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EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman (center) with EDC Chief of Staff Britta Vander Linden, EDC International Business Development Specialist Isabelle Wang, County DCAO David Iannucci, and International Business Development Director Martin Ezemma with the Qinghai Province Delegation from China.

## Economic Development Corporation Welcomes Chinese Delegation

Continues Push to Generate \$100 Million in Revenue for Local Companies

By LORI VALENTINE  
Capital News Service

LARGO, MD—On July 15th the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) impressed a 24-member delegation of top government officials from the Qinghai Province of China who were interested in hearing about the best practices the EDC uti-

lizes to optimize international business development in Prince George's County. EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman, along with County Executive Baker's Deputy Chief Administrative Officer David Iannucci spoke with the Delegation about what Prince George's County does to promote the development of small and medium sized companies, the success of

the County's prior trade missions to China and how important international trade missions are for the local economy, and about County Executive Baker's 4-point international plan, which includes preparing and enabling local companies to export their goods and services to the world.

"Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, Mr.

Coleman and I all value the intentional interactions with delegations such as this one from Qinghai," said Iannucci. "These types of connections with delegations from around the world, and particularly from China, are critical to our human connection and our mi-

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## PGCPS Welcomes New Diversity Officer

By PRESS OFFICER  
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) recently appointed Nora Illia Morales to fill the position of Officer of Diversity, Latina/o Affairs. In this role, Morales will address the academic and social needs of the diverse families served by the school district, with a special focus on Latino children, parents, and communities.

"Our Latino community is the fastest-growing segment of our county's population," said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer. "Ms.

Morales will partner with county government, businesses, and organizations to expand our efforts to support students and engage Latino families."

Morales will also review current diversity policies, procedures, and practices and develop new initiatives, increase organizational awareness, and develop communication and outreach strategies.

Prior to joining PGCPS, Morales served five years as Vice-President of the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, Inc. (MAEC). In that capacity, she

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## Council Chair Welcomes Senator Mike Miller and Delegate Michael Busch to Special Annapolis Edition Focus on the Future

By Press Officer  
PG County Council

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—The latest edition of *Focus on the Future*, hosted by Council Chair Derrick L. Davis (D)—District 6, is airing on Community Television of Prince George's (CTV).

This special Annapolis Edition features as guests Maryland State Senator and Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller (D - District 27), and Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, Maryland State Delegate

Michael E. "Mike" Busch (D - District 30A).

Council Chair Davis says he is honored for the opportunity to speak with the Presiding Officers about Prince George's County.

"The County Council works closely with Maryland lawmakers to address key issues facing County residents," said Council Chair Davis. "It was particularly timely to visit Annapolis for an in-depth conversation with Senator Miller and

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## Kathy Szeliga and Governor Larry Hogan Meet with Maryland Veterans



PHOTO COURTESY KATHY SZELIGA

Captain Harold Lloyd, WWII veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of Kathy Szeliga

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Senate candidate Kathy Szeliga joined Governor Larry Hogan on Tuesday, July 19th for a roundtable with Maryland veterans. At the roundtable, Szeliga and Hogan discussed some of the pressing issues impacting veterans in Maryland, including problems with the VA health care system and employment troubles for

veterans. Szeliga and Hogan were joined by Midshipman Cory Dennis, Lieutenant Commander Richard Douglas, Captain Harold Lloyd, Sergeant Vince Higgins, Commander Bill Merritt, Petty Officer Jordan Miller, Corporal Randall Nash, Petty Officer Bob O'Conner, Captain Jim Warner, and Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Yuill.

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## Youth Career Connect and CVS Launch Medical Careers for 18 Youth

'Chief Excitement Officer' Jim Coleman Welcomes Future Medical Professional to the First Day of Their Careers!

By R. JOSHUA REYNOLDS  
PGCEDC

LARGO, MD—On July 6th the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President and CEO Jim Coleman and Youth Career Connect (YCC) Program Director Yolanda Tully welcomed 18 Bladensburg High School Health and Sciences Academy students to EDC headquarters, kicking off a partnership with CVS to place the students in its retail locations around the County for the YCC's six week summer internship program. During their time at CVS, the students will serve as crew members and pharmacy technicians and gain valuable work experience that will kick-start their careers in the health sector.

"This is going to be a fabulous summer," said Coleman. "You all are going to gain valuable work experience that will make you more competitive in the Health and Science fields. Do a good job this sum-



PHOTO COURTESY R. JOSHUA REYNOLDS

EDC President & CEO Jim Coleman, center, welcomes Youth CareerConnect interns and staff to the EDC offices for training and orientation.

mer, so that you will be invited back next summer. And when you do a great job next summer, you may even be offered a job. We are thankful to CVS for giving Prince George's County youth the opportunity to learn and grow their skills and abilities. I am proud of our youth and excited to see how far they will go!"

In total, the Youth Career-Connect program has placed

148 Prince George's County Youth in internships during the summer of 2016 in the Information Technology and Health Sciences sectors from various high schools around the County. Yolanda Tully and her team worked to ensure that each student had an opportunity to gain valuable real-world experience.

"My team works to fulfill the purpose of giving our

youth opportunities that they may not have in other circumstances," said Tully. "We are very impressed with the drive, talent and passion of our kids and know that our hard work will pay off."

The EDC is the manager of the \$7 million grant the County received for

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#### Save Our Cities: Education, Jobs & Justice

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have been invited to address the Conference at the Presidential Plenary—a long-standing tradition of the Conference, acknowledging the indispensable relationship between the nation's highest office and its leading civil rights and social justice community.

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#### With Daily Fantasy Sports Games Growing in Maryland, Comptroller Proposes Rules to Ensure Fairness, Protect Consumers

The draft regulations would only apply to daily fantasy sports contests, not the traditional, season-long fantasy leagues run by companies like Yahoo and ESPN that attract office coworkers, softball teammates or church groups.

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#### Movie Review: Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates

You brace yourself for a fratty meathead movie about dudes treating women as trophies, but it turns out not nearly as grossly sexist as the true story it's partly based on was. That's because the movie was written by Andrew Jay Cohen and Brendan O'Brien.

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#### Earth Talk

I find it hard to believe that Flint, Michigan is the only city or town in the U.S. with lead contamination of its water system. Has anyone looked at where else this could be a problem?

—Jason K.,  
Clearwater, FL

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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

### Morningside news: Town Forums and Family Movie Night

Morningside Mayor Benn Cann will be holding a series of Town Forums to air the various needs of the community. On Aug. 4, all citizens can come and express their issues. Youth activities and concerns will be the topic on Aug. 5. Local businesses will be the focus on Aug. 11. Light refreshments will be served. Each meeting will be held at the Town Hall from 7 to 8 p.m.

As he says in the *Morningside Sun* newsletter, "As I settle into the role as Mayor, I would like to get your feedback on what you would like to see in our town."

Then, on August 13, there'll be an Outdoor Family Movie Night at the Town Hall. Admission is free. Disney's *Zootopia* is the film; popcorn and Sno Kones will be sold. For information, call 301-736-2300.

### Baby Nichols

Many of you will remember the large Nichols Family of Morningside. The late Mary and Lawrence Nichols raised 14 children in that little Allies Road home. And now they have a new great-grandson, Jim Brandon Nichols, born to Joe and Keisha Nichols of Laurel. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Baby Jim is the 41st great-grandchild for Mary and Lawrence, and the 11th grandchild of Jean and Jimmy Nichols. He is the little brother of Kyra, 14; Nya, 11, and Jayden, 6. He's named for his uncle, Jim Brown Nichols, who died suddenly last January 10.

By the way, almost all the Nichols's sons, grandsons and great-grandsons have the initials JBN.

### People

Lorraine Wright, of Camp Springs, was guest of honor at a surprise party celebrating her 70th birthday on July 23 at Galazio Restaurant in La Plata.

Family members of Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews traveled from New York to Joint Base Andrews on the 75th anniversary of the day Camp Springs Air Field was renamed Andrews Air Field in his honor, shortly after

he died in a plane crash in Iceland during World War II.

### It all began at Suitland High

Robert Frances Dorr, 76, an author and former Foreign Service officer died June 12 at a hospital in Falls Church. He was born in Washington, grew up near Bolling AFB and developed a lifelong interest in airplanes. With money earned from a paper route, he bought an Underwood typewriter.

When he was a student at Suitland High School, he wrote an article published in *Air Force Magazine*. From that time he went on to write hundreds of books and newspaper and magazine articles on military aircraft, battles and history. His 1991 book, *Desert Shield: The Build-up: The Complete Story*, sold more than 100,000 copies. He also wrote for pulp fiction magazines.

He served with the Air Force four years, mostly in Korea where he mastered the language. From 1964 to 1989 he was with the Foreign Service in South Korea, Madagascar, Japan, Sweden, London and Liberia.

His wife, Young Soon Cho, sons Robert and Lawrence, a brother and three grandchildren survive him.

