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## Angela Alsobrooks Receives Over Three Dozen Endorsements on Day One of US Senate Campaign

Leaders and Lawmakers from Across the State Mobilize to Support Angela for Senate

By GINA FORD  
Alsobrooks for Senate

LARGO, Md. (May 10, 2023)—Following the launch of her U.S. Senate campaign, lifelong Marylander Angela Alsobrooks received more than three dozen endorsements from leaders and lawmakers across the state.

"Angela Alsobrooks is extremely qualified to represent Maryland in the United States Senate and deserves our support. She has a proven

track record of success which includes fighting crime, fighting for children, and increasing access to jobs and healthcare," said Congressman Kweisi Mfume. "Angela is someone who knows and understands the people she represents, cares deeply and takes the time to listen to all people. We need her in the U.S. Senate."

"As Prince George's State's Attorney, Angela Alsobrooks handled criminal cases with the highest level of integrity and professionalism, fighting each day for the citizens she took an oath to protect," said Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy. "I'm supporting

Angela for Senate because she's smart, consistent, and I know she will fight for common sense legislation to keep all Marylanders and Americans safe."

"We don't have anyone like Angela in Senate, and she would be only the second woman in history to be elected to a statewide federal office in Maryland," said District 9B Delegate Courtney Watson, "I'm with Angela because women need a seat at the table while critical discussions are ongoing, and I know she will fight for all women's rights, and especially a woman's right to choose."

Angela runs on a strong record of public service, decreasing crime, enhancing schools, creating jobs, growing the economy, and increasing access to mental health and addictions care treatment.

She has spent her life in public service. After law school, Angela

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## Governor Moore Joins Veteran Entrepreneurs During 2023 Military Small Business Appreciation Breakfast

Event Honors Contributions of Maryland's Veteran Community to State's Economy

By PRESS OFFICER  
Maryland Governor News

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (May 9, 2023)—Governor Wes Moore today delivered the keynote address to more than 100 former and current military personnel during the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs 2023 Military Small Business Appreciation Breakfast. The event, co-hosted by Prince George's Community College, honored the significant contributions of Maryland's veteran community to the state's economy.

"Thank you to our veterans and current military personnel for continuing to give back to our state.

Thank you for refusing to take the easy road," said Gov. Moore. "When we provide opportunities to our veterans, they run with them, and make our state better. Today's event is a celebration of that relentless spirit that says: I will serve, no matter what it takes."

During the program, Gov. Moore was joined by Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs Secretary Anthony Woods, Governors' Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs Chief of Staff Pamela Gregory, and Prince George's

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## Pennoyer Elected New Commissioner in the Town of Upper Marlboro

Tuesday's Special Election Was Necessary After March Resignation of Commissioner Janice Duckett

By RAY FELDMANN  
Town of Upper Marlboro

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (May 9, 2023)—Linda Pennoyer has been elected as a new Commissioner in the Town of Upper Marlboro. Town Clerk John Hoatson announced the final results of a special election shortly after 9:30 p.m. tonight (Tuesday, May 9, 2023). Commissioner Pennoyer will be sworn into office on Monday, June 12 and will serve through December 2023. Tuesday's special election was necessi-

tated by the resignation of Commissioner Janice Duckett on March 28.

Pennoyer recorded 39 votes on Tuesday, outdistancing two challengers:

Linda Pennoyer: 39

Derrick Brooks: 29

Andre Phillips: 21

Pennoyer previously served on the Board of Commissioners for six years (2016–2021) as a Commissioner, Treasurer, and Mayor. She stepped away from the Board in November 2021 for personal reasons.

Full profiles and photos of the three can-

didates can be found at this link:

[https://www.uppermarlboromd.gov/administration/government/about/departments/town\\_elections/meet\\_the\\_candidates.php](https://www.uppermarlboromd.gov/administration/government/about/departments/town_elections/meet_the_candidates.php)

Pennoyer will join current Commissioners Sarah Franklin (Mayor/President), Charles Colbert, Thomas J. Hanchett, and Karen Lott on the five-member governing body. The Town of Upper Marlboro expanded the Board of Commissioners from three members to five members in August 2021.

## Upper Marlboro Native Mans the Rail for a Deployment Aboard USS Gerald R. Ford



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS NOLAN PENNINGTON

**Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Emanuel Motosho, from Upper Marlboro, Maryland, assigned to the first-in-class aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) air department, mans the rail on the flight deck, May 2, 2023. Gerald R. Ford is the flagship of the Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group. As the first-in-class ship of Ford-class aircraft carriers, CVN 78 represents a generational leap in the U.S. Navy's capacity to project power on a global scale.**

## Kenmoor Early Childhood Center Educator Named Prince George's County Teacher of the Year

By PRESS OFFICER  
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (May 9, 2023)—Today, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) announced that Kenmoor Early Childhood Center educator Mary Truman will serve as 2023 Prince George's County Teacher of the Year. Truman, who teaches preschoolers with autism, is a 22-year veteran PGCPS educator.

"Mary Truman epitomizes excellence in early childhood education for her creative approach to teaching learners with special needs," said Dr. Monica Goldson, Chief Executive Officer. "Her role in nurturing, building trust and instilling a love of learning sets the foundation for our youngest students. Her impact cannot be overstated."

Selected from a pool of more than 140 nominees, Truman will compete statewide for Maryland Teacher of the Year, coordinated by the Maryland State Department of Education. She will also receive a pre-paid lease on a new 2023 vehicle from sponsor Pohanka Honda.

Truman brings innovative approaches to developing students with autism, with a strong focus on connections with families and the community. She sets high expectations for students as equal members of their

school community.

"Ms. Truman is a phenomenal teacher who truly loves her students," said Alma Ezell-Lawson, Kenmoor Early Childhood Center Principal. "Most of her students are nonverbal, and she communicates so well with them using a wide variety of strategies."

At Kenmoor, Truman serves as a school team leader and new teacher mentor. She is also a member of the Kennedy Krieger Institute Department of Special Education teacher certification program and has been recognized by the City of Bowie as both Teacher of the Month and Teacher of the Year. In 2017, she raised \$12,000 for Autism Speaks through non-profit Bike to the Beach. Truman holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maryland.

