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The Show Place Arena at Prince George's Equestrian Center will be transformed with the support of Prince George's County, The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, and the State of Maryland to provide an outstanding exhibitor and unique spectator experience including world-class footing, hospitality, entertainment, food, and shopping.

## Washington International Horse Show **Presented by MARS Equestrian**<sup>TM</sup> **Returns to** Area Oct. 24–30 as a Five-Star Event With **Expanded Schedule and Increased Prize Money**

#### By PRESS OFFICER Washington International Horse Show

WASHINGTON (March 31, 2022)—The Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) presented by MARS Equestrian<sup>™</sup> will return to the Washington, D.C., area Oct. 24-30, 2022, as a newly approved FEI Five-Star Event, with an expanded schedule, an additional day of competition, and increased prize money.

A prestigious event on the international equestrian calendar since 1958, WIHS highlights will include the \$406,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup<sup>TM</sup> Washington CSI5\*-W for the President's Cup, a qualifying event for the FEI Jumping World Cup finals, the WIHS Equitation Finals for top qualified juniors, WIHS Children's and Adult Championships, the \$25,000 Puissance high jump, top hunters plus special events, exhibitions, and entertainment

"We have had seven students win the WIHS Equitation Championship over the years and it's always a staple on our annual show calendar! I am continuously impressed by their dedication to the exhibitor experience and making improvements year after year, no matter the venue. Our entire team is looking forward to the show's return to Washington D.C. with new improvements being made to The Show Place Arena. We can't wait to see what they have in store this year!"

Following two years in North Carolina where WIHS relocated to Tryon International Equestrian Center as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the 64th edition of the historic competition will debut this year at with many improvements at The Show Place Arena at Prince George's Equestrian Center (PGEC) in Upper Marlboro, Md.

WIHS will partner with the popular National Harbor waterfront

## **PGCPS Alternative Construction Financing Project Wins** Social Infrastructure **Project of the Year Award**

### By PRESS OFFICER **Prince George's County Public Schools**

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (March 30, 2022)—At the P3 Awards 2021 ceremony held in New York, NY on March 23, 2022, the award for Social Infrastructure Project of the Year was presented to members of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and Prince George's County Education & Community Partners (PGCECP), a consortium comprised of Fengate Asset Management (Fengate) and Gilbane Development Company as Developer; Gilbane Building Company as Design-Build Contractor; Stantec as Designer and Architect of Record; and Honeywell Building Technologies as Services Provider.

One of the 20 largest school districts in the United States, Prince George's County has the second-oldest buildings in Maryland with more than half of its 208 schools over 50 years old. PGCPS partnered with Prince George's County Education & Community Partners, a consortium of developers, to overcome a massive funding shortage to update, modernize and expand its aging school infrastructure.

This pioneering "Blueprint

Schools" program was specifically designed to address aging and overcrowded facilities and will deliver six new schools, ultimately serving 8,000 students, by July 2023, a mere two and a half years after reaching financial close. This innovative bundled delivery model, the first of its kind in the U.S., is advancing local economic inclusion goals through diverse and local business utilization. Nearly 30% of total eligible costs will be awarded to minority-owned businesses and communitybased small businesses, while approximately \$174 million in savings is expected to be realized by PGCPS in deferred maintenance and construction costs savings.

The P3 Awards judges were impressed with the model that sets an important precedent for other school districts looking to meet immediate and long-term needs, and that creates substantial cost and time-savings and sizable community benefits. The project has also recently been recognized as Social Infrastructure (Education) Deal of the Year

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## **Prince George's County Exercises Right of First Refusal Tool to Preserve Affordable Rental** Housing in Largo Town Center

"I have been proud to support the Washington International Horse Show each year, and their commitment to improving the sport," said Stacia Klein, a leading trainer specializing in equitation and known for developing young jumping talent.

complex in nearby Oxon Hill, Md., to create a WIHS Hotel and Hospitality Campus offering exhibitors, spectators, and sponsors special access to top lodging, entertainment, and community events.

## Paid Family, Medical Leave **Awaiting Maryland Governor's Signature**

#### By LOGAN HILL **Capital News Service**

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 31, 2022)—Maryland employees could get up to three months of paid leave to support their family or take care of medical issues if Republican Gov. Larry Hogan chooses to sign the bill that won final approval in the Senate Thursday.

The Time to Care Act (SB275), previously approved by the House of Delegates, is now on Hogan's desk for his possible signature. By sending the bill to Hogan by Friday, lawmakers have time before the end of their 90-day session to override a possible veto.

The bill, which has been in the works in some form since 2019, establishes the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, which will provide up to 12 weeks of benefits to a covered individual who must take leave from work for specific personal or family circumstances. The program would go fully

into effect Jan. 1, 2023. The federal Family and Medical Leave Act protects employees' jobs for up to 12 weeks when they are out, but it does not supply financial support and only applies to businesses with more than 50 employees and public employers.

"No one should have to choose between putting food on the table and getting treatment for cancer, caring for their newborn, or being with a parent during their last days," Senate President Bill Ferguson, D-Baltimore, said in a tweet. "Soon, Marylanders will no longer have to make that impossible decision."

Under the bill, part-time and full-time employees who have worked 680 hours over a 12month period would be able to receive 12 weeks of pay. They



JOE RYAN/CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Matthew Weaver, manager of a Zeke's Coffee shop in Baltimore, told legislators early in the session how paid medical leave could help him. He needs followup surgery, and though the company wants to financially support him while he is out, it would not be able to bear the cost alone.

would be eligible for between \$50 and \$1,000 a week, depending on the worker's average weekly salary. Employees and employers would be required to contribute a portion of a worker's wages every week. The contribution cannot exceed 0.75% of a worker's total wages.

This is not the first time Mary-

land lawmakers have tried to address the topic of paid family leave. In 2019, the then Time to Care Act did not make it out of committee. In 2020, another version was pushed away by the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

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County Supports AHC Greater Baltimore Inc.'s Efforts to Acquire Affordable Housing Community and Expands Partnerships to Support Program

## **By ALEXIS REVIS YEOMAN Department of Housing and Community Development**

LARGO, Md. (March 29, 2022)-The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) utilized its Right of First Refusal to purchase the property formerly known as Camden Largo Town Center, a 245-unit multi-family apartment building, located at 9701 Summit Circle, Largo, Maryland. Ninety-eight units will remain affordable. According to County Resolution CR-51-2015, the County may exercise its Right of First Refusal (ROFR) when an owner of a multi-family rental facility of 20 units or more intends to sell a multifamily property. DHCD has the authority to purchase the property or assign its rights in an effort to stabilize, preserve, and expand housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households and increase the availability of quality affordable rental housing in designated areas of the County.

"This multifamily apartment community sits in the heart of downtown Largo, a vibrant and

growing retail center," said County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "With the new University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center and the Blue Line Metro Station, downtown Largo is critical for our economic development vision along the Blue Line Corridor. With increasing market demand of rental property, exercising our Right of First Refusal program is not only helping us to protect and expand quality, safe homes that residents of all incomes can afford, but also plays a key role in contributing to the creation and preservation of healthy and inclusive communities where access to opportunity is increased."

The development team for the project is a joint venture of AHC Inc., Insight Property Group, and Federal Capital Partners (FCP). The purchase price is \$71.85 million with commitments to maintaining 10% of the property at

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## TOWNS and NEIGHBORS

## In & Around Morningside-Skyline by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

#### Neda Beal, '72 La Reine grad, helped build a school in Kenya

Neda Kolega Beal, 68, formerly of Camp Springs, died March 9 at her home in Irmo, S.C. Cause of death was glioblastoma brain tumor.

She was born in Queens, N.Y., the oldest of the three daughters of Dr. Bruno and Dusanka Kolega. She was blessed to be raised by these loving parents of Croatian Ancestry who instilled the importance of faith, family, education and their Croatian Heritage.