### The belles of Civil War Richmond, at the Surratt House

The Surratt Society is presenting "From Belles to Battleaxes: Women of Civil War Richmond" on August 13, 4 p.m. in their research center. Kelly Hancock, Education Program Coordinator at the Museum of the Confederacy, will share stories of the daring spies, devoted nurses, star-crossed lovers and captivating socialites of the Civil War in Richmond. The Surratt House Museum is at 9118 Brandywine Road in Clinton. Attendance is free. For more information, call 301-868-1121.

### Family and Friends Day at Clinton U.M. Church

Clinton United Methodist Church and Pastor Dorothea Belt Stroman are hosting a Family and Friends Day on Sun., Aug. 21. Services will be at 8 and 10:30 a.m. with Dr. Elliece

Smith Bryant, Assistant. St. Paul Baptist Church, of Capitol Heights, will feature its Men's Choir at 8 a.m. and the Gospel Choir at 10:30.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the 10:30 service in the Multipurpose Room. The church is at 10700 Brandywine Road in Clinton. All are welcome.

### Changing landscape

Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet is hosting its Grand Opening at 5700 Silver Hill Road in District Heights: "The largest and most elegant Chinese, Japanese & American cuisine restaurant." Let me know if you try it.

Savannah's Candy Kitchen is now open at 140-B American Way at National Harbor. I notice they have pralines, one of my favorite candies. I'll have to check it out.

Handwriting is back! Cursive was supposed to be dead, and in recent years has not been taught in many (maybe, most) of our schools. Common Core standards didn't even require it. Our youth are growing up printing—can't read the cursive of their grandparents, and maybe even of their parents. Now, there's a movement to teach it again. About time!

### May they rest in peace

Diane Ruby, longtime secretary at St. Philip's Church and my good friend, died July 26. I'll pay tribute to her in next week's column.

Bertha Mae Thacker, 93, a former customer service representative at Sears on Alabama Avenue, died June 21 at her home in Capitol Heights. She was born in Rocky Mount, Va., and settled in the metro area in 1954.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Miss Bailey Sparks, GeGe Feeney and my granddaughter Rose Seidman, Aug. 5; Markeyce Herring and Connie Kimbles, Aug. 6; Mary Dean, Aug. 7; Maximilian "Max" Howard, Ruth Sanford and William Billy Stewart, Aug. 8; and Savannah Foster, Aug. 11.

Happy anniversary to Denis & Donna Wood, Aug. 7; and Morningside Councilwoman Sharon and Mike Fowler, their 37th on Aug. 11.

Durham NC; Naana K. Ewool, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; Elisha A. Graham, North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro NC; Jasmine N. Greene, Howard University, Washington, D.C.; Lenox M. Hall, Wilmington University, Wilmington, Delaware; Sheyla A. Hicks, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia and Tyrone E. Mason Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland.

### LAUGH OUT LOUD SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, August 14th at 11:00 AM for our Laugh Out Loud Sunday. Come and get your laugh on. We will have comedian Sean Sarvis and guest at our 11:00 AM service. Our address is 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Telephone number is 301-888-2171. Reverend Constance C. Smith, Pastor.

### LINE DANCING

Come and join us for Line Dancing Friday, August 5 and August 19, 2016 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. The cost is \$3.00. Location is St. Philip's Church 13801 Baden Westwood Road,

Brandywine, Maryland 20613-8426. Telephone number is 301-888-1536.

### FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY

Clinton United Methodist Church will be celebrating "Family & Friends Day at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services on Sunday, August 21. The men's choir will render musical selections at the 8:00 AM service and the gospel choir will sing at the 10:30 AM service. Rev. Dr. Elliece Smith Bryant, Assistant Minister, St. Paul Baptist Church, Capitol Heights, Maryland, will preach at both services. Lunch will be served following the 10:30 AM service. The church address is 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735. Pastor Stroman is the Pastor. Telephone number is 301-868-1281.

### CLYDE WATSON BOATING AREA

The boating area located at 17901 Magruder's Ferry Road, Baden Maryland 20613 provides boating access to the Patuxent River. There is a standard boat ramp with pier and fishing area. A license is required.

## Neighborhoods

### Edwards Statement on H.R. 4775, Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) released the following statement after voting against H.R. 4775, the Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016. The bill amends the Clean Air Act by making changes to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) program. H.R. 4775 passed the House by a vote of 234-177.

"This bill directly undermines provisions of the Clean Air Act put in place to protect our public health," said Congresswoman Edwards. "The change in the review cycle for pollutants from 5 to 10 years delays the implementation of the latest science-based recommendations to protect our country's public health. Air quality requires constant regulation beyond the event of a national epidemic."

"Forcing EPA to shift away from basing standards solely on public health greatly undercuts its ability to protect the most vulnerable populations, including children, seniors, and those with asthma. Legislation that lowers the standards of air quality ultimately puts our communities at risk and chips away at our fragile public health infrastructure. By undermining environmental and health protections of the Clean Air Act, this legislation compromises our nation's future."

### WSSC Fills Important Leadership Positions

LAUREL, MD—WSSC has announced that three new members have joined the senior leadership team, adding significant experience to the Commission's staff. Joe Beach will serve as the Chief Financial Officer; Damion Lampley the new Utility Services Team Chief; and, Jaclyn Vincent is the new Senior Staff Director. All three will begin their new roles today.

"I am delighted to announce these three new additions to our leadership team," stated Carla A. Reid, WSSC's GM/CEO. "My goal is to shape the Commission into a world class organization, focused on customers first. These three outstanding professionals will go a long way towards reaching that goal."

As Senior Staff Director, Jaclyn Vincent will help facilitate communication and collaboration with all of our stakeholders, including employees, customers, senior leaders and the general public. She has extensive experience in engaging stakeholders, project management and policy development. Her most recent positions include Assistant Director for Policy and Planning at the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency and Senior Policy Advisor to Speaker Michael Busch, Maryland House of Delegates. Jaclyn has a master's degree in Education from the University of Maryland at College Park and she holds a J.D. from the University of Baltimore. She is a member of the Maryland Bar and served as an ex officio member of the Governor's Small Business Task Force in 2009.

Joe Beach comes to WSSC from Montgomery County Government, where he held the positions of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Management and Budget Direc-



Congresswoman  
Donna F. Edwards

tor and, most recently, Finance Director. As Finance Director, Beach was responsible for directing all of the activities of the county's Department of Finance including issuing debt, revenue collection, risk management, preparation of financial statements and developing and implementing sound fiscal policies. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Joe also holds a master's degree in Public Affairs from the George Washington University and a J.D. from the University of Baltimore. He was admitted to the State Bar of Maryland in December 1995.

Damion Lampley has both public and private sector experience performing design and construction services for several design consulting firms; as well as serving as a manager in the Operations and Maintenance Department at DC Water. He most recently served as Deputy Director of Operations and Maintenance at Prince William County Service Authority in Woodbridge, Virginia. Lampley holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Louisiana State University and is a registered Professional Engineer.

### BGE Expands Customer Notification Tools and Options

Customers can now text BGE for information on outages and restoration progress

BALTIMORE, MD—BGE customers now have a broader array of options for receiving information from the company, including text updates to let them know when service will be restored after an outage. Customers can also let BGE know how they prefer to receive outage updates and other information of interest to them, by logging into My Account on bge.com and signing up for personalized alerts. Communication options include email, phone and text alerts. For text messages, mobile provider data rates and other fees may apply.

For customers who opt to receive these notifications, BGE can provide alerts when the power goes out, along with an estimated restoration time, updates on restoration progress and a message when the power is restored. Customers can also request alerts when their monthly bill is due or when their energy use is higher than in typical months.

"Today's customers expect to have quick access to the information they want, how and when they want it," said Rob Biagiotti, BGE's vice president of customer operations and chief customer officer. "We continue to respond to our customers' needs by developing new tools and services. We also want to make sure they know about our existing services, including programs to help them manage their energy and bills. We en-

courage our customers to tell us what type of BGE information they want and the best way to get it to them."

Even customers who choose not to sign up for notifications online can receive alerts about power outages. BGE's new two-way texting program allows customers to text "ADD OUTAGE" to MY-BGE (69243) to receive outage notifications; "OUT" to report an outage; and "STAT" to check the status of an outage.

For more information on the type of alerts available from BGE and how to sign up, visit [bge.com/alerts](http://bge.com/alerts)

### BGE's Smart Energy Economic Development<sup>SM</sup> Program Results in Up To 1,100 Planned Jobs

BALTIMORE, MD—Since its September launch, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's (BGE) Smart Energy Economic Development<sup>SM</sup> (SEEDSM) Program has approved incentives for 13 businesses, resulting in up to 1,100 new planned jobs. To qualify for the program, businesses must add electric and/or natural gas load to BGE's system and create new full-time employment.

"The SEED Program is another example of how BGE can positively impact our community. Providing targeted economic incentives to businesses allows them to invest those cost savings in their own growth. This helps to keep Maryland's economy strong which benefits everyone in our service area," said BGE CEO Calvin Butler, Jr.

