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One of the brand new 2017 model-year transport ambulances, two of which have already been placed into service.

## Prince George's Fire Department Accepts Delivery of New EMS Transport Units

By PRESS OFFICER  
PG County Fire/EMS

LARGO, MD—The Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department recently accepted delivery of new transport ambulances with two already placed into service. A total of nine units will

have been delivered by the end of the month with another eight being constructed and delivered later this year. The 17 new units will replace older units that will be de-livered or placed into the reserve fleet.

One unit already placed in service is at Fire/EMS Station 842 on Marcy Avenue in Oxon

Hill, this unit will serve as a Basic Life Support ambulance. The second unit will be designated as a Paramedic Ambulance at Fire/EMS Station 821, located on Livingston Road.

The County's Fire/EMS Department is a combination career/volunteer agency that provides services to include

fire prevention, fire protection, emergency medical services, and community outreach programs for residents of Prince George's County, Maryland. It is composed of 45 fire/EMS stations, of which some are all career, all

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## Alzheimer's Association Walk To End Alzheimer's® Announces Leadership for Prince George's County Event

By PRESS OFFICER  
Alzheimer's Association

FAIRFAX, VA—The Alzheimer's Association invites Prince George's County residents to unite in a movement to reclaim the future for millions by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®—Prince George's County on Saturday, September 23 at the National Harbor in Oxon Hill.

Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker III returns to serve as Honorary Chair of the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Prince George's County. In November 2012, Baker shared with the public that his wife had younger-onset dementia. Since then, Baker, his staff and members of the community have worked with the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter to expand programs, services and support to county residents.

Joining Baker as Honorary Chairs are New Orleans Saints wide receiver Brandon Coleman and Dr. Rakesh C. Sahni of United Radiology. Coleman, a Prince George's County native who lost his grandmother to Alzheimer's, recently hosted the inaugural Memory Lane bowlathon to raise funds for his family's Walk team. Sahni is an interventional cardiologist practicing in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Leading the planning committee for this Walk are Gloria Lawlah, Lisa Proctor and Dr. Milton Lawler. Each brings a deep and personal commitment to the fight against Alzheimer's. A former Maryland Senator and Secretary on Aging, Lawlah serves as CEO of Senior Family Supports and was recently selected by County Executive Baker to serve as the lead for the Dementia Friendly America Initiative in Prince George's County. As Marketing and Community Engagement Relations for United Radiology, Proctor brings over 17 years experience in public relations, marketing and advocating for seniors and individuals with developmental disabilities.

Lawler, a longtime Walk supporter and leader of one of the top Walk fundraising teams, is an adult educator and community advocate committed to increasing resources for caregivers.

More than 1,100 participants are expected to attend Walk to End Alzheimer's—Prince George's County at its new location at the National Harbor Carousel and to raise more than \$115,000. Participants can learn about Alzheimer's disease and how to get involved with this critical cause, from advocacy opportunities and clinical trial

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## Recipients of Community Partnership Grants (CPG) Announced FY 2017

By PRESS OFFICER  
PG County Government

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—The Office of the County Executive is proud to announce this year's recipients of the 2017 Community Partnership Grants. The County Executive awards approximately \$1.6 million in funding to eligible nonprofits that serve the residents of Prince George's County and help to im-

prove the quality of life for those they impact. Local nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply for funding to assist them in providing community-based programs and valuable services to support people in need.

"I am really excited about this year's awards and the services these organizations offer

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## County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III on the Passing of Former PG County Chief Administrative Officer Kenneth Glover

By PRESS OFFICER  
PG County Government

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III released this statement following the passing of former Prince George's County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief

Executive Officer (CEO) for Dimensions Healthcare System.

"On behalf of the citizens and residents of Prince George's County, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Kenneth Glover, for-

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## Five Bowie State Bulldogs Selected to Football Preseason All-CIAA Team

*Bulldogs Picked to Finish Second Overall in Conference Play*

By PRESS OFFICER  
Bowie State University

ROANOKE, VA—The Bowie State University football team has been predicted to finish second overall in the CIAA but first in the all-important Northern Division according to the 2017 conference preseason poll, which was released in advance of football media day held July 20th at the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel.

The defending CIAA Northern Division Champion Bulldogs return 47 lettermen including 17 starters from last year's squad. Bowie State finished the 2016 campaign with an impressive 7-4 overall record, 6-1 mark in the CIAA and participated in the conference championship game for the second consecutive season.

Of the 27 member preseason team, Bowie State is represented by seniors Victor Tamba (OL—District Heights, MD), Daris Johnson (OL—Waldorf, MD), juniors Amir

Hall (QB—Bowie, MD), Robert Chesson (RB—Annapolis, MD) on offense and senior Rahman Kamara (DB—Bowie, MD) on the Bulldogs defensive side of the ball. The conference Predicted Order of Finish and Preseason Team are voted on by the CIAA Football Coaches Association and conference Sports Information Directors.

For the seventh consecutive year, the defending CIAA Champions of Winston-Salem State University were selected to finish as the top team in the conference in 2017 followed by Bowie State University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University and Fayetteville State University made up the top five teams. Chowan University was voted as the sixth overall ranked team in the conference followed by Elizabeth City State University, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingstone College and Lincoln University of Pennsylvania.



PHOTO COURTESY BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Left to right: Johnson, Kamari, Hall, Chesson and Tamba

Bowie State will open up the season on September 2nd on the road at the Seton Hill University Griffins of Greensburg, Pa. at 3 pm. Seton Hill is a member of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (West Division) and finished the 2016 season with an overall record of 5-6 (2-5 in the conference).

**Predicted Divisional Order of Finish**

**Northern Division**  
1. **Bowie State University**  
2. Virginia State University

3. Virginia Union University  
4. Chowan University  
5. Elizabeth City State University  
6. Lincoln (PA) University

**Southern Division**

1. Winston-Salem State University  
2. Fayetteville State University  
3. Saint Augustine's University  
4. Shaw University  
5. Johnson C. Smith University  
6. Livingstone College

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#### An Open Letter to the United States Senate

You may be woody with "fixes" being negotiated behind the scenes that tinker around the edges of the cruel, unjust Better Care Reconciliation Act, but make no mistake: it is irreparably flawed and no altering of growth rates and caps, taxes, or creating special "funds" or "risk pools" will fix it.

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#### Ten Days to Success!

The SelectUSA Conference occurs every summer with the goal to connect international investors with viable opportunities in the United States. Representatives from jurisdictions from around the country descend upon Washington, D.C. to actively engage these business people looking to enter into the American market.

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#### Movie Review: It Comes at Night

As his son, Kelvin Harrison Jr. gives the movie its heart and humanity, linking us to the love-thy-neighbor attitude that prevailed before the world fell apart. The question for us, as viewers, is whether that philosophy still has a place in our world, or whether the times have become desperate enough to require desperate measures.

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#### Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

What are some ways companies are using plastic waste from the ocean in their products to take a stand for the environment?

—Simone LaTourneau,  
Boston, MA

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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

With Mary McHale, will return August 3, 2017

### Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

#### BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

The Washington Redskins Back to School Fair is almost full. Families who can participate in this event register at [www.redskins.com/backtoschool](http://www.redskins.com/backtoschool). Each child will need to have the registration form filled out by their parent. This is a great opportunity for elementary-aged students to get prepared for the new school year with FREE resources including a backpack full of school supplies, dental check-ups, a haircut, after school program signups, family resources and much more. Eligibility: Kids ages 6-11 years old (grades K-5th); Registration, FedEx Field, Saturday, August 12, 2017 from noon to 3:00 PM. The Redskins are willing to register and serve as many as 800 kids.

#### SCHOOL NURSE JOB FAIR

Prince Georges County Public Schools will sponsor a School Nurse's Job Fair Monday July 31, 2017 at Green Valley administrative offices. The address is 2215 Chadwick Street, Temple Hills, Maryland. Please visit [www.princegeorgescountypublicschools.org](http://www.princegeorgescountypublicschools.org) and fill out the pre-registration form if interested.

#### CAFÉ AGAPE

St. Paul United Methodist Church Café Agape presents *Entourage Jazz* with Kristen Lee, Vocals Friday August 18, 2017 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM in their Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$5.00. Café Agape creates a musical space filled by fantastic musicians, music, fellowship, and informal dancing. Proceeds from Café Agape benefit St. Paul's outreach to community schools. The church address is 6634 St. Barnabas Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745. Telephone number is 301-567-4433.

#### KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB

Surratt-Clinton Branch Library will offer reading practice for students K-6th this summer. Drop in during Mondays 1:30 PM-3:00 PM, June 26-August 14. The address is 9400 Piscataway Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735.

#### BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

Join us to watch Bowie State University take on St. Augustine's University on September 16, 2017 (1:00 PM Game). The bus will depart from James Complex, Bowie State University,

7:30 AM and will return at 11:00 PM. Cost for adults is \$55.00; for student's, \$20.00 with ID. Price includes transportation and game ticket only.

All payments are due by September 1, 2017. Please make checks payable to BSU Foundation. Cost price is subject to change because St. Augustine has not released their ticket prices for the upcoming football season. For bus seats contact Sonya Lee (240) 423-4103 or by e-mail [Leeranail@verizon.net](mailto:Leeranail@verizon.net).

#### SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Summer Day Camps are being offered Mondays-Fridays 9:00 AM-4:30 PM ages 6-12 at Suitland Community Center, 5600 Regency Lane, Forestville, Maryland 20747. Campers pay \$240/R, \$315/NR per session (Barcode# 1671916). Before & After Care is available. Telephone # 301-736-3518, TTY 301-699-2544.

Basketball skills, July 31-August 11, 2017 (Barcode# 1671916) focuses on developing basic fundamental for the sport of basketball. Campers will work on dribbling, shooting, defensive and offensive controls.

## Maryland Stadium Authority Leadership Receives 2017 Local and National Awards

By PRESS OFFICER  
MD Stadium Authority Media

BALTIMORE, MD—Maryland Stadium Authority executives Terry Hasseltine, David Raith and Vernon Conaway, Jr. have been recognized on local and national levels for outstanding professional achievements.

Terry Hasseltine, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for the Maryland Stadium Authority and Executive Director of Maryland Sports, the sports commission for the State of Maryland, was awarded Sports Tourism Executive of the Year during the 2017 National Association of Sports Commissions (NASC) Sports Event Symposium Annual Awards Ceremony hosted in Sacramento this March. The NASC consists of more than 750+ member organizations that promote sport tourism in their respective capacities. Each year, the NASC honors successful leaders in sports commissions across the country who have inspired others, created successful events in their areas and are exemplary role models. On a local level, Maryland Sports and Terry

Hasseltine were recently recognized by Wicomico County Recreation, Parks and Tourism as the 2017 Tourism Partner of the Year.

David Raith, Chief Financial Officer for the Maryland Stadium Authority, was awarded a 2017 Best In Finance CFO Award by the *Baltimore Business Journal*. This annual award recognizes top financial officers in Baltimore and its surrounding areas who keep their companies financially stable and consistent throughout the year. Raith has been with the Maryland Stadium Authority for 23 years.

Vernon Conaway, Jr., Vice President for Safety and Security for the Maryland Stadium Authority was selected as the NCS4 2017 Professional of the Year for the NFL. This award recognizes outstanding leadership in addressing safety and security issues. The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security awards their annual recipients in nine different categories, including the NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL, NCAA, NASCAR/INDYCAR, National Federation of High School Associations, Marathon

and Endurance Events and Private Security.

Tom Kelso, Chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority stated, "Congratulations to Terry, David and Vern on these recognitions that are emblematic of the great work they and the entire staff of professionals at the MSA do every day. It is a great honor to be Chairman of an organization committed to excellence in every aspect of what they do."

#### About Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA)

MSA's mission: To plan, finance, build and manage sports and entertainment facilities in Maryland; provide enjoyment, enrichment, education, and business opportunities for citizens; and develop partnerships with local governments, universities, private enterprise and the community.

#### About Maryland Sports

Maryland Sports' mission: To enhance Maryland's economy, image and quality of life through the attraction, promotion, retention and development of regional, national and international sporting events.

## Neighborhoods

### Second Quarter 2017 Continues Trend of Rising Home Prices in Prince George's County

LARGO, MD—The second quarter has continued the trend started at the beginning of the year with increases in both average and median home in prices, according to the Prince George's County Association of REALTORS® (PGCAR). Average and median prices grew by 8.4 and 10.3 respectively, as compared to the same quarter in 2016. Home sales, however, were essentially flat with a slight rise of 0.3 percent.

"While we are encouraged with the healthy rise in average and median prices, we are disappointed that home sales were virtually unchanged from the second quarter in 2016," said PGCAR President Pat Dowtin. "Despite a surge of activity in May, pending units ended with a decrease of just under 2 percent," she added. "This could be attributed to lower than normal inventory which affects consumer choice", Dowtin shared. Dowtin went on to note, "we are still optimistic that more buyers and sellers will be engaged in the market in the summer months."

#### EEOC Sues Prince George's County for Pay Discrimination

*County Paid Female Engineer Less Than Her Male Colleagues, Federal Agency Charges*

BALTIMORE, MD—Prince George's County, MD, violated federal law when it repeatedly paid a female engineer less than her male coworkers because of her gender, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) charged in a lawsuit it announced today.

According to EEOC's lawsuit, Joanna Smith had a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering and more than five years of engineering experience when she was hired for an engineer III position with Prince George's County's Stormwater Management Division. Prior to accepting the position, Smith requested a salary commensurate with her experience and education, but the county hiring official told her she could not negotiate her salary, according to the lawsuit. On March 12, 2012, Smith was hired at the entry-level salary for the engineer III position. EEOC said that two weeks later after Smith was hired, Prince George's County hired a male for another engineer III position, but paid him his requested salary, which was \$10,000 more than Smith's starting salary, even though they were performing substantially equal work.

EEOC further charged that in April 2012, the county promoted a male engineer to the engineer III position and paid him more than Smith. In April 2013, the county hired a male engineer for an engineer I position. The county subsequently paid the male engineer I more than Smith, even though he had less experience and lacked a professional license, and Smith performed more complex duties, according to the suit.

Such alleged conduct violates the Equal Pay Act of 1963 (EPA), which prohibits discrimination in compensa-

tion based on sex. EEOC first attempted to reach a pre-litigation settlement through its conciliation process before filing suit in U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, Greenbelt Division (*EEOC v. Prince George's County*, Civil Action No. 8:15-cv-02942-RWT).

"In discussions about pay discrimination, some people seek to attribute pay disparities to a woman's occupational choice or an alleged failure to negotiate her salary," said EEOC Philadelphia District Director Spencer H. Lewis, Jr. "This case dispels those justifications. Prince George's County refused to allow Ms. Smith to negotiate a higher salary warranted by her experience and education in this scientific field, yet repeatedly and continuously paid male engineers, including less experienced ones, who were doing substantially equal or even less complex work, a higher salary."

EEOC Regional Attorney Debra M. Lawrence added, "Prohibiting gender-based pay discrimination is a priority for the Commission. Paying a woman less than her male colleagues for performing the same core duties is simply unfair and against the law."

Enforcement of equal pay laws and targeting compensation systems and practices that discriminate based on gender is one of six national priorities identified by the EEOC's Strategic Enforcement Plan.

The EEOC's Philadelphia District Office has jurisdiction over Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and parts of New Jersey and Ohio. Attorneys in the EEOC Philadelphia District Office also prosecute discrimination cases arising from Washington, D.C. and parts of Virginia.

EEOC enforces federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination. Further information about the agency is available at its website, [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov).

#### ESFC Presents \$10,000 in Professional Development Awards to Local Educators

GREENBELT, MD—Educational Systems Federal Credit Union presented 10 Maurice Erly Professional Development Awards to help members of the education community continue their education. Each award recipient received \$1,000 to use towards workshop registration, certification fees, travel and tuition. Congratulations to the 2017 Maurice Erly Professional Development Award Winners:

#### Educators from Public Schools

- Anne Arundel County: Lyn McDermott from Ruth Parker Eason School will use the award to continue education in the field of Instructional Technology and complete a Master of Science from Towson University.

- Calvert County: Tara Enright from Huntingtown High School will use the award to pay for a group of special education teachers to attend a professional development workshop together.

- Charles County: Hollis Hay from Thomas Stone High School will use the award to attend the Council for Economic Education's Annual Conference.

- Montgomery County: Robert Barnes from Julius West Middle School will use the award to attend a Gilder Lehrman Institute Seminar on Frederick Douglas at Yale University.

- Prince George's County: Susan Holmes from Judith P. Hoyer Montessori School will use the award to take Maryland State Department of Education online courses.

- St. Mary's County: Sabrina Lockwood from White Marsh Elementary School will use the award to bring literacy coach Jen Jones to the school, visit the Ron Clark Academy and purchase professional development books.