Her father, Dr. Bruno Kolega, had a medical office for years in Temple Hills. Neda grew up in Camp Springs, attended St. Philip's School and La Reine High School, earned a BS in French at Georgetown and an MBA in International Business at George Washington University. She met her husband Walt on a ski trip in Killington, Vt. They married in Camp Springs Sept. 8, 1979.

She was named Teacher of the Year while teaching high school French in Valdosta, Ga., and went on to a 40-year career in banking. She served on Boards of the SC Council on Economic Education and Columbia's Capital Rotary Club. As a Rotarian, she was a Paul Harris Fellow, twice honored as Rotarian of the Year.

Survivors include daughter Stephanie Tedford (Brody), son Mark Beal (Lindsay) and grandsons Bennett and Grant. Mass of Christian Burial was at Our Lady of the Lake, in Chapin, S.C.

As a Rotarian Neda aided in the construction of a school in Kenya.

#### **Town of Morningside**

Morningside meetings for April: Work Session, Tues. April 12, 7 p.m. and Town Meeting, Tues., April 19, 7 p.m. Both at the Town Hall. Information: 301-736-2300.

A fun-filled morning with the Easter Bunny is coming up April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Town Hall. Breakfast will include donuts, fruit & juice, and there'll be five Fun Games of Bingo, and door prizes. An Easter Egg Hunt follows, for ages 3 to 12. (Bring a basket to collect all your eggs!) Parents must remain onquired. Tickets can be purchased Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Space is limited, reserve early.

A special thank-you to the Town and the Morningside Recreation Committee for delivering goodie bags to the Morningside seniors—and me. Inside my goodie bag I found a facemask, hand sanitizer, magnet with a calendar, pen, key chain and a treat.

#### Neighbors & other good people

Larry and Jody (Bowman) Nyers met in high school and began dating in the spring of 1972. April 18, 2022, marks 42 years of marriage and 50 years of togetherness. They raised two daughters, Meghan and Kerri, and after retirement they relocated to Conway, South Carolina. They celebrated their anniversary with a trip to Paris.

Congratulations to Noemie Jackson-Weaver, a sixth grader at New Hope Academy in Hyattsville, on winning the Prince George's County Spelling Bee sponsored by the Washington Informer newspaper. The Bee was held at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. Noemie will now find a coach to help her go on to the National Bee which will be held Memorial Day week at National Harbor.

I'm a devout believer in obituaries, and at least scan them in any newspaper I meet. This week I found a fun quote. It was from a well-written obituary for David Michael Johnson, of Arlington, who had been noted for his sense of humor. As the obit states, "his core tenet was that you can't die as long as you have an Amazon order on the way."

#### Condolences

To Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Harmon, of Skyline, on the death of their daughter Kesia Harmon, who died March 25 in Hampton, Va. She was 49.

To Charles Rodney, of Camp Springs, on the death of his brother, Rev. Joseph Conway Rodney, SSJ, who died March 23 at the age of 84. He was a retired Josephite priest who served 50-plus years in Josephite parishes. His funeral was at

#### Changing landscape: Big news from the nest!

An eaglet hatched late March 28 in a nest at the National Arboretum in Washington. The parents are Mr. President (known as Mr. P) and Lotus (short for Lady of the United States) who is a firsttime mom. I hope it is healthy—its sibling hatched several days earlier and died about a day later. The new eaglet is known as DC9 because it's the ninth egg to hatch in the nest.

Six Flags America opened for the season March 19. It'll be open April 9 thru 18, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., before closing weekdays. Open again weekends April 23/24 and Apr. 30–June 1, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

A home at 6700 Larches Court in Morningside, has sold for \$225,000.

## Do you have memorabilia of the La Plata tornado?

Twenty years ago this month, April 28, 2002, about 7:02 p.m., a devastating tornado crossed Route 301 into the heart of La Plata as an F3 and then an F4. It cut a swath about half-mile wide and killed five people, including two in Calvert County, two in La Plata, plus one who had a heart attack.

Anthony Puzzilla is looking for stories, photos and recollections for his book, "La Plata Tornadoes: Rising from the Ashes." If you have something, call him at 240-416-5827.

#### Mulch Madness giveaway is back!

Prince George's County residents can pick up free mulch from the County Organics Composting Facility on Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or while supplies last. Mulch for this event comes from live Christmas trees collected curbside and dropped off throughout January.

A skid loader will be available to load mulch directly into pickup trucks (no commercial vehicles). Residents transporting mulch by car will need to bring their containers, shovels or pitchforks. For more details, visit mypgc.us/mulchmadness.

## Around the County



Bowie State FB Pro Day 2022

#### **Bowie State Football Holds 2022 Pro Day**

BOWIE, Md. (March 31, 2022)—Six Bulldogs showcased their talents in front of representatives from NFL and CFL teams at the Bowie State annual Pro Day, which was held on Wednesday at Bulldogs Stadium.

Several scouts and player personnel representatives attended as the Bulldogs were tested, measured and put through various drills. After measurements, Pro Day participants took part in the 225-pound bench press test, the vertical jump, broad jump, 40-yard dash, pro shuttle, 3-cone drill and 60-yard shuttle. The day wrapped up with individual position skill work.

"It was great to have the scouts come see our seniors that would like to continue playing the game they love," said head coach Damon Wilson. "It doesn't matter what level of football you play, the scouts will find you. I was glad to see so many of our underclassman out to support our seniors. They now have a reference point to go pull from if they desire to continue to play football after college. They had the opportunity to see the business side of the game today and see the level of commitment that is needed."

Top two performances came from Bowie State's Myles Wolfolk (Largo, MD) and Wesley Bowers (Fort Washington, MD). Wolfolk improved on his numbers from his pro day at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) while Bowers had an overall good performance, impressing scouts with his versatility regarding his fieldwork.

Additionally, other Bulldogs that participated were Tevin Singleton (District Heights, MD), Jarome Johnson (Washington, DC), Simeon Gatling (Greensboro, MD) and Calil Wilkins (Temple Hills, MD). Due to injury he encountered during the HBCU Bowl Game, Wilkins was unable to do field drills but is expected be at full strength by minicamp.

Three other participants that joined the Bulldogs in Pro Day included Adam State's Carl Anderson, Georgetown's Ahmad Wilson and Morgan State's Wesley Wolfolk.

The 2022 NFL Draft is set for April 28–30 and will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

For the most up-to-date information on Bowie State University Athletics and its 13 varsity sports teams, please visit www.bsubulldogs.com.

—Jolisa Williams, Bowie State University Athletics

## **Brandywine-Aquasco**

## **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & PRACTICES**

The Institute for Restorative Justice & Practices virtual conference was held Friday, April 8, 2022, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (EST). The Institute for Restorative Justice Practices Conference allowed caregivers, students, educators, service providers, community leaders, policymakers, and restorative practices experts to explore, engage and collaborate to shape a strength -based narrative of the diverse experiences and needs of young people from different backgrounds.

Keynote speakers were Dr. Salim Hylton, Dr. Ivy Hylton, and Dr. George Stanislaus. Session presenters were Hon. Steny Hoyer, Dr. Aminta Breaux, Dr. Carl Goodman, Dr. Charles Adams, Dr. Matasha Harris, and Shannell Thomas. Energy facilitators were Hoke S. Glover III, Dr. Monica Love, Dr. Dmetha Lewis-Jack, Azikwe Acyeyei. For more information restorativejustice@bowiestate.edu or www.bowiestate.edu@ BSUInstituteforRJP.

### ST. PHILIP'S DAY

Come celebrate with us on St. Philip's Day. Join us for our worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2022. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Charles Hoffacker. We will have praise dancers. Come out and enjoy our service and give praise to the Lord! A light lunch will be served immediately following the worship service. St Philip's Church Baden 13801 Baden Westwood Road Brandywine, MD 20613-8426.

