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MGM Selects Whiting-Turner

By PRESS OFFICER
County Executive's Office

NATIONAL HARBOR, MD — MGM National Harbor, LLC, a subsidiary of MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM), today named nationally renowned construction management and general contracting company Whiting-Turner as Prime General Contractor for the company's planned destination resort in Prince George's County, MD. Serving in this role, the Whiting-Turner team will direct, supervise and coordinate construction of the approximately \$1 billion project and ensure that the work com-

plies with the provisions of the contract, associated plans and specifications.

Key in selecting such a critical partner was identifying a qualified company that shares MGM Resorts' core values, striving to engage local and minority business operators at every opportunity and in every market the company operates. MGM Resorts' track record is tantamount to its business philosophy. When engaging such a significant partner, the company searches for a firm with the demonstrated capability to meet those objectives. Whiting-

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Left to right: Baltimore's Health Commissioner, Dr. Joshua Sharfstein; Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, & Colonel Marcus Brown, Secretary of State Police.

MD Offers up to \$1M for EV Fast Charging

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD. — The Maryland Energy Administration began accepting applications for its Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program (EVIP) on June 1, 2014. EVIP funds will facilitate the installation of Direct-Current (DC) Fast Charging Networks in Maryland, namely, a group of strategically located DC fast charging stations that will enable travel to and through the State from the surrounding region. DC fast

charging stations allow for speedy charging of electric cars, adding sixty to eighty miles of electric driving range in nearly twenty minutes. The program is intended to promote energy independence in the State by facilitating greater investment in clean fuel automobiles which can be produced in the United States. Widespread adoption of electric vehicles is also a critical tenet of Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council,

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O'Malley Establishes Overdose Prevention Council to Combat Overdoses in Maryland

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD — Governor Martin O'Malley announced the formation of the Overdose Prevention Council to counter an increase in the number of overdose deaths in an executive order released today. Under Governor O'Malley's leadership, the state has added

drug and alcohol overdose deaths to the Administration's 16 strategic goals and is currently working to drive down overdose deaths by 20 percent by 2015.

"Maryland is more committed than ever to tackling the scourge of substance abuse afflicting so many of our neighbors, friends and family members," said Governor O'Malley.

"With this Executive Order, I have tasked key State agencies to better coordinate and create strategies to drive down the number of overdoses in the state, provide needed treatment options, and expand our current outreach strategies. By working together to lift our fellow Marylanders out of addiction, we will ensure that we continue to keep our neighborhoods

safe, and protect the health of our loved ones."

To address the epidemic, the Council will advise and assist in establishing a coordinated, statewide effort to reduce the number of fatal and non-fatal overdoses in Maryland. In addition, the Mary-

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State Parks Across Maryland Now Listed As Green Travel Destinations

By PRESS OFFICER
MD Dept. of Natural Resources

Thirty-five Maryland State Parks have been approved as partners of Maryland Green Travel, a free and voluntary self-certification program that promotes and recognizes sustainable environmental practices by businesses in the tourism industry.

"Visitation of our beautiful State lands is the bedrock of Maryland tourism," said DNR Secretary Joe Gill. "Our staff is always working diligently to enrich the guest experience and make these areas more sustainable. The steps we take today will help conserve our vibrant natural world, ensuring Marylanders and visitors can enjoy these special places long into the future."

Maryland State Parks have long been community leaders in environmental stewardship. Staff and volunteers frequently host restoration projects such as habitat construction, stream/river cleanup, invasive species removal and tree plantings, as well as provide numerous environmental education programs to schools, community groups and the general public.

"Our parks are designed to be sustainable with minimal impact to the natural world around them," said



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Maryland Green Travel Manager Catherine Batavick presents Green Travel Certificate to Park Service's Steve McCoy and Christina Holden.

Nita Settina, superintendent of the Maryland Park Service. "These areas offer a wide variety of landscapes and provide diverse recreation while preserving the ecology, beauty and sense of place of the local area. They are a terrific choice for those seeking the best in environmentally-friendly tourism."

In addition to service projects, outreach and education, the Maryland Park Service continuously makes significant efforts to improve day-use areas, campgrounds, nature centers, offices and other facilities. Such efforts include a substantial reduction in electricity and fuel use, as well as the use of environmentally

safe cleaning products, recycled materials, high-efficiency lighting and improved HVAC systems.

Maryland Green Travel launched in November 2009 as part of the State's Smart, Green and Growing initiative. Membership encourages accommodations, restaurants, attractions and other organizations to share information on the practices they have in place to reduce the environmental impact of their facilities and services. This information is then used to market the partners as eco-friendly businesses. Lean more at visitmaryland.org/green/Pages/Home.aspx.

A Community Leader Calls Gritty Westport 'A Hidden Jewel'

By IDREES ALI
Capital News Service

BALTIMORE -- The residents of Westport were complaining: poor garbage collection, pothole-riddled streets, a pungent gas-like smell from a building under construction.

Presiding over this meeting of the Westport Neighborhood Association was Keisha Allen, who is used to hearing the residents' grievances.

There's much to complain about in Westport. The neighborhood is marked by boarded-up houses, vacant lots and trash-filled gutters. Residents are wary of leaving their houses after dark. Its unemployment rate is higher than the rest of the city's, and so is its rate of shootings and homicides.

But Allen, the Westport Neighborhood Association president, sees potential here.

"Westport is this hidden jewel," she said, "like a diamond in a rough."

Westport, she noted, is close to Interstate 95 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and, with some



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY STEVE RUIZ

Construction on the new Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore in April. The communities near the Horseshoe Casino will receive about \$10 million in "local impact grants" beginning July 1, the first fiscal year in which Baltimore's casino will be open. Capital News Service photo by Steven Ruiz.

help, it could be a healthy, growing neighborhood.

"People automatically think this is like 'The Wire,'" she said, referring to the HBO series that told some tough stories about Baltimore life. "Not even on a bad day are we like 'The Wire.'"

She is carrying that message into her newest volun-

teer role, as a member of the Baltimore Casino Local Development Council. The panel, named by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, is in charge of recommending how to spend the millions of dollars generated by Balti-

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Mikulski Continues to Fight to Improve Cybersecurity, Create Jobs & Develop Cyber Workforce

At the same time that Americans are conducting more business online, hackers are becoming more sophisticated. As a result, the personal information of more 110 million people has been exposed by cyber attacks in the last year.