- Talbot County: Lindsey Hammer from Easton Elementary School will use the award to complete a graduate program, including the thesis project, and apply the results to her recruiting and retention efforts for the band program.

#### Educators from Community Colleges

- College of Southern Maryland: Andrew Wodzianski, Professor of Art, will use the award to hone in his craft, bolster productivity in the arts studio and curate an art exhibit.

- Montgomery College: Camille Cauley, Program Manager, will use the award to attend the ACCUPLACER and CLEP National Conference.

- Prince George's Community College: Brian Kram, Assistant Professor, will use the award to offset tuition as he pursues a PhD and participates in original research.

"For us, it's an honor to Support Education," said Chris Conway, President/CEO of Educational Systems FCU. "We are proud to provide professional development awards to educators who have made a difference and who aspire to further their own development."

The Professional Development Award was established in 2014 to honor Maurice Erly, who served on the Credit Union's Board of Directors for 44 years. Mr. Erly was passionate about education and professional development. He spent 25 of his 38-year career as the Coordinating Supervisor of Staff Development for Prince George's County Public Schools.

Educational Systems FCU ([esfcu.org](http://esfcu.org)) has proudly served the education community for over 60 years. With over \$900 million in assets and 12 branches, the Credit Union serves 87,000 members in seven school systems and three community colleges throughout Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Talbot counties.

**DON'T FEEL THE BURN**

The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daylight savings time (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. standard time) are the most hazardous for UV exposure in the U.S. Here's a few earth friendly and proven sunscreen solutions to help.

- Avoid being out in the sun during midday when the sun's rays are the strongest.
- Protect your skin with hats for the head, neck and ears, and light, loose clothing for the rest of the body.
- Don't forget to wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.
- Reduce your risk of skin damage and skin cancer by seeking shade under an umbrella, tree or other shelter.

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# COMMUNITY

## The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

### Facing the Challenge of Mid-Life Dating

Dating isn't something just for young people. While dating is a chance for the parents of teens to worry, and a chance for twenty-somethings to find a serious relationship, today there's a whole new age group, those 30 and over, who have found themselves in the dating pool.

They can be there for a variety of reasons. Perhaps career-based decisions meant having to wait on marriage. Maybe there's been a divorce or the passing of a spouse. Whatever the reason, it can be a stressful situation because it may seem as though there's a lot more riding on dating. In our twenties there seemed an almost endless world of relationship possibilities, but as we age we realize that the options are usually more limited.

Dating at an older age can also produce stress because it usually upsets your established life. You have a career, friends, regular routines and activities that bring you comfort, but suddenly a new romantic interest will be taking up your time and affecting many of those established relationships.

So how can you reduce the stress? Start by maintaining your normal life rather than turning it upside down for this new person. When everything is canceled for someone new and special, it sends a message about how little you value the things already in your life. Instead, rather than stressing over a scheduling conflict, simply admit you're not available and suggest another time that works better.

It's also important not to lose existing friends. When you focus solely on that someone new, you'll end up feeling guilty and anxious over how you've ignored, and possibly lost, old and trusted friends. Instead of cutting off those friends, look for ways to integrate your new romantic interest into those friendships.

Another key to reducing the stress of mid-life dating is to remind yourself that you're a mature person with a full life. A new romance shouldn't force you to shut down your existing life and focus only on the new relationship. Doing so is a sure way to increase anxiety and to set yourself up for an emotional crash if things don't work out.

Instead, view mid-life dating as an enjoyable, interesting adventure that's an addition to your existing life, not a replacement for what you already have. Don't look at dating as an "all or nothing" proposition and it will be much less stressful and more enjoyable.

*Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org*

### American Legion Post Honors Member With Wall Dedication

By LINDA POULSON  
PR Media Legionnaire

CLINTON, MD—American Legion Post 259 in Clinton, MD celebrated a member by dedicating the main hall in his name.

Elbert D. "Ed" White, who holds the position of Judge Advocate for the Post, was honored on June 24 after an Installation of Officers ceremony.

"What I've done over the years I've done in support of

our veterans for their service and the sacrifices they have made for this country," he said.

White is a Korean War veteran and has held every officer position in the Post. He has also held positions in the American Legion for the state of Maryland and nationally.

White has been an American Legion member for 55 years. A native of North Carolina, he has lived in Maryland over 40 years and is a resident of Upper Marlboro.



PHOTOS COURTESY THE AMERICAN LEGION

Above: The new dedication wall at American Legion Post 259 honoring Elbert "Ed" White.



At right: Photo of honoree Elbert "Ed" White

## HUD Awards \$2.5 Million in Housing Counseling Grants to Maryland

*Funding Intended to Help Families Find and Keep Their Homes*

By PRESS OFFICER  
HUD

PHILADELPHIA, PA—The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded today \$2.5 million in housing counseling grants to 14 local organizations in Maryland to help families and individuals with their housing needs. These grants will help households make informed housing choices when seeking housing or preventing foreclosures.

"This is a smart investment in helping families find and keep their homes," said HUD Secretary Ben Carson. "Quite simply, knowledge is power. We know that armed with the information they need, those who receive counseling services are far more successful in buying, renting or avoiding foreclosure."

HUD's housing counseling grants support community-based organizations that assist low- and moderate-income families in improving their housing conditions. Grant recipients address the full range of housing counseling needs—from helping homebuyers evaluate their readiness for a home purchase to helping them navigate what can be an extremely confusing and difficult homebuying process. See a list of all counseling agencies awarded funding by downloading the

Maryland		
Annapolis	Arundel Community Development Service, Inc.	\$25,340
Baltimore	Garwyn Oaks Northwest Housing Resource Center	\$23,005
Bel Air	Harford County Housing Agency	\$26,906
Frederick	Frederick Community Action Agency	\$27,869
Greensboro	Maryland Rural Development Corporation	\$20,400
Hyattsville	Housing Initiative Partnership. ("Hip")	\$33,786
Hagerstown	Hagerstown Neighborhood Development Partnership	\$23,826
Hagerstown	Washington County Community Action Council	\$26,227
Hughesville	Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action	\$25,609
Joppa	Home Partnership	\$19,990
Oakland	Garrett County Community Action Committee	\$26,855
Riverdale	Homefree-U S A	\$2,207,859
Salisbury	Shore UP! Inc.	\$18,900
Windsor Mill	Diversified Housing Development	\$24,378
		<b>Total: \$2,530,950</b>

pdf at the website [https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=Hsg\\_Counseling\\_Chart.pdf](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=Hsg_Counseling_Chart.pdf), and read a comprehensive summary of each grant in pdf form at [https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=Hsg\\_Counseling\\_Summaries.pdf](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=Hsg_Counseling_Summaries.pdf).

"This funding will ultimately improve housing outcomes for homebuyers, homeowners and renters in Maryland," said Joseph J. DeFelice, Regional

Administrator of HUD's Mid-Atlantic region. "More than \$7 million has been awarded to organizations throughout the Mid-Atlantic region."

Housing counselors help families avoid potential mortgage scams, unreasonably high interest rates and other conditions that can result in a loss of equity, increased debt, default and even foreclosure. Last year, HUD published research findings summarizing the impact housing

counseling has on families' housing options and choices.

There are several ways to find a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. Search by state using the online counselor locator, call 1-800-569-4287, or download HUD's free housing counseling mobile application on Apple devices (not yet available on the Android platform). Learn more about housing counseling at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=In\\_lbZHigIQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=In_lbZHigIQ)

### Ambulance from A1

volunteer, or a combination of both. Currently, there are 900 career and civilian employees and 1500 volunteer members. The Department covers a response area of about 500 square miles, protects close to a million people, and has an annual operating budget of 190 million dollars. Last year, the organization responded to approximately 150,000 calls, 80 percent of them were for EMS. At this time, the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department is the largest and busiest combination department in the United States.

The 2017 model-year ambulances have been redesigned to the newest safety standards. Built on a Dodge 5500 Chassis and powered by a 6.71 Cummins Diesel Motor with a 6-speed heavy duty transmission, these units have safety features not currently available on the Department's past units. Additional vehicle features include a Liquid Spring Suspension to assist in a smooth ride for both providers and patients. The units are equipped with a Whelen LED Emergency Lighting package, custom PGFD door forward design, and custom exterior and interior design. This new design will put all medical



PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS

Interior shot of the new 2017 model-year transport ambulance.

equipment within reach of the EMS provider, allowing them to remain seat-belted while providing the highest quality of medical care to our patients. A Stryker Power Load System and Power Cot assists in lifting the patient into the treatment area

of the unit and reduces injuries to providers.

