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M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation Honors Service Members at Veterans Day Events

By ANGEL WALDRON
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RIVERDALE, Md. (October 29, 2020)—The M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County will support two events this year to commemorate Veterans Day: A Senior Veterans 'Grab and Go Celebration' and 'Rally to the Cross' motorcycle ride for the Peace Cross.

November 6, 2020: Grab and Go Celebration

M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County is honoring our Prince George's County senior veterans (ages 60 & older) in a special, social-distanced Grab and Go meal celebration. Senior veterans will drive through and receive a hot catered meal for two and a small gift of appreciation.

Veterans will be greeted by cheering staff, event sponsors, the Maryland Army National Guard, and patriotic music. This event will take place at Prince George's Ballroom 2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, MD 20785, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. To register, visit pgparksdirect.com and enter the code SPD-SPEC-GA-20201106. If you have any questions, call 301-446-3403 or email

November 7, 2020: Rally to the Cross, A Motorcycle Ride for the Peace Cross

On June 19, 2019, in a landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 7-2 to allow a Veteran's memorial cross to continue to stand on public land in Maryland. The 40-foot-tall monument, commonly referred to as the Peace Cross, was dedicated in 1925 in

the town of Bladensburg by Gold Star Mothers and The American Legion in memory of the service and sacrifice of the 49 county residents who died in World War I. Standing for 95 years, the Cross is in need of extensive restoration and refurbishment.

The rally will begin at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. At 12 noon we will ride from Greenbelt to the Peace Cross in

Bladensburg, then back to Post 136 where you are welcome to gather for refreshments. You do not have to ride a motorcycle to attend. Rally to the Cross is sponsored by the American Legion, VFW and the Hogs and Heroes Foundation. Donations can be submitted at the event or by selecting 'Peace Cross Restoration' at <http://www.mncppc.org/2153/Donate>.

Amazon Continues Investments in Maryland With Official Launch of Two New State-of-the-Art Delivery Stations in Prince George's County

Combined, these operations facilities in Lanham and Upper Marlboro will create more than 300 new jobs and great futures

By PRESS OFFICER
Amazon

Amazon has officially launched two new delivery stations in Maryland, creating more than 300 new full- and part-time jobs that provide an industry-leading minimum wage of \$15 an hour and comprehensive benefits, all starting on day one. Located in Upper Marlboro and Lanham, the company's new delivery stations will power Amazon's last-mile delivery capabilities to speed up deliveries for customers in Prince George's County, further expanding Amazon's robust logistics network in the state.

Amazon prioritizes the safety and health of its employees and has invested millions of dollars to provide a safe workplace. Earlier this week, new, full- and part-time employees learned this first

hand after being welcomed inside the Upper Marlboro Amazon delivery station for the first time to begin processing and delivering customer orders. New employees working Amazon's Lanham delivery station celebrated the building's 'day one' in late summer. These employees join the more than 17,500 full and part-time Amazonians across the state.

The more than 250,000 square-foot Upper Marlboro delivery station and 86,000 square-foot Lanham delivery station will each employ more than 150 new full- and part-time employees. Combined, these new facilities created more than 300 new full- and part-time roles in the region. Delivery stations enable Amazon Logistics to supplement capacity and flexibility to Amazon's delivery capabilities. Additionally, both delivery stations combined

will empower 16 small businesses via Amazon's Delivery Service Partner Program, creating hundreds of full time driver jobs. For independent contractors who want the flexibility to be their own boss and make their own schedule, there are also driver opportunities for Amazon Flex participants. To learn more, visit www.logistics.amazon.com and <https://flex.amazon.com/>.

"We are excited about the official launch of another Amazon last mile facility in Prince George's County, which will bring jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities at a time when they are very much needed in our

(Top right) Amazon recently donated items such as small desks and graphing calculators to support virtual learning for more than 300 students at Frederick Douglass High School. (Bottom Right) Employees from Amazon's new Upper Marlboro delivery station donated \$10,000 in school supplies to Frederick Douglass High School.

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Health Experts Cite Virus's Effect on Maryland's Latino Community

By RYAN MCFADDEN
Capital News Service

CHELTENHAM, Md. (October 28, 2020)—Latino communities in Maryland have been particularly hard-hit by the coronavirus pandemic because of shared housing situations, lack of access to government benefits and distrust in health officials, experts told a legislative panel last month.

"I think it started in the early months with us working in essential jobs," said Dr. Michelle LaRue, senior manager of health and social services at CASA de Maryland, an advocacy group supporting Latino and other immigrants across the

state through services like employment placement, and health education.

"Also, so many sectors in our community don't have the same benefits and support that other sectors do, like the option to telework and to take paid sick leave. This makes us more at risk of catching the virus and having the implications of the infection."

In the United States, Latinos made up 16% of the deaths and 27.3% percent of the infections as of Wednesday, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 18.5 percent of the U.S. population is Hispanic—of any race—according to 2019 Census bureau figures.

The infection rate amongst Latinos is second most in the country behind Whites, who account for 46.8% of the infections and 76.3% of the population, while Blacks are at 16.6% of the infections and 13.4% of the population, according to CDC and Census data.

In Maryland alone, Latinos, who may be from different racial groups but share the same ethnicity, make up 21.1 percent of the confirmed cases in the state, according to the health department, even though as an ethnicity they represent 10.6 percent of Maryland's population, according to the United States Census Bureau.

Dr. Kathleen Page, an associate professor in the division of infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, said when looking at death rate disparities between Hispanics and non-Hispanics, one must look at the age-adjusted mortality.

Latinos are a younger population, with an average age of 29.8, compared to non-Hispanic Whites at 43.7 and non-Hispanic Blacks at 34.6, according to 2019 data by the Census Bureau.

The Centers for Disease Control and

The Cheverly Health Center in Cheverly, Maryland, has offered free coronavirus tests.

PHOTOS BY RYAN MCFADDEN/
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Prevention shows that Latinos make up 38.1% of the COVID-19 deaths between the ages 30-39, while non-Hispanic Blacks are at 28.7% and non-Hispanic Whites are 20.7% in the same age group.

Forty percent of the COVID-19 deaths between the ages of 40 and 49 have been Latinos. Meanwhile, 28.7% have been non-Hispanic Blacks and 20.2% have been Non-Hispanic Whites in the same age group, according to the CDC.

According to Maryland's COVID-19 Dashboard, there have been 30,054 total confirmed cases amongst the Latino community as of Wednesday, October 28.

Page said she has seen members of the Latino community put their personal health aside in order to work and take care of their families, as some are unable to receive certain government benefits due to immigration status.