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O'Malley to Facilitate Mid-Atlantic Regional Workgroup on Infrastructure Investment

The commitment builds on existing efforts to create jobs by investing in infrastructure, education and innovation. Just last year, Governor O'Malley signed the Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act into state law.

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Movie Review: "Land Ho"

A pair of 60-something ex-brothers-in-law sets off on a road trip through Iceland, hoping to reclaim their youth. Their picaresque adventures, from trendy Reykjavik to rugged outback, are a throwback to classic bawdy road comedies as well as a candid exploration of aging, loneliness, and friendship.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

With summer officially here now, what can you tell us about which sunscreens are safe and which are not?

— Clara Rosemm, New York, NY

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Loretta Hooe, past president of Capitol Heights VFD Auxiliary, dies at 79

I never met her. But I often received emails from Loretta Hooe, of District Heights. She sent announcements of Suitland's Class of 1952 reunions, family deaths, and other news. But on July 7 she died, at the age of 79. I'll miss those emails.

Her friends called her Loretta; her family called her Maw. But she was born Frances Loretta Ennis, in Washington, to Harvey E. and Gretchen Carter Ennis, on Christmas Day 1934. Her father was in the Navy and her mother worked at Fannie May Candies. Loretta and her two brothers were raised in Capitol Heights.

She attended Capitol Heights Elementary, Lyndon Hill, Maryland Park High School for grades 9-10 and 11, and graduated in 1942 from the brand new Suitland High School, in the first graduating class. Then she married her true love, James I. Hooe. He served in the Air Force so for a time she lived overseas. After returning state-side, the Hooes settled in District Heights.

Loretta was past president of the Capitol Heights Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary and was current president of the Rebecca's Lodge in Forestville.

She was a homemaker, but had many enthusiasms. At her funeral a table display featured many of them: an unfinished crossword puzzle, playing cards, Elvis CDs, a menu from Captain D's, a stack of magazines. She liked bargains, so she clipped coupons and visited yard sales. She crocheted, played bingo, and loved spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, James, son Donald Hooe and his wife Donna, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, and her brothers Ralph and Carter Ennis. Her son Jimmy Hooe died in 1987. Pastor Jeremy Robinson, of Chesapeake Church, presided at her service at Lee Funeral Home and burial at Cheltenham. A reception followed at Odd Fellows Hall in Forestville.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Ruth Turner 301 888 2153

COMMUNITY DANCE

Attention all dancers and non-dancers. St. Philip's Church will be having Fun Night with Line and Hand Dancing on Friday, August 8, 2014 and August 22, 2014 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM at St. Philip's Church, Baden Parish Fellowship Hall. The address is 13801 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613-8426. Come out and get in the groove with the dances and have some fun. Admission is \$2.00.

MEMPHIS THE MUSICAL

Come and join us on November 08, 2014 at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, Maryland. Memphis the Musical (from the underground dance clubs of 1950's Memphis Tennessee), comes a hot new Broadway Musical. Show time is 8:00 PM. Cost is \$80.00. Deposit of \$25.00 1ST Payment due August 01, 2014. Final payment of \$55.00 is due October 03, 2014. No refund on deposit.

Trip includes transportation; ticket to see the play "Memphis the Musical" and a buffet served dinner. If you need more information contact Phyllis Slater (301) 653-

Applause!

U.S. News & World Report has released its annual "Best Hospitals" list, and MedStar Southern Maryland was named a 2013 "Best Regional Hospital."

Overall, it was ranked 21st in the State of Maryland and 14th in the Washington metro region, and was recognized as a "high performing hospital" in neurology and neurosurgery.

Neighbors

The Maple Road home where Mayor Jerry and Jean Glaubitz lived for so many years is being emptied out. Jean died last March and Jerry in 2005. It's sad to think that they are not here any more and soon their house will be empty.

Morningside Councilwoman Sharon Fowler was among those who attended the annual Maryland Municipal League Conference in Ocean City last month. She writes in the Morningside Sun newsletter, "I took many classes and gained so much knowledge and made wonderful contacts with other agencies."

Sharon also mentioned, "I have worked alongside of the council in preparing the annual budget which included not raising town taxes." I'm sure Morningsiders are happy about that.

My granddaughter, Leah Mudd, is taking classes this summer at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. She is living in an international dormitory.

Condolences to Bill Teletchea, formerly of Auth Village, on the death of his wife Martha, July 12 in Seaford, Del.

Coming up

National Night Out Against Crime, on Tuesday, August 5, will be celebrated with picnic food, police partnership, elected officials, music, and more, in both Skyline and Morningside.

St. Philip's is holding its annual Crab Feast on Saturday, Aug. 9, 1 to 5 pm. For information, call Suzy Giroux at suzygiroux@verizon.net.

Changing landscape

From the Heart Ministry, in Andrews Manor Shopping Center, has apparently merged with Church of the Great Commission, and has taken over more

of the parking lot they share. The large sign at the front of the churches has been changed and now announces From the Heart Ministry rather than Church of the Great Commission.

A new roundabout is planned for the accident-prone intersection of Floral Park Road and Piscataway Road in Clinton.

Priest served at the White House

Father Michael Blackwell, 81, priest of the Washington Archdiocese for more than 40 years, died June 14. He was a native of Cleveland, served in the Navy for 13 years—earning 10 combat medals—and achieved the rank of lieutenant commander. Before leaving the Navy, he served as a White House social aid for Presidents Johnson and Nixon.

In 1973 he entered the seminary and was ordained in 1973. In the years since then he was assistant pastor at a number of parishes, including St. Philip's in Camp Springs, 1976 to 1978. He also served in prison ministry at the Detention Center in Upper Marlboro, chaplain to the Maryland Knights of Columbus, and as chaplain to Divorced and Separated Catholics of the Archdiocese.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl celebrated his funeral Mass at Resurrection Parish in Burtonsville. Survivors include a brother and two sisters.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Bill Curcio and Dr. Thomas DeGraba, July 25; Florence Cray, Agnes Koch, Jennifer Booth and Dottie Erhardt, July 26; Floyd Shields, Patricia Rosetta and Connie Robbins, July 27; Matthew Gryskewicz, Kenny Hunt and Jason Nichols, July 28; Gary Barnes, July 29; Helen Rawlett and Helen Cordero, July 30; Johnny Short, Paula Boxley and Howard C. Booth, July 31.