Thirteen applications have been approved, with nine in Baltimore City, two in Harford County and one in both Baltimore County and Prince George's County. Nearly 600 of the planned jobs reported by these businesses will be created in Baltimore City. These planned jobs also support BGE's commitment to BLocal, which features Baltimore-area businesses working together to help strengthen the city.

"We've been pleased by the business community's response and are thankful for the support we've received from economic development groups throughout our service territory. 1,100 potential jobs is a great start and we will continue to push for more to help keep the state's economy strong," said Ammanuel Moore, BGE's economic development manager.

The SEEDSM Program was developed in order to meet the needs of contemporary businesses. Compared to the company's previous economic development program, SEED offers larger discounts and fee reductions and also applies to natural gas service for the first time.

Commercial customers that apply and qualify receive BGE incentives that:

- Discount charges (demand, distribution and customer) by 25 percent for electric and natural gas service,
- Offer a 75 percent discount on BGE construction costs to extend and expand service to businesses located in a Maryland enterprise zone,
- Eliminate a minimum usage requirement for businesses located in enterprise zones to allow small businesses to take advantage of the program.

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

### CLINTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Financial Peace University (FPU) is returning to Clinton UMC. starting September 10 from 1:00 PM-2:30 PM on Saturdays. The church will start hosting the classes to help members to learn how to manage money God's way. Getting out of debt, saving money, investing for the future, and outrageous generosity that is scripturally based, practical, and proven. The classes are 90-minutes each once a week for 9 consecutive weeks. Register online at <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/claddes/1021790>. The church address is 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735. Telephone number is 301-868-1281. The e-mail address is [cumcmd@verizon.net](mailto:cumcmd@verizon.net).

### CONGRATULATIONS

Peter A. Gross Sr. Scholarship/Memorial Fund, Inc. Scholarship application candidates for the 2016-2017 are Shawnteria C. Barbour, Norfolk State University, Norfolk Va.; Claryssa M. Chase, College of Southern Maryland, La Plata MD; Adjoa T. Ewool, Duke University,

# COMMUNITY

## Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

### Five Ways to Encourage Good Saving and Spending Habits in Your Children

How often do you discuss money with your children? If your answer is “not often,” you’re not alone.

There is an opportunity to help your children form strong spending and saving habits at an early age, and doing so can have a concrete impact on their futures. For example, recent research suggests that children with savings—even as little as \$1 to \$499—are four times more likely to go to college than children with no savings at all. There are many reasons why it’s beneficial for children to learn how to manage money from a young age, and getting started sooner rather than later can drastically shape your children’s financial futures for the better.



Here are five ways you can encourage your children to develop good saving and spending habits.

**Find a balanced allowance.** One reliable rule of thumb for weekly allowance is to give your children \$1 for each year of their age. For example, if your child is eight years old, you would give her or him an allowance of \$8 a week. Of course, one size does not fit all, and you can adjust this allowance to fit your family rules and values.

**Reward them for saving.** Back-to-school shopping presents a great opportunity to teach your children how to differentiate wants from needs. Set a firm school shopping budget, and make a list with your children of what they need for school. Go over their list to see which items are really necessary versus which items are wants. Once you’ve determined what they need, help them calculate how much is left in the budget to spend on wants. Consider rewarding your children by giving them the surplus money to spend as they choose—but only if they’ve covered all of their necessary supplies first. If you have a teenager who’s hoping to drive a new car soon, consider matching his or her savings.

**Take them to the bank.** Middle school is a good time to replace that savings jar with a savings account, and if your children have been saving cash for years, it can be very rewarding to take that money to the bank or credit union and open their first account with it. This is a great way to introduce them to the concept of interest, and how savings accumulate over time when left unspent. Visit the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s website for more information on savings accounts for children.

**Talk to your children about essential expenses.** As your children enter high school, you may want to consider delving into more complex financial concepts with them. If your teen has a paid job, review their paycheck with them and explain where the money goes and why—for example, if money is withheld for tax purposes. Or talk to them about the larger expenses on the horizon, whether it’s a car or college tuition, and discuss all the financial pros and cons of these investments.

**Help them earn their own money.** Earning income through hard work is one of the best ways to learn the true value of money. Encourage your children to earn money, whether it’s through setting up their own lemonade stand, doing chores around the house or neighborhood, or, if they’re teens, getting a part-time or summer job. This helps your children supplement their allowance and teaches them the real-life value of working.

Bottom line: Learning how to save and spend wisely is crucial to good money management, and teaches other important values. The best way to help your children build solid financial skills is through practical, age-appropriate lessons, which are relevant as they grow into young adults.

#### Focus from A1

Delegate Busch as we focus on the great future of Prince George’s County.”

Senator Miller noted the tremendous progress in Prince George’s County, sharing his thoughts on the County’s planned Regional Medical Center and MGM National Harbor.

“Prince George’s County is blossoming and growing; It’s the result of the County Council, the County Executive and the legislature coming together to make positive things happen. The whole world is going to be focusing on Prince George’s County.”

Later in the program, Chair Davis and Delegate Busch discussed a host of issues including health, education, and the planned Purple Line.

“The Purple Line is essential to move people back and forth in the workplace. In order to be competitive you have to have the transportation system that’s going to attract businesses because they want to know their employees can get back and forth to work. One of the things you have to take advantage of is a mass transit system that can do that.”

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For additional programming information call 301.773.0900 or visit [www.pgctv.org](http://www.pgctv.org).

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## HUD and DOJ Award \$1.3 Million to Prevent and End Homelessness in Maryland’s Montgomery and Prince George’s County

*Pay for Success Model to Support Permanent Supportive Housing for the Reentry Population*

By PRESS OFFICER HUD

WASHINGTON, D.C.—For many individuals convicted of minor crimes, finding jobs and decent housing is so challenging that many are at extreme risk of homelessness or reentering the criminal justice system. Today, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) awarded \$8.7 million to address homelessness and reduce recidivism among this justice-involved population through the Pay for Success model. See list of grantees below.

HUD’s Pay for Success Permanent Supportive Housing Demonstration, tests cost-effective ways to help persons cycling between the criminal justice and homeless service systems. Funded by DOJ and implemented through a HUD/DOJ partnership, this demonstration advances a model that offers a new source of financing to expand permanent supportive housing for the reentry population.

“Too often, as people leave the criminal justice system, they don’t have the support network to help them get a second chance and they fall into homelessness,” said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. “These grantees have developed successful models that give returning citizens the opportunity to find a job and place to call home while reducing the costs associated with recidivism and homelessness.”

“Every person re-entering society from the justice system deserves a fair shot at a life of renewed purpose and meaning,” said Attorney General Loretta Lynch. “The Justice Depart-

ment’s partnership with HUD will expand services to help individuals gain access to housing and jobs, and to give those who have served their time a chance to fully rejoin society. Going forward, we intend to continue to promote and develop programs that help our returning citizens stay safe, supported, and secure.”

Secretary Castro made the announcement on June 24, at an interagency event led by DOJ at the Center for American Progress.

Research consistently demonstrates a correlation between homelessness and incarceration. The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) estimates that one in five people living prison becomes homeless upon reentry into the community, with an increase of 30-50 percent in major urban areas. Tracking the cycle of homelessness and incarceration in the reverse, the Council of States Governments and NAEH report that over 10 percent of people recidivating from jail and prison are homeless in the months before their incarceration. This rate jumps to 20 percent among individuals with a mental illness.

Pay for Success (PFS) strategies are public-private arrangements that help government test or expand innovative programs while paying only for those activities that achieve agreed-upon target outcomes. These grants will support PFS projects that implement a Housing First model for the reentry population who experience homelessness and are frequent users of homelessness, health care and other crisis services.

Established by President Obama, the Federal Interagency Reentry Council includes 20 fed-

eral agencies, that work to:

- make communities safer by reducing recidivism and victimization;
- assist those who return from prison and jail in becoming productive citizens; and
- save taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration.

The Reentry Council, recently codified by Presidential Memorandum, is removing federal barriers to successful reentry, so that motivated individuals—who have served their time and paid their dues—are able to compete for a job, attain stable housing, support their children and their families, and contribute to their communities. Reentry Council agencies are taking concrete steps to reduce recidivism and high correctional costs while improving public health, child welfare, employment, education,

housing and other key reintegration outcomes.

In 2010, President Obama and 19 federal agencies and offices that form the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) launched the nation’s first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness. Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness serves as a roadmap for how the federal government will work with state and local communities to confront the root causes of homelessness, including individuals who are in and out of a variety of crisis services such as jails and prisons. Permanent supportive housing lowers public costs by stopping the revolving door between jail and prison and crisis services like those provided in emergency rooms and homeless assistance programs.

#### PFS Demonstration Grant Summary

Legal Name	Award	Demonstration Site Location
1. Corporation for Supportive Housing	\$1.5 million	Los Angeles County, CA
2. Third Street Capital Partners, Inc.	\$1.5 million	Esperanza/Springdale/Lane County, Oregon
3. United Way of Anchorage	\$1.5 million	Anchorage/Matrosska-Sentra Borough, Alaska
4. Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.	\$1,297,624	State of Rhode Island
5. University of Utah	\$1.5 million	Tucson/Pima County, Arizona
6. American Institute for Research	\$1.5 million	Montgomery County/Prince George’s County, Maryland
7. Building Community Homelessness Coalition, Inc.	\$881,376	Texas County/Wade, Texas
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,679,000</b>	

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co-lead strategic planning and organizational development efforts, and expanded national, regional, state, and local strategic partnerships. She also directed a 21st Century Community Learning Center serving 100 students in Grades 6–8 at Thurgood Marshall Middle School in Prince George’s County.