"It feels unfair that the people running

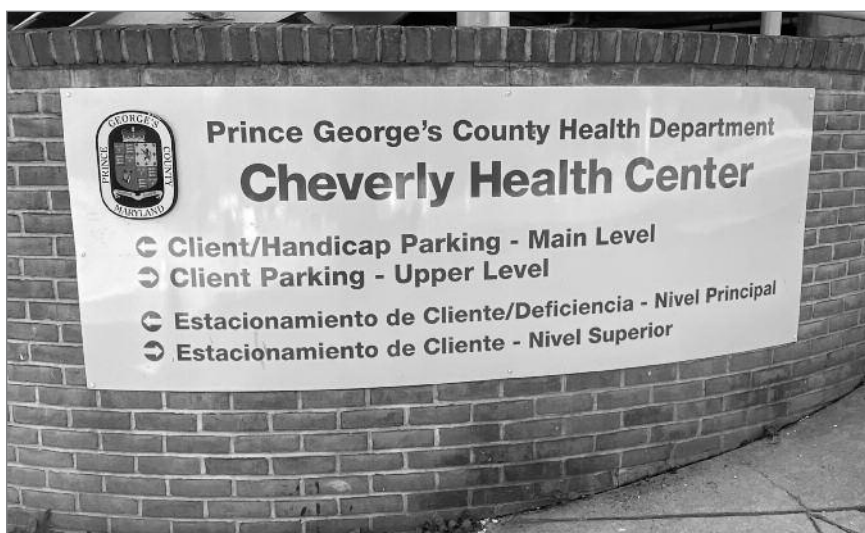
our society, the essential workers, are left out, and that's a huge injustice," Page told Capital News Service. "I'm hoping there will be lessons learned and there will be systematic change to address these disparities and call them what they are."

For the state's minority communities, housing insecurity, the stress of social distancing and food insecurity are exacerbating the health effects of the pandemic, according to The Maryland Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Page said she has seen many Latino essential workers come from crowded households where the risk of exposure is high.

"It's like almost every patient I met was sharing a household with either fam-

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With 18 years of real estate accounting experience, UIP's new controller brings expertise with Yardi, systems implementations with Yardi, Viewpoint and Nexus Systems.

Luminis Health Unveils New Brand

A new logo, color scheme and social media pages signify the coming together of the two organizations under the Luminis Health masterbrand.

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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Washington's Archbishop Gregory named first African-American cardinal

On All Souls Day last year, Nov. 2, 2019, my son John took me to Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton to visit my husband Jack's grave and to attend the annual All Souls Day Mass, held annually under a big white tent. Celebrant of that Mass was the newly-named Washington Archbishop Wilton Gregory. As I was leaving the tent after Mass, I passed by the Archbishop and welcomed him to Washington. John caught that on his phone.

Last week, on Oct. 25, Pope Francis named Archbishop Gregory one of 13 new cardinals. He'll be officially installed Nov. 28 in a solemn assembly at the Vatican.

He will be the first African American to be elevated to the College of Cardinals, which are appointed for life. Currently there are 218 members from all over the world. The College of Cardinals has the important job of selecting a new pope. In order to vote, however, cardinals have to be under the age of 80. Cardinal-elect Gregory turns 73 on Dec. 7.

Archbishop Gregory is a native of Chicago. He was ordained a priest in 1973, served in Chicago, was ordained auxiliary bishop, then bishop in Belleville, Ill. He was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and was named archbishop of Atlanta. In April 2019 Pope Francis appointed him archbishop of Washington, succeeding Cardinal Donald Wuerl.

The Archdiocese of Washington comprises the District of Columbia and Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and Saint Mary's counties. It is home to more than 655,000 Catholics, 139 parishes and 93 Catholic schools. And me.

Neighbors & other good people (and animals)

Son Mike is retiring with more than 48 years' service. He graduated from Bishop McNamara; attended the University of Maryland; and earned a degree from General Motors Institute in Flint. He made his career with General Motors and, as divisions changed, with Delphi and now Borg-Warner. He lives with his wife Sandy in El Paso, and worked (pre-COVID) in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Wife Sandy is also retiring.

In last week's column I requested prayers for the family of Father Charles McCann, former pastor of St. Philip's and several other parishes. Six members of Father's family in Northern Ireland have had COVID. However, this week he reports that your prayers worked—everyone is recovering.

Our panda cub, born at the National Zoo Aug. 21, is thriving and generating news. He's been practicing his crawling. On Oct. 23 he received his first dose of canine distemper vaccine. The Post reported, "It could not be said that the cub accepted it with passivity and stoicism."

Town of Morningside

Morningside Town meetings this month are: Work Session, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m., and Town Meeting, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. For information, call 301-736-2300.

As I write this column on Oct. 29, it's raining, thanks to Tropical Storm Zeta. I'll learn later what happened to Trunk-or-Treat, due to be held in the Town Hall parking lot on Halloween.

It's so sad for kids to be deprived of Halloween. Remember what it was like back when you were a ghost, a princess or a monster.

Changing landscape

Need to get rid of old meds? There's a convenient drop-off box near the pharmacy inside the CVS in Clinton.

Two weeks ago I wrote about a Mercedes-Benz that—with a Morningside woman behind the wheel—crashed into a home at Ridgecrest & Suitland Road. The severely damaged corner of that house has been gaping wide open for two weeks. But this week I note it's boarded up. No one was injured in the accident. I don't know if the driver was charged.

Andrews Park Center is developing fast at 6000 Allentown Road, near its intersection with Branch Ave. (Rt. 5). A second entrance off Allentown is complete. Among expected soon are Lidl grocery, Advance Auto Parts, Wawa, Domino's Pizza, Burger King, Wendy's, Dunkin' Donuts and 59 new townhomes. A new shopping center, Waldorf Park, is coming to the Waldorf area in early 2021, complete with popular restaurants such as Olive Garden, and also Target, Macy's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Safeway, CVS, Walgreens, Carrabba's and more.

Washington has a new museum, Planet Word, 925 13th Street NW, which celebrates language with cool interactive exhibits. For example, Word Worlds allows you to digitally "paint" over a panoramic image by dipping your "brush" into descriptive words. It's open Thursdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$15. Info: 202-931-3139 or planetwordmuseum.org.

Skeeter DeAtley, Suitland High grad

Dwight E. "Skeeter" DeAtley, 76, Suitland HS '62 graduate, died at his home in Waldorf on July 8. He was born in Washington, son of the late Alvin and Dorothy DeAtley, and grew up in Suitland.

In the fall of 1962, he joined the Navy, served in Vietnam and was on the USS WASP, which retrieved the Gemini Space Capsules. After military service he married Janice Cliver and moved to Waldorf. He worked for the printing firm Judd & Dutweiler where, perhaps, he used the bookbinding skill he learned at Suitland High School. After the firm closed, he worked for CIA in Langley and was Night Supervisor of the Documents & Printing Dept. until he retired in 2004.

He loved baseball and coached the Waldorf Little League. In 1986 he and his friend Tom Morrison coached the all-star team that went on to win the Junior League World Series. His son Bill pitched a no-hitter in that game.

His wife Janice, parents, and sister Beverly predeceased him. Survivors include three children, grand- and great-grandchildren and sister Dona Moore. Burial was at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Steve Call, Linda Beatty and Dennis Waby, Nov. 6; Davey Capps, Jr., Nov. 9; Linda Fortner Jumalon, Nov. 10; Cindy Lewis, Nov. 12; and Robin Brown, Nov. 13.