Happy anniversary to Lawrence and Helen Majors, for their 39th on July 26.

A special greeting to the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington which was founded seventy-five years ago, on July 22, 1939. Before that, Washington was part of the Baltimore Archdiocese.

7345, Deborah Proctor (301)275-2544 or email Flyundermywings@yahoo.com. Mailing address is Phyllis Slater "FLY UNDER MY WINGS" PO Box 541 White Plains, Maryland 20695.

CASINO TIME

It's Casino time to Delaware Park Raceway and Casino Wilmington Delaware Sunday, August 10, 2014. Bus will leave Park-N-Ride, Clinton Maryland at 10:30 AM and St. Philip's Church at 11:00 AM and returns at approximately 7:30 PM.

Fun package includes a \$30.00 rebate, 50/50, music and a bagged lunch. All tickets must be purchased by August 3, 2014. Donation is \$40.00 and absolutely no refunds. Benefit: Peter A. Gross Sr., Scholarship/Memorial Fund Inc. For tickets contact Shirley A. Cleaves (302) 690-4260, Ruby E. Hinnant (301) 627-1235 and Michele K. Chase (301) 888-2510.

BADEN COMMUNITY CENTER

Hand Dance for Adults beginning is offered from August 1, 2014-Friday, October 3,

2014 at Baden Community Center. You will learn basic steps to dances with styles, including swing, contemporary and R&B. Smartlink number is #1449367. The address is 13601 Baden-Westwood Road Brandywine, Maryland 20613. Telephone number is 301-888-1500: TTY 301-203-6030.

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Neighborhood Events

PGCC Student, Valencia Danner, Named Kelly Regents Scholar Will Attend U of MD

Prince George's Community College is proud to announce that exceptional student, Valencia A. Danner, has been named a Kelly Regents Scholar, and will attend the University of Maryland, College Park this Fall on a full scholarship. The Regents Scholars Program was established by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to affirm its commitment to academic excellence and to enable students of exceptional ability to develop fully their intellectual and creative talents.

Valencia Danner is being awarded by the Kelly Regents Scholars Program because of her outstanding academic achievements and promise. The scholarship will cover the costs for in-state tuition and mandatory fees, living expenses comparable to university room and board charges, and a \$500 stipend each semester for educational expenses. Maintaining a 3.5 grade point average and carrying twelve or more credit hours each semester will ensure the award is renewable.

"Prince George's Community College has been an amazing foundation for me, and I'm thrilled to be offered this very unique opportunity," said Valencia Danner. "I plan to work extremely hard at Maryland (College Park) and beyond in order to achieve my academic and professional dreams. This scholarship represents a new, open door for me that will make my college experience that much more valuable."

Donna Polk Appointed Interim Athletic Director at Bowie State University

Bowie State University President Dr. Mickey L. Burnim is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Donna Polk, associate athletics director and senior woman administrator, as the interim director of intercollegiate athletics following the departure of AD Anton Goff.

Ms. Polk is well qualified to lead the Athletics Department until a permanent director is named, having demonstrated effective leadership and a commitment to the university's intercollegiate athletics programs.

She has served as associate athletics director and senior woman administrator since 2011, assisting with the department's day-to-day business operations. In that role, she has provided oversight for compliance, student services, sports medicine, sports information, women's volleyball, softball and the men's and women's track and field programs.

Before taking over as full-time associate athletics director, Ms. Polk served as head women's basketball coach and associate athletics director from 2008-2011. As head coach, she compiled a 55-29 record and led the Lady Bulldogs to Central Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (CIAA) finals appearances in 2009 and 2010. She joined Bowie State University in 2005 as associate athletics director for operations.

Ms. Polk currently serves as chair of the CIAA's Senior Woman Administrators Association.

She is also a member of the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee, Women's Basketball Coaches Association, National Association of Athletics Compliance, and Minority Opportunities Athletic Association.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in counseling psychology from Columbia Union College and a Master of Arts degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix.

Bowie Selects Wendy Wilcox to Lead City's Youth Services Bureau

Bowie City Manager David Deutsch announced today that Ms. Wendy Wilcox has been chosen to be the new Youth Services Bureau Director for the City of Bowie, MD. The Youth Services Bureau serves the citizens of Bowie by providing counseling services for families, groups and individuals to promote positive youth development, improve parent-child interactions, prevent juvenile delinquency, and reduce family conflict.

Ms. Wendy Wilcox holds a B.S. in Psychology from Ithaca College in New York and an M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Maryland. She has been employed by the City of Bowie for the past 19 years as a family counselor providing clinical treatment for children and families on a variety of issues that include school difficulties, suicidal thoughts, child abuse, grief therapy and substance abuse. She currently serves as a substance abuse assessor for the Student Assistance Programs in several Bowie schools.

Ms. Wilcox supervises graduate student interns, facilitates a variety of classes offered to the community and has had extensive clinical experience treating mental health conditions and interpersonal difficulties in a variety of settings and with a broad spectrum of symptoms and problems.

The Youth Services Bureau is part of the City's Community Services Department. Lawrence Pierce, who heads up that department, said of the selection, "We're glad to have Wendy Wilcox as our new Youth Services Director. She brings a highly skilled and diversified background to this key position that serves Bowie families."

Ms. Wilcox filled the opening created by the retirement of Ms. Nancy Branch earlier this year after 19 years of service to the City of Bowie.

State's Economic Development Agency Joins OPIC Partners Program

BALTIMORE, MD (June 26, 2014) – The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) announced today that it has joined the Overseas Private Investment Corporation's (OPIC) Partners Program. Located in Washington, D.C., OPIC is the U.S. Government's development finance institution supporting private sector investment to help solve critical development challenges in emerging markets. As a participant in the program, DBED will be able to connect Maryland busi-

nesses with OPIC's resources, which includes assisting businesses that want to gain a foothold in emerging markets around the globe.

"In today's competitive economy, businesses of all sizes need to think about innovative ways to tap into new opportunities for growth. Making the move to expand internationally can be that much easier with the expert advice that OPIC offers," said DBED Secretary Dominick Murray. "We are pleased to bring this important resource to Maryland businesses as we continue to help them explore new global markets for trade and investment."