International High School at Langley Park teacher Jeimy Amaya was named first runner-up for Teacher of the Year. Finalists include Dr. Terri Dove, Online Campus; Linda Henderson, Montpelier Elementary School; Elizabeth Martinez, Academy of Health Sciences at Prince George's Community College; and Ashley Shifflett, Nicholas Orem Middle School.

In addition to Pohanka Automotive Group, this year's sponsors include NAI Michael and Educational Systems Federal Credit Union.

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It is our hope that this framework provides inspiration to the growing movement for change led by communities through partnership between neighbors, with government, and with nongovernmental allies.

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# TOWNS and NEIGHBORS

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

### Stephanie White celebrated as Legionnaire and Gold Star Mother

Legionnaire Stephanie A. White was honored May 6, with an Appreciation Program and Luncheon. As her long-time friend, I was pleased to be there to applaud.

She grew up in the San Francisco area, graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, and enlisted in the Army where she was assigned to the Intelligence and Security Command in Virginia. She retired from Federal service as an IT specialist.

She is now an active member of Post 259 and of the Maryland Chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers. Her busy volunteer life includes volunteering at the Warrior Events Fall Tailgate Party at the Army-Navy football game, the annual fundraiser golf tournament at Bulle Rock Golf Course, and assisting with veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. She serves on the Maryland Selective Service Board.

She is the only Maryland Chapter Gold Star Mother who is also a veteran.

The program opened with the lighting of a candle in memory of her son PFC Robert L. White who died in a tank training accident at Fort Hood, Tex., in July 2002.

Among those who paid tribute were Brigadier General Janeen Birkhead, Adjutant General of the Maryland National Guard; Dr. James A. Dula, Major, USAF, Ret.; and Kelly Swanson, Past President of the Maryland Chapter of Gold Star Mothers.

Commander Helen Smith introduced speakers and gave closing remarks.

The Light of Service and Sacrifice was extinguished, and Benediction was given by Chaplain Otis Wilson.

### Town of Morningside

Happy birthday to Morningside Mayor Benn Cann on May 18.

Morningside is seeking vintage cars, bands, kids on bikes, PTA officers, clowns, fire engines, and more for their annual Independence Day Parade on Tuesday, July 4. For information, or to register, call 301-736-2300.

Thinking about being a firefighter? The Morningside Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a live-in recruitment weekend June 23–25. Call 301-736-4342 for information.

GI Liquors is still boarded up.

### Sallie Mckoy fatally hit on Suitland Road

Sallie Mckoy, my Skyline Drive neighbor for many years, was hit as she attempted to cross Suitland Road, near Randolph, on April 20 about 3:10 p.m.

From the police report: "The preliminary investigation revealed that a driver traveling southbound on Suitland Road struck McCoy in the roadway as she attempted to cross the street. McCoy was pronounced deceased on the scene. The driver of the striking vehicle remained on scene and was transported to a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries."

After seeing this report, Arlecia Mckoy-Allen reported that the name of her grandmother, Sallie Mckoy, had been spelled wrong in the above report. She added that Sallie was 78.

Services were at Southeast Christian Fellowship Church on Q Street SE. I hope to learn more about Sallie, so I can write her a proper obituary.

### Academia

Crossland's 50th anniversary will be celebrated with a 3-day Reunion beginning Sept. 29 with Meet & Greet (place to be announced). On Sept. 30: dinner at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, in Frederick, Md. On Oct. 1: picnic at Ballenger Creek Park. For information, go to Crossland's 50th website.

I well remember when Crossland opened in 1973. Do you?

Got a graduate? Contact me with information about graduates in your family. Call 301-735-3451 or email mudmm@gmail.com. I need graduate's name and family (parents, grandparents or aunt, or other), school and plans for the future.

### Places to go and things to do

Join Darnall's Chance House Museum for their free lunchtime Lawn

Concert. Bring a picnic lunch with a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy performance by local artists. Free parking onsite. The next Lawn Concert will be Wednesday, May 31, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. with the Memphis Gold and the Scrap Iron Band with special guest Linwood Taylor.

Darnall's Chance Museum is at 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro. And, in case you've been thinking about visiting, don't wait!

The Museum will temporarily close for restoration work this summer.

### Changing landscape

Millions will be spent to continue a massive development project near the Suitland Metro Station, along Suitland Road. Stay tuned.

A home at 4418 Morgan Road, in Morningside, has sold for \$175,000.

### Ode to a red oak

Even as I write this column, Bartlett Tree Experts are in my back yard, taking down my beautiful red oak which has fallen on hard times. It stood, according to the foreman, about 190 feet high, and was still producing beautiful spring foliage. But it had signs of major deterioration and was a threat.

When I moved here in 1958, it was already a tall, beautiful, mature tree. So, I believe it was probably about 100 years old.

I felt sad all during the very noisy take-down. I kept remembering Joyce Kilmer's poem, "Trees. .... A tree that may in summer wear a nest of robins in her hair. A tree that looks at God all day and lifts its leafy arms to pray..... Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree."

### Ginger Moran, Oxon Hill High '51

Virginia "Ginger" Fawcett Moran, 89, a lifelong resident of Oxon Hill, until she moved to Greenspring Senior Living Community in Springfield, Va., died April 29.

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## Around the County

### A Support Network for Young Mothers

WHAT: INTEREST MEETING – A SUPPORT NETWORK FOR YOUNG MOTHERS (ages 18-30)

WHO: Pastor Stephanie Bynum, Bynum Women Outreach Center (BWOC); Dr. Lonise Bias, The Bias Foundation

WHERE: Shekinah Glory Deliverance Church, 11410 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

WHEN: Saturday, May 20, 2023, 11 a.m.

BACKGROUND:

CEO, Stephanie Bynum, knows from experience it's not easy being a young mother and how important it is to have the right support. As a single mother, I worked 2 jobs, attended college, while raising my son. I was able to achieve two college degrees with no student debt. But my support team was key!

BWOC was created from the heart to provide charitable support services to encourage, inspire, and give young mothers the tools needed to be their best.