This is the first time in over 20 years that the Fire/EMS Department has made such a dramatic change to its ambulance fleet. These units represent the most innovative pieces in the de-

partment's convoy and will replace transport units to be placed into the reserve fleet. Paramedic Ambulance 821 is built on a 4x4 chassis, while Ambulance 842 is built on a 4x2 chassis. The costs of the units are \$277,000 and \$272,000, respectively.

### Alzheimer's from A1

enrollment to support programs and services. Walk participants will join in a meaningful ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's, followed by their choice of a one-mile or three-mile walk. The event will conclude with a high-energy post-walk celebration with live entertainment. Participation is free. Participants are encouraged to fundraise. To start or join a team, visit [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk).

Now in its fourth year, the Walk to End Alzheimer's—Prince George's County has led

to increased Alzheimer's awareness, programs and services for county residents. The 2016 event drew over 800 participants and raised more than \$98,000 that helped to support the delivery of vital Alzheimer's Association free programs and services for the community, including seven ongoing support groups, the launch of four Memory Cafes for people in the early stages of the disease, 85 education workshops and conferences, and almost 600 calls to the Association's 24/7 Helpline.

For more information about Walk to End Alzheimer's®—

Prince George's County, please contact LaKeysha Boyd-Moore by phone at 240.518.8496 or email [atlmoore1@alz.org](mailto:atlmoore1@alz.org).

*Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®*

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is con-

tinuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's.

*Alzheimer's Association®*

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org)® or call 800.272.3900.

# COMMENTARY

## Benjamin L. Cardin United States Senator for Maryland



### Cardin and Van Hollen, Ruppertsberger and Delaney Call on President Trump Not to Sacrifice America's Chemical and Biological Defenses

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Senator Ben Cardin and Senator Chris Van Hollen, with Congressmen C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger and John K. Delaney, have written to President Trump urging him to prioritize protecting our nation from the real threats of chemical and biological weapons rather than diverting resources for a fruitless wall at our southern border. The lawmakers expressed their alarm not only that the administration was seeking to shut down the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC) on Fort Detrick and the Chemical Security Analysis Center (CSAC) on Aberdeen Proving Ground, but also that budget officials were giving shutdown instructions based on the president's Fiscal Year 2018 budget, which does not have the force of law and would require congressional appropriations to be enacted. Congress fully funded both the NBACC and CSAC in the Fiscal Year 2017 appropriations that were signed into law by President Trump. The Maryland lawmakers will be pursuing all options to reverse this decision by the administration.

"These actions are alarming and will put the American people at greater risk of a chemical or biological terrorist attack," the lawmakers wrote. "The NBACC's two centers—the National Bioforensic Analysis Center (NBFAC) and the National Biological Threat Characterization Center (NBTC)—conduct technical analyses in support of federal law enforcement investigations and identify biological vulnerabilities and hazards to our nation. ... CSAC plays a proactive role in identi-

fyng vulnerabilities in our nation's infrastructure, effectively mitigating damages from accidental chemical discharge to terrorist attacks."

"We urge you to suspend any actions that would lead to the closure of these two facilities, both of which play vital roles in America's national security and the safety of the American people which cannot be replicated elsewhere. Closing these labs will only serve to put our country at risk by creating chemical and biological vulnerabilities that terrorists and adversaries are anxious to exploit. The risk of biological and chemical agents being used is increasing. This is not the time to be weakening our defenses against such weapons."

A Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense chaired by Senator Joseph Lieberman and Governor Tom Ridge also has expressed concerns with the planned lab closure: "NBACC is the only facility in the United States with the bioforensics capability needed to assist the [Federal Bureau of Investigation] in its investigations. ... The Panel is troubled that the President's own budget states that the lab's work supports intelligence assessments, preparedness planning, emerging threat characterization, and bioforensic analyses, and that its closure may impact DHS' ability to characterize high-consequence pathogens before and during a biological event."

The full letter available as a PDF download can be found at the following website : <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/download/nbacc-csac-closure-letter-070517>.

## Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



### State Elected Officials Defy Sham Election Commission—It's Time to Shut It Down

"We write to you to express our most urgent concern that letters just issued by the Trump Administration will pave the way for nationwide voter suppression and purging, and violate the privacy of hundreds of millions of American citizens ... We have little doubt that these letters—issued unilaterally without any vote or public discussion—would lead to an unprecedented, nationwide voter suppression effort."

—Congressional Black Caucus letter to National Association of Secretaries of State, June 30, 2017.

It was clear from the moment it was announced that the federal "Election Integrity Commission" was nothing more than a vehicle for voter suppression.

With an intrusive request for personal voter information, the commission has ventured into the territory of intimidation. Fortunately, state officials aren't having it. At least 44 states are refusing to comply with the request, wholly or in part.

"I find this request for the personal information of millions of Marylanders repugnant; it appears designed only to intimidate voters and to indulge President Trump's fantasy that he won the popular vote," Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh wrote in response to the request.

In my home state of Louisiana, Secretary of State Tom Schedler said, "My response to the Commission is, you're not going to play politics with Louisiana's voter data."

Even in the deep-red state of Mississippi, Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann told the Commission, "Go jump in the Gulf."

I'm proud of the nation's state officials for standing firm in defending the rights of their constituents and resisting an obvious ploy to invade citizens' privacy and restrict their right to vote.

The commission's vice chair, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, has repeatedly lost

in lawsuits filed by the ACLU over his efforts to make it harder for people to register and vote. Last month, a federal magistrate judge fined him \$1,000 for misleading the court by attempting to shield a document regarding his advice to Trump on how to make voter registration harder. And just this week, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law filed a formal Hatch Act Complaint against Kobach, accusing him of repeatedly exploiting his Commission role to promote his candidacy for Kansas Governor and to solicit campaign contributions.

"We deem the President's Election Integrity Commission to be a baseless tool to promote voter suppression and Mr. Kobach's unlawful abuse of his role as head of the Commission for partisan ends only underscores the illegitimacy of the Commission itself," Lawyer's Committee President and Executive Director, Kristen Clarke, said.

The 2014 report of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration—headed by Mitt Romney's lawyer Ben Ginsberg and President Obama's lawyer Bob Bauer—made several key recommendations:

- Modernization of the registration process through continued expansion of online voter registration and expanded state collaboration in improving the accuracy of voter lists;
- Measures to improve access to the polls through multiple opportunities to vote before the traditional Election Day and the selection of suitable, well-equipped polling place facilities, such as schools;
- State-of-the-art techniques to assure efficient management of polling places, including tools the commission is publicizing and recommending for the efficient allocation of polling place resources; and
- Reforms of the standard-setting and certification process for new voting technology to address soon-to-be antiquated voting machines and

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The Laurel Museum

Open to the Public

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#### THE LAUREL MUSEUM

Discover the rich history of Laurel, Maryland, an historic town located on the Patuxent River halfway between Baltimore and Washington. The museum houses collections of books, photographs, tools, personal artifacts, textiles and oral histories. The Museum's main floor is the site of exhibits devoted to the history of Laurel, Maryland, maintained by the Laurel Historical Society. Explore the history of its schools, fire department, shops, banks, and Main Street. Meet the people who helped it grow into a thriving and diverse community. Learn about its mill town roots, railroad connections, African American community and early suburban experiences. The Laurel Museum is located at 817 Main Street, Laurel, Maryland, in a former 1840's mill workers' home.

## Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



### An Open Letter to the United States Senate

[July 14, 2107]—I learned my first lessons about injustice and health as a little Black girl growing up in segregated Bennettsville, South Carolina. I remember my parents' and my sadness over the senseless death of little Johnny Harrington, who lived three houses down from our church who died before he reached 10 because his hard working grandmother didn't know about the need for or have the money for him to get a tetanus shot after he stepped on a rusted nail. I also remember being awakened in the middle of the night after a Black migrant family's car collided with a White truck driver's vehicle on the highway in front of our parsonage, and the horror I felt when my Daddy, my siblings and I witnessed the White ambulance driver and attendants arrive on the scene only to leave behind the seriously injured Black migrant worker after they saw that the White truck's passengers were not hurt. And I remember the loss of a playmate who lived around the corner who died from a broken neck after jumping off the bridge at Crooked Creek nearby where many Black children swam and many Black families fished for food. When I got older, I learned the creek was an outlet for hospital and other sewage.