Because OPIC works with the U.S. private sector, it helps U.S. businesses gain footholds in emerging markets, catalyzing revenues, jobs and growth opportunities both at home and abroad. The OPIC Partners Program is dedicated to expanding the Agency's role by working with key organizations throughout the U.S. to create a greater understanding of OPIC's programs and activities. The Maryland DBED is the 19th member to join the program.

"Helping U.S. businesses expand into overseas markets is the cornerstone of OPIC's mission," said Dr. Lawrence Spinelli, OPIC's Director of Outreach and Public Affairs. "Our support produces development impact abroad, but another positive effect of our work is providing benefit to American small and medium-sized businesses. This partnership with DBED links OPIC to the important base of Maryland entrepreneurs. I'm looking forward to the results of the collaboration."

Maryland has been focused on boosting the State's exports and helping companies take advantage of global trade opportunities. In 2010, Governor Martin O'Malley launched the Maryland Export Initiative to compliment President Obama's National Export Initiative. Maryland was awarded a total of \$1.2 million in grants from the U.S. Small Business Administration to increase the number and amount of Export MD grants, a State program that provides funding to small and mid-sized businesses to help them market their products and services overseas. For more information on the Export MD program, click here.

Through its Office of International Investment and Trade, DBED also works to stimulate foreign direct investment in the State, welcomes foreign delegations and coordinates international trade and investment missions and trade show opportunities for Maryland companies.

Established as an agency of the U.S. Government in 1971, OPIC operates on a self-sustaining basis at no net cost to American taxpayers. OPIC services are available for new and expanding business enterprises in more than 150 countries worldwide. To date, OPIC has supported more than \$200 billion of investment in over 4,000 projects, generated an estimated \$76 billion in U.S. exports and supported more than 278,000 American jobs.

COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

Divorcing? Protect Your Finances, Personal Data

No doubt you've seen many warnings against sharing personal or financial information with strangers, but what about your spouse — or ex-spouse? A recent study by McAfee uncovered some unsettling results:



- Although 96 percent of adults surveyed trust their significant other with passwords, intimate photos and other personal content, only 32 percent have asked their ex to delete the information when ending the relationship.
- One in five people said they're likely to log into their spouse's Facebook account at least once a month.
- Some 30 percent admitted they'd "cyber-stalked" their significant other's ex on social media.

Given the high rate of divorce and how frequently marriages end acrimoniously, it's not a big leap to think that a scorned lover could severely damage your credit and reputation. If you're getting divorced, here are some important legal, financial and privacy considerations:

If you and your spouse are in complete agreement on how you wish to divide assets and settle debts, you may be able to get by with a do-it-yourself divorce kit. It's still wise to have a divorce attorney review the forms to make sure you haven't overlooked anything.

If your separation is more complicated but relatively amicable, you may also want to try collaborative divorce, mediation or arbitration:

- Collaborative divorce. Both parties retain a lawyer and the four of you hash out an agreement outside the courtroom. You each control the final agreement instead of having to abide by a judge's decision.
- Mediation. You each have lawyers but hire a third-party mediator to work through differences on critical issues. Mediators don't have the legal authority to impose final decisions.
- Arbitration. Like mediation, except that the arbiter hands down a binding agreement by which you each must abide.

If you can't settle out of court, be prepared to possibly pay many thousands of dollars in attorney and court fees. Ask around for referrals to lawyers who specialize in divorce.

You may also want to consult a financial planning professional for advice on how to fairly divide property, calculate child support and ensure you're sufficiently insured, as well as explain Social Security and retirement plan implications.

To protect your credit status, close joint bank and credit card accounts and open new ones in your own name; otherwise, an economically struggling or vindictive ex-spouse could amass debt in your name and ruin your credit. If your ex retains the house or car, make sure your name is taken off the loan so you're not responsible if they flake on payments.

Be sure all closed accounts are paid off, even if you must transfer balances to your new account and pay them off yourself. That's because late or unmade payments by either party on a joint account — open or closed — will damage both of your credit scores.

Check your credit reports before, during and after the divorce to make sure you're aware of all outstanding debts and to ensure that all joint accounts were properly closed. The three major credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, don't always list the same accounts, so to be safe, order credit reports from each.

Change all passwords, PINs, and other information your ex could use to access your electronic devices and financial, email and social media accounts. Also, don't email or post malicious or revealing information that could be damaging if presented in court.

Bottom line: Divorce can be a painful experience to live through. Don't make it worse by not protecting your own financial interests.

Maryland Urges Pet Owners to Prepare for Hurricane Season

Agriculture Community Encouraged to Make Preparedness Plans for Livestock, Horses

By PRESS OFFICER
MD Dept. of Agriculture

ANNAPOLIS, MD —Hurricane season begins in June and runs through November 30. To help ensure that people heed evacuation orders during a hurricane or other disaster (rather than stay behind with their pets), the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) is prepared to open pet shelters on either side of the Bay Bridge along side state-run shelters opened for people by the Maryland Department of Human Resources.

Local city and county governments usually open the first shelters for both people and pets; however, MDA will activate the state's pet sheltering plan when mass care evacuation centers open or local shelters reach capacity or are otherwise unable to serve residents.

Note that while state shelters for pets and humans are set up at the same facility, not every shelter will house pets. If you need to locate a shelter for your pet during an emergency or disaster, listen to the radio for instructions from local civil authorities, or contact the county emergency operations center to find a shelter that accepts pets. Find your emergency operations center here.

MDA has enough crates and equipment to serve four shelters, serving a total of 350 pets. However, MDA is asking pet owners now to think about what they will do if they are forced to leave their home and go to a shelter — especially if you have to leave in a hurry. Here are some tips for owners of companion animals:

- Prepare an animal evacuation kit as detailed by the American Veterinary Medical Association here.
- Take copies of your pet's vaccination history and medical records with you.
- Make sure your pet wears a collar with identification (tattoo, ID tag, microchip, etc.) that includes a phone number.
- Bring a crate, leash, at least a three-day supply of food, water, and all medication your pet



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takes, and a few of your pet's favorite toys.

- Keep a current photo of your pet, in case it gets lost.