#### UNIVERSITY BANDS: SPRING SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT

Bowie State University Bands presents its Spring Symphonic Band Concert April 21, 2022, from 7–8:30 p.m. This event is an opportunity for students, alumni, family, friends, and supporters to enjoy an evening of musical excellence.

Donations are appreciated and held to support the Symphony of Soul Band. Go to the link https://bit.ly/3qAvfVo under Designations, choose "click here to choose other designations." Scroll to the Athletics category. Select Symphony of Soul Band. Cost is free.

Location: Fine & Performing Arts Center Recital Hall 14000 Jericho Park Road Bowie, Maryland 20715. Contact Billy Bennett Email: bbennett@bowiestate.edu Categories: Featured, Fine and Performing Arts, Performance/Exhibit.

### APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Ron and Beth Davis, Lloyd and Shirley Brown, Trevor and Denise Reid Bourne, Norman and Jean Noel, Clarence and Dorothy Glasgow Reid, Eddie and Ruth Wilson, George and Karen Taylor, Anston and Angela Williams, Cosmus and Stephnie Samuel who are Clinton United Methodist Church members celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in April.

## by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

## BSU/UMD SOCIAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE SPRING SYMPOSIUM

Healing from Hate: Advancing Racially Equitable Polices. The 2022 Spring Symposium will be held Friday, April 22, 2022, from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, University of Maryland, College Park.

A panel discussion and social justice award ceremony featuring university, community and policy leaders who will talk about issues centered on individual and community healing, anti-racism, and racially equitable social and public policy.

The Social Justice Alliance continues to honor the legacy of BSU student Lt. Richard W. Collins III, who was murdered in 2017 by a UMD student.

Hosted by the BSU/UMD Social Justice Alliance and the 2nd Lieutenant Richard W. Collins III Foundation. Learn more about the BSU/UMD Social Justice Alliance. No cost. Location to be determined 11400 Jericho Park Road Bowie, Maryland 20715.

Contact: Victoria Alexander. Email: valex@umd.edu. Categories: Academics, Alumni, Civic Engagement, Entrepreneurship Academy, Workshop/Training.

## POTHOLES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Where are the worst pot-holes in Prince George's County? Pothole season has arrived, from small potholes to cavernous crater. Where is the worst car-jolting potholes in Prince George's County?

The Maryland State Highway Administration spends about \$3 million a year patching pothole (Shutterstock). Prince George's County, Maryland. It is pothole season in Maryland and that means many drivers will test their skills swerving to avoid hitting them. The worst potholes could end up damaging a vehicle.

Potholes thrive when water collects in road crevices and expands as it freezes. The weight of passing vehicles, especially heavy trucks, adds to pothole damage. "The main ingredient for potholes is water from winter precipitation going through several freeze-thaw cycles," said Tim Smith of the Maryland State Highway Administration.

Annually, the State Highway Administration repairs upwards of 34,000 potholes and spends an estimated and three million on pothole repairs. The average cost of a repair is \$90, including material, labor, and traffic control.

If drivers cannot avoid hitting a pothole, they should slow down and avoid abrupt braking, the AAA suggests. Drivers should avoid driving through standing water, which can conceal potholes, according to AAA, which advised ensuring tires are inflated to the proper pressure at least once a month. Marylanders can notify state officials about where potholes are. In Prince George's County, visit the potholes page. Kristin Danley-Greiner, Patch Staff.

## Bible & Leadership Institute—2022 Spring Semester

Classes will be held online, via Zoom

DATE: Saturdays, beginning Saturday, April 23, 2022, to June 11, 2022 VENUE: Accokeek First Church of God online, via Zoom

301-283-2116 / www.accokeekchog.org

Rose Armstrong, Admin. Assistant, adminasst@accokeekchog.org 301-885-8124 (cell)

DESCRIPTION: The Spring semester of our Bible & Leadership Institute is offering the following classes:

The Truth About World Views (Evangelism and Outreach) led by Minister Lisa Kirby: Saturdays from 9–10:15 a.m.

Biblical Beliefs (Bible and Theology) led by Pastor Paula Collins: Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Registration is open from now to April 23, 2022. To register and learn more about our entire course offerings and benefits, send an email to: adminasst@accokeekchog.org. Or call or text Rose Armstrong at 301-885-8124.

Our certified instructors are Pastor Paula Collins and Minister Lisa Kirby. DURATION: Eight (8) week semester

Fees for all classes: \$45.00 (includes tuition and textbook) ALL ARE WELCOME!!

## M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County Announces Sculpture Carden Tours at Oven Hill Manor

## Sculpture Garden Tours at Oxon Hill Manor

RIVERDALE, Md. (March 30, 2022)—The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County, part of The M-NCPPC, announces its upcoming tours of the Sculpture Garden at Oxon Hill Manor. Join exhibit curator, Sarah Tanguy, for a guided tour of "Past & Present," an outdoor sculpture exhibit presented by the Washington Sculptors Group and Oxon Hill Manor.

Free of charge and open to all ages, tours [were] held on Saturday, April 2, 2–3 p.m. and will be held on Thursday, June 23, 7–8 pm. Participants will learn about the local, national and international sculptors in this exhibition. Light refreshments will be served.

The sculptures are on the grounds of the Historic Oxon Hill Manor at 6901 Oxon Hill Rd, Oxon Hill MD, 20745. To register or learn more, visit https://www.facebook.com/events/1005161463757911/ or call 301-839-7782. This project is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## Movies on The Potomac Return to National Harbor in May

## Featuring date night movies on Thursdays and family night movies on Sundays through September

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (March 30, 2022)—National Harbor brings back its popular Movies on the Potomac series from May 1 through September 30. Every Thursday ("date night") at 7 p.m. and Sunday ("family night") at 6 p.m. guests are invited to gather in front of the Plaza Screen on the waterfront to watch recent releases and classic films. Movie goers are encouraged to bring chairs and order take-out from one of the many restaurants right around the plaza. For the full schedule and complete list of movies, visit https://www.nationalharbor.com/events/annual-events/movies-on-the-potomac/. There is no charge to attend.

## COMMUNITY

### Award from A1

and Editor's Choice as the Best Deal in North America at the IJGlobal Awards 2020 and ESG Social Infrastructure Deal of the Year at the IJGlobal ESG Awards 2021. The six-school program is currently one-third through construction with foundations nearing completion, structural steel topping out in spring 2022, building dry-in spring/summer 2022, and targeted completion summer 2023.

"This historic chapter of school construction invests in our students with a blueprint for bold action and urgency," said Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Dr. Monica Goldson. "We are proud to lead in leveraging the Alternative Construction Financing model to deliver six new modern school buildings in record time. There is no doubt that other school systems in our region and across the nation will look to Prince George's County for innovation in capital improvements."

"We are Prince George's Proud that our County and our school system are being recognized for the Alternative Construction Finance program for school construction," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "This is a tremendous honor for our County, and we want to thank and congratulate everyone who played a role in pushing this innovative model for school construction forward. Because of our collective efforts, we are not only providing quality learning environments for our children, but we are also making Prince George's County a national leader in school construction while creating generational wealth for local and minorityowned businesses."

"The County Council proudly celebrates this award honoring our County's groundbreaking public-private partnership for school construction," said Prince George's County Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins II (At-Large). "It was a special moment to witness Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Dr. Monica Goldson accepting this high honor on behalf of our partners and the private sector. We remain committed to such creative, model strategies that deliver important educational and economic opportunities for our students and communities."

"Thank you to the P3 Awards organizers and judges for recognizing this critical and first-of-its-kind project delivering six schools for the students, staff and community of Prince George's County," said Mac Bell, Managing Director, Infrastructure Investments, Fengate. "We are so proud to be partners with PGCPS on this much-needed development project, and of the additional benefits for the community including apprenticeships, scholarships, significant cost savings over traditional procurement, and guaranteed work opportunities for local and diverse businesses."

"We are extremely honored to have received this award, which represents an incredible amount of effort and collaboration of so many within the school system, community, and our consortium," said Darin Early, Managing Director of Gilbane Development Company. "We hope that this partnership will serve as a model for providing safe, sustainable educational facilities for school systems across the country."

