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Celebrating a Century of the American Legion—The Post Way

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By LINDA POULSON, Media Contact
Clinton Post 259

Veteran posts around the United States (and in other countries) are celebrating 100 years (1919–2019) of the American Legion, an organization dedicated to veterans, service members, and families. Established in Paris, France in 1919 after World War I and chartered on September 19 the same year by Congress, it has evolved into an institution of community, patriotism, and membership.

After the charter, posts were formed due to a growing number of soldiers. Currently posts are organized in 55 departments, each representing a state. The other five represent the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines.

The first American Legion Post in the United States was General John Joseph Pershing Post Number 1 in Washington, D.C. on March 7, 1919. The oldest continuously operating post according to members is Tulsa

(Oklahoma) American Legion Post 1, chartered June 19, 1919.

Prince George's County posts are under the Department of Maryland's Southern Maryland District in the American Legion. This District is the largest under the Department of Maryland and comprises six counties; the other five being Anne Arundel, Montgomery, St. Mary's, Calvert, and Charles. Prince George's County contains 16 posts.

One history of a post in Prince George's County is American Legion Post 259, which is located in Clinton, Maryland. Paul Duke and Frank Dent are given credit for canvassing the area to see if there was interest in opening a post in Clinton. A meeting was then held in January 1951 with 18 members and \$1,300 dollars to start (the members were originally at an Upper Marlboro Post, the money they had was half of the treasury).

Officers were then elected, dues were set at \$3.50, and the first Post meeting began on February 8, 1951. Dr. Jim Bradley, from Oxon Hill Post 248, assisted the first Post Commander Thomas S. Gwynne with a Post Handbook and Manual of Ceremonies.



Thomas V. Miller Sr., known as "Tinker" Miller, responsible for the tradition of meals served at membership meetings.

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Early meetings were held at a local school, then moved to Old Shiver's Farm on Woodyard Road. "Tinker" Miller, the father of Senator Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr., began bringing cold cuts from his store to serve after the business meetings. This began the tradition of serving a meal at every membership meeting that continues today.

In April 1951, a temporary Charter was granted to Post 259.

The present Post building, located at 9122 Piscataway Road, was originally a one-room African American schoolhouse, built in 1926 (an addition built in 1949) with assistance from the Julius Rosenwald Fund; with the name as The Clinton School. Rosenwald (1862–1932) was a noted businessman and philanthropic who donated millions of dollars through his fund to African American children in the rural South.

The school is significant due to its connection of education for blacks in Prince George's County.

The school continued its duties until 1955 when its property was auctioned. American Legion Post 259 successfully won the bid

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Current picture of American Legion Clinton Post 259.

Council Chair Todd M. Turner Hosts District Four Veterans Breakfast and Listening Session

U.S. Congressman Anthony Brown Featured Guest

By ANGELA ROUSON
Prince George's County Council Media

UPPER MARLBORO (October 24, 2019)—Prince George's County Council Chair Todd M. Turner (D) – District 4, will host a Veterans Breakfast and Listening Session for District 4 Veterans on **Saturday, November 2, 2019**, 9–11 a.m. at the American Legion, Disney Bell Post 66, 9605 Old Laurel-Bowie Road, in Bowie, Maryland.

U.S. Congressman Anthony Brown, also a retired Colonel in the United States Army Reserve who serves as Vice Chair of the House Armed Services Committee, is the event's featured speaker. Veterans will have an opportunity to share their concerns with Congressman Brown and Council Chair Turner during the Listening Session. Prince George's County Veterans Affairs Officer, Dr. James Dula will provide County resource information for veterans.

For additional event information, contact Tomeka Bumbry 301.952.3094 or via e-mail at CouncilDistrict4@co.pg.md.us.

WHAT: District 4 Veterans Breakfast and Listening Session
WHO: Prince George's County Council Chair Todd M. Turner (D) – District 4

U.S. Congressman Anthony Brown, 4th District of Maryland
Prince George's County Veterans Affairs Officer James A. Dula, PhD

District 4 Veterans

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WHERE: American Legion, Disney Bell Post 66, 9605 Old Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, Maryland 20720

Veteran's Day Ceremonies at MDVA Sites Around the State

All Ceremonies will be held on **Monday, November 11, 2019** and are open to everyone.

11 a.m.—Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, Prince George's County

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UMD Continues to Make Sustainable Strides With the Cool Food Pledge

By ALLY TOBLER
Capital News Service

University of Maryland has become the first university to join the Cool Food Pledge, an initiative that requires organizations to reduce their food-related greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2030. The university announced on August 26 that they would cut down these greenhouse gases by changing the ways in which the Department of Dining Services sources, handles and serves food.

"There will be an evolution of our menu, but it's not going to be dramatic," said Allison Tjaden, assistant director for

new initiatives at Dining Services. "That's really important for us because we have a big group of people working, studying and living with us on campus, so we have to make sure we have food that everybody likes, but we do want to offer food on campus that is both good for us and good for the planet."

The Cool Food Pledge, developed by the World Resources Institute, hosted their inaugural celebration for the initiative on Sept. 24 in New York. Along with the university, signatories include Morgan Stanley, WeWork and Hilton, among others.

According to Tjaden, the process will

be a 10-year commitment. The first step, she said, is understanding the current food-purchasing baseline, so that dining services can create a plan to meet that 25% reduction over time.

This isn't the first time the university has participated in sustainable dining initiatives. In 2012, dining services launched an initiative aimed to source 20% of the food served from sustainable vendors by 2020. Food providers must fit into one of four categories to be considered a sustainable source; the food must be grown or raised within 250 miles of campus, providers must participate in humane animal practices, fair trade practices or ecologically sound practices. According to Tjaden, the university reached 28% sustainable food purchases as of 2018 and has "far exceeded our goal."

Some of this local food is sourced from Terp Farm, located in Upper Marlboro. In 2018, Dining Services sourced 11,434 pounds of food from the farm, including produce such as jalapeños, spaghetti squash, eggplants, banana peppers and more. The majority of the dining hall food, however, is sourced from food providers U.S. Foods and Keany.

Before the fall of 2016, the dining halls, which serve about 27,000 meals per day, operated under a retail dining style, where



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The University of Maryland was the first university to join the Cool Food Pledge, an initiative to reduce food-related greenhouse gases by 25% by 2030.

students could buy food with dining points and take out food using carry out containers. The switch in the fall of 2016 to anytime dining, an "all you can eat"-style dining where students paid a flat rate for the semester, restricted students from taking food to-go. According to dining services, the switch helped propel sustainability initiatives further towards the university's green goals.

Compost collection increased by 48% when dining services made the switch. Recycling efforts increased by 20% and eliminated approximately 6.3 million disposable items, including the carry-out containers, disposable cups, plastic straws and plates. Recovered food, which is essentially food waste that is diverted from landfills, increased by approximately 97% from spring 2016 to fall 2016, according to data from the Food Recovery Network.

The University of Maryland, both the College Park and Eastern Shore campuses, as well as Salisbury University—which serves between 4,000 and 4,500 meals per day during the week—are the only universities in Maryland that are self-operated, meaning they aren't run by third-party vendors.