Preparedness for Horse Owners:

Horse owners should also think about what they will do if their horses need to be moved, especially if they are boarded in a facility you do not own. Tips for horse owners:

- Familiarize yourself with the types of disasters that can occur in your area and develop a plan of action to deal with each type (i.e., hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, etc.)
- Survey your property to find the best location to confine your animals in each type of disaster. Check for alternate water sources in case power is lost and pumps and automatic waterers are not working after the disaster.
- If you need to evacuate your horses, find several locations where the animals could be taken NOW and outline several routes to get to them. Make arrangements in advance with the owner/operators.
- Permanently identify each horse by tattoo, microchip, brand, tag, photograph (four views: front, rear, left and right side) and/or drawing. Record its age, sex, breed, and color with your record of this identifica-

tion. Keep this information with your important papers. If not identified at the time of the disaster in the above manner, paint or etch hooves, use neck bands or paint telephone number on side of animal.

- Be sure your horses' vaccination and medical records are written and up-to-date, and take them with you along with any medications, with dosing instructions, special feeding instructions and the name and phone number of the veterinarian who dispensed the drug.
- Place a permanent tag with your name and phone number, and the horse's name on each animal's halter.
- Have trailers and vans maintained, full of gas and ready to move at all times.

For more good advice for horse owners, see the Maryland Horse Industry Board's disaster preparedness webpage.

Preparedness for Livestock

Many farmers are prepared to handle bad weather, but MDA offers the following refresher recommendations for livestock owners:

- Move all poultry and livestock to high ground and shelter them in securely battened barns, houses, or tightly fenced areas.
- Cover and secure all water, food, and medical supplies for poultry and livestock.

• Pump and collect adequate supplies of drinking water in case of electrical failures.

- Top off all gasoline, propane, and other fuel tanks and check operations of all portable generators.
- Remove or secure all loose objects that could be moved by high winds.
- Board all glass windows and other similar items that could break from high winds or from objects being blown against them.
- Ensure that all animal holding areas are as clean and sanitary as possible.
- Have available portable radios, extra batteries, flashlights, and candles.
- Notify MDA through MEMA if any agricultural assistance is needed before, during, or after the storm, including injured animals in need of veterinary assistance or dead animals that require disposal.

Anyone in the agricultural community who needs assistance with livestock, including horses, should contact their local emergency operation center. For a list of local emergency management offices

For more information about disaster planning, contact the Maryland Emergency Management Agency at 1-877-MEMA-USA.

Westport from A1

more's new casino for neighborhoods. By state law, 5.5 percent of the state's casino revenues will be returned to areas surrounding casinos to compensate for the traffic, trash and other problems the gambling centers generate.

"We sit and wait and wait" Her fellow council members include representatives of wealthier communities, like Federal Hill, that are also near the casino.

Allen's biggest aim is simply getting her neighborhood noticed. "We get tired of watching other neighborhoods get [resources]," she said.

"We sit and wait and wait. It's making the city understand that we are ready."

Allen, 38, who works at the Anne Arundel Medical Center, said she had no intention of even joining the neighborhood association when she moved to the community seven years ago. Raised in Anne Arundel County, the daughter of a bus driver and a beautician, Allen had been looking for a house she could afford to buy and found one in Westport.

She attended a few community association meeting, and

then went to the annual block party, an all-day festival. Allen said she connected with her neighbors and started going to meetings regularly, then was asked to join the board and run for president.

She recalls thinking, "Sure, I'll take over. This looks easy. Wrong. It's nothing but not easy."

Zane Kolnik, a Westport resident who attends the association meetings, said Allen is "definitely effective, passionate, and as a local homeowner values the properties."

Deborah Guest, a neighborhood association board member at-large, called Allen "a go-getter, that's for sure."

Guest is impressed by Allen's love for her community and the care she takes to keep in close touch with residents even as she serves on citywide committees, such as the Baltimore Police Department's civilian review board.

Allen said her proudest achievement during her time with the neighborhood association was partnering with Rebuilding Together Baltimore to fix about 20 homes.

Allen contacted the organization, identified homes in the neighborhood that were in dire need of help, and worked with



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A mural in Pigtown, officially known as Washington Village.

Rebuilding Together to fix the homes free of cost.

The project was simply about "making someone's life a little better and just making the neighborhood more functional," Allen said.

She also is determined to improve education. She worked with the Boys and Girls

Club and Westport Academy to add educational programs, such as an algebra club.

She wants to start more programs aimed at improving children's lives, and she said she knows where they can be based: in a new community center set to open by year's end.

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COMMENTARY

Barbara A. Mikulski United States Senator for Maryland



Chairwoman Mikulski Continues to Fight to Improve Cybersecurity, Create Jobs & Develop Cyber Workforce

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee, today announced that the fiscal year 2015 CJS spending bill passed by the Appropriations Committee provides \$1 billion for cybersecurity for America, bridging the divide between the private and public sectors to create jobs and training the cyber warriors of tomorrow to make the country safer and the economy stronger.

“At the same time that Americans are conducting more business online, hackers are becoming more sophisticated. As a result, the personal information of more 110 million people has been exposed by cyber attacks in the last year. This bill makes our country safer and economy stronger by investing in cybersecurity, cyber workforce development, and cyber jobs,” Chairwoman Mikulski said. “The 2015 CJS bill funds cybersecurity research, workforce development and protection to create jobs in cybersecurity that will never leave this country.”

The bill funds multiple cybersecurity initiatives, including \$204 million for the National Science Foundation (NSF) for research and education; \$722 million for the Department of Justice’s cybersecurity efforts to find the criminals behind the keyboards; and \$96 million for continued efforts at the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), including \$15 million for the National Cyber Security Center of Excellence (NCCOE).

“The NCCOE is a hub for innovation and development. It unites the knowledge of the government with the know-how of the private sector to develop cyber technology tools needed to protect dot-com and make our cyber infrastructure

safer and more resilient. NCCOE is the best of government working with world-class IT companies to make America more secure and create new jobs,” Chairwoman Mikulski said.

The bill also includes:

- **\$401 million for FBI cybersecurity** to fund the Next Generation Cybersecurity Initiative. This will further the FBI’s investigatory, intelligence gathering and technological capabilities to detect, disrupt and dismantle organized cyber criminals operating in the United States and overseas.