Happy 45th anniversary to John and Dineen Whipple on Nov. 8; to Becky and Dave Capps, their 57th on Nov. 9; and also to Roseann and Franny Rohan, their 57th on Nov. 9.

Happy 72nd anniversary to VFW Post 9619 Auxiliary, which was chartered Nov. 13, 1948.

Around the County

Marietta House Museum & the Prince George's County Historical Society Present: "Maryland's Mother of Civil Rights: Gloria Richardson and the Cambridge Civil Rights Movement", a Virtual Presentation

Please join us on Sunday, November 8, at 1p.m. for an in-depth virtual presentation by Historian, Artura Jackson. She will discuss the life of Gloria Richardson, civil rights activist and leader.

Gloria Richardson was the leader of the Cambridge Movement, a struggle for civil rights in the early 1960s, located in Cambridge, Maryland. Her activism garnered national attention, shedding light on the Civil Rights Movement on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Gloria Richardson along with five other women leaders were seated on the stage at the August 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom March.

Please register for this online talk by emailing Stacey.Hawkins@pgparks.com. Lecture is for ages 12 & up. You must register to receive the link for this event, and must have access to Microsoft Teams.

Please call 301-464-5291 for more information and to reserve your seat.

Marietta is the 1813 home of Judge Gabriel Duvall, a Supreme Court Justice and Comptroller of the U.S. Treasury. Marietta stands on terraced, landscaped grounds with two contemporary outbuildings: a brick law office and a stone and brick root cellar/harness storage room.

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

—Stacey Hawkins, Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation

Maryland Department of Health Expands Hours at Six Flags America High-Volume COVID-19 Testing Site

Expanded hours increase convenience and accessibility

BALTIMORE (October 30, 2020)—The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) today announced that the Six Flags America drive-thru COVID-19 testing site is expanding its hours of operation. Beginning on November 2, the Six Flags testing site will be open on Mondays from 2 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

"By increasing the hours of operation at the Six Flags testing site, we are making the site even more convenient and accessible for anyone who needs a test," said MDH Secretary Robert R. Neall. "Testing sites like Six Flags play a critical role in helping to keep the state safe and open for business."

No appointment is required to get a test at the Six Flags site, although individuals have the option of pre-registering for added convenience or to request accommodations. A doctor's order is not required for a test at Six Flags, and there is no out-of-pocket expense for patients.

The Maryland Department of Health continues to urge all Marylanders who need a test to get a test, including:

- symptomatic individuals;
- all who suspect exposure, including those who are asymptomatic;
- individuals who are at risk of exposure, including workers in frequent contact with the public in health care, emergency services, food and grocery, retail or manufacturing, public transportation, educational, and other congregate settings;
- individuals who have been in large gatherings; and
- individuals who have traveled recently.

For a comprehensive list of testing sites in Maryland, visit [COVIDtest.maryland.gov](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov). COVID-19 information and resources are available at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov>.

—Maryland Department of Health

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

CONGRATULATIONS VANESSA

Congratulations to Vanessa Deville for graduating Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Physiotherapy from her school, Ulm College in Germany. Vanessa also graduated second in her class and is now certified to practice throughout Germany. Vanessa is the daughter of Stephan Deville of Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Granddaughter of Frank and Gwendolyn Deville of Brandywine, Maryland.

KUDOS TO BSU ALUMNI

Nakita Shelton ('06) self-published and wrote her first children's book, MY MIND IS MY MASTERPIECE. "I wrote this book to inspire young brown girls that minds are enough. Often, we second guess our thoughts and ideas for fear they are not good enough to create success. I want this piece to inspire young girls to stretch their minds and to believe in their identity."

"I want them to take risks, and not be afraid of the intelligence that lies within. My goal is to eliminate comparisons at an early age to instill confidence, self, love, and long-lasting accomplishments, by simply being who you were created to be. For each girl reading this book, know that you have the power, you are smart, and there's no wrong in being yourself." There's Beauty in Your Depth, "but people are like oceans, you cannot know them by their service." E-mail received from my Alma Mater Bowie State University.

POWERFUL WOMAN LEADER

District 8 Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker was recognized as a "Powerful Woman Leader by the PG Changemaker's Coalition, as part of the Women's March: Rally Standing in Solidarity with Black Women. The event was held outside the Prince George's African American Museum at North Brentwood on Saturday, October 17.

Council Member Anderson-Walker was one of six state and local government women leaders, and three businesswomen, recognized for being an inspiration to other women; their commitment to advocacy; taking a stand for equity in the community; and support of other women leaders. The honor also recognized Council Member Anderson-Walker and the other awardees for their efforts to open doors for the empowerment of women through leadership. Prince George's County Council mediacouncilmedia@pgccouncil.us.

PGCPS PRIDE

Hollywood Elementary School Teacher Jacqueline Sank is a standout employee according to her colleagues. Sank, known as the technology guru extraordinaire, has helped

students and staff by creating tutorial videos and working one-on-one with staff to address their individual needs. Not to mention, she is still able to provide engaging lessons to her third-grade students.

Friendly High School Teacher Dr. Troy Niskey continues to work hard while showing dedication and patience during distance learning. Sterling and Maxine Jones applaud him for motivating their daughter to do her best and for his willingness to try new things to reach his students from a distance. Information from PGCPs Express a newsletter for PGCPs Employees.

VETERANS DAY

Veteran's Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans that have served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in the countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Information from Wikipedia.

Salute to heroes in my family that served in the military: Owen (OJ) Johnson, Harry Adams (D), Leroy Adams (D), James Banks (D), William "Sonny" Turner (D), Roland "Dutch" Turner, Roy Turner (D), Ernest Brooks (D), Ernest Johnson, Frank Deville, Stephan Deville, Jeremy Mitchell, Michael Mitchel, Leroy Contee, Sr. (D), Leroy Contee, Jr., and Michael Contee. Salute to all Veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. Thanks for your service.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Sonia Douwana, Darius Paul Kerrick, Dunstana Nicol-Wilson, Markell S. Dabney, Dieon Jalloh, Owen Johnson, Ugo Mbakwe, Shurrell Bell, Ronald Crawford, Jr., Tiffany Knight, Daphne Rojas, Evangeline Crawford, Sheila Holmes, Pastor Dorothea Belt, Wade Garrett, Beverly Holman, Grace Omoregbe, Pauline Clark and Dorothy Glasgow-Reid who are Clinton United Methodist Church members celebrating birthdays in November.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

In October, an original copy of the Affordable Care Act signed by President Barack Obama was donated to Bowie State University by Ms. Barbara Gosgriff and accepted by President Aminta Breaux and Dr. Jacqueline Hill, RN, Chair and professor of the Department of Nursing. This document will be prominently displayed in the nursing wing of the Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Nursing. Email received from my Alma Mater Bowie State University.

Dianne Jackson Graduates From Marquette University

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (October 30, 2020)—Dianne Jackson of Accokeek, MD, has graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Jackson earned a Master of Education in Educational Policy and Leadership.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university located near the heart of downtown Milwaukee, Wis., that offers a comprehensive range of majors in 11 nationally and internationally recognized colleges and schools.

Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

—Abby Cole, Marquette University

Rhea Feikin, Chris Core and Deborah Weiner 2020 Lifetime Achievement Recipients for The National Capital Radio & Television Museum

BOWIE, Md. (October 28, 2020)—The previously scheduled National Capital Radio & Television Museum (NCRTV) "5th Annual Ed Walker Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala" will now take place virtually on November 14, 2020, at 7 p.m., honoring the Broadcasting Industry's top legends hailing from the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The 2020 named recipients are Rhea Feikin, Retired Host, "Chesapeake Collectible's," and "Artworks" (MPT), Chris Core, Retired Commentator, "Core Values" (WTOP-FM) and Deborah Weiner, Emmy Award-Winning, Co-Anchor of WBAL-TV Evening News.

Tickets are complimentary, but an RSVP is necessary to receive the event link. The annual gala will be a night to remember as we pay homage to the honorees for their contributions to the radio and television industries.

In addition to the recognition, our award recipients will be bestowed with the privilege of receiving a lifetime membership to the NCRTV Museum. Aside from the virtual awards program, all registered guests will have access to a silent auction that will launch a week before the event on Saturday, November 7th. All proceeds from the silent auction will aid in further developing the museum's extensive educational programming division.

The NCRTV Annual awards are named in honor of Mr. Ed Walker, whose lifetime accomplishments earned him a spot in the Radio Hall of Fame in 2009. He was a founding member of the National Capital Radio and Television Museum serving as both a board member and board president. Ed Walker was the first recipient of the NCRTV Museum's Lifetime Achievement in Broadcasting Award. Shortly after receiving the initial NCRTV award, Ed Walker died in 2015. The board of the NCRTV Museum voted to name the award in his honor.

Past honorees of the Annual Ed Walker Lifetime Achievement Awards include Maureen Bunyan, Arch Campbell, Ed Walker and Rob Bamberger.

To receive your complimentary tickets and support this evening of excellence, please visit <https://ncrtvgala.eventbrite.com>.

For questions regarding the gala please send an email to smalachi@ncrtv.org or info@ncrtv.org.

—Sherise Malachi, National Capital Radio & Television Museum

COMMUNITY

Prince George's County Residents Can Get Free, Expert Help Enrolling in Health Coverage

"Get Connected" Virtual & Call-In Events Nov. 10 & 17 To Kick Off Open Enrollment Marylanders May Enroll Nov. 1–Dec. 15 For 2021 Private Health Plans

By PRESS OFFICER
Prince George's County MD

LANDOVER, Md. (October 22, 2020)—Prince George's County Health Connect (PGC Health Connect), in conjunction with Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), will hold a series of virtual "Get Connected" events in early November as part of efforts to help inform Maryland residents on the open enrollment period for health insurance. Sponsored by the state's health insurance marketplace Maryland Health Connection (MHC), the 2020 open enrollment period for health and dental insurance is from November 1 through December 15; upon enrollment, the coverage begins 2021.

Café a las Cuatro, a program of PGCMLS, will host the first event on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 4 p.m. It will feature a presentation, followed by a Q&A segment. Bilingual navigators will be on standby to enroll community-members during the program. To participate in this virtual event, go to <https://ww1.pgcls.info/event/4646367>.

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 7 p.m., there will be a virtual community town hall meeting on "Accessing Health Insurance." To participate, go to <https://pgcls.info/event/4660776>.

PGC Health Connect is a program of Prince George's County Department of Social Services (PGCDSS); providing the County with certified health insurance navigators who educate, conduct outreach, and enroll County residents ages 18 to 64 in health plans. "Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 has been a challenging year for many Prince Georgians," says Gloria Brown Burnett, Director of PGCDSS. "If this year has taught us anything, it's that we need to be prepared—especially when it comes to healthcare and maintaining wellness. Taking advantage of this open enrollment period is a great way to do that."

Navigators, many of whom are bilingual, help residents understand their plans and coverage options, as well as provide financial help. Trained health insurance brokers are also available to help residents throughout the entire six-week open enrollment period. This does not apply to Medicaid, as Medicaid enrollment is year-round. People who have coverage through Medicaid will receive a notice when it's time to renew.

Beginning November 1, PGC Health Connect navigators will be available at three call centers daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; late evenings until 7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To talk with a navigator in Prince George's County, call 301-927-4500, 240-719-2167, or PGC Health Connect's partner organization, CASA at 301-270-8432 and 240-270-1318. For a listing of the hours and times, visit PGCHealthConnect.org.

Residents may enroll online at MarylandHealthConnection.gov, through the free "Enroll MHC" mobile app, or by calling toll-free at 1 (855) 642-8572 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. For extended and weekend hours, go to MarylandHealthConnection.gov. To learn more about 2021 health insurance plans and prices, residents can visit marylandhealthconnection.gov/find-help/ to find free help.

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange: (MHBE) is a public corporation and independent unit of the state government. It was established in 2011 in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) and is responsible for the administration of Maryland Health Connection.

Maryland Health Connection: One of every six Marylanders receive their health coverage through Maryland Health Connection (MHC), the state-based health insurance marketplace. Residents can compare and enroll in health insurance as well as determine eligibility for Medicaid or financial help with private plans.

The Wreaths Across America Traveling Mobile Education Exhibit To Make Three Stops in Maryland

The Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit will be offering free tours to the public November 6, 7, and 8, 2020 to honor local veterans

By PRESS OFFICER
Wreaths Across America

NEW WINDSOR, Md. (October 28, 2020)—Babylon Vault Company is bringing the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit to Carroll County on three consecutive days in November. The goal of the WAA Education Exhibit is to bring our local community and the military together with education, stories, and interactive connections. The Mobile Education Exhibit will help the community understand the services and sacrifices of our nation's military.

The exhibit started its national tour months ago at the WAA headquarters in Maine and is a unique opportunity to learn more about the national nonprofit, the work being done to honor veterans and get a first-hand account of what it is like to deliver more than two million wreaths on a designated day.

All veterans, active-duty military, their families, and the local community are invited and encouraged to speak with Wreaths Across America volunteers along with Babylon Vault Company representatives to learn more about the organization's mission.