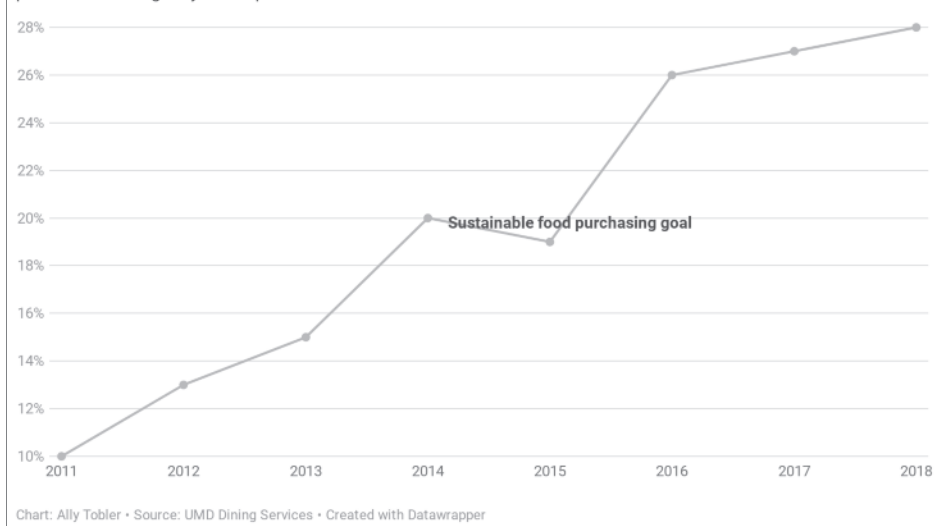
"That doesn't really mean [other universities] don't have sustainability practices, but it does shift how that is decided," said Tjaden. "It has to be decided a little bit more at a corporate level and not on a campus-level."

Although Salisbury University doesn't specifically aim to make 20% sustainable food purchases, the university does try to order locally through both of their food providers.

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Sustainable Food Purchasing at UMD

Dining Services at the University of Maryland reported 28% sustainable food purchasing in 2018. This means that 28% of sourced food either came from within 250 miles or from providers that have humane animal practices, fair trade practices or ecologically sound practices.



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Governor Larry Hogan Joins 36th Annual Governor's Service Awards Ceremony, Honors Outstanding Maryland Volunteers
"On behalf of all the people of Maryland, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of our volunteers, and I want to extend congratulations to all of the incredible honorees."

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Md. Senate President Miller to Step Down as Chamber Leader
"I can't think of any public servant I know anywhere that has done it as well or as long as this man we honor tonight," Former President Bill Clinton said during a speech that night. "Mike Miller, we love you."

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TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Former District Heights Mayor, Charles Hudson, dies at 94

Charles Lingo Hudson, 94, former Mayor of District Heights, died Oct. 14, just five weeks after the death of his wife Ann. In recent years they lived in Riderwood where there will be a joint Memorial Service for them in the Chapel at Riderwood on Oct. 31, at 1 p.m.

Lingo or Charley, as many knew him, was born in Ironshire, Md., to Charles and Mabel Hudson. They later moved to Snow Hill, Md., and then to District Heights. At Maryland Park High School, Lingo met the love of his life, Ann Olivia Leete, whom he married in 1947.

He worked in the Prince George's Public School System for 38 years as teacher, coach, assistant principal (at Suitland HS), and principal.

Sports held a special place in Charley's life. He played baseball (including semi-pro) and soccer in high school and college and coached sports of all kinds at high schools and Prince George's Community College. He also refereed and umpired and was honored with lifetime memberships to the Metropolitan Baseball Umpires Association and others.

He followed his father's example, serving as town councilor, and finally as Mayor of District Heights. The District Heights Municipal Center is named for him.

Charley loved to play cards and run his trains, all through the house. He and Ann traveled extensively to foreign countries and all 50 states.

All their married life, Charley and Ann were devout Methodists. Ann predeceased him on Sept. 10, 2019. They are survived by their children, Charley, Annilin and Chris, grand- and great-grandchildren.

Appropriately, for his devotion to sports, Charley was softball coach for the Riderwood retirement community team. They won the championship in 2013.

Neighbors & other good people

A special greeting to V.F.W. Post 9619, Morningside, which was founded

72 years ago, on Nov. 4, 1947. Happy birthday, and many more!

Sylvia Green is the 2019–2020 president of the Oxon Hill Pantry, which feeds hundreds of families. Other officers are Yvonne Davis, vice-president; Betty Cottrell, secretary; Brenda Garland, treasurer; and Therese Campbell, assistant treasurer who also schedules the volunteers. If you'd like to be one of those volunteers, call Therese at 301-653-7976. The Pantry is at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 4915 St. Barnabas Road, Temple Hills.

Marlyn Meoli, formerly of Auth Village, is recovering from surgery at Johns Hopkins and is in rehab at her new home in Fulton, Md.

Meet Florence Nightingale at the Surratt House

"The Lady with the Lamp," the founder of professional nursing and the heroine of the Crimean War will be portrayed by historian and author Christine Trent at the Surratt House Museum on Nov. 9. By the way, Florence Nightingale was also a remarkable writer and statistician. The portrayal of her will be presented on Nov. 9, at 4 p.m. It's free! The Surratt House is at 9118 Brandywine Road in Clinton. Info: 301-868-1121.

Changing landscape and other changes

Among the measures enacted by the County Council this month was CB-008-2019, a bill recognizing the history, culture and accomplishments of Native Americans in Prince George's County and across the nation, and renaming Columbus Day to Native American Day in Prince George's County.

The Council also reviewed CB-054-2019, which proposes the establishment of dedicated and recurring Local Impact Grant Funding for Oxon Hill, Friendly and Potomac High Schools to support defense, cyber security, health, legal, enforcement, music and arts education programs at Oxon Hill High School, Friendly High School and Potomac High School.

Landscape news from the Surratt House: "The next time you visit the

museum, you will notice a number of improvements. We are thrilled to report work has begun on the north side of the grounds, at the intersection of Brandywine and Woodyard Roads. Soon, the museum's grounds will extend to Woodyard Road. This new green space will include a variety of plants and trees appropriate to Southern Maryland during the mid-1800s, benches, and a memorial plaque honoring Judith Miller. Miller was the granddaughter of BK Miller, who sold the Surratt House and one acre of land to M-NCPPC in the 1960s.

She was instrumental in keeping the Surratt story alive in the community as new developments and new residents moved to Clinton."

America's Best Wings & Burgers, plus pizza, is holding its Grand Opening under new management, in District Heights, next to Giant. Pick up, dine in or have it delivered: 301-735-7800.

Morningside Memories: 1971

Bob Walker was the first President of the Morningside Sportsmen's Club in 1941. Other officers were: Richard Jurney, vice-president; Dice West Jr., Secretary; Fred Readon Jr., treasurer; Joe Benden, sergeant at arms; Board of Directors: Joe Smith, Jim Watson and Joe Benden. The original Charter membership was 41 members.

Installation of officers was celebrated with a small pizza party attended by the members, their wives or girlfriends. It wasn't until two years later that the first annual banquet for the Installation of Officers was held at Post 9619 in May 1973.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Pearl McNamara and Carl McKlveen, Nov. 2: my son-in-law Luke Seidman and Flossie Keck, Nov. 3; Bella Cordero, Nov. 4;

Brandon Wood and Bob Elborne, Nov. 5; Steve Call, Linda Beatty and Dennis Waby, Nov. 6.

Happy anniversary to Michael and Maria (Blankenship) Jinks, Nov. 1; Al and Debbie Callison, Nov. 4; and to John and Dineen Whipple who were wed Nov. 8, 1975 at St. John's in Clinton.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

BRANDYWINE-NORTH KEYS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

September began a new year for Brandywine-North Keys Civic Association. They meet the third Wednesday every month in the Brandywine Elementary School Library. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Dues (\$30/month) are due and payable at the meetings. You can also pay by mail. Make your check payable to the Brandywine-North Keys Civic Association. The address is P.O. Box 321, Brandywine, Maryland 20613.

CLINTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our organist, Brewer Clark retired August 26, 2019 after over 30 years of service playing music for our church. The church honored Brewer for his dedicated service on Sunday, October 13, 2019 as our organist. A reception immediately followed the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Thanks for your services.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

James E. Proctor Jr. Forum on Education Leadership and Innovation. Join the College of Education Wednesday, November 13, 2019 for a day-long event where we will engage high school students to pursue a degree at BSU. Provide an opportunity for BSU students and alumni to learn more about career opportunities in the field of education. Inspire current educators and offer practical tools and tips to navigate challenges in the classroom. Download the Proctor Excellence in Education Award nomination form. Cost \$ Free. Location: James E. Proctor Jr. Building, Room 102 at Bowie State University, 14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, Maryland 20715. Karmalita Contee email: acontee@bowie.state.edu. Categories are academics, lecture/discussion.

TIMOTHY BRANCH DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. Michael Gardiner of Gardiner Realty (GR) gave an update on the Timothy Branch project at Brandywine-North Keys Civic Association meeting September 18, 2019. "He stated that there is information he wanted to share with the members. Mattawoman Road has been built to the circle. A

permit has been requested to connect the Spine Road to Mat-tapeake Business Drive which will run behind the Brandywine Crossing Shopping Center. The Spine Road is expected to be completed by the end of 2020."

"Mr. Gardiner stated that within a month or so, GR plans to apply for a specific design plan for Phase 2. There will be townhomes, duplexes and single-family homes in Phase 2. Ryan Homes will continue with the building planned for the development."

"Mr. Gardiner mentioned that multiple family living homes and an apartment building are included in the new re-design plans. To the south, part of the property close to the Brandywine Crossing is under contract to build 243 multi-family units."

"Some of the amenities planned for the apartment building will include a community room, a large fitness center, a club house and a swimming pool. A 750-sq-ft. apartment will rent for approximately \$1650. An 1100-sq-ft. apartment likely will rent for \$1850. Apartments will be one-and two-bedroom sizes. Anyone renting a unit can have a package delivered by either Fed Ex or UPS and can receive a notice, via smartphone, that a package has been delivered."

CHANGE THE WAY YOU AGE

Seniors 60 & Better who reside in Prince George's County can obtain their free community Center/Fitness Room ID cards by simply bringing proof of residency and age to any M-NCPPC community center during operating hours. New members are always welcome. For details about senior activities, visit ppparks.com or send an email to seniors@pparks.com. For more information or reservations, please call 301-265-8450.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 227

Cub Scout Pack 1014 is hosting a food drive, bring some things in that they can share with the community for the holiday season quickly approaching. Donations accepted through November 9, 2019. Thank you. The address is 13505 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613.

Around the County

Support eBooks in Libraries

Voice your support for libraries, and advocate against a change that will impact upcoming eBook policy being implemented by eBook publishers. Your support matters! These policy shifts act as an attack on the very mission of the library. We encourage you to review the information on our website at www.pgcmcls.info and express to eBook publishers your concerns about their recent purchasing policy decisions. Remember that these changes will no doubt limit your access to new eContent in the future.

—D. Scott-Martin, PGCMLS

Family Caregivers Workshop

Until There's a Cure, There's Care. In Recognition of National Caregivers Month, the Prince George's Senior Provider Network (PGSPN) will host a family caregivers workshop on **Friday, November 1, 2019** at 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Cost: Free to Prince George's County Family Caregivers

Location: Newton White Mansion, 2708 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville, MD 20772

Contact: 301-464-6987. Email: Contact Darilyn Marinelli for questions

Register at: <https://www.pgspn.org/>

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Luminis Health Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 6–7 p.m. at Doctors Community Hospital, 8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, 4th Floor, Lanham, MD, 20706

Anne Arundel Medical Center and Doctors Community Health System came together to form a new, integrated health system because of our shared dedication to the communities we serve. As of Sept. 17, our new health system is known as Luminis Health.

The benefits of combining and creating the new health system include more entry points for coordinated care across the region, improved access to care close to home, enhanced quality and improved health outcomes.

Health system officials will host public town hall meetings in Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties to answer any questions you may have about Luminis Health. We invite you to come to learn more.

—LuminisHealth.org

Seniors Resource Fair & Bilingual Community Festival

LARGO, Md. (October 21, 2019)—The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) and the County will hold a Seniors Resource Fair on **Monday, November 4**, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Then, on **Saturday, November 9**, 1–4 p.m., in partnership with Dannielle M. Glaros, County Council Member District 3. PGCMLS will celebrate its first Bilingual Community Festival. Both events will be held at the New Carrollton Branch Library.

On Monday, join us for an informational event providing resources of interest to seniors and their families. The Seniors Resource Fair community participants include: Prince George's County: Office of Homeland Security / Office of Emergency Management; Department of Social Services; Department of Public Works and Transportation; State Attorney's Office; Aging & Disabilities Services Division; Parks and Recreation; Maryland State Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped; City of New Carrollton—Horticulturist / Parks Supervisor

Then on Saturday, the Bilingual Community Festival offers an enjoyable afternoon of family fun, library events and free community resources.

Activities include: Dance performance by Joe's Movement Emporium - Dance Floor Instigator Group; Crafts by G.E.M.S.; Library tours; Storytime; Blood pressure checks by the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (Washington, DC); Flu shots by Walgreens while supplies last; Face painting provided by Parks and Recreation; Representatives from various community organizations and county resources; Refreshments

Both events are free and offer an opportunity to learn more about resources and services available in your community.

—D. Scott-Martin, PGCMLS

1st Annual Non-Profit Empowerment Symposium

Date and Time: **Thursday, November 14, 2019**, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Description: This symposium will be an opportunity for non-profits to engage in panel discussions, which will educate and empower your board members, leadership, staff and volunteers.

Location: Bowie State University's Samuel L. Myers Auditorium, 14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, MD

Contact: pgcnonprofits@co.pg.md.us

Sheriff Maintaining CALEA Compliance, Yearly Web-Based Assessment Shows

UPPER MARLBORO (October 23, 2019)—Recognizing its Planning Research and Development Division's accreditation efforts, the Office of the Sheriff said the agency has been found to be compliant in the first yearly web-based standards review conducted by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The agency was first awarded CALEA Accreditation on March 24, 2018. Of the first yearly assessment, Sheriff Melvin High said, "While re-accreditation only occurs every four years, it is not assured and the work our Accreditation Unit does to prepare us for the yearly assessments is critical to our staying compliant with CALEA Standards as a prelude to re-accreditation."

CALEA conducts remote web-based assessments yearly to help the agency assess whether it remains in compliance with the CALEA standards by which it is measured. During the years leading up to the re-accreditation year, a one-week assessment is conducted by three Compliance Service Members, all of whom are nationally recognized senior law enforcement officers from around the nation.

The Sheriff's assessment took place on Thursday, May 23, 2019, during which the Compliance Service Members review Sheriff's Policies and Procedures and the agency's ongoing performance "proofs" as a measure of compliance with them.

During the assessment, Compliance Service Members reviewed 103 of the Sheriff's 170 standards, including Use-of-force, traffic warnings/citations, grievances, complaints, internal affairs and biased policing. They concluded that the agency is currently in compliance on the standards reviewed and no policy issues were found.

For more information contact the Communications and Public Affairs Division at 301-780-7354.

—Office of the Sheriff, Prince George's County, Maryland

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Promoting Good Behavior in Your Children

Parents are naturally proud when their children are well behaved. When our kids play well with others, responsibly complete family chores, and interact politely with adults, we feel we've done a pretty reasonable job of child-rearing. But getting our kids to be well behaved is not always a simple task.

Children learn behaviors through the consequences that various behaviors bring. If a child earns a reward for doing something well, he's learned it's a positive consequence. Poor behavior that brings a punishment is a negative consequence. Over time, as either consequence is repeated, it can lead to a change in behavior.