For more information on the Blueprint Schools initiative, visit www.pgcpsblueprintschools.com.

Prince George's County Education & Community Partners (PGCECP) is a consortium selected by Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) to design, build, finance, operate and maintain six public middle schools in Prince George County, Maryland, by innovatively addressing aging facilities and increasing community needs. PGCECP, the consortium delivering this project, comprises Fengate Asset Management, Gilbane Development Company, Gilbane Building Company, Stantec and Honeywell Building Technologies. The approach is the first of its kind for a U.S. public school system and is designed to build new schools faster, cutting the delivery time in half with lower construction costs and preventative maintenance.

## **Fallen Heroes Day to Honor Police/Firefighters** Who Died in Line of Duty

37th Annual Ceremony Will Be Held At Fallen Heroes Memorial At Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens On May 6, 2022

#### **By PRESS OFFICER Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens**

TIMONIUM, Md. (March 30, 2022)-The 37th annual Fallen Heroes Day observance will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022, at the Fallen Heroes Memorial at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. The event honors police, firefighters, and emergency medical/rescue personnel who have died in the line of duty, and is the only statewide ceremony in the nation that brings together all segments of the public safety community.

The ceremony is open to the public with limited tent seating. Family members of those being honored will be in attendance. The observance will adhere to any Maryland/Baltimore County Covid guidelines in place at the time of the event. The ceremony will also be live-streamed.

Delivering memorial addresses will be Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford and Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski, Jr. Award winning journalist and WJZ news anchor, Denise Koch, will be the keynote speaker. Artist and local broadcaster Mary Beth Marsden will serve as the emcee.

"I am honored to be representing our administration at this ceremony, as we memorialize the men and women who died while bravely serving our great state," said Lt. Governor Rutherford. "Thank you to all of our fallen heroes and their families for the sacrifices they've made to protect us."

Traditionally, Fallen Heroes Day is held each year on the first Friday in May, as flags are flown at half-staff at the State House and all state facilities. The day is an opportunity for the public to show their appreciation for those who risk their lives every day to serve Maryland.

The following fallen heroes will be remembered on May 6, 2022:

Chief Nicholas C. Finamore of the

of the U.S. Army, Chief Finamore was a fire chief with more than 50 years of combined career and volunteer firefighting experience. Throughout his career, he earned numerous awards for heroic actions, including the PGFD Gold Medal of Valor. Nick Finamore was the Chief of the Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department and the Volunteer Operations Commander for the Prince George's County Fire Department at the time of his passing.

Lieutenant William A. Sheffield of the Baltimore City Fire Department died on January 27, 2021, after losing his battle with Covid-19. An outstanding firefighter and fire officer, the 28-year veteran of the fire service was a highly esteemed colleague and friend. Throughout his career, Lt. Sheffield was a mentor to his fellow firefighters, particularly in his capacity as a Fire Investigator and as a Safety Officer. He was stationed at Engine 35 where he remained till his passing.

Director of Field Operations Beverly Good of the U.S. Dept of Homeland Security-Customs and Border Protection/ Office of Field Operations, Baltimore, died on January 28, 2021. Director Good, whose distinguished career spanned 30 years in service to our nation, succumbed to COVID-19. An expert in her field, Director Good was recognized for her exemplary work and her dedication to the mission of the CBP.

Corporal Keith A. Heacook of the Delmar Police Department died April 28, 2021. Corporal Heacook succumbed to injuries sustained on April 25, 2021, when he was brutally assaulted after responding to a fight in progress. Keith Heacook was first on the scene and was ambushed by the assailant. Corporal Heacook, a highly respected officer and dedicated public servant, was a 22-year veteran of the Delmar Police Department.

Battalion Chief Joshua D. Laird of

while battling a two-alarm house fire in Ijamsville. Battalion Chief Laird fell into a basement from the first floor while fighting the fire. An exemplary first responder, he was a highly decorated 21year veteran of the fire company and recipient of the Silver Medal of Bravery.

Firefighter/EMT Kelly W. Frye, a 26year veteran of the City of Cumberland Fire Department passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, after succumbing to Covid-19. An outstanding emergency responder who approached his work with great compassion and care, he began his firefighting service with Shaft Volunteer Fire Department. He also lent his talents as one of the designers of the 100-year uniform patch for the Cumberland Fire Department. FF/EMT Frye was also a life member at Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Police Officer Keona S. Holley of the Baltimore Police Department died on December 23, 2021. Officer Holley succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained on December 16, 2021, when she was ambushed in her patrol car during an overnight shift in Curtis Bay. Her unwavering commitment to helping others led her to a career in law enforcement. A much admired and respected member of the department, Officer Holley served proudly with the Baltimore City Police for two years.

Battalion Chief Christopher D. Morlan, a 23-year veteran of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services died on December 23, 2021, after succumbing to Covid-19. Chief Morlan was a highly decorated firefighter, having received a Gold Medal of Valor, two Life Saving Awards, and several unit citations over his 23year career. Prior to his fire career, Chris was an active volunteer member of the Mt. Rainier Volunteer Department Company 3 in Prince George's County.

Police Officer Gregory M. Santangelo of the Frederick Police Department

Prince George's County Fire Department died from Covid-19 complications on January 5, 2021. A decorated veteran

Signature from A1

A third version was introduced

in 2021, but it, too, died in com-

the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services died on August 11, 2021, as a result of injuries sustained

mittee. Maryland is not the only state trying to address paid family leave this year. Thirteen other states were considering similar legislation during their respective sessions.

The bill survived opposition from the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, the Maryland Retailers Association and some small business owners, who said the program would be too much of a burden.

Bruce Spencer, who owns an

## Housing from A1

60% Area Median Income (AMI) and 30% of the property at or below 80% AMI for 15 years.

"AHC is delighted to acquire our first community in Prince George's County in partnership with the County, Insight Property Group, and FCP," said Mary Claire Davis, AHC Greater Baltimore Director. "We appreciate the County's commitment to providing long-term rental affordability in such a prime location and look forward to adding programming and services to further enhance the quality of life for our residents."

DHCD has also announced the expansion of the roster of preapproved affordable housing development companies that are eligible to purchase properties under the Right of First Refusal program. As a result of a recent Request for Qualifications, DHCD selected 13 additional participants in the program who will join the existing roster of 15

### auto repair shop in Anne Arundel County, testified against the bill during a hearing at the beginning of the legislative session. Spencer said it is not financially feasible for him to hold a job open for 12 months, and it is impossible for him to fill skilled positions with temporary workers.

"We build our labor as a revenue source," Spencer told legislators. "We have four technicians. You take one out, that is 25% less revenue. The thought of a temporary workforce in a very skilled position is almost nonexistent."

Regan Vaughan, director of advocacy for Catholic Churches

companies. Each of the newly qualified companies have strong experience and capacity in the affordable housing industry.

The acquisition of the property formerly known as Camden Largo Town Center and the expansion of the roster of companies to support the Right of First Refusal program furthers the mission of DHCD to preserve or create affordable homes, prevent displacement, advance racial and housing equity, and open greater opportunity for individuals, families, and communities.

Founded in 1975, AHC Inc. is a nonprofit developer of affordable housing that provides quality homes plus education programs and social services for low-and moderate-income families. Based in Arlington, VA, AHC has developed more than 7,800 apartment units in 50+ properties in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. AHC's Resident Services program reaches 3,000 children, teens, adults, and seniors each year. Insight Property Group acquires

of Baltimore, also testified before legislators. She said in an interview with Capital News Service Thursday the legislation could benefit employers and employ-

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ees. "People need time to care for themselves and their families," Vaughan said. "A lot of businesses realize employees have families. By having the entire state participate, we can keep costs down.

She said she and those who support the bill are pleased to see it so close to fruition after so many years.