Westminster, MD—Friday, November 6. The first of the three tour stops will be on Friday, November 6 in Westminster, MD at the Lowe's located at 777 Market

Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit will explain how our local veterans are remembered on National Wreath's Across America Day. Opportunities will be available to sponsor a wreath for our local veterans. Each \$15.00 donation goes toward a fresh balsam wreath that will be placed on the headstone of a local American hero as we will honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

New Windsor, MD—Saturday, November 7. The second stop is at Babylon Vault Company located at 925 Wakefield Valley Road in New Windsor from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. In conjunction with the exhibit, there will be a Welcome Home Pinning Ceremony to all Vietnam Vets who have not received their pin at 11 a.m. The exhibit will explain how our local veterans are remembered on National Wreath's Across America Day. Opportunities will be available to sponsor a wreath for our local veterans. Each \$15.00 donation goes toward a fresh balsam wreath that will be placed on the headstone of a local American hero as we will honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

Mt. Airy, MD—Sunday, November 8. The last stop on the tour will be at the Mt. Airy Fire Company Carnival Grounds located at 1008 Twin Arch Road from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. In conjunc-



tion, the Mt. Airy Fire Company will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs to benefit the fire company. The exhibit will explain how our local veterans are remembered on National Wreath's Across America Day. Opportunities will be available to sponsor a wreath for our local veterans. Each \$15.00 donation goes toward a fresh balsam wreath that will be placed on the headstone of a local American hero as we will honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

"The goal of the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit is to build community awareness and understanding of the organization's year-long mission to Remember, Honor and Teach," said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America, "However, in light of the current health crisis, we felt

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The Prince George's County Department of Housing Community Development Announces its Emergency Rental Assistance Relaunch



The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is now offering relief to landlords on behalf of renters experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic through its second Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program.

Landlords submit your application by **11:59 p.m. EST on Nov. 10, 2020!** Funds are limited, so apply now. Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Landlords/Owners of multi-family, single-family, condominium and cooperative properties with a valid County rental license are eligible to apply.

Landlords must complete an on-line application and submit the following documents on behalf of all eligible delinquent tenants:

- Application
- Rental Assistance Agreement
- IRS Form W-9
- Owner Losses Report
- Rent Ledger
- Property Deed
- Rental Lease (1st and signature page)
- Agent or Management Agreement
- (between the Owner and the Agent)
- PGC Electronic Funds Transfer Form
- Tenant Self-Certification of Eligibility and Annual Income Form
- Client Information Authorization
- Rental License (issued by the County for the property)

Tenants must meet the following requirements:

- Have a valid lease agreement in their name.
- Income eligible families whose annual income does not exceed 80% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, and adjusted for household size.
- The household has COVID-19 triggering event.



Program opens Tuesday, October 27, 2020

For detailed information about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, visit the DHCD website:
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/908/Housing-Community-Development>

COMMENTARY

Marc Morial

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To Be Equal:

Race Is the Big Lie of the Trump Era

"In short, Trump has left African Americans in the deepest hole with the shortest rope."

—Rev. Jesse Jackson

As a non-partisan organization, the National Urban League does not endorse political candidates or encourage voters to choose one candidate over another. As a historic civil rights organization devoted to economic and social justice for African Americans, we have an obligation to combat racism, discrimination, racially-motivated violence and disinformation targeting Black Americans. Racial justice and the status of African Americans has been central to our mission since our founding. As such, we have a duty to evaluate the effect of federal policies on Black communities.

According to fact-checkers in the media, President Trump has made nearly 23,000 false or misleading claims over the course of his presidency.

His claim that he has "done more for the African American community than any president with the exception of Abraham Lincoln" is perhaps the most

insidious, and the most insulting. It is the Big Lie of his presidency.

This administration has overseen a surge in all of these. Meanwhile, one out of every thousand Black Americans has died from COVID-19. Six of every ten Black households are facing serious financial problems since the pandemic began. Almost a third can't pay their rent or mortgage.

The claim that this presidency has been the best for Black Americans since Lincoln is not just false but entirely baffling. Which of his achievements could he imagine exceeds the impact of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1965, all enacted under President Lyndon Baines Johnson?

The evidence he offers to support his claim is thin. Prior to the pandemic, he cited the lowest Black unemployment rate on record, but even then it was consistently twice the white rate. Black unemployment fell four and a half times further during President Obama's term than it did during the three years before the pandemic struck. Meanwhile, the Black-

white wage gap continued to grow and the Black homeownership rate fell to historic lows.

Far from being a boon for Black Americans, the last four years have seen a dramatic rollback of civil rights protections, a surge in racially-motivated hate crimes, and a deterioration of the relationship—between police and the communities they serve.

Shortly after Trump took office, the Justice Department—led by an Attorney General who once disparaged the Voting Rights Act as "an intrusive act"—abandoned its long-standing opposition to a racially discriminatory Texas voter I.D. law. It was the first salvo in a war on Black voting rights that has continued through the establishment of a task force to promote the myth of widespread voter fraud, opposition to the Voting Rights Advancement Act, pushing states to purge voter rolls, and the sabotage of the Postal Service to thwart mail-in voting.

The Justice Department abandoned the use of consent decrees—formal reform agreements with police departments accused of racially-motivated excessive force and constitutional violations. It ended the Community Oriented Policing Services' Collaborative Reform Initiative, a program aimed at building trust between police officers and the communities they serve. Trump himself has demonized peaceful protesters against racially-motivated police violence as terrorists, and his administration opposes efforts to reform racist police practices.

Last month alone, a whistleblower complaint alleged that Department of Homeland Security officials, directed analysts to downplay threats from violent white supremacy and Russian election interference, an executive order banned federal agencies, federal contractors, and grantees from engaging

in anti-discrimination workplace diversity trainings, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development gutted the disparate impact tool under the Fair Housing Act, which will make it harder to challenge systemic racism by housing providers, financial institutions, and insurance companies.

Finally, in the midst of a pandemic that is killing Black Americans at twice the rate of whites, the Trump administration is trying to kill the health care law that shrank the racial health care gap and made insurance available to millions.

Stoking racial resentment among white Americans, even courting the support of white supremacists, has been part of the Trump playbook since he slandered Mexican immigrants as rapists and criminals at his campaign announcement in 2015.

Even so, it came as a gut-punch early in his presidency when he declared there were "good people on both sides" of a deadly clash between white supremacists and anti-racist protestors in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In response to a question from Axios reporter Jonathan Swan in August, Trump not only confirmed that he believes his accomplishments surpass the Civil Rights Act, he belittled the landmark legislation and suggested it hadn't "worked out." As Jennifer Ruben wrote in the Washington Post, "The most charitable explanation for this exchange is that ... he quite possibly has no idea or only a vague idea of what the Civil Rights Act is." At the least, it's clear that he has "no idea, or only a vague idea" of the lived experience of Black Americans and the effect of his policies on our communities.

—October 30, 2020

Marion Wright Edelman

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ChildWatch:

Honoring Rev. C.T. Vivian's Legacy

My much beloved friend Rev. C.T. Vivian was a leader in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a confidant of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a role model for so many of us in the 1960s era of civil rights activism, and a mighty and indispensable long haul moral warrior for justice. He was also a treasured personal friend known for being unfailingly gracious, generous, warm, and loving. I keep a photo in my home office of C.T. with my whole family taken when my husband Peter and I took our children and grandchildren on a civil rights tour through the South some years ago. His kindness radiated in his smile.

Rev. Vivian participated in his first sit-in at a Peoria, Illinois lunch counter in 1947, an early example

of the success nonviolent sit-in protests could have. As a leader in the Nashville sit-in movement, one of the ministers who joined Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) members on Freedom Rides into Mississippi, and as an SCLC leader bringing people to register to vote at Selma, Alabama's courthouse he faced violence repeatedly. Although beaten and jailed he never wavered and like Dr. King and Gandhi believed hatred and violence always destroyed more than they created.