This seems simple enough, but there are actually some complicating factors. Research has found that rewards, those pleasant, positive consequences, are more effective in changing behaviors than unpleasant consequences (punishments). Such rewards might be tangible, such as a toy or book or favorite food, or intangible, such as praise for a task well done. But regardless of the type of reward, how it is used is important if it is to be effective.

It's advised to reward only occasionally. When a child figures out that an award or gift will be provided, he or she might produce the desired behavior only if certain the reward is forthcoming.

It's also important that the reward happens immediately after the desired behavior. Delaying a reward loses its motivational power for most children.

Effective rewarding also means rewarding effort, not just performance. A reward is earned when a child is truly trying to complete a task, even if he or she falls short of the desired goal.

For rewards to be effective, it can help to give children a say in what rewards matter to them. And you want to have a variety of rewards. The repeated use of the same one can cause it to lose its value.

Effective rewarding isn't just tangible rewards. Positive compliments matter, and when using a tangible reward you increase its effectiveness by combining it with a positive word or touch.

Rewards shouldn't be bribes. Children who perform desired behaviors only to earn prizes aren't really growing and learning to mature positively. It's important that rewards aren't the only motivation to perform, because over time rewards will lose their value. But they can be a valuable way to encourage short term behaviors and are often more effective than using threats and punishment to discourage unwanted ones.

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Shiloh Baptist Church of Landover Together With Delegate Erek L. Barron, Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, the Jobs Opportunities Task Force and the NAACP Host 2nd Annual FREE Expungement Clinic

By SHARON MOORE JACKSON
Shiloh Baptist Church

LANDOVER, Md. (October 23, 2019)—Shiloh Baptist Church will launch a community effort to expunge the criminal records of individuals charged or convicted with eligible offenses that have impeded their ability to obtain employment and housing on **Saturday, November 9, 2019** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church of Landover, 8801 Ardwick Ardmore Road. Over 1.5 million Marylanders have some form of a criminal record and it is the criminal record that creates a substantial burden, despite their best efforts

to thrive and poses barriers to obtaining housing, professional licenses, financial aid, citizenship, public benefits, as well as quality work, says Rev. Be Louis Colleton, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church. In addition, in lieu of a registration fee, Shiloh will collect can food items that can be distributed to needy families throughout the community says Pastor Colleton.

This collection between Delegate Erek L. Barron, Legislative District 24, the Jobs Opportunities Task Force (JOTF) a Maryland-based non-profit that advocates better skills, jobs and incomes, and the Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, is strategic. "Bridging the gap in

our communities and hosting this expungement clinic, declares Delegate Barron, provides individuals a second chance at opportunities and a brighter future".

Maryland Attorneys will assist individuals with determining whether any offenses on their criminal record are eligible for expungement. If so, attorneys will prepare their petitions for expungement. Clients are encouraged to bring their government issued I.D. and any paperwork that may be useful for the attorneys to the clinic. **Pre-registration is recommended** to expedite the process, but walk-ins are welcomed. For more information, contact: shilohexpungements@gmail.com

Department of the Environment News

Prince George's County Wins 2019 COG Award For Climate and Energy Leadership

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) presented a 2019 Climate and Energy Leadership Award to the Prince George's County Food Scrap Composting Program. The award was presented during the October 10, 2019 COG Board of Directors meeting.

DoE seized the opportunity to promote sustainable resource recovery by establishing the Prince George's County Organic Composting Facility, the largest municipal installation of its kind on the East Coast. To support this system, a curbside food scrap collection pilot was implemented from December 2017 through January 2019 with approximately 200 households from four diverse communities. An estimated total of 112,000 pounds or 56 tons of food scraps were collected and diverted from the landfill in 14 months. Plans to expand the program are underway.

Pumpkin Composting

We are pleased to announce that pumpkin collection for



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composting will occur on Mondays in November! In addition to pumpkins, dried corn, hay and straw will also be picked-up for composting along with yard trim.

Residents can place organic items curbside with their yard trim on Monday, November 4, 11, 18 and 25, or drop off at one of the County's Public Convenience Centers.

Pumpkins are not required to be bagged, but paper lawn/leaf bags must be used if residents choose to bag their items for collection. Materials should be free of inorganic items such as candles, wax, artificial lighting, loose decorations, etc.

For more information, contact County Click at 3-1-1 or visit bit.ly/pgcpumpkincomposting2019

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

What Should I Know About Social Security?

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

Dear Rusty: I'm 59 years old. When do I need to start looking at what's available for me—when I start getting closer to age 65? **Signed: Planning Ahead**

Dear Planning Ahead: Kudos to you for thinking about Social Security in advance! Fifty-nine years of age is a great time to start planning. Your strategy may be different, depending on whether you are married, if you plan to continue working well into your sixties (or later), your health, and your expected longevity.

You have an 8-year window between ages 62–70 during which you can claim your benefits, and the age you claim will greatly influence the amount of your benefit. If you claim at age 62, your payment will be 30% less than it would be if you wait until your full retirement age (FRA), which for you is age 67. If you choose to delay past your FRA until age 70, your benefit will be 24% more than it will be at your FRA. Your full retirement age is when you get 100% of the benefit you have earned from a lifetime of working—claiming earlier will result in a lower benefit and claiming later (up to age 70) will mean a higher benefit (8% more per year of delay).

The age you claim should consider your plans for working, because if you claim earlier than your FRA and continue to work you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings limit until you reach your FRA. If you exceed the limit (\$17,640 for 2019), SS will take back \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit by withholding future benefits. The earnings limit goes up by about 2.5 times during the year you reach your FRA and goes away once you reach FRA. If you exceed the earnings limit SS will withhold benefits for as many months needed to recover what is due, which means you could go months without receiving any benefits. Although, at your FRA, you will get time credit for any months withheld (thus a benefit adjustment), it could (depending upon the amount) take many years to recover any withheld benefits.

Your health and expected longevity are key factors in determining the age to claim SS. The life-expectancy for the "average" man your age today is about 84. If your health and family history suggest you will enjoy at least average longevity, then delaying your claim to a later age will yield more in cumulative lifetime benefits, as well as a higher monthly payment. Conversely, if

you're in poor health and expect less than average longevity, delaying may not be a practical option for you.

If you are married there are special considerations if your wife is, or was, a lower-earner or stay-at-home mom and has a smaller SS benefit than you. Your wife may be eligible for a spousal benefit from you and will also be eligible for a survivor benefit if you should predecease her. The widow's benefit your wife would be entitled to is based upon the actual amount you are receiving at your death. If you claim at age 62, your widow would get your age 62 benefit, but if you wait until later (up to 70) to claim, your widow gets the higher benefit you were receiving because you delayed claiming (if that's higher than her own).

Finally, your financial needs should be included in your planning. If your circumstances are such that you do not urgently need your Social Security benefits to live comfortably, then delaying your claim will provide you with a higher monthly benefit in retirement. If, on the other hand, you need the extra money to make ends meet, then claiming early makes sense (but beware of the earnings limit mentioned above).

By setting up your personal online account at www.ssa.gov you'll be able to see the benefit amounts you are estimated to receive at age 62, at your FRA, and at age 70. Having these numbers, and taking the above points into consideration, should allow you to develop a strategy for when you should claim your Social Security benefits.

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Governor Larry Hogan Joins 36th Annual Governor's Service Awards Ceremony, Honors Outstanding Maryland Volunteers

By SOO KOO
Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 22, 2019)—Governor Larry Hogan joined the 36th Annual Governor's Service Awards Ceremony, hosted by the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism at the Maryland Hall in Annapolis last [week], to celebrate the outstanding volunteer contributions of Maryland residents and organizations. A total of 19 honorees received awards in categories including First Responders, Government Employee, Businesses, Nonprofit, Veteran, Lifetime Achievement, Emerging Leader, and the prestigious Governor's Champion of Service—presented by the governor to James Piper Bond, President and CEO of the Living Classrooms Foundation (Baltimore).