- **\$159 million for cybersecurity research at NSF**, which includes NSF’s contribution to the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative. NSF provides 82 percent of the total federal support for basic computer science research at colleges and universities.

- **\$45 million for NSF’s Federal Cyber Service: Scholarships for Service program**, tripling the support for undergraduate and graduate students to gain the skills needed to enter the federal government’s cybersecurity workforce from the fiscal year 2011 level.

- **\$16.5 million for the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC)**, to develop the standards for “smart cards” and secure credentials for people to validate who they are online, creating a more trusted environment for online commerce.

Chairwoman Mikulski said these efforts are critical “to make sure that in the world of cyber warfare, America continues to lead the way, and that we do so in a way that ensures we have a safer country in both the public and private sector domains.”

In the next step of the appropriations process, the bill will be taken up on the Senate floor.

Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



National Urban League Annual Conference Comes to Cincinnati, July 23-26; Vice President Joe Biden to Deliver Plenary Address

“It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared.”

— Whitney M. Young, Jr.,
National Urban League president,
1961-1971

We are in the final countdown to the kickoff of the 2014 National Urban League Conference, “One Nation Underemployed: Bridges to Jobs and Justice.” After more than a year of planning and preparation, in less than two weeks, from July 23-26, more than 8,000 participants will convene in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Duke Energy Convention Center for four days of panels, workshops and networking sessions focused on the most pressing social, political and economic issues — and solutions — facing our communities and the nation. This year, we are excited to welcome Vice President Joe Biden to headline a dynamic roster of thought leaders, influencers, activists and supporters of the Urban League Movement who will bring a diverse range of ideas and insights. In addition to the Vice President’s plenary speech, this year’s conference will feature the President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Kevin Johnson, along with six other mayors, including Alvin Brown of Jacksonville, Florida and Michael Coleman of Columbus, Ohio. Additional speakers scheduled to appear include Rev. Al Sharpton, Walmart U.S. President and CEO William Simon, Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, OH Senator Nina Turner and KY Senator Rand Paul. Academy Award winning actor and activist Forest Whitaker will receive a Living Legends Award at our annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. gala on July 26.

Our annual Youth Leadership Summit will bring together 350 young people for four days of rigorous college and career lessons, as well as leadership training. In addition, our Small Business Matters Entrepreneurship Summit will highlight strategies for starting a business and sustaining wealth, and our Women of Power Awards Luncheon will honor trailblazing women for their outstanding contribution in the areas of arts, politics, journalism, justice and sports and to women’s empowerment. The conference will also include workshops and discussions on important issues such as the fight against voter suppression, the need to raise the minimum wage, affordable housing, and financial literacy. Accordingly, as we mark the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the conference will feature panel discussions on both the celebration of a half-century of progress and the continuation of the unfinished business of equal opportunity in America.

Celebrating African American culture and music, on Thursday, July 24, the conference will showcase a star-studded advance screening of “Get On Up,” the life-story of Godfather of Soul, James Brown, starring Chadwick Boseman, Nelsan Ellis, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, Dan Akroyd, Tika Sumpter and Jill Scott. On Friday, July 25, the Urban League Live White Party at the Macy’s Music Festival will feature Charlie Wilson, Chaka Khan and Robin Thicke.

We are especially excited to bring this year’s conference to Cincinnati and to partner with our Affiliate, the Urban League of Greater

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Allen Pond Park



Open to the Public

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ALLEN POND PARK

One of Bowie’s main park facilities, Allen Pond Park hosts numerous events including open-air concerts, Fourth of July fireworks, and several community festivals. In addition, it is home to Opportunity Park, which offers 100% accessible experiences at its tot lot, school-aged playground, fitness cluster and fishing pier.

Bowie is also home to three community centers, an ice arena, a skate park, a gymnasium, a playhouse, a senior center, and an 18-hole golf course. Enjoy all the ways to play, relax, explore and recreate in the City of Bowie!

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Overcoming Evil

Nelba Márquez-Greene is a licensed marriage and family therapist who has spent her life helping others. In December 2012 she was the coordinator of a youth and adolescent outpatient psychiatric clinic and a university instructor supervising six clinical interns. But nothing in her professional training could have prepared her for what she, her family, and community would experience after her beautiful six-year-old daughter Ana Grace and twenty-five other children and teachers were murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

“I imagine our home was not that much different than many others . . . I was married to my high school sweetheart and the mother of two beautiful children. My husband, Jimmy, was working fifteen minutes from our house as a professor at a local university. We were both happy to be back in Connecticut and so close to New York City. On December 13th we went out to dinner to the Cheesecake Factory, which we never, ever, ever did during the week. After dinner, Jimmy took the kids home and I stayed at the mall to buy their Christmas gifts.

“And then everything changed. “The next morning, Ana, our daughter and Isaiah’s sister, was executed while hiding in the tiny bathroom of her first grade classroom. Her teachers along with four other educators and 19 of her schoolmates were also murdered. My son physically survived the massacre. But he was in the building at the time of the shooting. He heard the shots that took his sister’s life. He remembers the screaming, the crying. He remembers his teacher’s survival instructions: Please be quiet and please be still.

“A reverse 911 call that Friday morning led to the beginning of a never ending nightmare. We waited for hours in that firehouse. First believing she was missing. Then understanding that she was probably hurt. And then to accept the probability that she was dead . . . We’d both come from large families and dreamed of having one of our own someday. And on that 14th of December of 2012, after hours of waiting in a firehouse, those dreams

were shattered in one sentence: The shooter killed twenty children.”

Nelba and her family are now the founders of the Ana Grace Project of Klingberg Family Centers, whose mission is to promote love, connection, and community for every child and family. They aim to use research, practical tools, professional development, and public policy to identify the best ways to build those connections and then use them to prevent violence and promote recovery. She and her husband Jimmy say they believe love and community are the antidotes for violence and are dedicated to creating real solutions to the kind of violence that took their daughter’s life—spurred on by their faith and belief that it is always best to “Overcome Evil with Good.”