A violent episode in Selma exemplified his dignified courage before our nation. In February 1965, television cameras filmed him leading a voting rights protest at the courthouse where he was physically blocked at the door by rabid segregationist Sheriff

Jim Clark. "This courthouse does not belong to you, Clark," C.T. told him. "This courthouse belongs to the people of Dallas County... You can turn your back on me, but you cannot turn your back upon the idea of justice. You can turn your back now and you can keep the club in your hand, but you cannot beat down justice. And we will register to vote, because as citizens of these United States we have the right to do it..." The cameras rolled as Sheriff Clark punched C.T. in the mouth and knocked him to the ground. C.T. got back up and kept speaking as he was dragged away bleeding to jail.

The resulting news broadcasts of his beating and arrest helped bring national attention to Selma's voting rights movement. That became a harsh spotlight during the follow-up actions over the next months, including three Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches, the Bloody Sunday attack at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and the murders of nonviolent protesters Jimmie Lee Jackson and Rev. James Reeb, which led to the signing of the federal Voting Rights Act in June. C.T. said of the courthouse attack: "Everything I am as a minister, as an African American, as a civil rights activist and a struggler for justice for everyone came together in that moment."

C.T. was a warrior for justice his entire life including protecting the right to vote. When President Obama awarded C.T. the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013, he called him a "stalwart activist on the

march toward racial equality," saying, "Rosa Parks said of him, 'Even after things had been taken care of and we had our rights, he was still out there, inspiring the next generation,' including me...and at 89 years old, Reverend Vivian is still out there, still in the action, pushing us closer to our founding ideals." When C.T. passed away two weeks before his 96th birthday, President Obama said, "I have to imagine that seeing the largest protest movement in history unfold over his final months gave the reverend a final dose of hope before his long and well-deserved rest."

Like our dear mutual friend John Lewis who passed away the same day, there is no doubt that C.T. is cheering on the fight for justice in heaven right now. Rev. Vivian told young leaders at a Children's Defense Fund event he believed they were inheriting the world at a unique point in history when the chance to create a more peaceful and just future for all people was not just possible, but necessary for continued survival and that "this is the moment we have waited for... We talked about a new world coming. We talked about all of that, right? Now that it's here, we've got to make it real." I hope the next generation will heed this great servant leader's wisdom in this darkest hour until equal opportunity is real for everyone in our nation. The way all of us can honor Rev. C.T. Vivian's legacy, leadership, and vision for a new nation and world right now is to vote, vote, vote!

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Maryland Humanities Announces Programming for Marylanders on Electoral Engagement

By SARAH WEISSMAN
Maryland Humanities

BALTIMORE (October 30, 2020)—Maryland Humanities launches the Voices and Votes Electoral Engagement Project (VVEEP) this month. This project is supported by a recently awarded \$50,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation administered through the Federation for State Humanities Councils for its new initiative entitled "Why It Matters: Civic and Electoral Participation." This initiative explores civic participation as it relates to electoral engagement in a multivocal democracy: Maryland Humanities is one of 43 state and jurisdictional humanities councils to receive this funding. Programming consists of three components: outgoing grants, an oral history collection, and an author event.

VVEEP kicks off with Voices and Votes Electoral Engagement Support Grants. Maryland Humanities is accepting proposals from organizations to support programming related to civic and electoral engagement. Proposals are due November 15 at 11:59 p.m. and all events must occur by March 31, 2021.

Maryland Humanities' Museum on Main Street and Maryland Voices programs and The Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture will collaborate on a story collection project in conjunction with the upcoming statewide tour of the Smithsonian traveling exhibition, Voices and Votes: Democracy in America. The exhibition will tour five Maryland regions, and each host venue will record interviews with newly minted voters (ages 18–24) in each community creating a total of 30–40 high-quality shareable digital videos. These stories will be shared through the Peale's "Be Here Stories" app, at a listening station that will become part of the Voices and Votes exhibition, and elsewhere. The last facet of the initiative will be led by Maryland Center for the Book (MCFB) at Maryland Humanities. MCFB will host a prominent author whose work will engage Marylanders and open up conversation about civic participation.

Lindsey Baker, Executive Director of Maryland Humanities, says: "This subject matter is critical any year, but especially this one. We appreciate being able to provide this timely programming in a such a unique moment for our state and country." She continues, "We look forward to this exploration of civic engagement with Marylanders."

Information about VVEEP will be available at www.mdhumanities.org.

About "Why It Matters: Civic and Electoral Participation"

The Federation for State Humanities Councils' "Why It Matters" national initiative will provide free humanities programs conducted by the US state and territorial humanities councils to engage the public in collaborative, accessible, and thought-provoking dialogues on the importance of electoral and civic participation. Programs will explore the history of civic and electoral engagement, highlight and elevate youth perspectives, and bring people together to talk, share, learn, and listen using the humanities to promote understanding through historical context and conversation. Humanities scholarship, journalism, and community dialogue will be central to hundreds of public programs, including radio programs, virtual online panels and keynote speakers, exhibitions, story circles, town halls, and more.

Maryland Humanities is a statewide nonprofit organization that creates and supports educational experiences in the humanities that inspire all Marylanders to embrace lifelong learning, exchange ideas openly, and enrich their communities. For more information, visit www.mdhumanities.org. Maryland Humanities is generously supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities; the State of Maryland; the Citizens of Baltimore County; private foundations such as the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios, www.BakerArtist.org; corporations; small businesses; and individual donors. Connect with Maryland Humanities on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Congressman Brown: Mailed Ballots From Military Personnel Overseas Must Be Counted

WASHINGTON (October 30, 2020)—House Armed Services Committee Vice Chair Anthony G. Brown (MD-04), a 30-year Army veteran, released the following statement regarding President Trump's efforts to impose arbitrary deadlines to vote counting, which threaten to disenfranchise military personnel abroad:

"Every eligible American has the right to have their vote counted. President Trump and Republicans' meritless insistence that vote counting stop on November 3rd threatens to disenfranchise thousands of voters, including our brave men and women in uniform. Denying service members overseas the right to choose their Commander-in-Chief is anti-democratic and disgraceful.

"Vote by mail has long been trusted among military personnel serving abroad—millions of whom have voted by mail for decades. When I served in Iraq in 2004, I was one of them. Ballots post-marked on election day coming from service members in Baghdad should count just the

same as those coming from voters in Baltimore. To impose arbitrary cut-offs and deadlines for counting these legal ballots undermines our elections and the morale of those serving their country overseas.

"Our democracy should not be tied to the whims of cable news or a president who has made his intent to disenfranchise voters clear. Our service members sacrifice so much to defend this country and our values. To deny these men and women their right to have their vote counted breaks the sacred promise we make to all those who wear the uniform."

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Will My Social Security Benefits Ever Stop?