"We're elated to be where we are right now," she said.

and develops mixed-use and residential communities in the Washington Metropolitan area. Since its inception in 2009, it has built a broad portfolio of housing including affordable, workforce, mixeduse, and luxury rental communities as well as infill for-sale townhomes. With more than \$1.5 billion in investments, Insight has purchased, re-positioned, and constructed more than 4,800 residential units and 200,000 square feet of commercial space with another 1,250 units and 120,000 sf of retail in the immediate pipeline.

FCP® is a privately held real estate investment company that has invested in or financed more than \$9.3 billion in assets since its founding in 1999. FCP invests directly and with operating partners in commercial and residential assets. The firm makes equity and mezzanine investments in incomeproducing and development properties. Based in Chevy Chase, MD, FCP invests both its commingled, discretionary funds and separate accounts targeted at major real estate markets in the United States.

## **Request For Expressions** of Interest

## Prince George's County **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (CAB)** REDEVELOPMENT

CAB with its beautiful grounds and prime location, offers a significant redevelopment opportunity.

Issuance Date: March 29, 2022 Pre-Response Conference & Site Tour: April 12, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Submission Deadline: May 11, 2022 by 3 PM



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## COMMENTARY

**Marc Morial** 

President and CEO, National Urban League



"You faced insults here that were shocking to and all that stuff ..." me. Well, actually, not shocking. But you are here because of that kind of love, and nobody is taking this away from you ... It is not going to stop. They are going to accuse you of this and that. In honor of the person who shares your birthday, you might be called a communist. But don't worry, my sister. Don't worry. God has gotten you. How do I know that? Because you are here, and I know what it has taken for you to sit in that seat."

—Sen. Cory Booker

As Lee Atwater famously described the evolution of race-baiting in politics, "You start out in 1954 by saying, 'N\*\*ger, n\*\*ger, n\*\*ger'. By 1968 you can't say 'n\*\*ger'-that backfires ... So, you say stuff like forced busing, states' rights

In 1966, avowed segregationist Sen. James Eastland of Mississippi did not mention race during confirmation hearings for Constance Baker Motley the first African-American woman appointed to the federal judiciary. Instead, he baselessly called her a communist.

Now, as Ketanji Brown Jackson nears confirmation as the nation's first Black woman Supreme Court justice, "critical race theory," "The 1619 Project," "soft on crime" are the new "forced busing" and "state's rights."

These racist tactics will be no more successful in derailing Jackson's nomination than they were in 1966. But the senators who engaged in them have stained their legacy forever, all for the sake of courting the votes of an extremist fringe.

For no discernible reason other than to draw attention to Jackson's race, Sen. Ted Cruz displayed Ashley Lukashevsky's illustrations from Ibram X. Kendi's children's book Anti-Racist Baby and—absurdly twisting the book's premise—asked Jackson if she believes babies are born racist.

The Senate has confirmed more than 100 federal judges since the publication of Anti-Racist Baby, including Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett, and Cruz apparently did not see fit to ask any of them about it. As legal commentator Elie Mystal wrote, "Kendi's Black, and Jackson's Black, so for some reason it's okay to ask Jackson to answer for the ideas in Kendi's book."

Cruz further cast aspersions on Jackson's patriotism, invoking a favorite hobgoblin of racial provocateurs, The 1619 Project. Cruz claimed to be "surprised" by Jackson's reference in a speech to the New York Times' project, developed by Nikole Hannah-Jones.

Cruz bragged about his racist line of questioning in a news release.

Senators Tom Cotton and Josh Hawley falsely insinuated that Jackson's sentencing of child sex offenders was lenient, even though the sentences were "entirely consistent" with those of other judges, according to a group of retired federal judges.

"The charge that Jackson sentenced child sex offenders to less time in certain cases than prosecutors recommended is particularly offensive, since it reflects a long-standing pattern in American history of attempting to pillory Black women as being incapable of living up to virtuous standards of womanhood," historian Peniel E. Joseph wrote for CNN.

The specific sentences to which Cotton referred reflected changes in the law effected by The First Step Act, a bipartisan criminal justice reform bill signed under the previous administration.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, who voted last year to confirm Jackson to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, also questioned her sentencing of sex offenders, repeatedly interrupting her as she tried to answer.

An analysis of Supreme Court confirmation hearings found that women and nominees of color are interrupted significantly more often than white men.

"Speech interruptions are often intrusive attempts to exercise conversational control that place the interrupter in a dominant position, relative to the speaker," the authors of the study wrote. "By interrupting a nominee, a senator can attempt to paint the nominee as less than forthcoming,'

Modern-day Senate confirmation hearings generally reveal far more about the Senators doing the questioning than the nominees whose qualifications the hearings purport to examine. But what was revealed about Justice Jackson was her extraordinary grace under pressure, her eloquence and her determination to assume her place on the nation's highest bench, as she undoubtedly will. —April 1 2022

**Marion Wright Edelman** President Emerita, Children's Defense Fund

## **ChildWatch: The Emmett Till Antilynching Act: Remedy at Last**

On March 29, President Joe Biden signed the Emmett Till Antilynching Act into law, making lynching a federal hate crime. An act can now be prosecuted as a lynching and punishable by up to 30 years in prison if a person conspires to commit a hate crime that results in death, serious bodily injury, and other harms. This legislation was more

Mrs. Mamie Till, whose determination to make her beloved only son's murder visible and public became an inflection point in the civil rights movement and American history. Emmett Till's murderers were tried in front of an all-white jury, who could be heard laughing in their jury room, and acquitted after a 67-minute deliberation. One of the jurors later said, "If we hadn't stopped to drink pop, it wouldn't have taken that long." The Act named in Emmett Till's honor will now help ensure future victims receive justice and their attackers are punished to the full extent of federal law.

to all those who fought tirelessly to pass a federal antilynching law in the past, starting with the fearless activist and crusader Ida B. Wells. Her greatgranddaughter, educator and historian Michelle Duster, was one of the ceremony's speakers. Duster noted Wells had first visited the White House to urge President William McKinley to make lynching a federal crime in 1898, and "since my great-grandmother's visit to the White House 124 years ago, there have been over 200 attempts to get legislation enacted...But we finally stand here today, generations later, to witness this historic moment." Duster also quoted her great-grandmother's famous assertion: "Our country's national crime is lynching."

Ida B. Wells deeply believed this was true and spent years insisting that, in the face of local and state law enforcement's demonstrated willingness to condone or even sanction this crime, federal action was the only answer: "Our national crime requires a national remedy." In a speech at the 1909 National Negro Conference, the meeting that was the forerunner to the NAACP, Wells said: "Various remedies have been suggested to abolish the lynching infamy, but year after year, the butchery of men, women and children continues in spite of plea and protest...The only certain remedy is an appeal to law." She concluded:

slaughter of innocent men, women and children there should be an honest, courageous conference of patriotic, law-abiding citizens anxious to punish crime promptly, impartially and by due process of law, also to make life, liberty and property secure against mob rule. Time was when lynching appeared to be sectional, but now it is national-a blight upon our nation, mocking our laws and disgracing our Christianity. 'With malice toward none but with charity for all,' let us undertake the work of making the 'law of the land' effective and supreme upon every foot of American soil-a shield to the innocent; and to the guilty, punishment swift and sure."

Her clear vision of an "honest, courageous conference of patriotic, law-abiding citizens" anxious to do the right thing would be decades delayed. Instead, in its place would be generations of leaders determined to preserve the status quo. As with so many other attempts to make the law of the land real for everyone in our nation, change has been a long time coming, but change has come. All those who never gave up the fight for a federal antilynching law to honor the more than 4,700 people who were lynched in the United States between 1882 and 1968 and advance justice for Americans who are still victims of racial terror today have finally been rewarded.



than a century in the making, after decades of lawmakers' systematic and shameful success in blocking more than 200 earlier attempts at similar bills.

