shouldering such a disproportionate burden if the United States and other indus-

trialized countries do not begin resettling many more Syrian refugees.”

Since the crisis has worsened, RCUSA Director Naomi Steinberg said her agency has increased its recommendation and called for the United States to accept 100,000 Syrian Refugees, a dramatic increase from recent years.

“There has been a giant void in political leadership on this issue,” Steinberg said. “So we welcome any national leader talking about the need to welcome more refugees in the United States.”

O'Malley spokesperson Haley Morris said the former Governor's call to action is consistent with positions of moral leadership he has taken in the past.

“In the face of this crisis, as he did last year, Governor O'Malley believes we have a moral duty to respond,” Morris said in an e-mail.

O'Malley last summer was a vocal opponent of the White House's proposal to return Central American migrant children to their homes.

“We are Americans, and we do not return refugee kids who find themselves on our doorstep back into war-torn or famine-racked places where they will face certain death,” O'Malley said in an interview with CNN at the time.

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

The Water in Rio Is Full of Sludge and Rotting Fish—And Olympians Are Supposed to Swim in It



It is a cheap and easy metaphor, made no more sophisticated or amusing by the fact that it is true. The Rio 2016 Olympics are caked in all kinds of sh_t. There's the bullsh_t of broken promises about the benefits that the Games would bring, and then there is the actual literal sh_t, long a reality in Rio and now visible to the world. The rivers, streams, and oceans are filled with floating feces, as the raw sewage of the city is, per custom, pumped directly into the water. Even the most pristine appearing of beaches are, in the words of an Associated Press report, “thick with putrid sludge.” And its Olympic lake, Rodrigo de Freitas, is “littered with rotting fish.”

This is an Olympic-sized problem, as athletes who participate in water sports will carry, in the words of Kristina Mena, an expert in waterborne viruses, “an infection risk of 99 percent.” As of this writing not one of the many water venues has been deemed safe for swimming or boating with waterborne virus levels in the water amounting to 1.7 million times the level of what would be dangerous in Southern California. John Griffith, a marine biologist at the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project said to the AP. “It's all the water from the toilets and the showers and whatever people put down their sinks, all mixed up, and it's going out into the beach waters. Those kinds of things would be shut down immediately if found here.”

Austrian sailors who practiced briefly in the Rio waters left the experience with violent vomiting, fevers, diarrhea and IVs in their arms. And these are the sailors. Imagine those who compete in what is called “The Olympic Marathon,” a 10 kilometer race that means two hours in this water for competitors.

Emily White, co-founder of Dreamfuel and manager of many elite swimmers said to me, “There have been countless examples of terrible water conditions for our open water athletes over the past decade, however the water analyses coming out of Rio are truly horrifying. Yes, not every sport at the Olympics is on or in water, but clearly the choice in location of the open water races in Rio did not take the athletes' health or safety into consideration. Athletes are the reason the events exist in the first place—they need to be the absolute priority in all decisions made surrounding the races they compete in.”

This horror story also, if nothing else, sheds light on what has been a consistent problem in Rio for decades, and one that has only worsened as the city has become increasingly wealthy and increasingly unequal. As Juliana Barbassa, longtime Rio journalist and author of the new book *Dancing with the Devil in the City of God: Rio de Janeiro on the Brink* said to me, “Rio's foul waters are a symptom of larger government inability to meet people's basic needs.”

This is accurate. Brazil is one of the wealthiest nations on earth: a 21st century ascendant power with a 19th century sewage system. One of the cruelest lies of this World Cup/Olympic experience in Rio is that hosting these international sporting events was sold to the people in part by saying that it would provide an opportunity to finally upgrade their waste management system. Yes, the argument was that spending billions in public funds for the World Cup and the Olympics would be a more sensible path toward better sewage treatment than perhaps ... just spending billions to upgrade the sewage system.