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
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Dear Rusty: Has someone who paid into Social Security for most of their life ever lost their benefits later in life? For example, if they start collecting benefits at age 62 and live to be 85 or longer, could they suddenly lose their benefits? Can Social Security ever come along later and say "Sorry, you've used up all your benefits?" I know there are many people, including me, who have no other income or savings, so if their SS suddenly stopped they would need assistance to survive. I started my benefits at age 62 because I had to. I've always been in reasonably good health, so I wonder—what if I live to be 85, 90 or 95—will I still have enough in the system to get my Social Security check? **Signed: Living on SS**

Dear Living: Please put your fears about losing your Social Security aside—you will never stop receiving your benefits even if you live to be 110 years old. The system isn't designed to compare what you've collected to how much you've contributed. If you meet the basic eligibility requirements, there is no danger of your payments ever stopping because you've "used up all your benefits."

Here's how the Social Security system works: Everyone who works pays a Social Security payroll tax (currently 6.2%; matched by their employer) up to the annual payroll tax cap. All those payroll taxes collected are used to pay benefits to all those who are already collecting Social Security—the payroll taxes you paid weren't put into a separate account for you. Essentially, the system is "pay as you go," where everyone who works and earns pays for those already receiving benefits. So, the benefits you are now receiving are not being deducted from a personal account in your name. Everyone currently working and contributing to Social Security helps pay for your benefits, as well as benefits for everyone else already collecting. Any money left over after all benefits are paid are invested in special issue government bonds, which are held in the Social Security Trust Funds, earning interest which accrues into the Trust Funds. Money from income taxes on Social Security also contributes to SS revenue to pay for benefits. As of the end of 2019, the Social Security Trust Funds held about \$2.9 trillion in assets, reserved to cover any shortage of SS income received vs. benefits paid out.

You may have read about Social Security facing future financial difficulties. That is primarily a result of the declining ratio of workers to beneficiaries and increasing life expectancy (average longevity for SS recipients today is mid-80s). Starting this year, the reserves in the Trust Funds will be used to cover any income shortfall. The last official report from the Trustees of Social Security predicted that the SS Trust Funds assets are sufficient to pay full benefits until about 2035 (the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will surely worsen that prediction). But even if Congress fails to act to resolve the issue and the Trust Funds run dry in the future, your benefits will still continue. If the Trust Funds run dry, however, your benefit would be reduced (not eliminated).

If the Trust Funds are fully depleted, Social Security can only pay out as much as the income received, which would mean a benefit reduction of about 21%, according to current predictions. Sadly, Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial issues—what's lacking is the bipartisan cooperation needed to accomplish it. Personally, I do not believe that Congress will ever allow the Trust Funds to run dry, requiring a cut in benefits (it would be political suicide to do so). Given the vitriol permeating Congress today we'll probably need to wait a while for a solution, but one will eventually come. In any case, please rest assured that your Social Security benefits will never stop, no matter how old you get. You can't "use up all your benefits."

The 2.1 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac.us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country. And the AMAC Foundation (www.AmacFoundation.org) is the Association's non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting and educating America's Seniors. Together, we act and speak on the Association members' behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at www.amac.us/join-amac.

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Tracey Harris-Sanford Joins UIP As Controller

By PRESS OFFICER
UIP Companies

WASHINGTON (October 26, 2020)—The UIP Companies (UIP) of Washington, DC has hired Tracey Harris-Sanford as Controller. In her new role, Ms. Harris-Sanford heads UIP's accounting department, with overall responsibility for property accounting, financial reporting, and financial statement audits for UIP's portfolio of multi-family properties.

Ms. Harris-Sanford joins UIP from Gates Hudson & Associates Inc., headquartered in Fairfax, VA, which provides residential and commercial services including property management, leasing, and investment sales. Earlier in her career, Ms. Harris-Sanford was employed by Bernstein Management Corporation and The Mills Company.

With 18 years of real estate accounting experience, UIP's new controller brings ex-

pertise with Yardi, systems implementations with Yardi, Viewpoint and Nexus Systems, and streamlining processes that can maximize efficiency in accounting departments. She holds a master's degree in accounting and finance and a BS degree in accounting from the University of Maryland Global Campus. Tracey lives in Upper Marlboro, MD with her husband and child.

The UIP family of companies owns and manages more than 3,000 apartments in Washington, DC and its Maryland suburbs. This portfolio comprises over \$1 billion in assets under management. Over the last ten years, UIP has renovated, restored, and built more than 25 downtown apartment buildings and condominiums. UIP's specialties include "heavy lift" renovations of Depression-era apartment buildings, adaptive reuse of office and other buildings, and working with tenants in Washington, DC to help them exercise their TOPA (Tenant Oppor-



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Tracey Harris-Sanford

tunity to Purchase Act) rights. UIP also is active in entitling land and infill development.

For more information, visit www.uipllc.com, www.uippm.com and www.uipgc.com.

Luminis Health Unveils New Brand

By ARMINTA PLATER
Luminis Health

ANNAPOLIS, Md., and LANHAM, Md. (October 28, 2020)—Today Luminis Health, the non-profit health system formed in 2019 by Anne Arundel Medical Center and Doctors Community Medical Center (formerly Doctors Community Hospital), unveiled its new brand. A new logo, color scheme and social media pages signify the coming together of the two organizations under the Luminis Health masterbrand.

The symbol element of the logo represents a beacon conveying the health system's commitment to being a force of hope and healing for the region, while igniting new possibilities for how and where health care is delivered. The primary colors, green and yellow, denote the science and humanity at the health system's core.

"Anne Arundel Medical Center and Doctors Community Medical Center have come together to remove barriers to health," says Victoria Bayless, CEO of Luminis Health. "One way we are doing this is by unifying everything we do under a single system brand. Our brand is about making health care easier, more personal and built specifically for the communities that we—and our patients—call home."

"Our brand defines who we are and what we stand for," says Loren Farquhar, vice president of Marketing and Communications. "It guides how we express ourselves and reflects our dedication to our patients, fellow employees and the broader community. The geometric facets of the beacon speak to our expertise. The light illuminating from the center is symbolic of our optimism. In addition to our primary colors, the soft forms of our logotype help bring forth our sense of humanity."

This year, Luminis Health also sets course on Vision 2030, the health system's ten-year strategic plan that will guide it into the future. Among the first actions on the agenda is expanding obstetric services in Prince George's County and improving access to be-



havioral health care. "We are building an agile system of care, delivering high quality care in an optimal way by expanding our footprint, mobilizing our services, sparking justice and creativity, and enhancing health in our communities," Bayless continued.

In addition to Anne Arundel Medical Center and Doctors Community Medical Center, Luminis Health is comprised of the J. Kent McNew Family Medical Center, one of the only free-standing mental health hospitals in Maryland, as well as multi-specialty ambulatory sites and clinics, physician practices and clinical service lines that constitute Luminis Health Clinical Enterprise.

With 635 licensed beds and more than 80 sites of care in the region, Luminis Health has 6,400 employees, 1,800 medical staff, 1,300 volunteers and serves residents of Anne Arundel County, Prince George's County and the Eastern Shore.