The new law is named in honor of Emmett Till, the 14-year-old Black child lynched in Mississippi in 1955. Its passage is also a tribute to his mother,

The Act's signing ceremony also paid tribute

"Upon the grave question presented by the

*—April 1 2022* 

## Heroes from A3

died on December 28, 2021, after experiencing complications from COVID-19. Officer Santangelo, a United States Marine Corps veteran, served eight years with the Frederick City Police Department and had previously served 13 years with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. A member of the Patrol Squad A, he then went on to become an outstanding lead instructor at the FPD Training Academy where he trained and mentored countless officers throughout the state.

Paramedic/Firefighter Robert "Bobby" A. Jones of the Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company died January 20, 2022, due to complications from COVID-19. A highly respected career firefighter/paramedic and engineer, Robert Jones served the citizens of our state for 40 years. His commitment to fire service started in Baltimore County when he joined the Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Co. in 1978 where he remained a life member until his death. He also volunteered at the Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Company and the Cape St. Clair Volunteer Fire Company.

Lt. Paul Butrim, Lt. Kelsey Sadler and EMT/Firefighter Kenneth Lacayo of the Baltimore City Fire Department died on January 24, 2022, while battling a fire in a vacant row house in the Mount Clare neighborhood. On their way to the rowhouse fire, they received the dispatch that someone was trapped inside the building. The firefighters became trapped when the structure collapsed during the fire.

Lt. Paul R. Butrim, a 16-year veteran of the Baltimore City Fire Department, began his career as a member of the Joppa Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company. An exemplary first responder, he became a Baltimore City firefighter in 2006 and quickly rose through the ranks. Lt. Butrim was the recipient of an Award of Valor after saving a child in an apartment blaze in 2015.

Lt. Kelsey R. Sadler was a 15-year veteran of the Baltimore City Fire Department. A natural leader, she was the heart and soul of engine company 14. An exceptionally knowledgeable and skilled firefighter and paramedic, Lt. Sadler had also served the Phoenix, Maryland community as a member of the Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company.

Firefighter/Paramedic Kenneth "Kenny" A. Lacayo joined the Baltimore City Fire Department in 2014 and epitomized excellence, compassion, and bravery as a member of Engine 14. He was also a life member of the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad where he was named Paramedic of the Year and a top ten emergency responder.

Firefighter/EMT Wayne V. Fisher, a 9-year veteran of the Harford County Volunteer Fire and EMS Foundation, passed away suddenly from a medical emergency on February 6, 2022, while on duty at the Darlington Volunteer Fire Company. "Fish,"

as he was known, was a former volunteer at the Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Company in Baltimore County. He also served in the Eureka Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company in Pennsylvania. EMT Fisher was an outstanding first responder who was deeply committed to the fire service.

Firefighter Janet H. Holbrook, of the Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company, passed away on February 22, 2022, after returning home from an emergency call. The highly respected and dedicated Harford County firefighter had 25 years of service and held numerous key administrative positions throughout her tenure. She was recently re-elected to the Secretary position for 2022.

The ceremony recognizes one firefighter and police officer who died in the line of duty before Fallen Heroes Day was established. This year we will honor:

Baltimore City Police Detective Richard Bosak, who was shot and killed on April 18, 1968, while attempting to arrest a suspect who had escaped custody. Detective Bosak, a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division at the time of his death.

Anne Arundel County Firefighter John F. Balcer, who died on April 9, 1970, when responding to a call of a house fire. While enroute, the fire truck skidded, and FF Balcer was flung underneath the truck as it overturned. A veteran of the U.S.

Army, John Balcer joined the fire department in 1968.

"Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens is privileged to be the home of Maryland's Fallen Heroes Memorial," said Jack Mitchell, President of Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. "Fallen Heroes Day provides an opportunity for the citizens of Maryland to take time to show our appreciation for the men and women who risk their lives each day when they report to work. It is with profound respect and reverence that we will gather on May 6 to honor Maryland's brave and dedicated first responders."

The ceremony will be livestreamed at 1 p.m. on the Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ dulaneyvalleymemorialgardens.

The taped version of the ceremony will be available on the Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens website www.dulaneyvalley.com.

The event will open with a procession of honor guard units from across the state, mounted units, and motorcycle police. The families of the fallen heroes will be presented with a replica of the Fallen Heroes Memorial and a resolution from the Maryland General Assembly. The ceremony will conclude with a wreath placement, followed by a 21-gun salute, Taps and a flyover. The bell that is housed on Maryland's 9/11 Rolling Memorial will toll as we honor each of the fallen heroes and all Maryland's first responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Currently, 78 members of the public safety community are buried at the Fallen Heroes Memorial. Including this year's observance, a total of 211 Fallen Heroes will have been honored at the annual ceremony. A list of all fallen heroes honored since the ceremony began 37 years ago can be found at www.dulanevvalley.com.

History: In 1976, Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens set aside burial spaces for fallen heroes and their spouses. The first observance of Fallen Heroes Day was May 16, 1986. It was

later moved to the first Friday in May. In 2007, the 70-acre cemetery was purchased by John O. Mitchell, III of the familyowned Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home in Rodgers Forge/Towson, MD. The Mitchell family is proud to continue the tradition of the Fallen Heroes Day ceremony.

Location: The Fallen Heroes Memorial is located within Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens, 200 East Padonia Road, Timonium, MD 21093. 410-666-0490 or www.dulaney valley.com.

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# BUSINESS AND FINANCE

## **Executive VP of Top National Nonprofit Provides Tips and Insight Into Charitable Giving**

Everyone needs a personal philanthropic road map

## *By* PRESS OFFICER **Volunteers of America**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (March 28, 2022)—Jatrice Martel Gaiter is executive vice president of external affairs for Volunteers of America, national office. VOA is one of the nation's largest and oldest charities. Gaiter has spent more than 30 years working with top national nonprofits. She speaks regularly to groups and organizations of all ages including college students and recent graduates about the importance of cultivating a lifelong giving path that tracks alongside an individual's career plan.

"Everyone needs to put together a philanthropic road map," said Gaiter. "You need to find charities that track with your passion and then decide how to most effectively give so that you can make a real difference." Gaiter makes the following recommendations:

Create a lifelong giving plan that fits your passion. Determine what the one or two things are that you really care about and where you can make a difference. "This could be anything from saving children, helping seniors, the homeless, the abused to saving animals to environment or conservation causes," added Gaiter.

Research the top five charities that cover your topic. Decide whether or not you want to give locally or to a larger organization that's working nationally or internationally. Look at the size of the organization. With a smaller, more nimble charity, you may be able to make a larger impact. With a large, national or global organization, you'll be part of a larger giving pool and may be able to point to more tangible, global results.

Do your homework. Check out each charity carefully on Charity Navigator, Charity Watch and Give.org. Read additional reviews online and look at the charity's ratings. Ideally you want a charity that spends five percent, or less, on administrative expenses and 91 cents, or more, of every dollar given to accomplish its mission. Many of the charities that constantly advertise on television spend a high percentage of their donations on ads and marketing. Steer clear of those.

**Be specific.** Instead of thinking, "I want to support the arts," learn about the specific aspects that interest you most. Do you want to support audience development among younger people for the theater? Do you want to support a pipeline project that builds runways for POC and women to enter the leadership and management ranks of large arts organizations? Do you want to help purchase instruments for the local elementary school in your neighborhood?

Give larger gifts rather than smaller gifts. While you may have an obligation to give a small gift to your local fire department or other local entity, focus your giving on your selected charity and give one or two larger gifts a year. "Many young people, who are just starting in their careers may not be able to afford a large charitable gift. Decide what you can afford. Give something at the beginning of the year and save monthly to provide another gift at the end of the year," advised Gaiter. "That way you can keep pace with your income, raise your giving if you get a promotion and a raise."

Check with your tax advisor and your financial planner. If you're further along in your career and/or nearing retirement, consult with a tax advisor and a financial planner to see the best ways to give. Some of the investment firms such as Vanguard and Fidelity have charitable giving vehicles and tools that can ensure your charity is getting the best possible gift from you. A financial planner can advise ways to gift stock or your estate, etc.