BWOC is a place where young mothers connect, obtain soft skills and employment training. Participate in pampering events, social outings, and more.

Come out to the interest meeting on May 20 to learn more; and for encouragement and inspiration from our dynamic speaker, Dr. Lonise Bias, The Bias Foundation.

Registration is recommended but not required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/616173851577>

### Maryland Choral Society: The Heart That Loveth Me

Sunday, May 21 at 4 p.m.

Mt. Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747

An afternoon celebrating the universality of love. Featuring Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes—accompanied by two concert pianists playing together on one piano—plus songs of personal and sacred love from a variety of traditions. Purchase tickets:

[https://maryland-choral-society.ticketleap.com/heart/dates/May-21-2023\\_at\\_0400PM](https://maryland-choral-society.ticketleap.com/heart/dates/May-21-2023_at_0400PM)

Purchase your tickets in advance and save \$5!

Use code MCS2023 at checkout.

Maryland State Independence Card/EBT cardholders and their families can attend free of charge—just show your card at the door for free admission.

### SU Student Appointed University System of Maryland Student Regent for 2023–24

SALISBURY, Md. (May 12, 2023)—Salisbury University junior marketing major Josiah Parker has proven himself as a leader in multiple student organizations on campus.

Now, he will represent more than 170,000 of his peers throughout the University System of Maryland (USM) as one of two student members of the USM Board of Regents. His year-long term begins Saturday, July 1.

"I wanted to get a feel for what I could do," the Prince George's County native said, describing what attracted him to the position. "I want to see a level of diversity, equity and inclusion in the USM, and I want to represent the SU brand, 'Make Tomorrow Yours.' I also want to see our campus and community live up to that ideal, succeeding as individuals and thriving as an institution.

"I hold great pride in being appointed by Governor Wes Moore, the first Black Governor of Maryland. This not only gives me a purpose, but allows me to help others find their purpose and their life vision. As a Student Regent, I look forward to investigating new degree programs that aren't offered that could intertwine with students' skillsets, bring the creativity out in people that takes them on a fun journey to find what they want to pursue in the future.

"I also want to incorporate my leadership skills through motivating and inspiring others, in addition to increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of the University System of Maryland to be the best in the nation. It's that passion and vision that motivates me to achieve great things."

Parker also plans to be an advocate for transfer students from Maryland's two- to four-year institutions, following his own successful transition from Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) to SU. He is proud that both SU and AACC have been ranked among the nation's best higher education institutions.

As a member of SU's student NAACP chapter, Black Student Union, SU Multicultural Alliance, Sociology Front, Philosophy Club, Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization (CEO), Marketing Excellence Club, Best Buddies program and Food for the Flock initiative to fight student food insecurity, as well as a past commentator for SU Athletics' Sea Gull Sports Network, Parker is ensconced in the University community.

Through his USM role, he hopes not only to serve as a positive influence for his fellow students, while also advocating for increased graduation and enrollment rates, but to learn more effective communication strategies and gain a better understanding of policies and academia—traits he believes will be useful in his plan to pursue his M.B.A. at SU after his expected graduation in 2024.

Learn more about SU and opportunities to Make Tomorrow Yours at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

### Family Feud Season 24: LOCAL Contestant



A local Brandywine, MD family, THE HUNTER FAMILY will be on the popular game show FAMILY FEUD on Tuesday, May 23 (check your local listings).

PHOTO COURTESY FAMILY FEUD

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

### CONGRATULATIONS MAKAYLA

Makayla Eugene is thriving at NCAT and the College of Agriculture and Environmental Studies. At the spring awards banquet, she received the Academic Excellence Award for having the highest GPA for her class (Sophomore) for the Department of Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education. In addition, Makayla was also selected as one of fifty students' university wide as an NCAT Honors Program Ambassador (a highly competitive and coveted position). Congratulations Makayla on your accomplishments. Makayla is the daughter of Curtis and Stephanie Eugene of Brandywine, Maryland.

### DEDICATION SERVICE

Clinton United Methodist Church in Clinton, Maryland celebrated a dedication service of their Prayer Garden Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Clinton United Methodist Church 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735. Pastor Dorothea Belt Stroman.

An Administrative Professional Award was presented to the church secretary Zilpha Pinkney for her excellence and wonderful administrative skills. Guests in attendance were Topflight Corvette Club DMV Region who always support the church at Christmas and Thanksgiving with their help and gifts. District nine and Vice President of Prince George's County School Board Lolita E. Walker was also in attendance for the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony.

### CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY (PART 2)

The two churches, St. Thomas, and John Wesley, wanted to do more for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Charles A. Johnson, II, the dream of merging the two churches began to take root. Making the dream a reality began in early March 1973 when a task force was formed to study the possibilities. By early June 1973, the final plan for the merger was completed. Ordained by God, early Saturday morning, July 17, 1973, the proposal to merge St. Thomas and John Wesley United Methodist Churches into one was presented to a joint charge conference of the Woodville Charge. Historical sites: St. Thomas United Methodist Church organized in 1868 and John Wesley United Methodist Church organized in 1867.

Realizing that Jesus Christ must be the head of all that we strive to accomplish, it was the consensus that the two churches become one and be given a new name. Thus, at 1:03 a.m. on that Saturday morning, an overwhelming vote of merger was passed, and CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH was born.

Since the birth of Christ Church in Aquasco, the following pastors with vision and a variety of gifts were sent to lead and

teach us on this journey of kingdom building: Reverends Noel O. Beecham (1974–1979), Pearlana Woolridge (1979–1983), Conrad D. Parker (1983–1986), Norman Handy, Sr., PhD (1986–1989), Eddie Smith (1989–1992), Pauline R. Wilkins (1992–1995), Patricia A. Pride (1995–1998), Manuel R. Tay (1998–2001), Carolyn A. Hipkins (2001–2002), Donna A. Smith (2002–2004), and Robert E. Walker, Jr., PhD (September 2002–June 2011).

Each pastor brought a new vision and a new hope for the congregation. As the vision became clearer, there was a need to look at how we were living out our ministry through our vision statement: "Training Disciples for Christian Living." "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." (Jeremiah 3:15).