See more at LuminisHealth.org.

Luminis Health, a new health system formed in 2019, serves residents of Anne Arundel County, Prince George's County and the Eastern Shore. Comprised of Anne Arundel Medical Center, Doctors Community Medical Center and J. Kent McNew Family Medical Center, Luminis Health also includes multi-specialty ambulatory sites and clinics, physician practices and clinical service lines that constitute Luminis Health Clinical Enterprise (LHCE). With 635 licensed beds, the health system has more than 6,400 employees, 1,800 medical staff and 1,300 volunteers. Luminis Health serves as a beacon of hope and healing for the region, reimagining community health, while igniting new possibilities for how and where health care is delivered. Learn more at LuminisHealth.org

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community," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "Prince George's County is the economic engine of our State, and this is the latest sign that our local economy is poised for a strong recovery post-pandemic."

Amazon is a great place to work with highly competitive pay, benefits from day one, and training programs for in-demand jobs. On top of Amazon's \$15 minimum wage, the company offers full-time employees industry-leading benefits from day one of employment, including full health, vision and dental insurance, 401(k) with 50 percent company match, up to 20 weeks paid parental leave and Amazon's innovative Career Choice program, which pre-pays 95% of tuition for courses in high-demand fields. Since the program's launch, more than 25,000 employees have pursued degrees in game design and visual communications, nursing, IT programming and radiology, to name a few. In addition, Amazon has pledged to invest over \$700 million to provide upskilling training for 100,000 U.S. employees for in-demand jobs. Programs will help Amazonians from all backgrounds access training to move into highly skilled roles across the company's corporate offices, tech hubs, fulfillment centers, retail stores, and transportation network, or pursue career paths outside of Amazon.

"Every day at Amazon, incredible employees come together to deliver magical experiences for customers," said Darrell Lewis, delivery station operations manager of Amazon's newest facility in Prince George's County. "I'm proud to work for a company that not only invests in the state I've called home for more than 20 years, but also invests in its employees' futures. My team and I are excited to deliver great jobs, better futures, and millions of smiles to our community."

In Maryland, Amazon currently operates four fulfillment centers—two located in Sparrows Point in Baltimore County, one in Baltimore City, and one in North East, two sortation centers in the City of Baltimore, ten delivery stations, one Prime Now Hub, one Air Hub, 10 Whole Food Market locations, one Amazon Hub Locker+ locations, one Amazon Book store, and four on-site solar locations, including at its newest fulfillment center in Sparrows Point.

Amazon leverages its scale for good and makes investments to support communities. The company's presence in Maryland means more than just the jobs provided within the four walls of its facilities. In addition to full-benefit, great jobs inside the building, the company has created thousands of jobs in construction and services.

Since 2010, Amazon has created more than 17,500 jobs in Maryland and invested more than \$5+ billion across the state, in-

cluding infrastructure and compensation. These investments have contributed an additional \$4.4 billion to the Maryland economy and have helped create more than 11,200 indirect jobs on top of Amazon's direct hires—from jobs in construction and logistics to professional services. In addition, more than 40,000 independent authors and small and medium businesses in Maryland are selling to customers in Amazon's store, creating thousands of additional jobs across the state.

As part of their launch celebration and Amazon's commitment to giving back to the communities in which it operates, associates from the company's Upper Marlboro delivery station partnered with Frederick Douglass High School to support virtual learning for more than 300 students. Amazon donated \$10,000 in school supplies, including items like small desks, graphing calculators, Amazon branded computer mice, Amazon branded computer mouse pads, just to name a few.

Positions are still available at both delivery stations. Jobs are available on a rolling basis and fill up quickly. Interested candidates are encouraged to sign up for alerts by texting DCNOW to 77088 to receive automated messages about job openings and visit <https://www.amazondelivers.jobs/warehouse-jobs/washington-dc-jobs> to learn more and apply online.

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ilies or other coworkers that are not related," Page said. "There was a family of four or five sharing a bedroom and one bathroom."

The Lord Baltimore Hotel has been used as isolation housing, which is used for people who test positive for coronavirus, but who cannot self-isolate in their own homes due to crowded living situations.

However, Page said it has been a struggle to convince people to go to isolation housing, as fears of family separation have made it difficult for some Latinos to trust healthcare workers.

"Family separation has taken on a whole new meaning in the current landscape, so people were suspicious," Page said. "I remember convincing a (patient) to finally go to the isolation hotel (but) when the van showed up, that person hid because he thought immigration was picking him up."

The Maryland Department of Health is attempting to help fight these disparities and the trust issues with the establishment of the Hispanic Outreach Task Force.

In a statement from the Maryland Department of Health, the task force, which was established in late August, "consists of an initial partnership that includes the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Maryland Department of Human Services, Baltimore City and faith and community-based organizations to reduce the rate of positivity in the Hispanic community."

The Hispanic Outreach Task Force plans to promote self-isolation, testing and contact tracing in hotspot communities like Baltimore City's 21224 zip code, where there have been 2,214 cases as of Wednesday, according to the state's health department.

African Americans have more confirmed cases than Latinos in Baltimore City, but the test positivity rate within the Latino community, which includes people who may be from different races but share the same ethnicity, is 16% as of Wednesday, vs. about 4% for all other ethnicities in the city, according to Baltimore City's Health Department. Measured by race, the positivity rate for Blacks was about 5% and Whites about 2%.

Even though LaRue wished the task force would've started earlier, she pointed out the importance of communication and being able to listen to the issues and fears the community has when creating an outreach strategy.

"It's not enough to translate something into different languages, but really understanding the cultural context so you can adapt that message to different communities," LaRue explained. "Making sure you just don't say do social distance but give concrete tips that really address certain issues for the different sectors."

"As an example, our community lacks personal vehicles to get to work and other places," she continued. "For carpooling, there's no way to social distance inside the car, but there are concrete tips to help lower the risk like opening the windows in the car as you drive, making sure you wear a mask in the car."

Another key to building trust is working with community partners and leaders that have already built trusted relationships, LaRue said.

"Transparency and truth goes a long way," LaRue said. "Making sure the message you give really can be trusted."

Page praised the bilingual and multicultural healthcare workers who are working on hotlines, helping patients, and serving as contact tracers, as familiarity is key to establishing trust.

"They step up to the plate in a way it's hard to commend them," Page said. "People with shared experiences can communicate better and understand where people are coming from."

Maryland's health department announced on Oct. 16 that its Hispanic Task Force will launch an outreach campaign, which will feature a health-education truck driving around neighborhoods in the 21224 ZIP code delivering COVID-19 prevention and safety messages in English and Spanish.

There is a Spanish-language hotline—667-600-2314—operated by the Esperanza Health Center that will provide resources to callers who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who tested positive.

Page stressed the importance of community dialogue and said she tries her best to give out advice and tips on social media platforms.

"I and others have gone to local Facebook lives and programs run by Latinos, and people call in or type questions," Page said. "It provides me the opportunity to at least have a conversation. I don't know if I can convince people, but it's helpful."

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