The sorrow and outrage and sense of injustice I felt as a child at senseless deaths and injuries shaped my life's work. I cannot stand seeing any child mistreated, placed at risk or excluded from essential services because of the color of their skin or the poverty of their parents or grandparents they did not choose. God did not make two classes of children and my Biblical values and my parents' efforts to live up to its teachings enjoined me to believe each child is sacred. During the Civil Rights Movement it was always clear that health care was one of the basic rights for which we were fighting because it could mean life or death. As my friend and mentor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhuman." I would never have believed that decades later Dr. King's words would still ring true and that after

fifty years of hard-earned progress expanding access to health coverage for 95 percent of all children, it could all be ripped away in a heartless game of politics and greed that disregards human life—even the smallest human life. In the wealthiest nation on earth, the fact that we are still unwilling to treat health care as a right available to all regardless of color, income or creed is a disgrace. That child lives are considered political fodder rather than a sacred responsibility by every adult is unjust and shameful.

You, the ever powerful United States Senate, will soon have a choice to make when Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell brings the deeply harmful, flawed, unpopular and misnamed *Better Care Reconciliation Act* (BCRA)—it should be called the Worse Care Reconciliation Act—to the Senate floor for a vote. This draconian bill will unravel decades of progress fighting for more health equity and justice for all. I hope every voter will stand up for children, the disabled, the elderly, and the most vulnerable among us and make sure those who vote against them are held accountable.

At a time when 95 percent of

children in America have health coverage after years of laboriously achieved incremental progress with bipartisan leadership and the percentage of uninsured Americans is at a record low, will you vote for renewed pain and suffering or forward progress? Will you vote to end Medicaid as we know it—a lifeline for more than 37 million children and more than 40 percent of children with special health care needs—to pay for a giant tax cut for wealthy Americans and corporations who don't need or deserve it? Will you vote to rip away health coverage from 22 million Americans and leave millions more paying a lot more for skimpier coverage? Will you vote to undermine coverage for essential services for children and other Americans including those with pre-existing conditions? Will you vote to strip important and popular protections, returning us to a day when discrimination based on age, gender, health status and ability to pay is permitted? Will you vote to deprive millions of Americans mental health and substance abuse treatment in the midst of a national opioid crisis?

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# BUSINESS

## Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

### Could a Gap Year After High School Make Financial Sense?

In some parts of the world, a gap year—a year-long break between high school and college—is the norm. It's starting to catch on in the U.S. as well.

It's a chance for recent high school graduates to earn money, challenge themselves, explore the world and build their resume while experimenting with different career paths.



Those who take full advantage of the opportunity often find the experience to be rewarding and beneficial. And colleges report that students who start school after a gap year tend to earn higher grades, are more involved with campus life and graduate within four years at a higher rate than their non-gap-year peers.

**Lessons you could learn along the way.** Many people spend at least part of the year traveling, working or volunteering away from home. During the year, they may discover that what they originally wanted to study isn't a good fit, or may come away with a newfound passion.

Entering college with this knowledge can help them focus on a major, plan their classes and graduate early. Or, at least avoid changing majors and extending their schooling. In either case, they can save tens of thousands of dollars.

During a gap year, young adults also often take a more direct role in their day-to-day finances. They can develop a greater appreciation for earning, and spending, money. In turn, this can give them a framework when taking out student loans and an extra push to apply for scholarships.

**Finding structure for your gap year.** To avoid squandering the year, you can look into formal programs that can help you achieve or define your personal, academic or career goals. According to the American Gap Association (AGA), a nonprofit based in Portland, Oregon, over 80 percent of gap year students say the skills they acquired helped them be successful in their career after school.

Many choose service-oriented work. The federally backed AmeriCorps programs place volunteers throughout the U.S. to help communities in needs. Once you complete a full-time 10- to 11-month commitment, you may be eligible for a scholarship worth up to \$5,815 (in fiscal year 2017). Some colleges and universities will also match a portion of the award.

Working for a local business could be another great option. You can earn money, see if you truly enjoy the work, network and may be able to line up work during school or for future summer jobs. The industry connections and mentorship you receive can also be valuable for your post-graduation job search.

Another resource for finding a program is the USA Gap Year Fairs, which profiles a broad range of gap year experiences. Privately run programs may not offer compensation, but sometimes you can work in exchange for room and board. The experience can also serve as a foundation for cover letters when you apply for jobs or college admissions essays.

**Funding your gap year.** There are gap year options for students from all socio-economic backgrounds.

The AGA maintains a list of financial aid opportunities that can help you fund a gap year. The mix of merit- and need-based scholarships could cover the cost of a program or offset the cost of traveling or volunteering. If you have a particular program, ask the organization for recommendations.

Also, inquire with your university to see if it recommends or runs any programs. Some schools offer scholarships to admitted students who take a gap year, and a few will give you college credit for completing certain programs.

Once you start your college education, you can try to capitalize on your year off. There are many scholarships available to continuing college students and your experience could be a good jumping-off point for an essay.

**Bottom line:** Taking a gap year between high school and college is increasingly popular, although still not as common as it is in some other parts of the world. While jumping right into college and getting a degree is the traditional path towards employment, some parents and students see the benefit of taking a year off to better define one's goals and gain real-world experience before going to college.

### Sham from A4

to encourage innovation and the adoption of widely available off-the-shelf technologies.

It's unlikely the current administration is looking to implement those bipartisan recommendations; the report has

been removed from the federal government's website.

With the vast majority of states opposed to cooperating with the Commission, it's time to kill this insidious, anti-democratic sham. Kill the commission, and work together on expanding democracy.



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## Ten Days to Success!

EDC Ushers a Father-and-Son Duo to Their Shot at the American Dream

By R. JOSHUA REYNOLDS  
PGCEDC

OXON HILL, MD—During the weekend of June 24, 2017, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) International Business Development team participated in the SelectUSA Conference and brought home some major wins. After meeting with a number of internationally based business leaders, the EDC's team convinced four companies to open U.S. operations in Prince George's County this Wednesday and signed an agreement to house sRs McCoy Inc. in its accelerator. EDC President and CEO, Jim Coleman, was exhilarated at his team's success.

"We welcome the world to Prince George's County," said Coleman. "SelectUSA has been an outstanding conference that has enabled the EDC to facilitate the expansion of businesses that are seeking to come to the United States. We're mavericks in Prince George's County. When sRs McCoy came to our booth and said they were interested in coming to Prince George's County, we immediately put them in the car and took a tour of the County to show them how their investment dollars will create a lucrative return



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**Left to right: Martin Ezemma, EDC International Business Director; Dr. Pradeep Ganguly, EDC EVP; Sanjeev Sachdeva, Managing Director of sRs McCoy, Inc.; Jim Coleman, EDC President and CEO; Sohil Sachdeva, sRs McCoy, Inc. Director; Raj Pant, Allied Deccan CEO; Mayank Kapur, EDC Business Development Director**

for them. Our value proposition is solid and sRs signed on the dotted line. We are proud that Prince George's County is their gateway to success in this incredible market."

The SelectUSA Conference occurs every summer with the goal to connect international investors with viable opportuni-

ties in the United States. Representatives from jurisdictions from around the country descend upon Washington, D.C. to actively engage these business people looking to enter into the American market.

The team at the EDC took full advantage of its close proximity to give the investors a first-hand

look at where and how seamlessly they are able to break into the American market. Sanjeev and Sohil Sachdeva, the father and son dynamic duo who run sRs McCoy, Inc., were very impressed by how the EDC was

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that enable our county to expand its impact on more communities said County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. "I have always said

that government can't do it alone and through these grants, each organization will help to extend the reach of the government."

Organizations that are interested in receiving CPG funds must

submit an application and go through a very competitive review process. The Office of Management and Budget/Grants Management Unit reviews each application to ensure that all outlined eligibility

requirements are met. Additionally, there is an Executive Review Panel that conducts a full evaluation of all complete applications.