Learn to say "no." "By giving larger gifts, you can track your giving year-over-year and know that you're making a difference," added Gaiter. "This means that, when those dozens of solicitations come in and friends push you to give to other causes, you will have to turn them down. For many that's the hardest part of having focused giving."

If you don't have cash, give time. "For those just starting out, volunteering is still a wonderful way to help a charity," Gaiter stated. "Many charities are struggling to find enough workers and volunteers are needed." You may



Jatrice Martel Gaiter

be able to volunteer too in an area of personal expertise such as providing marketing assistance or helping to fundraise. If you're giving large annual gifts, consider getting on the charity's board, it will give you a chance to see how the charity operates.

**Restricted or unrestricted.** Charitable donations that are ear-

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## CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Mayor and City Council of Seat Pleasant propose to increase real property taxes.

- 1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2022, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by <u>4.6%</u> from <u>\$331,418,384</u> to <u>\$346,652,455</u>.
- 2. If the City of Seat Pleasant maintains the current tax rate of .58 per 100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 4.6% resulting in 88,357

## Morningside from A2

#### Free Spay and Neuter Services

The Animal Services Division is offering qualifying residents of Prince George's County the opportunity to receive free spay and neuter services. Spaying and neutering will help your pet live a healthier and longer life and "Keeps the Litter Away."

For more information about the program and to find out if you qualify, go to www.princegeorge-spets4us.com or contact the Animal Services Facility & Adoption Center at 301-780-7200.

#### Milestones

Happy birthday to Donna Wood, April 11; (Darlie) Fay Norton and Donald Brown Jr., April 13; Jean Osterkamp, Donald Brown Sr., Sarah Shipman, Autumn Williams and Fr. Jeffrey Samaha, April 14; Bill Ward, Eva Hay and Les Bornman, April 15.

Happy anniversary to Chuck and Laura Smith Jenkins, their 46th on April 10; and Happy 58th to Tex and Rickie Beardmore on April 11.

Email birthdays and anniversaries to me at muddmm@aol.com.

Palm Sunday Blessings



of new real property tax revenues.

- 3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$ .5545, the constant yield tax rate.
- 4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$.58 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 4.6% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$88,357 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday April 11, 2022, via Zoom meeting link below to register to attend the meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/

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Participants who join the video/audio conference will be enabled to speak by the meeting chair. Speakers will be allowed to address the Council for five (5) minutes. Public Comment may be submitting in writing to <u>CitizenComment.PublicSession@seatpleasantmd.gov.</u> All electronic comments must be submitted by 5:00PM on April 8, 2022. Comments received will be read by City Clerk during the public comment portion of the meeting.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call Jessica Wise, Accounting Manager at (301) 336-2600 for further information.

## SURPLUS PARCEL PURCHASE College Park Metro Station Development

College Ave., Lehigh Rd., Corporal Frank Scott Dr. & 52nd Ave.

## Surface Parking Lot (Redevelopment) County Owned

Transit-oriented Development Near College Park Metro +UMD's Discovery District/Junior Tennis Champions Center

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ISSUANCE OF RFP: Feb. 25, 2022 SITE TOUR: Mar. 11, 2022, at 1 P.M. SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Apr. 14, 2022 AWARD: Summer 2022

## THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

at https:/www.princegeorgescountymd.gov /807/Central-Services.



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## ENVIRONMENT

## **Maryland Democrats Pass Climate Bill After Years of Setbacks**

#### By STEPHEN NEUKAM **Capital News Service**

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 31, 2022)-Sweeping climate change legislation won final passage through the Maryland Senate Thursday (March 31), sending the bill to Republican Gov. Larry Hogan's desk in time for legislators to override his anticipated veto.

The bill, which aims to significantly curtail the state's greenhouse gas emissions and sets it on a path for net zero emissions by 2045, cleared the legislature on a party-line vote, 32 to 15, after months of negotiations between Democratic environmental champions in both chambers.

It is a product of three years worth of efforts to pass the Climate Solutions Now Act, after previous versions failed in 2020 and 2021.

Sen. Paul Pinsky, D-Prince George's, and Del. Kumar Barve, D-Montgomery, led the bill through the legislature this session and came to an agreement over changes made to the proposed law in the House, a stumbling block that prevented the bill from passing last year.

Democrats worked to get the bill to Hogan by the end of this week in time to override a possible veto from the Republican executive.

Democrats expect Hogan, who blasted the legislation earlier this month as an "energy tax bill," to veto the legislation, legislators and aides said.

"(It) imposes massive burdens on Maryland families and small businesses," Hogan said in a statement March 10. "With inflation surging and energy prices at record highs, this is the absolute worst possible time for policies that raise costs for consumers." The bill calls for a 60% reduction of

greenhouse gas emissions by 2031. The bill also mandates that existing buildings over 35,000 square feet reduce emissions by 20% by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2040. Single family homes, historic properties, manufacturing buildings and agricultural buildings would be excluded from the new standards.

Regulations for new buildings, methane emissions monitoring and a program for the construction of net zero emission schools, among other measures, were stripped from the bill in a compromise between Senate and House Democrats. Pinsky criticized the changes made by his colleagues in the House of Delegates.

"When we sent over this consensus bill... we had hoped that the other chamber would take it up also in seriousness and boldness, but unfortunately there was some level of retreat and conciliation to the fossil fuel industry and some other interests," Pinsky said on the Senate floor Wednesday.

Barve was disappointed in Pinsky's comments, saying in an interview with Capital News Service after Thursday's vote that he and Pinsky were in constant communication about the bill during negotiations this session.

Barve pointed out that the House amended a proposed study of the state's electric grid capacity to accommodate an allelectric building code by removing gas infrastructure from the study completely and moving up the reporting date for the study to September 2023 from 2025.

examining how gas companies would fare under a transition to an electrified building sector in the study, which the House removed

"Paul Pinsky chose to cave to BGE (Baltimore Gas and Electric Company)," Barve said.

Barve also said there was never an agreement between Pinsky and him to include the construction of net zero schools, which the Senate bill included in "bad faith," he said, and the House removed.

Despite their disagreements, Barve said he was pleased with the finished product that cleared both chambers.

"This was two, two and a half years worth of work," Barve said. "We are really, really proud of an excellent bill."

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, a leading environmental group in the state which lobbied heavily for the bill, commended the bill's passage.

"This legislation puts the state on a path toward decarbonization and will reduce Maryland's overall greenhouse gas emissions over the next 20 years," CBF Maryland Executive Director Josh Kurtz said in a statement Tuesday. "We owe it to future generations of Marylanders to address the root causes of the stronger storms, rising sea levels, and higher temperatures that threaten their quality of life, and this bill is a strong step toward doing so.

"CBF thanks House leadership and the delegates who helped defend this bill against several weakening amendments."

Senate Minority Leader Bryan Simonaire, R-Anne Arundel, criticized the legislation as a "partisan bill" that passed by "a party-The Senate version of the bill included line vote" before final passage Thursday.

## Solar Co-op Launched April 1 for DMV-Area **Residents to Go Solar Together**

Northern Virginia, neighboring Maryland counties, and the District of Columbia will all go solar as a community

**By PRESS OFFICER** Solar United Neighbors (SUN)

vidually purchase panels, electric vehicle chargers, and storage based on the installer's

stead, members will have the option to indi- an upcoming information session (preliminary list below) and/or sign up for the co-op sessions at solarunitedneighbors.org/

## Spotlight

**UMES Geoscience Bridge Program Provides a Leg-up** for High School Seniors



**UMES Geoscience Bridge Program students** 

#### By GAIL STEPHENS **University of Maryland Eastern Shore**

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. (April 1, 2022)-The University of Maryland Eastern Shore is accepting applications for its summer 2022 Geoscience Bridge Program, June 27-August 5a paid internship opportunity. High school seniors can learn about ocean and atmospheric sciences using geographic information systems and Remote Sensing technologies before their freshman year of college.