In mid-2011, a new chapter began for the fellowship here in this part of God's vineyard. Christ Church became part of a cooperative parish, New Hope Fellowship, along with Nottingham-Myers Church under the leadership of Rev. Darryl Williams (2011–2014). July 2014–June 2021, our new spiritual leader was Reverend Constance C. Smith. The mission of the New Hope Fellowship is to "Love God, Love People and Serve the World, with our primary focus to live by the mandate of Jesus Christ as found in Matthew 28:19: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the earth." Currently serving as Pastor is Rev. Shemaiah Strickland. Christ United Methodist Church will celebrate 50 years of service and worship this year. They will have an anniversary banquet Saturday, July 15, 2023, and their anniversary worship service, Sunday, July 16, 2023.

### SECOND ANNUAL COOKOUT

The Ladies of Lotus 50th DMV ("Love of thyself United as Sister-Black Women Empowered") are hosting its second annual cookout at Cedarville State Forest Saturday, August 5, 2023, 2 p.m.–Dusk. They will be located at Shelter 1. This is an adult 18+ only event.

Lots of food, fun, DJ, games, prizes, raffles and dancing are on the menu. Alcohol is permitted so BYOB and lawn chairs too. The park's weekend admission is \$3 per vehicle and is paid using the honor system. Walkups are allowed. General Admission early bird \$20.00 + 3.18 Fee. General Admission Sales start on June 1, 2023, \$23.00+3.38 Fee. Ticket Price \$25 after June 1, 2023.

A portion of your purchase ticket will be donated to My Sisters Place, a charitable organization which houses children and mothers who suffer from domestic violence. Information on tickets eventbrite.com.

# COMMUNITY

## Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Is Growing Green for Earth Day

By RACINE TUCKER-HAMILTON  
Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

“This Earth Day we are demonstrating ways to improve and protect the environment as well as promote equal access to clean air, water, food, and green spaces in minority communities,” said Benita A. Swindell, PEO president. “We hope our members will discover ways to improve and safeguard the environment through our Growing Green initiative.”

The Growing Green project was formed through Psi Epsilon Omega's Connection and Social Action Committee in support of AKA's “Enhance Our Environment” initiative. This effort prioritizes activities that promote sustainable and responsible practices and aims to significantly impact our environment in a positive way.

PEO's Connection and Social Action Committee is planning several activities to enhance this initiative, including the 1908 Garden Project. Participants tend and plant new crops in a Bowie community garden to help combat food insecurity. The “Great Give Back” composting challenge also allows sorority members to reduce waste and work toward regenerating the environment.



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Members of Psi Epsilon Omega chapter along with Girl Scout Troop 21077 and local garden enthusiasts clear and prep garden plots for planting seasonal fruits and vegetables for community donations in 2023.

## Nearly 800 Use Local SoberRide® Program on Cinco de Mayo

By PRESS OFFICER  
WRAP

TYSONS, Va. (May 12, 2023)—Nearly 800 (778) persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used the free safe ride service, SoberRide® this Cinco de Mayo (May 5) as opposed to possibly driving home drunk.

“For its hours of operation this Cinco de Mayo, this level of ridership translates into SoberRide removing a potential drunk driver from Greater Washington's roadways every 55-seconds,” said Kurt Erickson, President of the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the organization conducting the region's SoberRide® effort.

WRAP's 2023 Cinco de Mayo SoberRide® campaign began at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023 and continued until 4 a.m. the next day, Saturday, May 6 as a way to keep local roads safe from potentially impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk period. During this twelve-hour period, area residents celebrating with alcohol could download the Lyft app to their phones, then enter the code “SAFECINCO2023” in the app's ‘Promo’ section to receive their no-cost safe ride home. SoberRide® was available to new and existing Lyft users.

Lyft provided SoberRide® trips throughout the Washington-metropolitan area to local residents age 21 and older who otherwise may have attempted to drive home after drinking.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Recipient Speaker



A Full Circle Speaker sharing her compelling testimony of how receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift at 14 years old changed her life and how now she is giving back to other children.

By RAYNELL JETT-AKA  
Operation Christmas Child

The Prince George's County Area Team of Operation Christmas Child (OCC) extends an open invitation to the public, OCC Project Leaders, donors and volunteers to join us in hearing the testimony of our Full Circle Speaker, Ms. Kimheang Vance from Cambodia on Friday,

May 19, 2023 at 7 p.m. at Berwyn Baptist Church, 4720 Cherokee Street, College Park, MD 20740. If you would like to learn more about this Full Circle Speaker event and the ministry of Operation Christmas Child, please contact Ms. Raynell Jett-Aka, Area Coordinator at [princegeorgescounty.occ@gmail.com](mailto:princegeorgescounty.occ@gmail.com).



Kimheang Vance  
Country of Origin: Cambodia

## OVER THE RAINBOW: Color, Value, and Form Work by Gail Shaw-Clemons

By KATE TAYLOR DAVIS  
Pyramid Atlantic

HYATTSVILLE, Md. (May 15, 2023)—DC Artist Gail Shaw-Clemons' mastery of the rainbow roll technique is on full display in this vibrant exhibition of her monotype sculptural prints. Her work challenges the eye to see color not experienced before. Nearly 50 of these vivid works comprise the exhibition, dominant in the series are sculptural assemblages that twist paper and color into even more high-contrast rainbows. The public opening for the exhibition takes place on Saturday, May 20, from 6–8 p.m. (free, RSVP required). The exhibition runs through June 25, 2023 in Pyramid's Helen C. Frederick Gallery. Gallery hours are Wed–Thu, 10–8 p.m. and Fri–Sun, 10–6 p.m. A virtual artist talk will be held June 14 at 6 p.m. Pyramid is located at 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville Maryland 20781. For more information and an RSVP link, visit [pyramidatlantic.org](http://pyramidatlantic.org) or call 301-608-9101.

Using a technique inspired and invented by her mentor, Professor Thadeusz Lapinsky, who taught at the University of Maryland, Shaw Clemons'

rainbow roll process allows an array of gradient colors to be printed with one passing of the roller, while maximizing colors.