As her family continues along their own “continuum from overwhelmed to overcoming,” Nelba has become even more determined to help other families, especially other children, facing trauma. As she told an audience at New York University in May: “Our son not only lost his sister but is a living witness of trauma. As devastating as this event is—we know he is not alone. According to the

National Survey of Children’s Health, nearly fifty percent of America’s school aged children (approximately 35 million) have lived at least one adverse childhood experience. Trauma, like cancer, is an equal opportunity predator. Race, socio-economic status, and ethnic composition offer few buffers from its potentially devastating consequences . . . According to the Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University, ‘the future of any society depends on its ability to foster the healthy development of the next generation.’ We are a society in grave danger. Ignoring the impact of trauma and not taking the steps to educate our citizens about its potentially devastating consequences should be criminal. It is a public health crisis—costing millions of dollars in medical care, taxing our schools, hospitals, jails and mental health clinics.”

She pointed out that as common as traumatic experiences may be, there is far too little education right now on the best ways to help families work through them: “As a nation, we have an elementary perception of what ‘help’ is. Help wasn’t

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Has The Romance Disappeared From Your Relationship

It can be fairly easy to start taking a relationship for granted. We all lead busy lives and can find it easy to get so wrapped up in our work, family issues, financial problems or other daily matters that we forget we have to put effort into keeping a romantic relationship fresh and interesting.

To fix that problem, you might try a more organized approach for keeping the romance in a relationship, not unlike the way you probably handle your busy day at the office or managing a household. It may sound more business-like than romantic, but relationship maintenance can actually be very enjoyable.

Start with your day planner, computer calendar, or a regular old calendar. Schedule events for your relationship, just like you do meetings or appointments. Note special days beyond the usual birthday and anniversary dates. Maybe the day you first met, or the anniversary of a special vacation. Include random prompts to do something romantic at other times for no special reason.

Similarly, keep an intelligence file on your partner. Make a list of favorite things, from wines to flowers to authors to movies. It's not only a way to stay more in tune with each other, but can make gift giving more special and meaningful.

You also want to create a regular schedule for time together. If that orthodontist or gym trainer deserves a set appointment time, why not your romantic partner? Your date night doesn't have to be a fancy night out, just a time when the two of you can reconnect and get beyond the daily minutia that fills up so much of our lives.

Also try setting a regular, daily meeting time. Maybe it's just fifteen minutes at the beginning or end of the day, but make it happen every day. Find out what your partner has been up to, what's gone right or wrong, and what's being planned. Stay connected with each other.

If your romantic relationship has started to feel stale and boring, realize it won't just fix itself. Put some thought and effort into doing things that will bring the romance back. If you need extra help, check the yellow pages for professional counselors who specialize in relationship or couples counseling.

Giving a relationship the work and attention it deserves can pay you back with a lifetime of companionship, happiness and love.

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Urban League from A1

Cincinnati, which is making a notable impact in the local community. The city has experienced a sea-change in relations between the police and the community since the 2001 race riots which were sparked by a police shooting that killed an unarmed Black man. Sitting on the historic "borderland" between the north and the south, today Cincinnati has been transformed by a \$2 billion investment in new infrastructure and is also home to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

The "Queen City" is waiting to welcome the Urban League Movement for a conference that will empower attendees with unmatched professional, civic engagement, business development, and networking opportunities and energize them to continue our daily work to help realize the full potential of our great nation. We, along with our presenting sponsors – P&G, Toyota and Western & Southern Financial Group – hope to see you there. For more information visit: <http://conf2014.iamempowered.com>.



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Governor O'Malley to Facilitate Mid-Atlantic Regional Workgroup on Infrastructure Investment

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley announced his intention to pursue the establishment of a new public-private regional infrastructure initiative called the Mid-Atlantic Infrastructure Exchange (MAX) to help address critical transportation needs in the National Capital Region and the Mid-Atlantic. The Governor committed to hosting regional meetings laying the groundwork for MAX and building on past collaborations with Mid-Atlantic neighbors. The initiative was created as a Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Commitment to Action and was announced during the CGI America annual meeting in Denver, Colorado.

"We're not spending enough on infrastructure, especially since interest rates are lower than inflation, which means infrastructure projects are as close as you can get to a sure thing for a solid rate of return," said President Clinton. "By making it easier for infrastructure projects to access pension investments and private capital, the Mid-Atlantic Infrastructure Exchange is an innovative way to strengthen critical infrastructure in the region while getting people back to work."

MGM from A1

Turner's dedication to encouraging, advancing and utilizing minority-owned, women-owned, and local small businesses in its projects and operations aligns with MGM's key priorities.

"With its proven track record and a sterling reputation for excellence, our choice of The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company really began to solidify when we realized that this is a company led by people who share some of our key company values, like working with minority-owned businesses and a commitment to sustainable building practices," said Lorenzo Creighton, MGM National Harbor's President and Chief Operating Officer. "This is a Maryland-based company with an admirable record and reputation in Prince George's County. Whiting-Turner has stayed true to its roots and we feel will be the perfect partner to bring to life our vision for MGM National Harbor."

Timothy J. Regan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Whiting-Turner added, "We are honored and delighted to have been selected by MGM for this prestigious, landmark project."

With the General Contractor now in place, construction can begin within weeks. Site preparation work is already underway. It is anticipated Whiting-Turner will oversee dozens of subcontractor firms and more than 2,000 construction workers over the project's expected two-year construction schedule. Target date for the resort opening is Summer 2016. The resort recently took steps to engage the

"In Maryland, we're focused on doing what works: investing in education, innovation, and infrastructure," Gov. O'Malley said. "We want to create this regional consortium to come up with innovative ways to make more infrastructure investments -- this will put Marylanders to work, and it will make our region an even more attractive place for businesses to invest."

"Investing in our infrastructure creates jobs, helps build sustainable communities, and spurs economic development," said Lt. Governor Brown. "With our new public-private partnerships law, Maryland is poised to move forward on a number of critical infrastructure projects, such as the Purple Line that will connect Prince George's and Montgomery Counties and help the National Capital Region grow. This regional consortium will help us pursue innovative strategies, share knowledge, and leverage resources so we can continue to invest in our communities."

The commitment builds on existing efforts to create jobs by investing in infrastructure, education and innovation. Just last year, Governor O'Malley signed the Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act into state law. The Act will provide an additional \$4.4 billion to support priority transportation efforts and will create or support an estimated

57,000 jobs. Since 2007, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has increased transportation investments by 75 percent, culminating in the largest 6-year transportation budget in Maryland history at \$15.65 billion. The State has also increased its funding for wastewater infrastructure by 260 percent since 2007 and created nearly 9,000 jobs.