The only benefit of the Olympics—and it's a benefit born of irony—is that at least we are talking about this constant health risk that has long stalked the people of the city. Yet crediting the Olympics for this is like crediting racist police officers for launching the #BlackLivesMatter movement. Yes, they were a necessary ingredient, but that is all.

What is particularly noxious is that, as in so much in Rio, the favelados (people who live in the precarious communities known as favelas) are being blamed for this: as if the poor having nowhere to send their sewage are just piling it in the river. Actually, it's the expansion of Rio, the growth of big massive hotels and gated communities that are pumping their poop into the waters. That is why some of the city's most beautiful beaches are also the most abandoned. These Olympic waters are hazardous for athletes and hazardous for the people of Rio. If there was ever a reason for the social movements of the city resisting the Olympic monolith and the athletes to come together, it should be for this: that most basic, elemental, and increasingly scarce of rights: clean water.

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October 17, 2015

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For more information, please contact:

Alnicia Gibson at 240-424-7123 or email us at: blessed2begifted@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

September 17 — September 23, 2015

Xtreme Teens: Ping Pong Competition

Date and Time: Friday, September 18, 2015, 7-10 pm
Description: It's table tennis time! Grab a paddle and a ping pong ball, for a chance to challenge your friends in fast-paced ping pong games.
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10-17
Location: Beltsville Community Center
3900 Sellman RD, Beltsville, 20705
Contact: 301-937-6613; TTY 301-445-4512

Rogério Souza Performs Brazil's Beloved Choro Music

Date and Time: Friday, September 18, 2015, 8 pm
Description: Internationally known, seven-string guitarist Rogério Souza brings the engaging sounds of Brazilian choro to the U.S. On one of his most exciting tours to date, world-class musicians Leonardo Lucini joins on bass and Andrew Cornell on saxophone and clarinet.
Cost: \$25/person; 10% discount for Montpelier members & seniors
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Montpelier Arts Center
9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel 20708
Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

Brentwood Arts Exchange Listening Room presents: Richard Miller, Brazilian Guitar

Date & Time: Friday, September 18, 2015, 8-10:30 pm
Description: Born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, guitarist Richard Miller puts a Brazilian or Latin spin on whatever song he plays. Playing a Brazilian finger-style guitar, Richard loves to jam with other musicians, formally and informally. Don't miss this unique, classically trained musician performing live at the Brentwood Listening Room.
Cost: \$15/person
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Brentwood Arts Center
3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood 20722
Contact: 301-277-2863; TTY 301-699-2544

Port Towns Day

Date and Time: Saturday, September 19, 2015, 12 noon-7 pm
Description: Enjoy this community festival with music, prizes, food, crafts, vendors, and other activities. Co-sponsored by M-NCPPC and the Port Towns of Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City and Edmonston.
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Bladensburg Waterfront Park
4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710
Contact: 3401-779-0371; TTY 301-699-2544

Bill Pickett Championship Rodeo – Matinee

Date and Time: Saturday, September 19, 2015, 1:30 pm
Description: Patrons will enjoy the Bill Pickett Championship Rodeo, "The Greatest Show on Dirt."
Cost: Advance Sales: \$23 Adult, \$18 Child/Senior
Day of Show: \$27 Adult, \$22 Child/Senior (Adult: ages 13-61; Senior: ages 62+; Child: ages 2-12)
Location: The Show Place Arena
14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD
Contact: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998

Bill Pickett Championship Rodeo – Evening Show

Date and Time: Saturday, September 19, 2015 7:30 PM
Description: Patrons will enjoy the Bill Pickett Championship Rodeo, "The Greatest Show on Dirt."
Cost: Advance Sales: \$26 Adult; \$21 Child/Senior
Day of Show: \$31 Adult; \$26 Child/Senior (Adults: ages 13-61, Child: ages 2-12, Senior: ages 62+)
Location: The Show Place Arena
14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD
Contact: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998