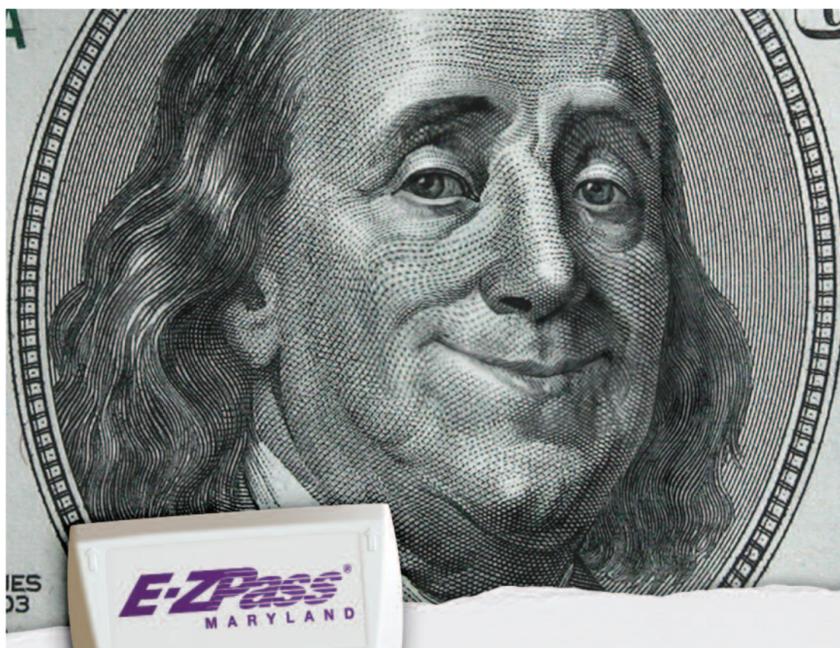
This body of work began at Pyramid Atlantic when it first opened from the Covid 19 shutdown. Working with color became a healing and rejuvenating process for the artist, presenting a needed distraction from the horrors of Covid, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the political unrest.

“This series represents the fact that beauty can be created in response to—and in spite of—trauma, disappointment, fear, and bewilderment. It is akin to how Jazz translated feelings into sound yet created beautiful music,” remarks the artist. “Rainbows are a sign of hope, new beginnings, and transformation dating back to biblical times. Children are fascinated by them, while envisioning that pot of gold over the Rainbow. The LBGTO community has embraced the rainbow representing inclusivity, diversity, and the spectrum of human sexuality and gender. Coincidentally, my research revealed the rainbow as a complete circle, which can only be seen in its full glory from

30,000 miles above the earth, as the horizon interrupts our full view. The circle is symbolic of oneness, unity, perfection and has been a recurring shape in my work even before the rainbow roll.”

Gail Shaw-Clemons, born in Washington, DC, received her Masters' Degree in printmaking from the University of Maryland. She is a printmaker and mixed media artist and activists. She has exhibited extensively, with many works included in public and private collections in the USA, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, China, Fondazione il Bisonte–Florence, Italy and the Republic of Ireland. Her work is also in the collection of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Library of Congress, and the Banneker-Douglass Museum. Shaw-Clemons has a studio at Stable Art and prints at the Bob Blackburn Printmaking Studio in New York as well as the Pyramid Atlantic Printmaking Studio. Shaw-

Clemons taught at the United Nations International School in New York for 24 years and is currently an adjunct professor at Bowie State University. Learn more about her at [gailshaw-clemons.com](http://gailshaw-clemons.com).



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### Morningside from A2

She lettered in track and basketball at Oxon Hill HS, Class of 1951, and at Maryland University in 1955, where she graduated with a degree in Physical Education. She met her husband Tom when she was teaching at Suitland High School. They wed at St. Ignatius Church in 1956.

Ginger and Tom were charter members of St. Columba Catholic Church in Oxon Hill. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and the Oxon Hill Rec Club.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Tom; five children and five grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Columba with

burial at St. Barnabas Cemetery in Temple Hills.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Kaylin Barbour, Otis Jones and Ellen Ashby, May 19; Jim Behr, May 20; Crystal Foster, Juanita Hood and Linda Holsonbake, May 22; Ricci Lee Jr., L. Dorothy Jones, Nancy Sawyer, Dory Babecki and Chester Lanehart IV, May 23; Edna Lucas and Harry Messer, May 24; Dennis Cook, Norma Edwards and my son John McHale, May 25.

Happy Anniversary to Dennis & Leigh D'Avanzo, their 34th on May 20; Ronnie and Karen Ellis, their 57th on May 20; and John and Nicole Barbour on May 25.

# COMMENTARY

## Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



### To Be Equal:

## National Urban League and John Jay College Address Root Causes of Violence and Provide Alternatives to Police Response

*"We want to establish a relationship between the police and the community that's not anchored in a warrior mentality, but in a guardian mentality. If you have a warrior mentality, you tend to view everyone in the community as an enemy combatant. If you view everyone in the community as an enemy combatant, that's when tragedy happens. But if you have a guardian mentality, it's a partnership with the community where you're there to promote safety for everyone."*

—U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries

More Americans died of gun-related injuries

in 2021, the most recent year for which statistics are available, than in any other year on record. Gun violence claimed the lives of at least 133 people per day, on average.

The violence is continuing apace in 2023, which has seen more than 15,000 lives lost to gun violence already, with more than one mass shooting for every day of the year and at least 370 shot by police.

Economic instability triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, the rise of online hate and malicious misinformation, and tragically lax gun laws have created a deadly crisis of violence that calls for community-based solution-finding. All over the

nation, new ideas and progressive thoughts are flowering from local communities. Toward a New Age of Community Safety, the National Urban League's framework for violence prevention and gun reform, is a compilation of these resources and tools for advocacy that address root causes and bring together communities and like-minded partners.

Release of the report coincided with the Safe & Just Communities Summit, a two-day convening of the National Urban League and John Jay College of Criminal Justice to provide a comprehensive, community centered framework for safe communities that are resourced, just, healthy, and restored.