2017 Community Partnership Grant Awardees list is below:

#	Organization	Amount	#	Organization	Amount
1	100 Black Men of Prince George's County, Inc	\$15,000	46	Laurel Advocacy & Referral Services, Inc.	\$18,500
2	A Wider Circle, Inc.	\$10,000	47	Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.	\$25,000
3	Alice Ferguson Foundation	\$7,000	48	Liberty's Promise	\$20,000
4	Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.	\$10,000	49	Living Classrooms Foundation	\$10,000
5	Art Works Studio School	\$20,000	50	Loud Voices Together Educational Advocacy Group, Inc.	\$10,000
6	Bethel House, Inc.	\$25,000	51	Lovely Ladies of Laurel	\$10,000
7	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington	\$10,000	52	Marlton Swim and Recreation Club, Inc.	\$5,000
8	CALMRA, Inc. (Christian Assisted Living for Mentally Retarded Adults)	\$20,000	53	Maryland Community Connection	\$15,000
9	Capital Scholars, Inc.	\$25,000	54	Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Health, Inc.	\$50,000
10	Center of Adoption Support and Education, Inc.	\$15,000	55	Mentoring to Manhood, Inc.	\$17,500
11	Center of Nonprofit Advancement	\$50,000	56	Metropolitan Washington Ear	\$20,000
12	Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation	\$20,000	57	Mission of Love Charities, Incorporated	\$100,000
13	Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA)	\$15,000	58	NAMI Prince George's County, MD, Inc.	\$14,000
14	Community Advocates for Family & Youth (CAFY)	\$20,000	59	New Horizons Supported Services, Inc.	\$10,000
15	Community Builders Ltd.	\$15,000	60	People for Change Coalition, Inc.	\$15,000
16	Community Crisis Services, Inc.	\$20,000	61	Pickett Fences Senior Services, Inc.	\$10,000
17	Community Ministry of Prince George's County	\$10,000	62	Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center at North Brentwood, Inc.	\$20,000
18	Community Outreach and Development Community Corporation	\$20,000	63	Prince George's Child Resource Center, Inc.	\$20,000
19	Community Services Foundation	\$30,000	64	Prince George's Tennis & Education Foundation, Inc.	\$10,000
20	Community Support Systems, Inc.	\$15,000	65	Progressive Life Center, Inc.	\$20,000
21	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)	\$35,000	66	PTS Rehab Works, Inc.	\$25,000
22	Crossroads Community Food Network, Inc.	\$12,000	67	Reid Community Development Corporation	\$10,000
23	Cultural Academy for Excellence, Inc.	\$35,000	68	Side By Side, Inc.	\$20,000
24	Dancemakers, Inc.	\$15,000	69	Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development, Inc. (SEED)	\$10,000
25	Derek Anthony Moore Charity, Inc.	\$15,000	70	St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families	\$20,000
26	Educare Resource Center, Inc.	\$10,000	71	Sustainable Community Initiatives (DBA Community Forklift)	\$20,000
27	End Time Harvest Ministries, Inc.	\$22,500	72	Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program	\$15,000
28	Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc.	\$7,000	73	The Foundation for the Advancement of Music & Education	\$30,000
29	Family Restoration and Healing Center, Inc.	\$25,000	74	The Foundation Schools	\$10,000
30	First Generation College Bound, Inc.	\$25,000	75	The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc.	\$10,000
31	Food & Friends, Inc.	\$25,000	76	The One World Center of Autism, Inc.	\$20,000
32	Foundation of Understanding Wisdom	\$10,000	77	The Training Source, Inc.	\$35,000
33	Futuristic, Inc.	\$7,000	78	Training Grounds, Inc.	\$20,000
34	GapBuster, Inc.	\$20,000	79	United Communities Against Poverty, Inc.	\$10,000
35	Gladys Noon Spellman Parent Teacher Association	\$5,000	80	Unity Economic Development Corporation	\$13,000
36	Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc.	\$30,000	81	Unshackled Ministries, Inc.	\$20,000
37	Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc.	\$30,000	82	Vine Corps Inc.	\$25,000
38	Harambee Community Development Corporation	\$27,500	83	Volunteers of America, Inc. VOA of Chesapeake, Inc.	\$20,000
39	Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.	\$25,000	84	White Rose Foundation, Inc.	\$15,000
40	Housing Options & Planning Enterprises, Inc.	\$15,000	85	World Arts Focus, Inc. dba Joe's Movement Emporium	\$25,000
41	Human Services of Prince George's County	\$25,000	86	Youth Professional Development, Inc.	\$10,000
42	In Reach, Inc.	\$25,000			
43	John Hanson Montessori Parent Teacher Student Association	\$6,000			
44	Junior Tennis Champions Center	\$10,000			
45	Latin American Youth Center	\$50,000			
					<b>TOTAL \$1,687,000</b>

# OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S  
IN THE DARK

## Movie Review

### *It Comes at Night*

*It Comes at Night*

Grade: B+

Rated R, some harsh profanity, disturbing images and violence  
1 hr., 37 min

*It Comes at Night* opens on the lesioned face of a dying old man surrounded by tearful loved ones wearing gloves and gas masks. He has a fatal and highly contagious disease that has decimated the population. He's euthanized by the end of the next scene, not to put him out of his misery so much as to protect his family from him. The man's 17-year-old grandson watches it happen.

This is an intense psychological thriller, slow-boiling and unsettling, written and directed by Trey Edward Shults, whose under-the-radar debut, *Krisha*, won near-universal acclaim in 2015. Here he presents another family in crisis, doing what they believe is right but plagued by doubts, fear, mistrust, and an actual plague. Can over-caution be as destructive as carelessness? How drastically can you alter your lifestyle to prevent harm before the alterations become worse than the thing you're afraid of? Whether taken as an allegory for immigration, terrorism, or something broader, Shults's cool, sure-handed sophomore effort will stick with you.

Living in a spacious, isolated house in the woods in some part of what used to be America is a small family: Paul (Joel Edgerton), his wife Sarah (Carmen Ejogo), and their son Travis (Kelvin Harrison Jr.). Sarah's father was the old man at the beginning, but she and Paul are of one unsentimental mind when it comes to matters of safety. The front door to the house (painted red for ominous effect) is always closed and locked, and any stranger the family encounters is assumed contagious unless proven otherwise. Paul, a history teacher before the plague, never intended to be a rugged survivalist, but has become one through his desire to protect his family.



ROTTENTOMATOES

Imagine the end of the world. Now imagine something worse. Award-winning filmmaker Trey Edward Shults follows his incredible debut feature *Krisha* with *It Comes at Night*, a horror film following a man (Joel Edgerton) as he learns that the evil stalking his family home may be only a prelude to horrors that come from within. Secure within a desolate home as an unnatural threat terrorizes the world, the tenuous domestic order he has established with his wife and son is put to the ultimate test with the arrival of a desperate young family seeking refuge. Despite the best intentions of both families, paranoia and mistrust boil over as the horrors outside creep ever-closer, awakening something hidden and monstrous within him as he learns that the protection of his family comes at the cost of his soul.

This natural instinct has made Paul jumpy, so cautious about his wife and son that he's indifferent, even cruel, toward others. They meet another, slightly younger family—Will (Christopher Abbott), Kim (Riley Keough), and their little boy Andrew (Griffin Robert Faulkner)—with whom they can share resources, but Paul is never sure he can trust them. Travis, a sweet kid through whose eyes much of the film is seen, is charmed by the newcomers, envious of their familial intimacy. Seeing this, Paul reminds him: "You can't trust anybody but family."

Paul's fear infects Travis's dreams, too, which comprise the movie's creepiest imagery and serve as a running commentary on the daytime action. Everyone's fear, whether awake or asleep, is that one of them will turn out to be infected, at which

point severe protocols would need to be followed.

Shults isn't interested in the details of the epidemic or how it affects people's bodies but in how the threat of it affects their minds. Though the pronoun of the title remains ambiguous (several things do), "fear" seems to be the thing it refers to most. Shults captures this fear, this claustrophobic paranoia, with sweaty, nightmarish precision, incorporating shifts in the sound design and even the movie's aspect ratio to disturb our sense of comfort.

Another smart choice Shults makes is to occasionally show us the second family when the main family isn't around. Those moments don't reveal enough to convince us that Paul's apprehensions about them are unfounded—there remains tension on that point until the shocking climax—but they do make us consider how the story would be

different if it were from their point of view. Early on, Will tells Paul, "I know you're just protecting your family, but don't let mine die because of it." Paul is the "hero"; we put ourselves in his shoes. Maybe we would let another family die if we thought it would save our own. Paul, speaking of Will and Kim, warns his own family, "Have you ever seen people when they get desperate?" He doesn't realize he's describing himself.

Joel Edgerton is excellently understated, often using just his eyes to convey his inner misgivings. As his son, Kelvin Harrison Jr. gives the movie its heart and humanity, linking us to the love-thy-neighbor attitude that prevailed before the world fell apart. The question for us, as viewers, is whether that philosophy still has a place in our world, or whether the times have become desperate enough to require desperate measures.