Xtreme Teens: Spirit Of America

Date and Time: Saturday, September 19, 2015, 7-10 pm
Description: Travel with us to the Patriot Center for an historical experience! Teens will enjoy musical entertainment, historical reenactments, and precision military drills. Departure is at 5:30 pm with a return time of 11 pm. Please bring your own money for food. RSVP by September 18.
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10-17
Location: Beltsville Community Center
3900 Sellman RD, Beltsville, 20705
Contact: 301-937-6613; TTY 301-699-2544

Benson-Hammond House and Savage Mill Tour

Date and Time: Friday September 19, 2015, 9:30 am-5:30 pm
Description: Leave Marietta House to tour the Benson-Hammond House and historic Savage Mill. Lunch and shopping will be at your own expense.
Reservations are required as space is limited.
Cost: \$12/person
Ages: 14 & up
Location: Marietta House Museum
5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale 20769
Contact: 301-464-5291; 301-699-2544

Tucker Road—Your Health and Wellness Zone

Date & Time: Sunday, September 20, 2015, 1-4 pm
Description: Get a healthy start this Fall! Spend your afternoon at the health and wellness zone. Guests will participate in various activities from yoga to healthy screenings, that emphasize healthy living.
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Tucker Road Community Center
1771 Tucker Road, Fort Washington 20744
Contact: 301-203-6000; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ... Is There Really Such a Thing as Cleaner Coal?

Dear EarthTalk:

There's a lot of talk about the potential for renewable energy sources like solar and wind. But cheap, abundant coal is still going to power the world for a long time. How can we harness the energy from coal without emitting our way into a much warmer future?

— Sally Ristau,
Erie, PA

Today coal still accounts for some 40 percent of worldwide electricity generation. The International Energy Agency (IEA) predicts that global demand will continue rising to record levels, topping nine billion metric tons annually by 2019. And despite efforts by China to moderate coal consumption, China still accounts for three-fifths of this short-term "demand growth." Meanwhile, India and other countries in Asia are also ramping up their coal use, offsetting declines in Europe and the U.S.

"The world is not going to stop using coal ... so we have to change how the world does use it," says Eric Redman, an outspoken advocate for realistic clean energy solutions and co-chair of the Seattle-based Summit Power Group. He says that the key is in teaching the world how to utilize carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technologies, which take carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions out of smokestacks and reuses them or

stores them in forms so they won't enter the atmosphere and exacerbate climate change.

In October 2014, Canadian utility SaskPower launched the world's first full-scale "clean coal" plant in Saskatchewan. Named one of National Geographic's "10 Energy Breakthroughs of 2014 that Could Change Your Life" and winner of the 2015 "POWER Plant of the Year" award, the Boundary Dam Power Station Unit 3 CCS project has now exceeded expectations, capturing 135,000 metric tons of CO₂ in less than a year. The plant is on target to absorb as much as a million metric tons of CO₂ annually.

And in June 2015, SaskPower opened its Capture Test Facility, a lab that lets researchers test equipment, chemical innovation and engineering designs in a highly controlled environment. Other companies are also using the facility to develop and test CCS technologies for potential use in their own power plants.

Other promising CCS technologies in the works include coal gasification, whereby energy from coal is converted into a gas that can be burned as CO₂ is removed, and the Polaris Membrane System, which uses a specially-designed membrane to capture 90 percent of the CO₂ emitted from a coal-burning power plant.

These technologies are indeed promising, but cost still remains the main obstacle to making CCS



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The forward-thinking Canadian utility SaskPower is pioneering carbon capture and storage (CCS) from its coal-fired Boundary Dam power plant in Saskatchewan.

mainstream. "It is obviously cheaper to dump something in the atmosphere (for free) than to pay the capital and operating costs of capturing and sequestering it," says Summit Power's Redman. "There are very few mechanisms currently available to help pay those costs," he says, adding: "Globally we've so far spent on carbon capture and sequestration less than one percent of what we've already spent on renewable energy, so naturally we are not yet very far down the CCS cost curve."