Funded by the NOAA Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center at UMES, the program aims to prepare students, particularly from underrepresented groups, for successfully transitioning to college life. Lectures, field trips, hands-on activities, a one for-credit college math course and weekly seminars on college-prep topics round out the program.

After one-year as a virtual program due to the pandemic, the Geoscience Bridge Program returned to an in-person experience last summer hosting eight high school students from across the country and from as far as Puerto Rico. Summer interns receive a stipend, housing, meals and roundtrip travel expenses to attend.

Visit wwwcp.umes.edu/geosciences/ by April 22 to apply. For more information on UMES' Geoscience Summer Bridge Program, email cascott@umes.edu.

WASHINGTON (March 30, 2022)-On Friday, April 1, nonprofit group Solar United Neighbors (SUN) launch[ed] the second Capital Area Solar Co-op to help DMV area residents go solar. In 2021, SUN hosted its first Capital Area Solar Co-op covering Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. as a result, 255 homes and businesses installed solar panels and 51 installed electric vehicle chargers. This resulted in 2,344 kW of solar capacity, \$5.4 million in local solar spending, and more than 55.4 million pounds of lifetime carbon offsets.

"Solar United Neighbors is thrilled to bring back this popular solar co-op to the Capital Area that helped more than 250 residents and businesses go solar in 2021," said Aaron Sutch, Mid-Atlantic program director for Solar United Neighbors. "Together, we're building a movement to transform our electricity system into one that is cleaner, fairer, and shares its benefits more broadly."

The co-op is free to join and open to homeowners and business owners in Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Montgomery, Prince George's, and Frederick Counties in Maryland. There will be three different projects based by state. Together, co-op members will learn about solar energy and leverage their numbers to purchase individual solar systems at a competitive price and top quality.

After a competitive bidding process facilitated by SUN, which remains vendor neutral, co-op members will select a single solar company in each state (or district) to complete the installations. Joining the co-op does not obligate members to purchase solar. In-

group rate.

Solar United Neighbors is partnering with groups across the DMV to promote the coops. Partners include: Arlington County, City of Falls Church, DC Department of Energy and Environment, Montgomery County Green Bank, One Montgomery Green, Montgomery Energy Connection, Montgomery County, MD Department of Environmental Protection, Sustainable Frederick County, Town of Poolesville, Poolesville Green, City of Bowie, City of Gaithersburg, City of Rockville, Sustainable Takoma Park, City of Frederick, City of Laurel, and the City of Takoma Park

"We're excited to announce the second round of the Capital Area Solar Co-op that helps make solar accessible and affordable for Montgomery County residents," said Adriana Hochberg, acting director for the Montgomery County, MD Department of Environmental Protection. "This is a great opportunity to educate residents about the benefits of switching to clean energy and lowering their utility costs. Through a solar co-op, our neighbors are empowered to take control of their electricity bills and use the cost-savings to invest in a better quality of life."

In addition to the co-op being open to all Montgomery County, MD residents, special financing options will be available to assist all income qualifying residents through the Montgomery County Green Bank.

SUN and the co-op partners will host monthly free information sessions virtually and in person to educate community members about solar energy and the co-op. Individuals interested in going solar can attend capitalarea.

Information meetings are planned by Zoom webinar for:

Tuesday, April 12, 12 p.m. Virginia Info Session

Tuesday, May 10, 6 p.m. Virginia Info Session

Thursday, May 12, 6 p.m. Maryland Info Session

Wednesday, June 8, 12 p.m. Virginia Info Session

Friday, June 10, 12 p.m. DC Info Session Friday, June 17, 12 p.m. Maryland Info Session featuring Green Bank

Tuesday, July 12, 6. p.m. Virginia Info Session

Saturday, July 16, 6 p.m. Maryland Info Session

Thursday, August 18, 12 p.m. Maryland Info Session

Tuesday, August 23, 12 p.m. Virginia Info Session

For continued co-op updates and event information, visit the state-affiliated co-op website. Solar co-op member interviews are available upon request.

Solar United Neighbors is a nonprofit organization that works in the DMV and nationwide to represent the needs and interests of solar owners and supporters. Solar co-ops are part of the organization's mission to create a new energy system with rooftop solar at the cornerstone. Solar United Neighbors holds events and education programs to help people become informed solar consumers, maximize the value of their solar investment, and advocate for fair solar policies.

## **Maryland Farmers Expect to Plant Less Corn Acreage**

#### By PRESS OFFICER

**United States Department of Agriculture** National Agricultural Statistics Service **Maryland Field Office** 

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 31, 2022)—The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2022 planting intentions, according to Shareefah Williams, state statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 73,000 farm operators across the United States.

Maryland's 2022 key findings in the report are:

- Corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 460 thousand acres, down 2% from last year.
- · Soybean planted area is estimated at 490 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- Barley planted area is estimated at 28 thousand acres, down 15% from last year.
- Winter Wheat area planted is estimated at 305 thousand acres, down 12% from last year.
- Hay area harvested is estimated at 210 thousand acres, up 6% from last year.

For the complete "Prospective Plantings" report, go to:

https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/ x633f100h

The "Prospective Plantings" report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

that it is needed.

extension.umd.edu.

## **Protect Local Waterways by Following** Maryland's Lawn Fertilizer Law

#### **BV PRESS OFFICER**

#### Maryland Department of Agriculture

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 31, 2022)-The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) reminds homeowners to follow Maryland's Lawn Fertilizer Law while doing yard work this spring. Fertilizer products containing nitrogen and phosphorus may be applied to lawns beginning March 1 as long as the ground is not hard frozen or snow-covered, and heavy rain is not expected.

Maryland's Lawn Fertilizer Law is designed to prevent excess nutrients from entering the Chesapeake Bay and local waterways. The law requires both lawn care professionals and those that care for their own lawns to obey fertilizer application restrictions, use best management practices when applying fertilizer to lawns, observe fertilizer blackout dates, and follow the University of Maryland Extension's (UME) fertilizer recommendations.

Additionally, lawn care professionals

are required to be licensed and certified by MDA to apply fertilizer, or they must work under the direct supervision of an individual who is certified. A list of MDA-certified lawn care professionals can be found on the department's website. These individuals have been trained in bay-friendly fertilizer techniques.

If you care for your own lawn, follow these best management practices:

- · Skip the spring fertilizer, especially if your lawn is healthy. Fall is the best time to fertilize cool-season grasses like fescues and Kentucky bluegrass.
- Sharpen lawnmower blades. A dull blade tears and weakens the grass, opening it up to disease. Many local
- Raise the cutting height of the mower. Taller grass shades out weeds and needs less water. A three-inch cut length is ideal for most lawns.

sharpen your blade for you.

hardware stores or garden shops can

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn. They provide free fertilizer all season long.
- Get your soil tested to see if your grass will benefit from additional nutrients or lime. Watch a UME video on how to take a soil test.
  - If you decide to fertilize:
- Always follow the directions on the fertilizer bag.
- · Do not apply phosphorus (indicated by

expected. For more information on Maryland's Lawn Fertilizer Law and fertilizer best management practices, please visit MDA's website. For lawn fertilizer recommendations and additional tips, please visit the UME Home and Garden Information Center's website: https://

the middle number on the fertilizer

bag) to lawns unless a soil test shows

Clean up any fertilizer on sidewalks

Keep fertilizer applications 10 to 15

Do not apply fertilizer if heavy rain is

or other impervious surfaces.

feet away from waterways.

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Stay focused. Gaiter suggests that no one should be embarrassed or feel uncomfortable telling a friend, relative or neighbor about his/her charity focus when asked to contribute to another charity. Gaiter added, "Just explain that you have a giving plan in place and your focus is X. Once everyone gets the word, they'll, hopefully, back off pressuring you."

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