Concurrently, she served MAEC as a Senior Education Equity Advisor and Maryland State Field Coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Equity Center, where she was a liaison between the Center and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) on a number of policy-

making and practitioner committees. Her work centered on delivering technical assistance, training, and e-Learning opportunities to educators statewide to create positive school climates, raise student achievement, build socio-emotional learning, and increase family and community engagement. She also contributed to the development of MSDE’s Early Childhood Family Engagement Framework, Education That is Multicultural COMAR Regulations, and proposed ESOL Certification Guidelines.

Morales’ extensive career serving bilingual students started in Southern California as a first-grade teacher in the

Compton Unified School District. She went on to serve first-grade students at Long Beach Unified School District, and gifted and talented students in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Throughout her career, she has taken on multiple roles, including bilingual family-school coordinator, parent workshop trainer, and facilitator for parent leadership in school PTAs. She is an active member of the Maryland ELL Family Involvement Network (MELLFIN); MSDE’s Early Childhood Family Engagement Coalition, Education That is Multicultural Network (ETMA), and English Language Learner Task Force

and Advisory Council; and the Montgomery County Latino Advocacy Coalition (MCLAC). She continues to be an advisor to the United States Department of Education, providing guidance to the Office of Communications and Office of Elementary and Secondary Education on issues related to English learners, family and community engagement, Title I, Title III, and equity policy and practices.

Morales earned a Masters of Arts in Educational Policy and Leadership from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Latin American History from Tufts University.

## GET READY FOR FALL AT THE 2016 BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR

**WHO:** Prince George’s County Board of Education  
Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS)

**WHAT:** 2016 Back-to-School Fair

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 6 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Official kick-off starts at 9:45 a.m.)  
The immunization clinic will be held from 8 a.m. to noon.

**WHERE:** The Show Place Arena  
14900 Pennsylvania Ave., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

#### BACKGROUND:

The annual PGCPS Back-to-School Fair, now in its sixth year, helps parents and students prepare for a successful school year. School and office representatives, county agencies and local businesses will share information throughout the event, which also features a free immunization clinic and the ever-popular Backpack Giveaway. The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, August 23.

**Backpack Giveaway Details:** School-age youth will receive a ticket for a free backpack when they arrive at the fair. Families must visit a school, office and vendor display and have representatives mark the ticket in the designated space. Tickets can be redeemed at the Backpack Giveaway station. Only one backpack will be available for each child on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Students must attend the fair to receive a free backpack.

**Immunization Clinic Details:** The Maryland Partnership for Prevention and PGCPS Health Services are providing free vaccinations for incoming kindergarten, seventh-grade and repeat ninth-grade students. Parents must bring the exclusion letter from their child’s school to show which immunizations are needed. Online registration is required through the Maryland Partnership for Prevention website. For more information, call 301-749-4722 or visit the PGCPS immunization website. Students will not be able to start classes without fulfilling all state-mandated immunization requirements.

For more information about the Back-to-School Fair, contact 301-952-6001.



# COMMENTARY

## Cong. Chris Van Hollen House Democratic Minority Whip



### Van Hollen Joins Bennet, Rubio, McCaul, Butterfield, Duffy to Introduce RACE for Children Act to Boost Pediatric Cancer Research

*Generates Pediatric Studies of Cancer Drugs Developed by Molecular Target Therapy for Adults with Cancer*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Co-Chair of the Childhood Cancer Caucus, joined U.S. Senators Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Marco Rubio (R-FL), along with Representatives Michael T. McCaul (R-TX-10), G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-01), and Sean Duffy (R-WI-07) in introducing the RACE for Children Act (the Research to Accelerate Cures and Equity for Children Act) to support the development of novel and promising cancer drugs for children.

The bipartisan bill would update the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) to reflect the latest advances in cancer drugs. PREA was enacted by Congress in 2003 to address the challenge of the scarcity of information about how to treat children with drugs developed for adults and in turn, develop pediatric data during drug development. Although PREA has resulted in new information on how to treat children for a multitude of drugs over the years, there is still limited pediatric studies in cancer drugs.

"Childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death in American children, and the lack of available treatments is a tragedy," Van Hollen said. "I'm proud to join with my colleagues in introducing The RACE for Children Act, which will help advance research into lifesaving cures. We must continue to work together to combat this deadly disease and to promote the development of new treatments for the nearly

16,000 children who are diagnosed with cancer every year in America."

"Researchers in Colorado and throughout the country are making dramatic advances in the fight to treat and cure cancer. But there has been a lag in the amount of research devoted to pediatric cancers," Bennet said. "This bill will help use what has been learned from adult cancer research to help treat kids with cancer. It's a simple update to our laws that has the potential to help save thousands of kids."

"Childhood cancer touches too many families in Florida, including my own, but modern technology and medical advancements have me more optimistic than ever that cancer as we know it can be defeated in our lifetime. It is important to focus on helping more children overcome cancer in the 21st century, and this legislation I am sponsoring will help," said Rubio. "I'm proud to introduce the RACE for Children Act to encourage more research into more treatment options so children fighting cancer across our nation will have better chance to beat this disease. I'm especially proud to introduce this bill on behalf of the many advocates, moms, dads and children who have tirelessly fought to get more attention, funding and resources for the fight against pediatric

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## Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



### Save Our Cities: Education, Jobs & Justice

"I recognize we are in political season. But the Urban League understands that your mission transcends politics. Good jobs, quality schools, affordable health care, affordable housing—these are all the pillars upon which communities are built. And yet, we've been reminded recently that all this matters little if these young people can't walk the streets of their neighborhood safely; if we can't send our kids to school without worrying they might get shot; if they can't go to the movies without fear of violence lurking in the shadows."

—President Barack Obama, National Urban League Conference, July 25, 2012

As demonstrated by the recent acquittals of the Baltimore police officers accused in the death of Freddie Gray, and the wave of violence that has taken so many lives in recent weeks, the country continues to grapple with issues of racial hostility and violence.

The lack of social and economic opportunity is at the root of the unrest.

The troubling divisive rhetoric that has characterized the 2016 Presidential race has fed the unrest.

Only a historic, targeted mobilization of public-private partnerships can address the unrest.

"Save Our Cities: Education, Jobs & Justice," the theme of the 2016 National Urban League Conference campaign represents an unprecedented mobilization to influence public policy through grassroots political action. Taking place August 3 through 6 at the Baltimore Convention Center, the nation's largest civil rights and social justice conference attracts thousands of the nation's most influential community leaders, together with top policy-makers, academicians, business leaders and artists for three days of dynamic dialogue, intellectual exchange and community service.

Workshops, panel discussions and policy sessions are built around the Urban League Movement's agenda to address the challenges of unemployment, educational inequity, and social injustice.

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have been invited to address the Conference at the Presidential Plenary—a long-standing tradition of the Conference, acknowledging the indispensable relationship between the nation's highest office and its leading civil rights and social justice community. The Plenary is a continuation of a process that began at

last year's Conference, when five candidates vying in the Republican and Democratic primaries addressed the Plenary. Questionnaires addressing issues of social and economic opportunity and inequality were distributed to all major-party candidates and all major-party candidates were invited to participate in a civil rights briefing from nine major civil rights organization. Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders each attended the briefings and participated in a substantive discussion of their civil rights and social justice agendas.

The Conference Workshops, Forums and Panel Discussions represent a "deeper dive" into the National Urban League's mission areas of jobs, education, health, housing and civic engagement. For example:

The Link between African American Cooperative Business and Economic Freedom: Can communities like Baltimore return to their former glory as thriving American Cities?

State of Health and Wellness in Black America: The National Urban League's Equality Index identifies a widening gap in health equity—how can communities address individual and institutional health factors to produce better outcomes?

#Baltimore Rising: Making Change in the Aftermath: the death of Freddie Gray in police custody last year thrust Baltimore onto the national stage, making it a symbol of what happens when communities feel left out of the American Dream. How can millennials and young professionals create positive change and progress?

The State of the Urban League Address, scheduled for 7pm August 3 at New Shiloh Baptist Church, serves as my annual report on the progress and accomplishments of the Urban League Movement and serves as the official kick-off for the Conference.

Among the speakers, panelists and honorees who will join us in Baltimore are Congressman Elijah Cummings, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, White House Advisor Valerie B. Jarrett, Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards, BET Chair and CEO Debra Lee, and US Education Secretary John B. King, Jr.

This year we're excited to debut a new event, the family-focused Community Day on Saturday, expected to attract thousands of Baltimore-area residents for informative and entertaining exhibits and sessions.