"Our state is so much stronger when our citizens reach out and help one another," said Governor Hogan. "We are so proud of the incredible work that is being done by Maryland citizens, young and old, all across our state. On behalf of all the people of Maryland, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of our volunteers, and



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Small Business Honoree: Turning Point Solutions (Berrie Wells)

I want to extend congratulations to all of the incredible honorees."

Recipients of the Governor's Service Awards are selected upon their outstanding service in 2018, exemplified by sustained volunteer commitment to meeting Maryland's most pressing human and environmental community needs, extraordinary acts of kindness and generosity, and measurable impact.

The list of award recipients includes, from Prince George's County:

Small Business: Turning Point Solutions

COMMENTARY

Md. Senate President Miller to Step Down as Chamber Leader

By ELLIOTT DAVIS
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 24, 2019)—Maryland Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Jr. announced [last] Thursday that he is stepping down from the position he’s held for more than three decades as he continues to battle cancer.

Miller, a Democrat, said during a news conference in the building bearing his name that he will remain in the Senate representing his district, in Charles, Calvert and Prince George’s counties.

Miller’s likely successor is Sen. Bill Ferguson, D-Baltimore, who was unanimously nominated by the Senate Democratic Caucus during a meeting Thursday. Ferguson, 36, was not yet born when Miller entered the General Assembly in the 1970s, but will now likely become the body’s first new Senate president in over 30 years. He is the vice chair of the Budget and Taxation Committee.

Miller in January announced that he had been diagnosed the previous July with prostate cancer and other osteopathic issues. The longtime Senate president, 76, underwent chemotherapy during the 2019 legislative session.

“My mind is still strong, but my body is weak,” Miller said Thursday, before adding later that “you can’t be tired and do this job at the same time.”

“I practice what they call servant leadership,” Miller said.

Miller’s cancer battle this year coincided with the death of another longtime leader in the Maryland General Assembly. Speaker of the House Michael Busch died suddenly on April 7, not long after being hospitalized with pneumonia. He had been the leader of the House of Delegates since 2003.

Sen. Jim Rosapepe, D-Anne Arundel and Prince George’s, said during Thursday’s news conference that Ferguson was the sole candidate to replace Miller, and the caucus unanimously voted to recommend him as the next Senate president.

This comes months after Delegate Adrienne Jones, D-Baltimore County, emerged as Busch’s successor following a scarring fight among House Democrats that nearly saw their Republican counterparts essentially naming the next speaker.

Ferguson said after the news conference that Thursday was about honoring Miller, whom he referred to as a “titan of the state.” Ferguson told Capital News Service that the longtime Senate president is “an incredible example of leading from values.”

“Sometimes we disagree, but how you disagree matters,” Ferguson said.

Senate Majority Leader Guy Guzzone, D-Howard, told Capital News Service that Ferguson will learn from Miller’s example.

“It’s huge, huge shoes to fill,” Guzzone said. “Senator Ferguson knows that.”

Senate Minority Leader J.B. Jennings, R-Harford and Baltimore Counties, said he views Ferguson as a compromiser, like Miller.

“Now that he’s going to have the horsepower be-

hind him, I think we’ll be able to get stuff done,” Jennings told Capital News Service.

Miller was first elected to the General Assembly in 1970 as a delegate representing Prince George’s County, according to his biography on the Maryland Senate Democrats website. Just four years later, he was elected to the Maryland state Senate.

Miller was elected Senate president in 1987 and has served that position ever since. He is the longest-serving Senate president in Maryland—and United States—history, according to the biography page. Before becoming president, Miller was the chairman of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. He called his time as president the “happiest years” of his life during the Thursday news conference.

In a 1986 Washington Post story by the late Gwen Ifill about Miller—when he was still the chairman of the committee and “right-hand man” of then-Senate President Melvin Steinberg—the man is described as an “enforcer” who is “alternately vilified, feared and respected by his colleagues.”

“Miller’s accumulation of power, and his tactics for keeping it, are legendary in the State House,” Ifill wrote.

Miller said Thursday that his most “significant” accomplishment as Senate president was taking “title” out of divorce laws, which he said previously didn’t “recognize the value of the homemaker.” Miller added that the “eight days and eight nights of hell”—a filibuster on a bill to update Maryland’s abortion rights law—was the “most difficult time” he had during his time as Senate president.

Republican Gov. Larry Hogan said in a statement Thursday that he has “immense” respect for Miller, and thanked him for his service.

“As the longest continuously serving presiding officer in the nation, President Miller has been a strong, unifying leader for the legislature and the state,” Hogan said. “His steady presence and trademark humor will be deeply missed as President, but we are pleased to know that Mike will continue to represent the people of District 27 in the Senate.”

Speaker Jones said in a statement Thursday that Miller is “one of the most consequential state legislative figures of the 20th and 21st century in the United States of America.”

“He quite literally defines what it means to be a presiding officer in the modern political era, but his story is not yet fully written,” Jones added. “I will continue to rely on his counsel, guidance, and friendship as I begin my first full legislative session as Speaker of the House.”

U.S. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Mechanicsville, said in a statement Thursday that Miller is a “consensus builder, artful politician, and an institution in our state,” and noted that “every time Mike has run for office, he and I have been on the same ticket.”

Former President Bill Clinton attended a dinner in March—normally an annual event for past and current state senators—honoring Miller and spoke fondly of him, according to The Washington Post.



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY ELLIOTT DAVIS

Maryland Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Jr. announced at a news conference in Annapolis on Oct. 24, 2019, that he will step down as the chamber’s leader after more than three decades at the position, while remaining a state senator.

“I can’t think of any public servant I know anywhere that has done it as well or as long as this man we honor tonight,” Clinton said during a speech that night. “Mike Miller, we love you.”

Clinton recounted the pair’s long friendship, including their first meeting at a conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1987 while Clinton was governor of the state and not long after Miller became Senate president.

“I’m talking to him for a couple of minutes, and I want to reach in my back pocket and make sure my billfold is still there,” Clinton said, according to The Post.

Former Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening told Capital News Service that he has always had a “love-hate relationship” with Miller, but gained a “very deep respect” for him.

“We feuded,” Glendening, a Democrat, said. “... I moved on ... he stayed and did some very, very good things.”

Glendening recounted Miller’s former chief of staff, Joe Bryce, telling him that Miller has three loves in his life, other than his family: Maryland, the state Senate and the Democratic Party.

“Any time you have a disagreement with him ... you have to wrap it into one or more of these things,” Glendening remembered Bryce telling him.

One of those disagreements was over a gun control bill that Glendening was pushing while he was governor. He said he was worried at the time that Miller was going to put the bill “in the drawer”—a legislative maneuver preventing legislation from coming up for a vote.

Glendening said he made Miller promise not to block the bill if he could prove he had the votes for it. Once Glendening knew he had the votes, he told the Senate president, “Mike, you gave me your word.”

“I don’t know how the hell you did that,” Miller responded, according to Glendening, and later put it up for a vote.

“When I look at every bit of this, my conclusion is Mike may be one of the more knowledgeable

elect officials at any level that this state has ever had,” Glendening said. “... He respects people that come at him, if you will, with equal attention to the job.”

Two former chiefs of staff to Miller, Bryce and Victoria Gruber, spoke to Capital News Service about the Senate president’s loyalty and “tremendous” leadership.

“You grow very close to him and he develops and earns such loyalty that I feel like I’ve never left him,” said Bryce, who is a lobbyist at Manis Canning & Associates. “... He’s been a dominant presence in everything that’s happened in the 25 years that I’ve been here.”