It is our hope that this framework provides inspiration to the growing movement for change led by communities through partnership between neighbors, with government, and with nongovernmental allies. Through the legacy of the Urban League movement, we are fortified and firm in our belief that through the frustration of these trying times that we can find solutions and strategies for building stronger, safer, and collaborative communities.

During our conversation, Jeffries noted that he is working to several elements of the National Urban League's 21 Pillars for Redefining Public Safety and Restoring Community Trust, specifically bans on chokeholds and no-knock warrants, and requiring officers to intervene when excessive

force is being used.

He also reiterated his support for another National Urban League priority, a ban on assault weapons. As we noted in our new report, there are at least 4 million assault weapons among the 400 million firearms currently in circulation in the United States.

Approximately 400 million firearms are currently in circulation in the U.S., including 4 million assault rifles, with civilian gun ownership is rising in the U.S. The flood of guns into U.S. communities in 2020 led to the largest single-year increase in gun homicides on record. Gun violence reports grew by 30% during the first 12 months of the COVID-19 pandemic, with most states experiencing a spike.

Community-led violence intervention systems are growing in popularity, from the White House to Governor's Offices to municipal governments because they address the root issues of violence and provide alternatives to police response.

When we released the 21 Pillars in 2021, we highlighted the importance of engaging with communities directly, investing in them, and developing strategies for alternative responses to crisis. The framework outlined in Toward a New Age of Community Safety provides greater context, offering regional comparisons of various community-led movements, programs, and projects to serve as inspiration for collaboration and partnership no matter where in the country you are.

## Marian Wright Edelman

Founder and President Emerita, Children's Defense Fund



### ChildWatch:

## So Much Work to Do

Mothers. Grandmothers. Women  
We have so much work to do.  
So many mothers and infant lives to save.  
So many child dreams to realize and hopes to nourish and protect.  
Our countries and a common world to change and such long distances to travel—from waging war to waging peace; from sickness and death to health; from doubt to faith in Creator's feminine spirit within  
Let some of us—you and I—begin this minute on that journey  
To speak for those unable to speak for themselves  
To stand with those who cannot stand alone  
To gather family and friends to stand with us.  
Let us begin this day singing a new song for all our mothers and sisters and brothers and fathers and children around our world who are our own.

An old familiar proverb says, "A man may work from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done." There is no doubt how apt this saying is for many mothers. Mother's Day is often celebrated as an opportunity for families to show mothers they are appreciated through a day of "rest," maybe with a home-cooked breakfast in bed or a dinner out. But mothers know that even in a rare moment when our hands are still, our minds and hearts are never fully at rest. There is always so much work to do.

This is true not only in individual homes and families, but on a national and global scale. Gun violence is just one example. Moms Demand Action has been fighting for common sense changes to our nation's gun laws since the 2012 murders of six educators and twenty first graders in Newtown, Connecticut. So far this year it has seemed clearer than ever that gun violence is an undeniably all-American epidemic. Yet too many elected leaders have remained staunchly unwilling to listen to the groundswell of mothers' voices—joined by fathers,

other women, men, grandparents, and young people across the country—insisting they do something about it. But there is hope we may be reaching a turning point.

This Mother's Day weekend, Moms Demand Action and Everytown for Gun Safety have called for a Mother's Day of Action with rallies across the country on May 13 to demand lawmakers reinstate the bipartisan assault weapons ban. As they say simply: "We are fed up with wondering whether our children will make it home alive." So they are not willing to sit by and idly wait. Many will keep praying fervently for their own children's safety, as mothers and fathers have always done, but they will accompany their prayers and their faith and their concern for children everywhere with work.

This is a chance to sing a new song. I end again with a special prayer this Mother's Day for mothers, grandmothers, and all with a mothering spirit. It is a call to action for all people who are willing to work for the world children deserve.

O God of all time  
Yesterday, today, tomorrow, and eternity  
Give us courage in our lifetimes  
To make war on war  
Which leaves behind waifs and widows  
Rubble of spirit, home, and community.  
Mothers, grandmothers, and all with a mothering spirit  
Let us declare and demand:  
No more war

No more violence and abuse  
No more killing of our young  
O God of yesterday, today, tomorrow, and eternity  
Our dwelling place in all generations  
Give us courage to sow seeds of life and hope for the future  
And to fight with all our moral might for justice for every child  
Help us to pluck the thorns of despair from our children's lives.  
Mothers, grandmothers, and all with a mothering spirit  
Let us declare and demand:  
No more hunger  
No more homelessness  
No more poverty  
O God of yesterday, every child's history  
O God of today, every living child's birthright  
O God of tomorrow, every child's inheritance  
O God of eternity, every child's hope  
Life our voices against the spiritual and cultural pollution  
which leave dreamless and purposeless the fruit of our wombs.  
Mothers, grandmothers, and all with a mothering spirit  
Let us stand together and build a world fit for children  
Calling all to serve, to care, and to act to leave no child behind.

—May 12, 2023

## People Seeking Asylum Are Heroes; Politicians Who Demonize Them Are Cowards

WASHINGTON (May 11, 2023)—Following is a statement from CASA Executive Director Gustavo Torres, reacting to the Biden administration's plan to replace Title 42 restrictions at the U.S./Mexico border with a new asylum ban.

This announcement is a new low for the Biden administration and, indeed, this country. People move. They move for safety; they move for opportunity. They move because they want to, and sometimes because they have to.

The people who are coming to our border to

seek asylum are just that—people. They want the same thing we all want—a chance at safety, security, and a future without fear. Why can't we have policies that reflect our shared humanity?

Instead of showing leadership and changing the conversation about migration to one of humanity and fairness, President Biden and some Democrats are doubling down on the narrative of fear and embracing exclusion. They're trying to present a sanitized version of the "othering" that President Trump so proudly brandished.

But there is no Trump-lite. There is no humane way to turn away people in danger. Either we understand that we are part of one human race and orient our policies to embrace this fact, or we fail in a deep way.

At CASA we see people seeking asylum as heroes, and the Biden administration and politicians of all parties who want to turn them away as cowards. People seeking asylum are living the values we claim every day. They are striving and seeking. It's not just that they would do anything to protect their families—they are doing everything.