## National Capital Radio and Television Museum



Open to the Public

### RADIO AND TELEVISION MUSEUM

Located in a 1906 storekeeper's house in Bowie, MD, the National Capital Radio and Television Museum explores broadcast history from the earliest days of wireless telegraph to the development of television. A fascinating collection of broadcast memorabilia includes Depression-era cathedral radios, early televisions, "French Fry" transistors, crystal sets...and even the sound effects equipment from Washington's legendary Walker and Scott radio program. Open Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations are welcomed. Group tours for 10 or more persons are available. Please call 301-390-1020 to arrange a tour.

## Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



### Our Nation's Unfinished Business

*[The summer] brought racial disorders to American cities, and with them shock, fear and bewilderment to the nation.*

*The worst came during a two-week period in July, first in Newark and then in Detroit. Each set off a chain reaction in neighboring communities ...*

*What happened? Why did it happen? What can be done to prevent it from happening again?*

These words are from the 1968 summary report by the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, known as the Kerner Commission after its chair, Illinois Governor Otto Kerner, Jr. President Lyndon B. Johnson created the Commission to study the causes of the "racial disorders" that had erupted across the country during the summer of 1967. But substitute July 2016 for July 1967; change the place names to Baton Rouge, Dallas, and St. Anthony, Minnesota, and this passage could have been written today.

In 1967 the "disorders" resulted in weeks of devastating rioting, violence, and deaths. Then as now, frustration with aggressive policing precipitated more violence. The Newark riots began after a Black cab driver was arrested and beaten after passing a double-parked police car; the Detroit riots started after police raided an illegal after-hours club hosting a party for two Black veterans who had just returned from Vietnam. The riots during the "long, hot summer" of 1967 followed earlier ones during the 1964, 1965, and 1966 summers that left many Americans terrified that violence would continue to escalate with no end and no solutions. But the Kerner Commission Report determined that ending the violence needed to start by acknowledging the persistent American truth at its root:

*This is our basic conclusion: Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal.*

*Reaction to last summer's disorders has quickened the movement and deepened the division. Discrimination and segregation have long permeated much of American life; they now threaten the future of every American.*

*This deepening racial division is not inevitable. The move-*

*ment apart can be reversed. Choice is still possible. Our principal task is to define that choice and to press for a national resolution.*

*To pursue our present course will involve the continuing polarization of the American community and, ultimately, the destruction of basic democratic values.*

*The alternative is not blind repression or capitulation to lawlessness. It is the realization of common opportunities for all within a single society.*

*This alternative will require a commitment to national action—compassionate, massive and sustained, backed by the resources of the most powerful and the richest nation on this earth.*

*From every American it will require new attitudes, new understanding, and, above all, new will.*

The Kerner Commission did not believe our country was doomed to a permanent cycle of rioting and racial division and offered specific recommendations. The majority of them centered on creating economic opportunity for Black citizens segregated poverty. Others addressed hiring and training more diverse police forces. An entire section was devoted to education with special concern about the

poor reading and math skills and low graduation and employment rates of millions of Black students stuck in predominantly Black, poor, and unequal schools. Their solutions included "extension of quality early childhood education to every disadvantaged child in the country" and "efforts to improve dramatically schools serving disadvantaged children through substantial federal funding of year-round compensatory education programs, improved teaching, and expanded experimentation and research." They believed their recommendations were both attainable and essential.

*Violence cannot build a better society. Disruption and disorder nourish repression, not justice. They strike at the freedom of every citizen. The community cannot—it will not—tolerate coercion and mob rule.*

*Violence and destruction must be ended—in the streets of the ghetto and in the lives of people. Segregation and poverty have created in the racial ghetto a destructive environment totally unknown to most white Americans.*

*What white Americans have never fully understood—but*

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# BUSINESS

## The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

### When Anxiety Levels Become Overwhelming

We all feel anxiety at times. We may be anxious about a new job, moving to a new city, entering into a romantic relationship. This normal, everyday anxiety is usually a type of stress that we learn to cope with fairly easily. But for some people, stress can bring on crippling levels of anxiety, what is commonly referred to as an "anxiety disorder."

Anxiety disorders are actually the most common form of mental health issues in the United States today. Some estimates say this problem affect nearly 1 in 5 adults.

When someone is suffering from an anxiety disorder they experience longer periods of excessive worrying or fear than one would expect from everyday types of stress. Anxiety disorders can include irrational fears of certain situations and may bring on real physical symptoms such as headaches, stomach and muscle aches, or, in some cases, sudden, intense physical anxiety with shortness of breath or a rapid heartbeat.

Being able to prevent serious bouts of anxiety involves becoming more aware of the stresses you face in life and of your abilities to be able to cope with those stresses. Finding the help needed to deal with these issues normally requires the assistance of a trained mental health professional.

It can be hard to admit that one is facing a mental or emotional problem and that help is needed. The reality is, however, that dealing with a mental issue, such as an anxiety disorder, is actually no different than dealing with a physical ailment that is making the enjoyment of life difficult.

You would not hesitate to see a medical professional if you had a broken ankle that was causing you pain and keeping you from living normally. Why should seeing a mental health professional for help with a disorder that is having the same sort of impact on your life be any different?

Mental health professionals, such as professional counselors, have a variety of tools that can help in dealing with anxiety disorders. The treatment process usually begins with identifying the behaviors, emotions and stresses that are contributing to the problem, and then will move on to appropriate therapies that can help the client regain a sense of control and pleasure in life.

An anxiety disorder can make enjoying a normal life difficult. If it's a problem you face, talk to a professional counselor and discover the help available.

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cancer. I look forward to continuing my work with them and other stakeholders to make this important legislation the law of the land."

"We've made great strides in combating childhood cancer, but unfortunately the laws governing childhood cancer research are misaligned with the current science of cancer drug development," said McCaul. "The RACE for Children Act will modernize the law to provide for pediatric studies on the most promising and innovative treatments. I will continue to work with my colleagues and the advocacy community to find ways to give hope to the nearly 15,000 children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer each year."

"Pediatric cancer remains the number one cause of disease-related death for children in the United States, surpassing deaths from asthma, diabetes, congenital anomalies, cystic fibrosis, and pediatric AIDS combined. While the cause of childhood cancer remains unknown, advancement in modern technology has allowed us to increase survival rates," said Butterfield. "I am proud to join my colleagues in the introduction of the RACE for Children Act, which invests in advanced pediatric cancer treatment that will make a tremendous difference in the lives of families in North Carolina and across the country."

"We can defeat childhood cancer, and the RACE for Children Act will help us get there," said Duffy. "Our children deserve twenty-first century laws that reflect the latest research and development in our ongoing battle against cancer."

PREA does not apply to cancer because children's cancers arise in different organs than adult cancers, and as a result, most pharmaceutical companies receive waivers from their PREA obligations. However, scientific advances have shown that some childhood and adult cancers may share the same molecular targets, and cancer drug development is now almost uniformly focused on advancements in molecular targets.

The RACE for Children Act would update PREA by reflecting the new and promising approach to cancer drug development using molecular targets. There are two main challenges that prevent the current structure of PREA from working to advance pediatric cancer drug development. PREA applies to specific indications, or specific types of cancers. The legislation would allow PREA to focus on molecular target in a specific adult cancer when the same target presents in another childhood cancer. A PREA exemption may also be applied if the company studies the drug in adult cancer that occurs in less than 200,000 patients. The bill would allow pediatric studies with a particular molecular target still be considered for these cancers.

The bill is supported by the Coalition for Pediatric Medical Research, Children's Hospital Colorado, Dan-Farber Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center, Georgia Regents Health System, Massachusetts General Hospital for Children, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Nemours Children's Health System, NYU Langone Medical Center, Rady Children's Hospital — San Diego, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Texas Children's Hospital, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and more than 100 pediatric cancer advocacy organizations.

## With Daily Fantasy Sports Games Growing in Maryland, Comptroller Proposes Rules to Ensure Fairness, Protect Consumers

*Draft Regulations Don't Apply to Casual, Season-Long Fantasy Sports Games*

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the Comptroller

BALTIMORE, MD—With daily fantasy sports games drawing in hundreds of thousands of Marylanders, Comptroller Peter Franchot today moved toward regulating the online games, saying the games' growing popularity call for safeguards to help ensure the games are fair and that winners pay appropriate Maryland taxes.

"Daily online fantasy sports games have established a significant presence in Maryland," Franchot said. "It is entirely appropriate that we begin making sure the games are fair, anticompetitive abuses are declared out of bounds, and appropriate taxes are paid."

### The proposals issued today would:

- Ban daily fantasy sports game participation by Marylanders under 18; professional athletes in games of their individual sport; and employees, principals, officers, directors or contractors of fantasy sports operators (or members of those individuals' immediate families).

- Ban games based on amateur or college sports.

- Require game operators to clearly identify players that are highly experienced before potential players decide to enter a game.

- Ban the use by players of third-party created anticompetitive "scripts"—mini-programs which experienced players are currently using to gain advantages that are unfair to more casual players.