And while many environmentalists shudder to think that we will continue to burn coal at all, we may not have a choice. "I think most climate experts would agree that the maximum realistic deployment of renewables, efficiency and nuclear power will not, by themselves, allow us to limit atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ to 450 parts per million by mid-century," says Redman, adding that CCS is both necessary and ultimately inevitable. "But we need to move more rapidly."

CONTACTS: IEA, www.iea.org; Summit Power, www.summit-power.com; SaskPower, www.saskpower.com.

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Marietta House Museum Presents: A Tour of The Historic Benson-Hammond House and The Historic Savage Mill

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Parks

Please join us, Saturday, September 19th from 9:15am—5:30pm, for a private tour of the Historic Benson-Hammond House and a private Tour of the Historic Savage Mill. Lunch and shopping will be on your own. We will leave Marietta House Museum at 9:30am, by van and shuttle bus. Space is limited, so please reserve early. \$12 per person. Please call 301-464-5291 for more information and to reserve your space!

The Historic Benson-Hammond House is named for Thomas Benson, a sixth generation descendant of the first Benson immigrant to America, who purchased the property and constructed a log cabin on the site in 1809, and the second owners of the home, Thomas and Resin Howard Hammond, who purchased the property in 1887. In 1975, the Anne Arundel County Historical Society leased the property through an agreement with the Maryland Aviation Administration. In 1990 the home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Through the years, additional out-buildings were added to the property from other area farms to add a summer kitchen and wash house, a tack house, corn crib, meat house, and privy. All are in the process of being restored to their 1880's appearance.

The rooms of the house display antique furniture and textiles of the Victorian era. The third floor of the house is a museum displaying implements of farm life in the late 19th century, and a large collection of antique dolls. The second floor has rotating exhibits, and displays a large collection of quilts, clothing, cooking utensils, and other artifacts. There is a museum shop on the first floor of the house.

In 1820, Amos Williams and his three brothers borrowed \$20,000 from their friend, John Savage, to start a textile weaving business on the banks of the Little Patuxent River. They named the business Savage Mill, after their generous friend. It functioned as a working textile mill from 1822 to 1947. The primary product woven in the 1800's was canvas. There were many his-

torical uses for this product, including sails for clipper ships, tents, cannon covers, painted backdrops for Hollywood's first silent movies, canvas cots, truck covers, and transport bags. The Winer family bought the mill in 1950, and it was placed on the

National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

Marietta is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD. 20769 and is a property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Attention Golfers!

Christmas in April Needs You!
Help us Celebrate 27 Years in the County

Andrews Air Force Base
September 28, 2015 all day

The Courses at Andrews Air Force Base

Prince George's County Christmas in April is sponsoring its 26th Annual Christmas in April Susan Denison Mona Golf Tournament. All profits from the tournament go toward funding the 2016 program, which renovates the homes of the elderly and disabled residents of Prince George's County at no cost to the homeowner. Golfers and sponsors are needed!

Please call 301-868-0937 to register for the tournament.

Fees include a buffet, cart, and green fees, prizes, refreshments on the course, and more. Your participation will enable Christmas in April to repair the hearts and homes of 90 needy families in 2016.

Don't wait, call now as space is limited.

CHILDREN CAN CONSERVE TOO

Show children the meaning of conservation and taking care of our environment through these simple activities that can easily become a part of their daily routine.

- ▶ **Conserve water:** practice turning off the faucet while brushing their teeth;
- ▶ **Conserve energy:** encourage children to turn off lights when leaving a room;
- ▶ **Conserve natural resources:** try walking or biking to school or to the store instead of driving to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- ▶ **Practice the 3 Rs:** reduce, reuse and recycle! Remind children to use only what they need, to repurpose items and to recycle at home and in public when possible.



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