It's the same as people with Temporary Protected Status. Despite the tentative acceptance they are given by U.S. laws, they are building something strong for their families and this country. We should embrace them as people, as friends and neighbors, as our community. We should restore the right to seek asylum, and extend TPS for Cen-

tral America—to reduce the constant fear of deportation that so many of our community members face, so we can focus on building our future together.

*With over 149,000 lifetime Latino, immigrant, and working-class members across 46 US states, CASA is the foremost immigrant organization in the mid-Atlantic region and a national leader in supporting immigrant families and ensuring that all individuals have the core support necessary for full participation in society. Now a national immigrant powerhouse, CASA creates change with its powerbuilding model blending human services, community organizing, and advocacy in order to serve the full spectrum of the needs, dreams, and aspirations of members. Visit us at [www.wearecasa.org](http://www.wearecasa.org) and follow us on Twitter at @CASAforall*

## How We Can Do More for ALICE in Prince George's County

By Rosie Allen-Herring, President and CEO, United Way of the National Capital Area

A new United Way of the National Capital Area (United Way NCA) report on Prince George's County sheds light on the financial hardship of those who are working yet cannot afford the basics in the communities where they live. Of the 346,127 households in Prince George's, 31% had income below the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival in 2021.

ALICE, a United Way NCA acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, represents the number of individuals and families working but unable to afford basic necessities, such as food, healthcare, childcare, transportation expenses and more.

While the Federal Poverty Line (FPL) is updated yearly, the Census Bureau determines poverty status using Thresholds dating back to 1963. The antiquated FPL, the fact that ALICE households may not qualify for federal benefits or safety nets, and the increased cost of living over time, all contribute to the grow-

ing number of ALICE households.

To illustrate, a family of four with two parents working full time in two of the most common occupations (retail salesperson and cashier) earning a combined \$58,500 annually could not afford Prince George's Household Survival Budget of \$93,228 in 2021, even with the \$20,800 in assistance through the expanded Child Tax Credit, the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, and the Economic Impact Payments.

ALICE is our district's childcare workers, home health aides and cashiers—those with little or no savings and one emergency from poverty. The gap between wages and the cost of living is a structural economic problem that has worsened since the COVID-19 outbreak. As such, Wednesday, May 17, United Way NCA will host its annual Do More 24 For ALICE.

Do More 24 is a social movement that con-

venes nonprofits, private companies, and people of all ages committed to making a difference in their community. This year during this 24-hour online day of giving, we ask our friends and neighbors to imagine for a moment what life would be like if you were unsure of how you would pay your rent, mortgage, or utility bills next month.

As the region's convener, collaborator, and catalyst, United Way NCA's goal is to create a more equitable society where everyone in our community has fair and equal access to health, education, and economic opportunity. We cannot do this work alone, so we're calling on the community to Do More for ALICE. We know that collectively we can make great strides to reduce ALICE households in our region. When none are ignored, all will thrive. For more information, please visit <http://domore24.org/uwnca>.

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## Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

### Should Octogenarians Tell Social Security They Married?

By RUSSELL GLOOR, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

**Dear Rusty:** Dear Rusty: We were married two years ago at age 78 and 81. Do we need to do anything with Social Security? **Signed: Blissfully Happy**

**Dear Blissfully Happy:** Congratulations on your fairly recent marriage and, yes, there are some things you should do. Specifically, you should contact Social Security to inform them of your marriage, see whether any additional benefits are available, and to make any changes needed to your contact information. Here are some things to consider:

- If a name change has occurred for one of you, that person should contact Social Security to report the change. A copy of your marriage certificate (and other ID) will be required, and a new Social Security card will be issued.
- If a change of address has also occurred for one or both of you, that must be reported. It's important that Social Security has the correct mailing address, email, and contact phone number for every beneficiary.
- If there are any other changes to the contact information on file with the Social Security Administration for either of you (e.g., your banking information), the affected person should inform Social Security of the changes needed.
- Social Security will evaluate whether any benefit increase is available as a result of your marriage, which may be the case if one of you is entitled to a "spousal boost" (an additional amount from the other now that you're married). A spousal boost may be available if one has a monthly Social Security payment which is more than twice the other's benefit. Social Security can answer that question for you when you call.

You can contact either your local Social Security office (find the number at [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator)) or call the national number at 1.800.772.1213 and tell them you need to inform them of your marriage and update your contact information. If you have (or if you create) an online "my Social Security" account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount), you can initiate changes to your contact information online, but you will need to call Social Security directly

via phone to record your marriage and see if any changes to monthly benefits are available. All of this can likely be done without requiring a visit to your local SS office.

It is very important that Social Security be made aware of your new marital status and to ensure that they have the correct contact information for both of you. Even if the contact information is unchanged for one of you, the other should contact Social Security as described above to update their contact information and to determine if any changes to monthly benefits are appropriate as a result of your marriage. Doing so now will avoid future issues and will make sure you are both getting the correct monthly Social Security payments as a married couple. And if one of you is entitled to a higher spousal amount, you should ask for the increase to be applied retroactively (SS will pay up to 6 months retroactively). I suggest you call Social Security as soon as possible to inform them of your marriage and make any necessary changes to your contact information.

*The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] [www.amac.us](http://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](http://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](http://www.amac.us/join-amac).*

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## Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Announces Key Hires

Department's Leadership Team Takes Shape with New Assistant Secretary, Chief Operating Officer and New Roles to Advance Agency's Mission

By PRESS OFFICER

### Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

NEW CARROLLTON, Md. (May 10, 2023)—The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development announced that it has made several key hires in senior leadership roles at the agency as it builds upon its successes and implements new initiatives that will shape the department's focus in the coming years. Under Secretary Jake Day's leadership, the department priorities are to shelter every Marylander, expand affordable housing, right the wrongs of the past, build places using the best design standards that foster civic pride and to connect all Marylanders to broadband.

"These additions to the DHCD team are representative of the remarkable leaders that the administration is attracting across the state to ensure the brightest and best are working in public service," said Secretary Jake Day. "These new teammates will bring valuable insight and experience to advance our mission and to benefit Marylanders."