- Limit participants to a maximum of \$1,000 in deposits per month unless they proactively ask the operator to raise their limit—and certify to the operator they have the financial assets to deposit additional funds.

- Bar game operators from extending any credit to a player.

- Require game operators to hold player funds separate from company operating funds and to establish a reserve fund sufficient to pay all prizes offered to winning Fantasy Sports players.

- Prohibit game operators from depicting minors, students and school or college settings in their advertisements.

- Require game operators to notify Marylanders of their potential tax obligations, and require game operators to comply with State and Federal data security laws.

The draft regulations would only apply to daily fantasy sports contests, not the traditional, season-long fantasy leagues run by companies like Yahoo and ESPN that attract office coworkers, softball teammates or church groups. They will be shared with the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review. Mechanisms will be announced for interested parties to provide input.

Daily fantasy sports are a subset of internet-based fantasy sports games. Players compete against other players by building teams of professional athletes from a particular sports league or competition. The players earn points based on the actual statistical performance of those athletes in real-world competitions.

Daily fantasy sports are an accelerated variety of these fantasy sports in which contests are conducted over short-term periods such as a week or a day instead of over an entire season. They are usually marketed as a "contest," with winners receiving a share of a pre-determined pot of dollars funded by the players' collective entry fees.

In 2012, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation asserting that fantasy sports were not subject to state prohibitions against wagering and delegated authority to the Comptroller to

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sustainable far into the future." The Delegation was also treated to an exclusive overview of Prince George's County and the EDC's China Business Center in Mandarin by EDC's International Business Development Specialist Isabelle Wang, a native of Fujian, China.

"More and more, Chinese delegations are looking to Prince George's County to expand their international footprint, which fits in with the mission of Prince George's County becoming the 'Gateway to the U.S.," said Wang. "Qinghai is exploring international markets and looking for future cooperation between Chinese and U.S. governments. Learning about Prince George's County will provide the Delegation with great opportunities to introduce Chinese businesses to the American market and promote economic activity."

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Delegation took a guided tour of the EDC's China Business Center/Accelerator.

"We are very appreciative of the Prince George's Economic Development Corporation for hosting this meeting. It has been really successful," said Vice Mayor Wang Jianfeng, the People's Government of Xining

City, Qinghai Province. "The main purpose of the Delegation's visit was to learn from a public administration perspective. What we will share from today's experience, through our Chamber of Commerce is your focused support for small and medium sized businesses and the services and environment you are creating for the local economy. This is a great beginning. We will have further cooperation with each other by bringing new clients to your international business center, and also have your businesses come to Qinghai."

Last year, County Executive Baker led a 22-member trade mission to China, which included 13 business owners, many of whom brought back successful business partnerships. In addition to the mission, Mr. Baker launched a global marketing initiative entitled "Prince George's International!" to showcase Prince George's County as an international investment destination and the center of international commerce. Today's delegation visit is a component of "Prince George's International!;" a four-point, long term plan geared toward positioning Prince George's County to be

## FAIR GAME.

### RECOMMENDED REGULATIONS TO PROTECT CONSUMERS

- NO MINORS UNDER 18
- NO STAFF OR OFFICIALS OF DAILY FANTASY SPORTS OPERATORS
- NO PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES
- CURBS ON ANTICOMPETITIVE "SCRIPTS"
- IDENTIFICATION OF HIGHLY EXPERIENCED PLAYERS
- \$1,000 MONTHLY PLAYER DEPOSIT LIMIT
- LIMITS ON DAILY FANTASY SPORTS OPERATORS — NO EXTENSION OF CREDIT, FINANCIAL ACCOUNT PROTECTIONS AND REGULAR AUDITS, RESERVE FUNDS
- NO AMATEUR OR COLLEGE SPORTS COMPETITIONS
- NO USE OF MINORS, AMATEUR ATHLETES, SCHOOL IDENTIFIERS IN ADVERTISING — PROHIBIT ADS TARGETING KIDS

### TO COLLECT TAXES, OTHER DEBTS

- NOTICE OF TAXES AT START OF COMPETITION, UPON WINNING OF THRESHOLD AMOUNT IN A COMPETITION
- REQUIRE THAT OPERATORS COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE TAX LAWS AND REGULATIONS



PETER FRANCHOT  
Comptroller of Maryland



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adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the law. Since 2012, the games have grown exponentially in popularity.

"These games are being played by a huge number of people in Maryland, but with no regulatory framework to ensure fair games, and no notification of players that if they win, they are potentially subject to Maryland income taxes," Franchot said. "Lawmakers and law enforcement officials can continue to discuss issues, but we need some rules in place for the benefit of Maryland consumers."

Franchot and senior staff at the Maryland Comptroller's office worked with state Attorney General Brian Frosh and his staff to ensure that the proposed regulations were appropriate under authority granted the Comptroller by the 2012 statute.

Drafters of the proposed rules based much of their conclusions on regulatory frameworks in states that have taken action. Rules on the activity are still relatively new. Fewer than half of states have acted to regulate or prohibit daily fantasy sports activities since the activities became mainstream.

the Gateway to the U.S. Market, which highlights the importance of partnering the local and international business community to prepare and enable them to export goods and services to the world.

Over the next four months, the EDC will be hosting mutual international briefings with the embassies of South Africa, Canada, Nigeria, China and Mexico. Companies interested in growing revenue through international trade, gaining market leads on lucrative business opportunities, connecting with international trade resources through the Maryland Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Commerce should join us on July 21st for the Embassy of South Africa Briefing at EDC headquarters, 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 350, Largo, MD 20772.

To reserve your seat for this exciting and informative event, please go to our website [www.pgcedc.com/events](http://www.pgcedc.com/events).

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S  
IN THE DARK  
Movie Review

## Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates

Mike and Dave  
Need Wedding Dates  
Grade: B-  
Rated R, pervasive harsh  
profanity and vulgar  
dialogue, some strong  
sexuality, a lot of nudity

1 hr., 38 min

The premise of *Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates* is that the two rowdy brothers have a history of ruining family gatherings and are begged by their parents to get dates (babysitters, really) for their sister's upcoming nuptials. It's a destination wedding, so Mike and Dave put an ad on Craigslist to find suitable companions who will trade a week in Hawaii for a little wink wink nudge nudge.

You brace yourself for a fratty meathead movie about dudes treating women as trophies, but it turns out not nearly as grossly sexist as the true story it's partly based on was. That's because the movie was written by Andrew Jay Cohen and Brendan O'Brien, the enlightened bros behind both *Neighbors* films, and they came up with something to balance Mike and Dave's idiocy: the women they choose are (in the words of one character) "self-absorbed, co-dependent weirdos" just like they are.

Mike and Dave Stangle are played by Adam Devine (Comedy Central's *Workaholics*) and Zac Efron (Disney Channel's *High School Musical 2*), who look like brothers and have a funny way of egging each other into greater states of agitation. Flashbacks show us the wreckage from past weddings, when the boys' zealous, drunken exploits embarrassed people or caused property damage. They're not terrible people; they're just dopes who get carried away sometimes, living life like an ongoing frat party. Their



ROTTENTOMATOES

**Hard-partying brothers Mike (Adam Devine) and Dave (Zac Efron) place an online ad to find the perfect dates (Anna Kendrick, Aubrey Plaza) for their sister's Hawaiian wedding. Hoping for a wild getaway, the boys instead find themselves outsmarted and out-partied by the uncontrollable duo.**

parents (Stephen Root and Stephanie Faracy) are exasperated, with Mom asking the question that's at the center of about half of all comedies released today: "When are the two of you going to grow up?"

Lots of women respond to their Craigslist ad wanting a free Hawaiian vacation, but the two they end up with are especially crafty and self-aware about it. They are Alice (Anna Kendrick) and Tatiana (Aubrey Plaza), a pair of hard-partying trainwrecks who feed on one another's narcissism. Alice, the gentler of the two, is a panicky liar who has wedding-related PTSD after being left at the altar. She connects with Dave (that's Efron), while Tatiana—bolder, more conniving, less interested in finding love than in taking advantage of these well-moned suckers—pairs with Mike, who is approximately her equal.

Once they're all in Hawaii, the joke becomes that the girls are as troublesome as the boys are reputed to be. Kind of, anyway. After a loudly funny first act, the middle part of the film (directed by Jake Szymanski) loses its footing, seemingly unsure where it wants to go. The girls derail the boys' plans for normalcy and respectability by insisting on choosing the activities themselves—ATV riding instead of volleyball, for example—but there's no motive for it other than general obstinance (for which there is also no motive).

Eventually, both pairs come to regret how they've screwed things up and set out to make amends. And here the movie finds its way again, fully exploiting the humor value in two sets of clueless hedonists doing their sincere best to improve themselves. Unintentionally destroying things through carelessness

is funny; unintentionally destroying things through trying to make them better is even funnier.