## Possible New Animal Services Facility in Northern Prince George's County

County Executive Rushurn L. Baker, III Supports Potential Facility Through Proposed Funding.

By PRESS OFFICER  
PGDoE

LARGO, MD—In support of the Department of the Environment's (DoE) Animal Management Division's (AMD) efforts to provide excellent service to County residents and their pets, County Executive Rushurn L. Baker, III has proposed funding through 2023 for the planning and construction of an animal services facility in northern Prince George's County.

As the only full service animal shelter in Prince George's County, approximately 32 animals are accepted into the facility daily with seasonal high holding levels reaching maximum capacity of 300 animals. Most pet adoptions and licensing occur within the northern Prince George's County. A new facility would support animal care services currently provided at the County's animal shelter in Upper Marlboro, reduce overcrowding

and expand resources to underserved areas of the County.

To develop potential facility options, Prince George's County commissioned a feasibility study, which was conducted by Proffitt & Associates Architects, PC, Animal Welfare Management Services, LLC, and A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Incorporated. The study provides an overview of the County's current animal services and operations, and four model options for a new animal services facility. The study group also gathered information and feedback from key animal services stakeholders through meetings and an online County-wide survey.

"We're very excited about this potential new addition to Prince George's County. The wellbeing and placement of the County's homeless pets into loving 'forever homes' is a top priority for DoE. A new animal services facility would support our efforts to share adoptable



pets with County residents and communities unable to visit our current facility in Upper Marlboro. We thank County Executive Baker for his support," said DoE Director Adam Ortiz.

Annually, 10,000 animals are cared for by staff and volunteers at the County's animal shelter. Of those, 70 percent are placed into new homes or placed into rescue groups. In addition to adoption services, AMD services include humane education, licensing, low-cost vaccinations, low-cost and free spay and neuter surger-

ies, field services, owner surrender intake, and microchipping.

"In conjunction with effective partnerships with local rescue groups and municipal animal management services, a service facility in northern Prince George's County would facilitate greater outreach to residents and pets throughout that area. We want to see every adoptable pet cared for by us placed into a new family. We're supportive of expanding our infrastructure to help us reach that goal," said AMD Associate Director Rodney Taylor.

## A Little This, A Little That

### How to Sleep Better When You Travel

by Richard Shane, Ph.D.

(NAPSI)—Whether you're traveling for business or pleasure, you don't have to let fatigue, jet lag or aggravation from dealing with the transportation system keep you from feeling your best. Here are five steps toward better sleep, a better trip and even better productivity and relationships.

**1. Create optimal conditions to support good sleep.** If you're on a plane, train or bus, try to get a window seat if possible; it will give you something to lean against and you won't have to move each time neighbors need the bathroom. When you stop for the night, ask for a cool, quiet room, at least two or three levels above banquet rooms, bars or other public spaces and away from elevators. Look to book a room with blackout shades or heavy, thick curtains that keep the light out. Make sure everything is ready for the next day so you don't lie awake worrying about it.

**2. Dealing with time zones.** If you're crossing multiple time zones, try to arrange meetings, parties and major sight-seeing for when it's midday in your home time.

**3. Get set with supplies.** Handy items can include:

- A supportive neck pillow in a U shape
- Eyeshades
- Soft silicone earplugs or noise-canceling earphones
- A blanket
- A white noise app or a playlist of your favorite music to snooze to on your phone.

**4. When you get to your destination,** try to expose yourself to the light during the waking hours as much as possible during the first couple of days. Avoid caffeine at least four to six hours before bedtime and have dinner at least three hours before you want to sleep. Bear in mind that although alcohol may initially make you drowsy, when its sedating properties wear off, the rebound can contribute to you awakening too early, making it more difficult to fall back to sleep.

**5. Whether away or at home,** you'll sleep better if you stop the use of electronic devices 30 minutes before bed. The light from these devices signals your brain that it is still daytime, which interferes with your brain's production of melatonin, the hormone that helps you feel sleepy. In fact, slow down in general during that last half hour. Read something calming, listen to quiet music, take a bath, stretch a little. Don't watch anything too stimulating on television, especially the news. Put your cell phone in "Do not disturb" or "Airplane" mode.



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**For your best chance at a good rest, go to bed when you're tired. Pushing past that fatigue "window" can make sleep more elusive when you seek it.**

*Dr. Shane is a licensed psychotherapist and sleep therapist who developed the Sleep Easily Method. Based on cognitive behavioral therapy, it walks you through five physical triggers to gently lead you into sleep. You can find further facts and advice at [www.drshane.com](http://www.drshane.com) and [www.sleepeasily.com](http://www.sleepeasily.com).*

### Success from A5

able to usher them into their own office space here in the United States.

"This is just a dream," said Sohil Sachdeva, Director of sRs McCoy Inc. "We never expected that by visiting this conference that we'd be able to open up an office in just a few days."

Sohil Sachdeva's father and business partner echoed his sentiments.

"It's all a ten days story," said Sanjeev Sachdeva, Managing Director of sRs McCoy, Inc. "It's only been ten days from the time that we decided to attend the SelectUSA Conference to the time that we are sitting in our American office."

To learn more about how to do business in Prince George's County and to learn about the EDC's accelerator program, contact Dr. Pradeep Ganguly at [pganguly@co.pg.md.us](mailto:pganguly@co.pg.md.us).

### Glover from A1

mer Chief Administrative Officer for the Prince George's County government under former County Executive Wayne K. Curry and also the former CEO of Dimensions Healthcare System.

We are grateful for Ken's service and commitment to our great County. In his role as Chief Administrative Officer for Prince George's County,

during the Wayne K. Curry Administration, Ken played a significant role in the County's growth and development. He continued that engagement and progress as CEO of Dimensions Healthcare System.

We will miss Ken's quick wit, intelligence, and unselfish love for family and for our community. Ken will be remembered as a dedicated citizen and champion for Prince George's County."

# Calendar of Events

July 27 — August 2, 2017

## Concert in the Park! Jazzy Blu

Date and time: Thursday, July 27, 2017, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm  
Description: Bring a blanket, or a lawn chair, and enjoy a concert on the Green at beautiful Watkins Regional Park. Family and friends will enjoy a variety of music under the setting sun. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Subject to change due to inclement weather.

Cost: FREE  
Ages: All ages are welcome  
Location: Watkins Regional Park  
301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD  
Contact: 301-218-6700; TTY: 301-699-2544

## Blast-in-the-Past: A Hands-On History Playground

Date and time: Friday, July 28, 2018, 10:00 am–3:00 pm  
Description: Montpelier's grounds are transformed into a kid-sized colonial village! Young visitors can camp out on the frontier, design a hat at the milliners, harvest crops at the farm, and much, much more. Come for an hour, or stay for the day.

Drop-in, no reservation required. Win a free pass by joining Prince George's County Memorial Library System's "Summer @ Your Library" program!

This event runs Thursday through Saturday, with the last day being, Saturday, August 5, 2017. Saturdays are All-County Days when all visitors pay the resident fee!  
Cost: Residents \$2.50; Non-residents \$3  
Two free adults per group  
Ages: All ages are welcome  
Location: Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site  
9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD  
Contact: 301-377-7817; TTY: 301-699-2544

## MNCPPC Youth Track and Field All Comers Event

Date and time: Friday, July 28, 2018, 5:30 am–8:00 pm  
Description: All Comers Track Meet to include: 100m, 200m, 400m, 1500m 4x100 Relay, and, Shot Put.

Cost: FREE  
Ages: 6–14  
Location: Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex  
8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD  
Contact: 301-446-6800; TTY 301-699-2544

## Xtreme Teens Xtreme Party

Date and time: Friday, July 28, 2018, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm  
Description: Come join us every 4th Friday of the month for a live DJ; PS4 competitions, Glow in the Dark basketball, Trick Shot shootout, Giant games and so much more! Refreshments are provided.

Cost: FREE  
Ages: 10–17  
Location: Berwyn Heights School Community Center  
6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights, MD  
Contact: 301-345-2808; TTY: 301-699-2544

## Wellness: Yoga in the Parks

Date and time: Saturday, July 29, 2017, 9:00 am–10:00 am  
Description: Join us for FREE yoga classes in the beautiful outdoors! Learn basic moves to strengthen your body, increase flexibility and free your mind. Classes run through Labor Day. No registration is required. Namaste!