Gruber, now the executive director of the Department of Legislative Services, said Miller was “incredibly supportive” of her role as a mother of two young children when she started serving as his chief of staff. She ended up being in that role for “about” 11 years, she said.

Veteran Annapolis lobbyist Bruce Bereano told Capital News Service that he’s known Miller since he was a delegate in the 1970s and has “thoroughly enjoyed watching his legislative and political career” develop.

“I particularly, as a lobbyist, respect him and appreciate his directness,” Bereano said.

Bereano added that Miller “has been and continues to be a unique and forever memorable force” in the state.

“Maryland has been blessed in the past and presently with a few great and impactful elected officials and public servants, and as he continues his career, Mike Miller certainly is up at the very top of that list,” he said.

Miller was born in Clinton, Maryland, on Dec. 3, 1942, according to his biography on the General Assembly website. He and his wife, Patti, have five children and 15 grandchildren, according to the Senate Democrats biography page.

Miller, an attorney, owns a firm called Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., P.A. in Clinton, according to state records.

Hoyer Remarks at the Arrival Ceremony for Chairman Elijah Cummings at the U.S. Capitol

WASHINGTON, DC (October 24, 2019)—Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) delivered remarks honoring Chairman Elijah Cummings at the Arrival Ceremony at the U.S. Capitol [last week]. Below are his remarks as prepared for delivery:

“Much has been said in recent days about our friend Elijah Cummings the man—the kind and gentle soul who, nevertheless, demonstrated a tenacity for justice and a boundless energy to fight for the causes in which he believed.

“Today, as we gather to bid him a final farewell in the U.S. Capitol, we remember Elijah Cummings the Congressman.

“Whenever I welcome freshman Members to the House, I share with them a piece of advice from Edmund Burke, delivered in a campaign address when he ran for the House of Commons in 1774.

“Burke said of the ideal representative: ‘It is his duty to sacrifice his repose, his pleasures, his satisfactions, to theirs; and above all, ever, and in all cases, to prefer their interest to his own. But his unbiased opinion, his mature judgment, his enlightened conscience, he ought not to sacrifice to you, to any man, or to any set of men living. These he does not derive from your pleasure; no, nor from the law and the constitution. They are a

trust from providence, for the abuse of which he is deeply answerable.’

“That was at the core of what Elijah Cummings. He believed his job to be here in the House: a trust from providence.

“And he made it his mission not only to honor that trust in his own work serving his constituents and the American people but also to ensure that everyone who serves in public office is held to account for the abuse of that trust. The public trust was, for him, a sacred thing.

“Like the Biblical prophet Elijah, he saw wrongdoing and worked his life working to banish it from our land.

“In much the same way, he saw poverty in Baltimore and elsewhere and worked to alleviate it. He saw injustice and worked to make our country more just. He saw inequality and worked to break down barriers and reduce disparities. At a moment of anger and pain in Baltimore, he walked with the people and brought them comfort and consolation, a calming influence in a sea of rage.

“Elijah Cummings viewed service in this House for what it is: an instrument by which ordinary citizens make our republic better by giving it their love, their labor, and their very best. And, as it was said before and Elijah would repeatedly remind

us when we came short of our goals and ideals: ‘we are better than this.’

“That was his answer when confronted with the difference between America’s promise and its reality. And it was his guiding principle as a legislator and as a committee Chairman.

“As we pay our final respects to him in the place he served so well, we remember a servant of the people and an example of the best of this institution.

“Martin Luther King Jr. is clearly welcoming Elijah as a warrior and drum major for justice. A man who lived his faith and pursued its admonitions. A man whose name meant ‘the Lord is my god’—and who kept faith with god by keeping faith with his fellow men and women here on earth. A man who spent his life and his career helping us be a better House, a better and more beloved community, and a better country.

“May God keep and protect our friend and colleague Elijah Cummings. May his dance with the angels be one of everlasting joy.

“Here on earth, we will miss him. This House will miss him, and America will miss him. But we will rejoice in having had Elijah walk among us as our colleague, our friend, and our example. ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.’”

Governor Larry Hogan Statement on Senate President Mike Miller’s Announcement

“President Miller Has Been a Strong, Unifying Leader For The Legislature and The State.”

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 24, 2019)—Governor Larry Hogan issued the following statement on Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Jr.’s announcement that he is stepping down as Senate President:

“On behalf of a grateful state, I want to sincerely thank Senate President Mike Miller for his 33 years of dedicated service as president of the Maryland Senate.

“As the longest continuously serving presiding officer in the nation, President Miller has been a strong, unifying leader for the legislature and the state. His steady presence and trademark humor will be deeply missed as President, but we are pleased to know that

Mike will continue to represent the people of District 27 in the Senate.

“I have immense respect for Mike Miller. For the past year, he has shown all of us what courage and determination look like as he faces a very tough personal battle. As we celebrate his historic tenure as president of the Senate, Maryland’s First Lady and I ask all Marylanders to join us in praying for him and his family.”

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Calendar of Events October 31–November 9, 2019

Native American Heritage Month—November 2019
Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with the library. Enjoy these related library events: Native American Folktales, TAB: Native American Art & Activism, Native American Music & Dance with Spirit Wing (Greenbelt), Native American Music & Dance with Spirit Wing (Hyattsville), TAG: Native American Sand Art, The Cherokee Word for Water, and Story Explorers: Native American Heritage. Visit www.pgclms.info/website/events

Jug Bay 10K/5K Run for Wildlife and 3K Fun Walk
Date and Time: Saturday, November 2, 2019, 9–10:30 a.m.
Description: Together, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Patuxent River Park and The Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary comprise over 3,500 acres along the banks of the Patuxent River. The river and its shores are home to an incredible variety of wildlife. By participating in this benefit race, you will be directly contributing to conservation projects and research aimed at preserving the Patuxent River's natural wildlife. Proceeds from the run and walk directly support projects, research, and education in the Patuxent River watershed.

Cost: Advance: 10K: \$30, 5K: \$25, 3K: \$20. Prices increase by \$5 on race day.

Location: Patuxent River Park, 16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Contact: 301-627-7755

Friends Wildlife Holiday Bazaar

Date and Time: Saturday, November 2, 2019, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Description: Shop for wild and not-so-wild, new and gently-used treasures. Find unique gifts from local crafters and at the same time support the Patuxent Research Refuge. Attractions include Live Animals, Tram Rides (weather permitting), Door Prizes, more.

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: National Wildlife Visitors Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708-4027

Contact: 301-497-5772

Ally Theatre Company's Dhana and the Rosebuds

Date and Time: Saturday, November 2, 2019, 8 p.m.—Sunday, November 23, 2019, 8 p.m.

Description: Join Ally this November for a spiritual journey into place and time as Dhana makes her way to the heart of the migration emergency, across oceans, through refugee camps, bus and train stations, to find her grandmother, her roots, and ultimately herself.

Cost: General Admission: \$25; Students/Seniors/Veterans/Teachers \$17

Ages: **Content warning:** Recommended for all ages though viewer discretion is advised as this production may trigger personal/cultural/racial traumas of escaping war and violence.

Location: Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Contact: 301-699-1819; www.joesmovement.org

Symphony of the Potomac: The Russians

Date and Time: Sunday, November 3, 2019, 3 p.m.
Description: Music of The Russians, Mikhail Glinka, Dmitri Shostakovich, and Vasily Kalinnikov, will open the Symphony of the Potomac's 2019–2020 season. Music Director Joel Lazar.

Cost: At door: \$20 (adults), \$17 (adults over 65), and \$5 (students with ID/youth under 18)

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Montgomery College's Cultural Arts Center, 7995 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Contact: info@symphypotomac.org

Empty Bowls: Fundraiser to Support Community Food Assistance and More

Date and Time: Sunday, November 3, 2019, seatings at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Description: Co-sponsored by Greenbelt Pottery Group and the Greenbelt Community Church. Proceeds benefit Help by Phone.