#### Julia Glanz, Assistant Secretary for Strategic Initiatives

Julia Glanz has started as the department's Assistant Secretary for Strategic Initiatives, which is responsible for shaping new initiatives to achieve the policy objectives of the administration. Glanz served as the City Administrator for the City of Salisbury, managing day-to-day operations across all the city's departments. She also served as Acting Mayor and led Salisbury forward through challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.



#### Garret King, Chief Operating Officer

Garret King started this week as DHCD's Chief Operating Officer, who will oversee personnel, administrative and system functions of the department and serve as the principal deputy and senior advisor for operations and administration. King has nearly two decades of pub-



lic service focusing on community engagement, policy, and constituent services and programming. His expertise in government, project management and agency operations was honed serving as Chief of Staff at the District of Columbia's Department of Aging and Community Living.

#### Gregory Hare, Assistant Secretary of the Community Development Administration

Gregory Hare serves as Assistant Secretary of the Department's Community Development Administration, overseeing the development finance and housing bond programs. Under his leadership, the Department has experienced record-breaking production in affordable rental housing, homeownership, and small business lending.



Prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary, he served as the Deputy Director for the Community Development Administration and Director of Multifamily Housing. Before joining the Department, Assistant Secretary Hare was an Administrator for the Housing Authority of Baltimore City's Rental and Assisted Housing Division.

#### Robyne Chaconas, Deputy Director of Community Development Administration

And to expand on the department's important work in the construction of affordable housing, homeownership support, business lending, and combating climate change through our energy programs, Robyne Chaconas will be working as a Deputy Director in the Community Development Administration.

#### Benjamin Penserga, Deputy Director of Communications

In the department's Office of Public Information, Ben Penserga has started as the Deputy Director of Communications to assist in telling the stories of the important work of the department and its employees. Penserga previously worked for the Comptroller of Maryland, and prior to that worked for news organizations on the Eastern Shore.

### Alsobrooks from A1

worked as a law clerk for the Howard County Circuit Court and later the Baltimore City Circuit Court, before becoming a line prosecutor in the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office. Angela, who served two terms as Prince George's County State's Attorney and is the sitting County Executive, is running for U.S. Senate to be a voice for the families she's worked for throughout her life.

The full list of endorsements is as follows:  
 Congressman Kweisi Mfume, MD-07  
 State Treasurer Dereck E. Davis  
 County Executive Stuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County  
 Commissioner President Reuben B. Collins II, Charles County  
 State's Attorney Ivan Bates, Baltimore City  
 State's Attorney John McCarthy, Montgomery County  
 State Senator Katie Fry-Hester, District 9 Howard County, Montgomery County  
 State Senator Ron Watson, District 23 Prince George's County  
 State Senator Melony Griffith, District 25 Prince George's County  
 State Senator C. Anthony Muse, District 26 Prince George's County  
 State Senator Michael Jackson, District 27 Prince George's County, Charles County, Calvert County  
 State Senator Arthur Ellis, District 28 Charles County  
 State Senator Malcolm Augustine, District 47 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Courtney Watson, District 9B Howard County  
 State Delegate Jessica Feldmark, District 12A Howard County  
 State Delegate Anne Healey, District 22 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Nicole Williams, District 22 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Kym Taylor, District 23 Prince George's County

State Delegate Adrian Boaf, District 23 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Marvin E. Holmes Jr., District 23 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Jazz Lewis, District 24 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Andrea Harrison, District 24 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Nick Charles, District 25 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Karen Toles, District 25 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Veronica Turner, District 26 Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Brian Crosby, District 29B St. Mary's County  
 State Delegate Stephanie Smith, District 45 Baltimore City  
 State Delegate Diana Fennell, District 47A Prince George's County  
 State Delegate Julian Ivey, District 47A Prince George's County  
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 County Council Member Mel Franklin, At-Large Prince George's County  
 County Council Member Wanika Fisher, District 2 Prince George's County  
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 County Council Member Sydney J. Harrison, District 9 Prince George's County  
 Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Montgomery County  
 Former County Executive Ike Leggett, Montgomery County  
 Former State Senator/Secretary of Aging Gloria Lawlah, Prince George's County  
 Former State Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Baltimore City  
 Former Maryland Democratic Party Chair/2018 Lt. Gov Nominee Susan Turnbull, Montgomery County

### Veteran from A1

Community College President Felicia D. Jones for the presentation of citations in recognition of service to the veteran community and contributions to Maryland's economy. The four distinguished veteran recipients are:

- Tiffany Davis – Washington Accounting Services
  - Dr. James A. Dula – Prince George's County Veteran Affairs Office
  - Stephen Principe – SMI Environmental, Inc.
  - Arthur Toole – Grenada Nut Company
- Maryland is home to the Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise procurement program, which

ensures opportunities for veteran-owned small businesses to participate in the state's contracting arena. Prince George's County boasts the largest veteran community in Maryland.

"Prince George's Community College is fortunate to serve our nation's military, veterans, and their families," said Prince George's Community College Dean Geoffrey L. Colbert. "Your bravery, sacrifice, and strength do not go unnoticed, and we will forever be indebted to you and your family."

Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise program certified vendors received \$52 million in awards in FY 2022, which represents a 76 percent increase from the previous year.

### CITY OF GLENARDEN NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Mayor and Council of the City of Glenarden proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2023, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 2.0%, from \$819,125,371 to \$835,497,803.
2. If City of Glenarden maintains the current tax rate of \$0.3338 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 2.0% resulting in \$54,651 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 \$ 0.3273, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City of Glenarden is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City of Glenarden proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.3338 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 2.0% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$54,651 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7 pm on May 22, 2023, in person and virtual. The hearing is open to the public at James R. Cousins, Jr. Municipal Center, 8600 Glenarden Parkway, Glenarden, MD 20706. The public testimony is encouraged.

To participate via Zoom, check the city website at [www.cityofglenarden.org](http://www.cityofglenarden.org).

Persons with questions regarding this Hearing may call the Acting Council Clerk, Robin Bailey-Walls at 301-322-1473 for further information.