Cost: FREE  
Ages: 13 and older  
Location: Lake Artemesia Natural Area  
8200 55th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, MD  
Contact: 301-627-7755; TTY 301-699-2544

## Summer Bike Safety

Date and time: Saturday, July 29, 2017, 11:00 am–2:00 pm  
Description: Come learn the keys to safe bike riding for the summer! You are welcome to bring your own bike and helmet. Space is limited to the first 20 participants. Call NOW to register!!

Cost: FREE  
Ages: 6–12  
Location: Langley Park Community Center  
1500 Merrimac Drive, Hyattsville, MD  
Contact: 301 445-4508; TTY: 301-699-2544

## Exhibit: Barry Goldstein

Date and time: Saturday, July 29, 2017, 10:00 am–5:00 pm  
Description: Experience the artistry of Barry Goldstein as he demonstrates his unique talent in the areas of media, drawing, painting, and sculpting! After a career running a premier accounting recruitment agency in Washington, D.C., Barry Goldstein sold his business to pursue art. Studying and working in various areas of art, Goldstein sees our physical and non-physical world in new ways—you'll have to see it to believe it!

Cost: FREE  
Ages: All ages are welcome  
Location: Montpelier Arts Center  
9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD  
Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

## Senior Days

Date and time: Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 8:00 am–12:00 pm  
Description: Let's move and get fit! Seniors (Prince George's County residents only) are allowed use of both the fitness center and pool!

Cost: FREE  
Ages: 60 or better  
Location: Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex  
8000 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD  
Contact: 301-583-2400; TTY: 301-583-2483

## Wellness: Yoga in the Parks

Date and time: Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm  
Description: Join us for FREE yoga classes in the beautiful outdoors! Learn basic moves to strengthen your body, increase flexibility and free your mind. No registration is required. Namaste!

Cost: FREE  
Ages: 13 and older  
Location: Bladensburg Waterfront Park  
4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD  
Contact: 301-779-0371; TTY 301-699-2544

# EARTH TALK ... Eco-Friendly Products Put Ocean Plastic Waste to Good Use

Dear EarthTalk:

*What are some ways companies are using plastic waste from the ocean in their products to take a stand for the environment?*

—Simone LaTourneau,  
Boston, MA

A recent study published in the journal *Science* estimates that there are some 86 million metric tons of plastic in the world's oceans today—and that every year we add another eight million more. The pieces of plastic we discard break down into smaller and smaller bits during their travels through the ocean, but never break down completely, becoming part of our food chain when consumed by marine life. According to the non-profit Plastic Oceans, plastic particles outnumber plankton (the feedstock of the marine food chain) by a factor of 26 to one in some parts of the ocean. Meanwhile, the BBC reports that anyone consuming an "average amount" of seafood in a given year ingests some 11,000 plastic particles annually.

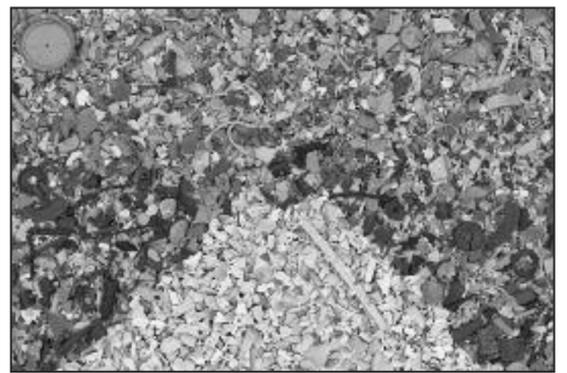
The good news is that some companies are trying to do their part by collecting and incorporating ocean plastic debris into their products lines and packaging. Most recently, Canada's Lush Cosmetics announced it would start using in its packaging ocean plastic collected by volunteers in and around Vancouver, BC, where the company is based. Meanwhile, Method Home has been working with its recycling partner Envision Plastics to take plastic waste col-

lected from beaches around Hawaii to go into its new line of Home Dish+Hand Soap bottles, now available coast-to-coast. Furthermore, Method's soaps are mostly biodegradable and the company powers its factory with renewable wind energy.

Perhaps a more surprising user of ocean waste plastic is Dell Computers, which recently started processing plastics collected from beaches, waterways and coastal areas and using them as part of the packaging system for its leading "2-in-1" laptop line, the XPS 13. Likewise, German activewear maker Adidas has partnered with the non-profit Parley for the Oceans in launching three lines of its popular UltraBoost shoes all made from plastic debris from oceans and beaches. Each pair reuses 11 bottles worth of plastic and features laces, heel linings and sock liners also made from recycled materials.

Meanwhile, Norton Point sunglasses teamed up with the non-profit Plastic Bank in launching three styles of eco-friendly sunglasses made out of plastic collected around Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts where the company is based.

And then there's Pharrell Williams's newly released clothing line, G-Star RAW, which uses plastics salvaged from shorelines around the world and turns them into a clothing fiber called Bionic Yarn. Jeans, graphic tees and kimonos are the company's first products using the nouveau earth-friendly fiber, but fashion forward consumers should stay tuned for different products and styles coming soon.



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**Chris Jordan's *Gyre* depicts 2.4 million pieces of plastic, equal to the estimated number of pounds of plastic pollution that enter the world's oceans every hour.**

Yet another twist on keeping plastic waste out of the ocean comes from Florida-based Saltwater Brewery. By now, we all know about how those plastic six-pack can holders can get wrapped around unsuspecting marine wildlife and choke them or cause internal distress if ingested—so the small beer maker has started manufacturing so-called Edible Six Pack Rings made from barley and other natural materials that break down

easily once in the ocean water column and are easy for animals to digest, just in case one or two gets loose during your next picnic or outing on the water.

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# Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Issues Updated Park Rules and Regulations as of July 1, 2017

By PRESS OFFICER  
M-NCPPC

RIVERDALE, MD—The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) issued updated Park Rules and Regulations that became effective on July 1, 2017. Copies of the new rules and regulations are posted for public review at every M-NCPPC park and facility. The new rules and regulations are available online for review or download in English and Spanish.

The Rules and Regulations, last revised in March 2001, were updated to reflect today's use of the parks, facilities, and amenities. Additionally, Park Directives will enable the Di-

rector of Parks and Recreation to supplement the existing rules with more detailed guidance for parks users.

The new updates to the Park Rules and Regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Permission to bicycle on paved trails for extended hours (5:00 a.m.—midnight)
- Permission to bicycle on all official paved and natural surface trails, unless otherwise posted
- Permission to fish in all park locations with a state fishing license, except where signs prohibiting such activity are posted

- Requirement for a permit for sports gatherings and other assemblies of more than 35 people
- Prohibition of smoking and vaping in parks
- Prohibition on the use of drones and certain other aerial devices on park property, except as authorized by permit or in designated areas.

Updates to the Park Rules and Regulations were presented to the public at several community meetings and to the Planning Board on January 19, 2017, in advance of their approval.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is celebrating 90 years of excellence, since

1927! The Department of Parks and Recreation delivers an award winning park system through progressive, innovative leadership and a commitment to the community and the environment in Prince George's County.

For more on the Department of Parks and Recreation, visit the website at [www.pg-parks.com](http://www.pg-parks.com) and stay connected on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, and Instagram. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities in all programs and services.

# Special Night With Bowie Baysox Benefits Chesapeake Kids Programs

By PRESS OFFICER  
Hospice of the Chesapeake

PASADENA, MD—Hospice of the Chesapeake invites the community to spend an evening at the ballpark for Chesapeake Kids Night with the Bowie Baysox on Tuesday, Aug. 22. The game against the Reading Fighting Phils starts at 7:05 p.m. at Prince George's Stadium, the team's home field in Bowie, Maryland. The fundraiser is sponsored by M&T Bank.

Not only do spectators get to experience the LEGO Play Ball Tour and Dollar Dog Night at the ballpark, but when they buy tickets directly from the nonprofit, proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Chesapeake Kids, a pro-

gram of Hospice of the Chesapeake that supports children in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties living with and affected by advanced illness. It also offers counseling and support programs for children and families grieving a loss, including the Camp Nabi and Phoenix Rising children's bereavement camps.

Ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and younger and include a special Chesapeake Kids souvenir. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.hospicechesapeake.org/support-donate/signature-events/bowie-baysox-game](http://www.hospicechesapeake.org/support-donate/signature-events/bowie-baysox-game).

For details, contact Megan Lawton, Events Coordinator at 443-837-1531 or [mlawton@hospicechesapeake.org](mailto:mlawton@hospicechesapeake.org).



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