Cost: \$25; includes a meal and a locally made bowl of your choice. **To purchase tickets, call 301-345-8755. Advance purchase recommended.**

Location: Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Contact: 301-397-2208

Beyond Needleart Exhibit

Date and Time: Monday, November 4–Thursday, November 30, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. (closed Wednesdays and Thanksgiving)

Opening Reception: Saturday, November 9, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Description: Now in its fourth year, Beyond Needleart displays all kinds of fiber art by local artists. Past exhibitors include the Uhuru Quilt Guild, the Montpelier Arts Center rug hooking class, and the artists of Stitching Pretty. Got a piece you'd like to display? Visit www.stitchingpretty.com, and click on "Events."

Cost: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$2/children 5–18, children 4 and under free.

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Montpelier Historic Site, 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, Maryland 20708

Contact: 301-377-7817, TTY: 301-699-2544

Prince George's County Office of Community Relations 2019 Stuff-A-Truck Food Drive

Date and Time: Monday, November 4–Friday, November 8

Description: Join the Prince George's County Office of Community Relations as we collect non-perishable food and other items to support families in need. We have three donation drop-off locations conveniently located throughout the County. The kick-off is Monday, November 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wayne K. Curry Building, 1301 McCormick Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 as we MOVE THAT TRUCK! The truck will make its final stop at The Sanctuary of Kingdom Square, 5300 Crain Hwy, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 on Friday, November 8 at 5 p.m.

Contact: Office of Community Relations, 301-952-4279

Register Now! 2nd Annual Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K

Date and Time: Saturday, November 9, 2019, 8–10 a.m.

Description: This fun run and walk promotes wellness in our community, promotes sustainable practices, and most of all honors the many veterans who call Bowie home. **Register at: www.cityofbowie.org/5K**

OUT on the TOWN

39th Street Gallery Presents Opening Reception: Paul Hrusa | ArtBurn

By PRESS OFFICER
Gateway CDC/Hyattsville CDC

The content of Paul Hrusa's work is conveyed through the motifs of landscape and artifact. Landscape is a metaphor for existence and evokes sonance, or absence. Artifacts confirm, or question, existence. An artifact can depict landscape and func-

tion in landscape. Hrusa's ritual of activity forms the work and the work itself interacts in ritual.

Paul Hrusa has exhibited work in Maryland, New York, Virginia, and Washington DC. His paintings have been reviewed in the Washington Post and Connection and are part of corporate and private collections. Paul lives and works in Hyattsville.

ArtBurn opens Saturday November 9, 2019 with a Reception from 6–8 p.m. at the 39th St. Gallery, located at Gateway Arts Center, 2nd fl., 3901 Rhode Island Ave., Brentwood, MD 20722, on the 2nd floor of the Gateway Arts Center. The exhibit is on view Saturdays 12–4 p.m. and by appointment and runs through Saturday, December 7. For more information, email info@paulhrusa.com.

Gala Tribute to Celebrate Johnny Holliday's 40 Years as the Voice of The University of Maryland Sports

Babe Ruth Birthplace Foundation and the Sports Boosters of Maryland to host November 12 Event

By PRESS OFFICER
Babe Ruth Birthplace Foundation/Sports Boosters of Maryland

BALTIMORE, Md. (October 17, 2019)—The Babe Ruth Birthplace Foundation and the Sports Boosters of Maryland announced plans for co-hosting A Salute to Johnny Holliday: 40 Years of Broadcasting Excellence. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, at the BWI Marriott and will feature a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, premium bar and silent auction, to be followed by a program celebrating Holliday's iconic tenure with the University of Maryland (UMD) basketball and football programs, and his 12 year career covering the Washington Nationals on the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network.

An array of sports celebrities is expected to turn out to honor Holliday, including Hall of Fame men's basketball coach Gary

Williams, UMD's current men's basketball coach, Mark Turgeon, basketball great Tom McMillen, and members of Johnny's current and former broadcast teams, Chris Knoche, Greg Manning, Walt Williams and Brett Bessel. Many other celebrities are expected to attend, including members of UMD's football program.

Event co-chairman Barry Gossett noted that "an event saluting the great contributions Johnny Holliday has made to the University of Maryland and to the community, both behind the microphone and in his many outreach efforts, is long overdue. This promises to be a very special evening."

The event will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are available for \$125 per single ticket. Proceeds for the event will help support the ongoing missions of the Babe Ruth Birthplace Foundation and Sports Boosters of Maryland, as well as a charity of Holliday's choosing.

Calendar Spotlight

Preservation Workshop and Informal Appraisal

Date and Time: Saturday, November 2, 2019, 1–3 p.m.
Reservations required. **Call 301-377-7817 to RSVP.** Due to limited space, only 5 items per person allowed.

Description: Join appraiser Todd Peenstra and Collections Manager Joseph Sherren to get an appraisal of your small, decorative historical objects, and learn how to properly care for them. For larger items, please bring a photograph (not the object itself).

Cost: \$5 donation requested

Ages: 18 and older

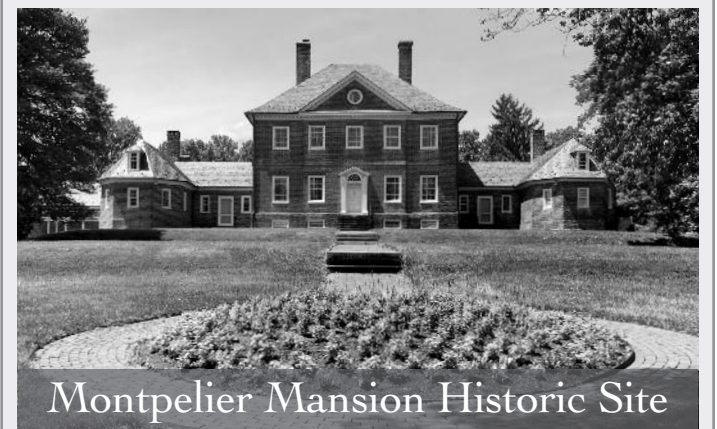
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Montpelier Mansion Historic Site

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Step inside the Montpelier Mansion Historic Site and learn what life was like in 18th-and-19th-century Maryland. Stroll the grounds with over 70 acres of fields and wooded paths—an oasis of tranquility in a bustling world. Built in the 1780s and now a national historic landmark, Montpelier was one of several Snowden homes on what was once a vast land holding. This stately, Georgian style house was home to four generations of Snowdens, as well as enslaved individuals like Nance and Catte Creek, and Ben, a blacksmith. The site is open to the public daily, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. except on Wednesday, when it is reserved for school programs/tours only. Admission: Seniors: \$4, Adults: \$5, Children (5–18): \$2, Children (4 and Under): Free, Dinosaur Room Only: \$1/person

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<http://www.pgpcparks.com/3044/Montpelier-Mansion-Historic-Site>

Earth TALK™ Is Recycling Still Worthwhile Since China Won't Accept Ours Anymore?

Dear EarthTalk:

Since China stopped accepting American recyclables for processing in 2017, is it still worthwhile for us to even bother recycling here in the U.S.?

—Jim M., Norfolk, VA

The short answer is yes, it's still worthwhile for us to recycle, even if it's not as easy and more expensive than it used to be—especially when you consider the costly and environmentally dubious alternative of creating new products out of all-virgin materials. That said, China's decision to stop accepting most recyclables from other countries beginning in January 2018 did send shockwaves around the world. For the previous 25 years, China was gladly importing more than half of the world's plastic garbage for reprocessing into new products.

It seemed like a win-win situation, but the Chinese started to tire of dealing with a deluge of soiled recyclables from abroad.