Much of your enjoyment of the film will depend on how amused you are by the particular comedy styles of Efron, Devine, Kendrick, and Plaza. I find them all very funny here, and I continue to be amazed at Efron's transformation into a legitimately talented comic actor. (Devine might have deployed his high-pitched scream a few too many times for my tastes.) They're supported by the likes of Kumail Nanjiani as an accommodating masseuse and Alice Wetterlund as a bisexual cousin who aggressively hits on Tatiana. The humor is often overtly sexual, and the four central characters are buffoons, yet the film isn't sleazy or mean. The buffoons are likable, even sympathetic, and the time spent with them passes like a cool Hawaiian breeze.

### Veterans from A1

"Fighting for our veterans and working to improve their quality of life is one of the many reasons why I have endorsed Kathy Szeliga for Senate," stated Governor Hogan. "She has consistently proven her commitment to making Maryland a place where veterans are valued and welcomed—from supporting tax cuts on retirement income to promising to aggressively address the long-standing issues at the VA. Our veterans deserve a champion like Kathy in the Senate who won't rest until they receive the benefits they have earned and so clearly deserve. That's why I asking all Marylanders to join me in supporting Kathy Szeliga for Senate."

At the meeting, the veterans each offered both positive and negative experiences they

have had with the VA. They brought up several specific problems veterans are facing, including easier access to their DD214 forms. In addition, they made recommendations for ways the government can help veterans transitioning back into the private sector, including potential tax incentives for businesses who employ veterans.

"As the daughter and granddaughter of a veteran, honoring the promises we have made our veterans is more than just a moral obligation to me—it's personal," stated Szeliga. "That's why it's my hope to serve on the Veterans Affairs Committee when I am elected to the Senate. But we can't make the common-sense and positive reforms our veterans need if we only listen to career politicians and D.C. insiders. We need to listen to the veter-



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ans themselves and find out how we can serve them better. I am so grateful for all of the veterans that joined Governor Hogan and me today. We had a great discussion and I look forward to more discussions just like this in the future. The biggest takeaway from today's meeting is that there are things the federal government can do to help our veterans and I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work to accomplish these things once I'm in the Senate."

#### BACKGROUND

Following is some biographical information on the veterans who participated in today's roundtable.

**Second Lieutenant Cory Dennis:** Navy veteran; gradu-

ate of the Naval Academy; currently lives in Glen Burnie, MD. **Lieutenant Commander Richard Douglas:** Navy veteran; served on submarines and in Navy intelligence in the reserves; appointed by George W Bush as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; currently lives in College Park, MD

**Sergeant Vince Higgins:** Air Force veteran; served from 1965–1969; served in Vietnam, Thailand, and China from 1968–1969; currently lives in Chestertown, MD

**Captain Harold Lloyd:** Army veteran from WWII; fought in the Battle of the Bulge; currently lives in Free-land, MD

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## The Edge of Sports by DAVE ZIRIN

### Front Row for the Fall of England



What a week to be in London. My family's long-planned vacation has given us a ringside seat for the greatest humiliations suffered by Great Britain since boxer Frank Bruno tried to take down a young Mike Tyson. First the British exit—Brexit—from the European Union, which people in London overwhelmingly voted against, becomes the law of the land, and now, just three days later, England's national soccer team loses in the European Championships 2-1 to Iceland (*Iceland!*). It is no exaggeration that, like Frank Bruno, people are stumbling in a bit of a daze. The most repeated line has been, "How the hell did we manage to get tossed from Europe twice in four days?" Or as actor Damian Lewis tweeted, "England's players obviously all voted leave..."

But there is a fevered sadness here greater than gallows humor can contain. London, with its immigrant-powered population, voted overwhelmingly to stay in Europe and now, as one young woman, Dana, said to me, "It feels like a cage has come down all around us. And no one I speak to knows what it's all going to mean. Just that it will hurt terribly. It's just a hurt feeling like we were betrayed by our own country." And she said this before England's team was thumped by Iceland.

This was not supposed to happen. None of it. Great Britain was never supposed to actually leave the European Union, and all of the papers from the day before the vote now have quite a "Dewey Beats Truman" feel to their headlines, as assessments of why Brexit was on the brink of failure were already emblazoned on the front pages. Then, after Brexit, according to the breathless coverage in the right-wing slop rag *Daily Mail*, we were supposed to see a new national pride awaken from its slumber.

Instead, as the pound becomes battered like deep-fried cod, no one appears to be in charge of either the Tories or Labour. As opposed to this symbolizing a new beginning, the exit polling has revealed that this was a vote overwhelmingly fueled by senior citizens—83 percent voter turnout for those over 65, compared to 36 percent under 25. When Sarah Palin is cheerleading the result of a referendum, you know that the know-nothings carried the day, and sure enough, I've heard plenty of nothing. Far from the *Daily Mail's* line about this being some kind of working-class cry against "out of touch elites" and "decision makers in Brussels," Brexit has unleashed not national unity but a disunifying, scattershot xenophobia. The slogan of the day seems to be "last one in, lock the door."

There is no greater metaphor for this howl of weakness and irrelevancy than seeing the national soccer team get thrashed by Iceland (again, *Iceland!*). In what has already been anointed "the greatest shocker" in European Championships history, England captain Wayne Rooney and company were outworked, outplayed, and out-hustled by an Icelandic team of unknowns, and they had no answer for a goalkeeper named Hannes Halldorsson. Iceland is the smallest country to ever play in any major international tournament, as it continues to the round of 16 in a fashion had the announcers on the BBC near tears. Immediately after the match, England's manager Roy Hodgson resigned, and no one was weeping over his departure.

It doesn't take Robert Lipsyte to tease out the political symbolism of this loss. It just takes a five-minute conversation with anyone at a pub, on a corner, or behind a desk. In fact, England has been the number-one trending topic on social media, with most commenters taking shots at what was once the world's dominant empire, now on the run from immigration and brought low by Iceland. (Buzzfeed actually compiled its favorite Brexit jokes on Twitter.) But as everyone has their laugh, it is worth remembering that Great Britain is suffering. London is keening. One of the proudest and oldest working classes in the world is fractured. It will be far easier to rebuild the national soccer team than the fighting confidence of people throughout Great Britain.

### Careers from A1

the Youth CareerConnect program in 2014. The program is a part of President Obama's STEM initiative geared toward providing employers with a skilled

workforce immediately following high school.

To learn more about the Youth CareerConnect program in Prince George's County, please contact Yolanda Tully at 301-618-8400 or email us at yttully@co.pg.md.us.



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## Calendar of Events

August 4 — August 10, 2016

### Movies Under the Stars: Summer Movie Series

Date and Time: Friday, August 5, 2016, 6 pm  
Description: Beginning at dusk, guests will watch the *The Peanuts Movie* (2015)(G)  
Cost: Free  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Location: Good Luck Community Center  
8601 Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD  
Contact: 301-552-1093; TTY 301-699-2544

### The 38th Anniversary of the Montpelier Summer Concert Series

Date and Time: Friday, August 5, 2016, 7:30–9:30 pm  
Description: Bring a friend, picnic, blanket and/or chair to enjoy a variety of performances on the west lawn of the mansion grounds.  
Cost: Free  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Location: Montpelier Arts Center  
9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD  
Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

### Summer Cross Country All-Comers Meet

Date and Time: Friday, August 5, 5:30–7:30 pm  
Description: All-Comers Meets are recreational level track meets. All participants are placed in heats with runners of similar age. Ribbons are awarded in each heat for each event. Participants are permitted to compete in a maximum of four (4) events. Spikes are allowed but the maximum size is ¼ inch.  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: 6 & up  
Location: Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex  
8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD  
Contact: 301-583-2400; TTY 301-699-2544

### Safe Summer: Water Balloon Fight

Date and Time: Friday, August 5, 2016, 8–9 pm  
Description: Cool off from a long day of running and playing in the sun. Balloons will be provided.  
Afterwards, come swim at Theresa Banks Memorial Aquatics Center for Safe Summer.  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 10 & up  
Location: Glenarden / Theresa Banks Complex  
8615 McLain Avenue, Glenarden, MD  
Contact: 301-772-3151; TTY 301-699-2544

### Safe Summer: Pie Eating Contest

Date and Time: Friday, August 5, 2016, 10 pm–12 am  
Description: Tonight enjoy a night of delicious competition with a pie eating competition! Bring your appetite and get ready to eat some pie.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 12-17  
Location: Bladensburg Community Center  
4500 57th Avenue, Bladensburg, MD  
Contact: 301-277-2124; 301-699-2544

### Hawaiian Luau Ice Cream Social

Date and Time: Saturday, August 6, 2016, 11 am  
Description: Join us for an afternoon of fun celebrating the Hawaiian culture! Featured events include roller skating, face painting, music and ice cream. Admission price includes two tickets good for ice cream. Ice cream tickets are available at the front desk of the Deerfield Run Community Center.  
Advanced registration and payment are required by Monday, August 1, 2016.  
Cost: Resident \$3; Non-Resident \$4  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Location: Deerfield Run Community Center  
13000 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, MD  
Contact: 301-953-7882; TTY 301-699-2544