Also, years of economic growth and rising consumption means the Chinese are now producing plenty of waste on their own; they no longer need to rely on waste imports to keep their recycling plants humming. It's for these reasons that the Chinese government invoked its "National Sword" policy, banning the import of 24 types of solid waste and setting a much tougher standard for contamination levels on the recyclables it would accept. Waste handlers in the U.S. and other developed countries where landfill space is short were left in the lurch and forced to rethink how to move much of their "feedstock" along now that China is no longer willing to take it.

In the meantime, a few Southeast Asian countries (Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and India) stepped up to fill the void by taking larger loads of our waste. But poorly run waste management practices and lack of government oversight lead to conditions where only about 10 percent of potentially recyclable waste sent to these countries gets recycled. According to a recent World Bank report, much of what doesn't get recycled ends up in "unregulated dumps or is openly burned... [creating] serious health, safety and environmental consequences." But more recently, many of these countries are now following in China's footsteps by tightening up their

own rules about what kinds of waste they are willing to accept.

These changes have put some U.S.-based recyclers out of business, but it may have strengthened those left standing, since they have been forced to find new ways of dealing with the waste streams they are responsible for collecting and processing. Instead of shipping it all off, they are recycling as much as possible themselves. While China's "National Sword" program may have been a headshot to the American waste industry, the result might just be a greener, cleaner, more self-sufficient United States.

American consumers and businesses can help bolster recycling efforts by sorting waste appropriately—don't mix soiled food containers in with recyclables, keep non-recyclable plastics out of the blue bins, etc.—and encouraging friends and neighbors to do the same so that more of what we do discard can live another day and provide other consumers with a guilt-free way to enjoy whatever came in that plastic bottle or cardboard box.

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American recyclers have been forced to do more of the processing of plastics themselves now that it's not so easy to outsource it to foreign markets in China, Malaysia and elsewhere.

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American Legion from A1

on July 12, in which the deed showed the purchase price of \$4,300 dollars. The school was modified; however, in 1958 a fire destroyed the rear portion of the building. Post records were also destroyed including the original Charter, and some architectural changes were made during the repair process.

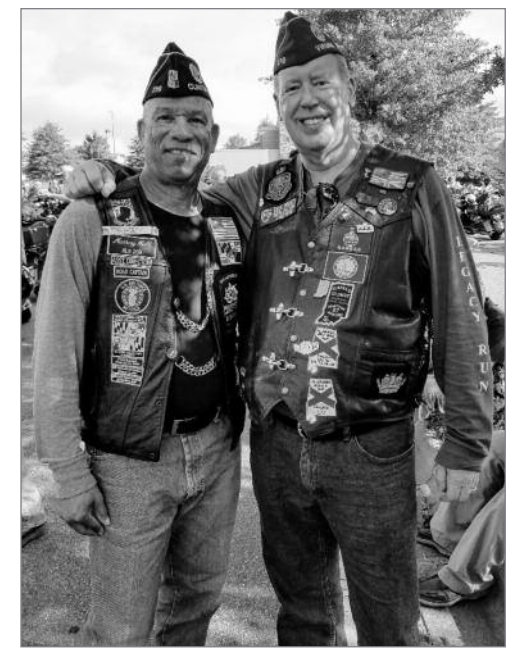


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Pictured is Post 259 Commander Murray Hall and 2018-2019 National Commander Brett P. Reistad. Both are Legion Riders.

Post 259 applied for a permanent Charter in November 1965 which was approved with member signatures. On March 10, 1966 the post incorporated and applied for a Supplemental Charter. It was approved by the Department of Maryland and issued on May 4, 1966.

Today, American Legion Post 259 remains intact as a nonprofit with over 900 members.

The American Legion, whose motto is "For God and Country" with members called "Legionnaires" also has other constituents at each post that keep its mission and values consistent. The American Legion Auxiliary, founded in 1919, is female oriented. The group provides support with honor for the American Legion.

Sons of the American Legion, which began in 1932, consist of males whose parents and grandparents served in the military and are eligible to be American Legion members. American Legion Riders, which was formed in 1993 at Post 396, are known for their motorcycle cross-country fundraising events.

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Cool Food from A1

"When we are ordering things from [our food provider], we try to look for local [food]," said Susan Noah, assistant director of Commons Dining at Salisbury University. "We also order from Keany Produce... they send out a list every week that has all of the local produce that's available."

Salisbury sources a small portion of their food from a garden on campus, run by the university's Gardening Club. Like the University of Maryland, the rest of the dining hall food—the bulk of it—comes from third party vendors Keany Produce and Sysco.

The fall of 2016 also brought changes for Salisbury in terms of food waste management.

"Unfortunately, there's no local composting facilities here in Maryland [that are close]," said Noah. "So what that would mean for us is that we'd have to take all our food waste and put it on a truck and actually have it shipped all the way up to New Jersey, which is really defeating the purpose."

Instead, Salisbury dining services decided to take matters into their own hands by implementing large, on-site "food digesters," which have a smaller impact on the environment.

"These digesters have enzymes and bacteria that will actually break down the food waste and go out within the waste water," said Noah.

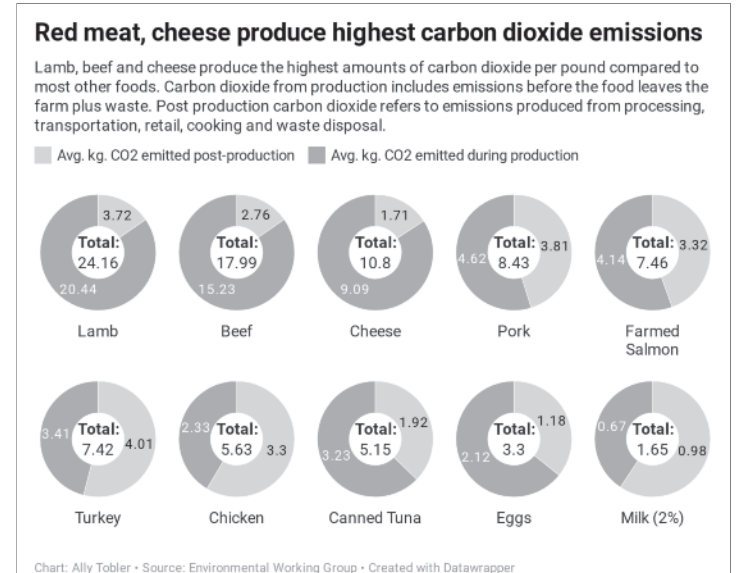
The food digesters, supplied by the company Power Knot, diverted 50 tons of food waste from landfills and reduced the amount of carbon dioxide emitted by 97.4 metric tons this year. That's equivalent to a car that has travelled over 241,000 miles.

Food travels 1,500 to 2,500 miles before it reaches one's plate, according to Worldwatch Institute. This produces between 606 and 1010 kilograms of carbon dioxide per trip. And when food scraps are thrown away instead of composted, transportation from households to landfills amount to \$1.3 billion annually. Only 5% of these food scraps are properly recycled and when they're not, they release large amounts of methane into the atmosphere.

Dining services at the University of Maryland plans to increase communications about the Cool Food Pledge with the campus community. This includes featured posters and table displays about sustainable food options in dining halls and other locations on campus as well as sharing information about sustainable initiatives on their social media platforms.

Tjaden also hosts dietetic interns from the Department of Nutrition and Food Science for two weeks during their year-long internship program and obtains feedback on how to communicate sustainable initiatives to students across campus.

"[Dining services is] generating a lot of ideas at this point about how people can get more involved," said Tjaden, "The first year of this initiative is really going to be about trying to cast a wide net for people to contribute their ideas about how we get the word out and how we engage people in this process."



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