### 2016 PGCPSS Back-to-School Fair

Date and Time: Saturday, August 6, 2016, 10 am–1 pm  
Description: Attend the annual community-wide event that provides parents and students with access to the resources they need for a successful school year.  
Representatives will be available from various PGCPSS schools, offices, and county agencies throughout the day.  
The fair will include on-site student registration, school uniform purchasing, student performances, and new this year, free, on-site immunizations. The highly-anticipated backpack giveaway will also be held.  
Cost: Free  
Location: The Show Place Arena  
14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD  
Contact: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-699-2544

### Safe Summer: Midnight Skate

Date and Time: Saturday, August 6, 2016, 10 pm–12 am  
Description: Enjoy some good company, music, and fun as teens skate after dark. Wear socks and if you want to bring your own skates.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 12–17  
Location: Deerfield Run Elementary School Community Center  
13000 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, MD  
Contact: 301-552-1093; TTY 301-699-2544

### Wellness: Walk and Talk with the Doc Watkins Regional Park

Date and Time: Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 8:30–9:30 am  
Description: We know that walking is one of the best ways to stay healthy. It is also one of the best ways to connect with others! A local health care professional will lead a group walk, share wellness tips, and answer your questions.  
No registration is required. Just grab your tennis shoes and join the fun!  
Cost: Free  
Ages: All Ages  
Location: Watkins Regional Park  
301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD  
Contact: 301-446-6800; TTY 301-699-2544

## EARTH TALK ... Beyond Flint: Water Woes Affect 18 Million Americans

Dear EarthTalk:

I find it hard to believe that Flint, Michigan is the only city or town in the U.S. with lead contamination of its water system. Has anyone looked at where else this could be a problem?

—Jason K.,  
Clearwater, FL

A new analysis of data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the non-profit Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) found that 18 million Americans live in communities where water systems contain unsafe levels of lead. In *What's In Your Water: Flint & Beyond*, NRDC reports that 5,300 different water systems across the country either shirked responsibilities to treat their water supplies to reduce lead levels, failed to monitor water supplies for lead, or neglected to report unsafe lead levels to the public or regulators. "These violations were recorded because the systems were not doing everything that they are required to do to protect the public from lead issues," added NRDC. "Imagine a cop sitting, watching people run stop signs, and speed at 90 miles per hour in small communities and still doing absolutely nothing about it—knowing the people who are violating the law ..." said Erik Olson, NRDC's health program director. "That's unfortunately what we have now."

Even more surprising to NRDC is the fact that Flint didn't even show up as having violations for lead in the EPA's database, illustrating "the serious problem of underreporting and gaming of the system by some water supplies to avoid finding lead problems, suggesting that our lead crisis could be even bigger."

Of course, Flint is far from the only metropolitan area with contaminated water supplies. Researchers believe thousands of water supplies across the country have been "gaming" the system for decades, with the EPA turning a blind eye to the situation.

"Cheating became something you didn't even hide," Marc Edwards, the Virginia Tech researcher credited with exposing water supply management issues in Washington D.C. and later Flint, recently told CNN. Some of the most common "bad practices" by water supply managers include testing only homes that are unlikely to have high levels of lead, asking residents to "pre-flush" their taps, and taking water samples slowly to reduce lead levels.

For its part, the EPA says that individual states are responsible for the majority of drinking water enforcement actions and should continue to be "the first line of oversight" of drinking water systems. The agency adds that "many of the drinking water systems that NRDC cites in its analysis are already working to



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resolve past violations and return to compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act."

So what's to be done? According to NRDC, fixing Flint—with both emergency relief and long-term infrastructure and systemic improvements—should be priority #1. Beyond Flint, NRDC says that the EPA should be taking a hard look at the rest of the country's water infrastructure, remov-

CONTACTS: NRDC's *What's In Your Water: Flint & Beyond*, [www.nrdc.org/resources/whats-your-water-flint-and-beyond](http://www.nrdc.org/resources/whats-your-water-flint-and-beyond); EPA, [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

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## Hogan Administration Sues Volkswagen, Seeks Penalties for Violations of Environmental Laws

By PRESS OFFICER  
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BALTIMORE, MD—The Hogan Administration announced today the filing of a lawsuit against automaker Volkswagen for installing devices that allowed thousands of vehicles to exceed emissions standards and pollute Maryland's air.

The suit, filed today in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, seeks financial penalties from Volkswagen in connection with the automaker's admission that it installed software known as "defeat devices" to circumvent emissions standards. Such action violates Maryland environmental law.

"The air Marylanders now breathe is the cleanest it's been in decades, and we will not stand for Volkswagen's dirty tactics that undercut our environmental progress," said Maryland Secretary of the Environment Ben Grumbles. "The Hogan Administration is committed to reducing pollution from tailpipes and power plants and holding accountable those who threaten the health and well being of our communities and watersheds. Volkswagen must get its act in gear and pay the price for breaking some of the most stringent laws in the country protecting the waters, lands and lungs of Marylanders in the Chesapeake Bay region."

"Maryland has worked tirelessly, through Maryland's Healthy Air Act and Clean Cars Act, as well as stringent regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment, to clean our air. As our complaint sets out, Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche installed defeat devices in their cars to trick regulators and to deceive the public; they did so knowing that their conduct was illegal and their misconduct has hindered our efforts to clean the air and to clean the Chesapeake Bay. Their disregard for the health of our citizens and their disregard for our environment must be punished," said Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh.

The Maryland Department of the Environment is the plaintiff in the suit, represented by the

Maryland Office of the Attorney General. Secretary Grumbles, in coordination with Attorney General Frosh, announced the filing of Maryland's suit. Maryland is among a group of states taking action against Volkswagen in separate suits.

In its suit, Maryland asks the court to order Volkswagen to pay a civil penalty of \$25,000 for each day of each violation of state law. Maryland and consumers who purchased Volkswagens will also benefit from recent settlements resulting from actions by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the state of California and a multi-state coalition that includes Maryland.

The defeat devices installed by Volkswagen allow cars to meet emissions standards in a laboratory or a testing station, but during normal operation those vehicles emit nitrogen oxides at up to 40 times federal standards. Nitrogen oxides, or NOx, contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone, or smog.

Unhealthy levels of ozone can irritate the respiratory system—causing coughing, throat irritation and chest pains and aggravating asthma and other chronic lung diseases. Ozone and other air pollutants have also been linked to premature death. NOx air emissions are also a significant source of nutrient pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Volkswagen's actions are all the more egregious given the particularly important role that additional NOx reductions could have played in further cleaning up the air in Maryland. Ozone levels in Maryland are subject to the "perfect storm" for ozone air pollution, where unique meteorology and geography line up with transported pollution from vehicles and power plants west of Maryland and local pollution from the south, primarily cars and trucks along the Interstate-95 corridor.

Maryland has made dramatic progress in cleaning up both ozone and fine particulate air pollution. Just five years ago, Maryland was recording the highest ozone levels east of the Mississippi River. Maryland is currently measuring ozone levels statewide that meet the 2008, 75-parts-per-billion federal ozone standard. Based on 2015 air monitoring data, 15 of the state's 18 ozone monitors are already measuring levels below the new, 2015 standard of 70 parts per billion, and the other three monitors are measuring levels ranging from 71 to 73 parts per billion.

The increase in NOx reductions from Volkswagen might have played a significant role in the three monitors measuring levels that are not in attainment of the new standard. The Department of the Environment estimates that additional NOx emissions from the affected

Volkswagen vehicles are the equivalent of an additional 375,000 vehicles on Maryland roads each day.

Maryland came into statewide attainment for fine particle pollution in 2012 and fine particle levels continue to drop. Reductions of NOx and sulfur dioxide in Maryland and in areas upwind of Maryland were the primary driver linked to the positive trends in fine particulate pollution.

All vehicles sold in the United States must comply with EPA or California Air Resources Board (CARB) emissions standards. Maryland, through its Clean Cars Program, adopted the CARB standards. Maryland is one of 12 states outside California to adopt the CARB standards.

The suit states that defeat devices were installed in certain Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche vehicles—model year 2011–2015 diesel light duty vehicles with 2.0 and 3.0 liter engines. As of October 2015, 12,935 vehicles at issue were registered in Maryland.

The suit alleges: violation of the Maryland Clean Car Act by bringing those vehicles into Maryland without valid CARB certification; violation of Maryland's emissions limits for NOx; violation of Maryland's low emissions program by submitting false reports; and violation of Maryland's anti-tampering regulations by installation of defeat devices. Click here for the official complaint for civil penalties.

### SUMMER SUSTAINABILITY

There are many ways to be sustainable this summer. Enjoy the warm weather while trying some of these environmentally-friendly, energy-efficient tips.

- ▶ **Close your shades:** Keep the temperature low in your home and save energy by keeping your shades drawn during the day to avoid absorbing heat from the sun.
- ▶ **Sun dry:** Instead of running the dryer and wasting energy, take advantage of the warm weather, sunny skies and summer breeze by air drying your clothes outside on a line.
- ▶ **Green grilling:** Flaming coals for summer barbecues with friends and family? Use a propane gas grill, which burns cleaner than wood or charcoal, and
- ▶ **Stay hydrated:** Be sure to keep filling a reusable water bottle.