In 2013, Lt. Governor Anthony Brown led the State's successful effort to pass the Public-Private Partnerships Act. Today, Maryland is better positioned to showcase the innovative use of public-private partnerships nationally, and the Purple Line project is one of only a handful of projects in the nation that utilizes this dynamic investment method.

The announcement also furthers three of the O'Malley-Brown Administration's 16 strategic goals: (1) to double transit ridership by the end of 2020 to create a more sustainable future, (2) to recover 100 percent of jobs lost during the recession by the end of 2014, and (3) to reduce Maryland's Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 25 percent by 2020. The State recovered 100 percent of the jobs it lost in the national recession - one of only 17 states to reach that threshold -- and the O'Malley-Brown Administration continues to use fresh, innovative strategies to strengthen the State's economy

and expand more opportunity to more Marylanders.

The development of the MAX will leverage potential resources from a similar partnership called the West Coast Infrastructure Exchange (WCX) along with personnel from Building America's Future Educational Fund. The governor committed to acting as a facilitator for the work group to assess the feasibility of implementing the concept in the Mid-Atlantic region. The work group will also examine ways to enhance current innovative project delivery efforts as well as infrastructure improvement best practices.

Mirroring the structure of the WCX, the MAX would act as a sustainable, non-governmental entity with the goal of providing technical expertise on project developments not currently available in the Mid-Atlantic region. MAX would act as the central nervous system for infrastructure investment and innovation, connecting local governments and agencies with private investors, developers, workers and project sponsors to address critical gaps in regional infrastructure. The potential benefits include improved access to financial and institutional resources, deployment of public and private investment in regional infrastructure and promotion of job creation efforts in the near-term, and long-term economic competitiveness.

local employment markets, already preparing to begin the process of hiring nearly 4,000 new hospitality positions.

Whiting-Turner has built a national name with a large U.S. footprint, and development experts at MGM Resorts were also impressed with the company's vast portfolio in Maryland and the capital region. Founded in 1909 and headquartered in Baltimore with two additional Maryland offices in Greenbelt and Cambridge, Whiting-Turner has a long and accomplished history in the capital region. Its most recent projects in the area include construction of Baltimore's Horseshoe Casino and M&T Bank (Ravens) Stadium, the Westin National Harbor in Prince George's County, and Potomac Yards Marriott Renaissance and Residence Inn in Washington, D.C.

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company has been building in Prince George's County for more than 50 years and has played an integral role in capital region construction since 1909, when it took on Washington, D.C.'s Walter Reed Army Hospital as the company's first project. Whiting-Turner's first D.C.-area office was founded in Prince George's County in 1964. The company remains a prominent force in the region; over the past five years the company has worked on more than 1,000 projects in Maryland and D.C. valued at nearly \$8 billion.

In addition to its impressive numbers, Whiting-Turner has also been recognized for the commendable way it does business. The company was recognized by

the Engineering News Record (ENR) as a Top 10 Green Contractor, another critical element in fulfilling MGM's commitment to building its destination resort at National Harbor to LEED Gold standards. Whiting-Turner employs more than 200 LEED accredited professionals on staff and has participated in developing 190 LEED certified projects.

Recent projects in Maryland have also earned Whiting-Turner the First Place Green Development Award by the Baltimore Business Journal and Best Practices in Minority Business Participation Award by the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland. The company has received awards in safety, including OSHA Partnership status at both the federal and state level on more than 25 projects. It also enjoys a 5A-1 Dun & Bradstreet rating – the only top 25 ENR to achieve this level. When taken together with a bonding capacity of \$4 billion, Whiting-Turner's strength and stability is unquestioned.

MGM National Harbor is a destination gaming resort project located in National Harbor, the waterfront development on the shores of the Potomac River in Prince George's County, near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge just south of Washington, D.C. In December 2013, MGM National Harbor was awarded a license to operate the sixth casino in the State of Maryland. The approximately \$1 billion MGM National Harbor resort will include a 300-room luxury hotel, a casino featuring 3,600 slots and 160 table games, a 3,000-seat theater, high-end branded retail, 35,000 square feet of meeting space and restaurants from

renowned local and national chefs. MGM National Harbor will open as soon as July 2016.

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IN THE DARK

Movie Review “Land Ho”

Land Ho
Grade: B
Rated R, a couple F-bombs
and some vulgar language:
should be PG-13
1 hr., 36 min

The Hollywood version of “Land Ho!” would star Alan Arkin and Michael Caine, be loud and grating, have a hundred Viagra references, and make \$150 million. The real version, an unassuming little comedy about two old-timers taking a road trip across Iceland, stars two men you’ve never heard of, is charming and quiet, and will make a maximum of twelve dollars. That’s just how life works, and we have to accept it.

This is a first-time collaboration between two indie filmmakers, Aaron Katz (“Quiet City,” “Cold Weather”) and Martha Stephens (“Passenger Pigeons,” “Pilgrim Song”), perhaps the start of a rich new creative partnership. Their film is about another kind of relationship, that of two elderly men who were once brothers-in-law (they married sisters) and are now old friends. Mitch (Earl Lynn Nelson) is a booming-voiced, Southern-drawled surgeon with an outgoing personality and a fondness for big living. Colin (Paul Eenhoorn), originally from Australia, is reserved and meek, though he comes to life when he quotes Jim Carrey movies. To lift Colin’s spirits after a breakup, Mitch takes him on a trip to Iceland, because why not Iceland?

And now you’ve had basically the entire plot spoiled for you. Mitch and Colin fly to Reykjavik first, spend some time there, then drive an SUV across the country’s rugged, gorgeous terrain to visit geysers and hot springs and other scenes of nat-



A pair of 60-something ex-brothers-in-law sets off on a road trip through Iceland, hoping to reclaim their youth. Their picaresque adventures, from trendy Reykjavik to rugged outback, are a throwback to classic bawdy road comedies as well as a candid exploration of aging, loneliness, and friendship. (c) Sony Classics

ural beauty. They meet up with two young ladies, a cousin of Mitch’s named Ellen (Karrie Crouse) and her friend Janet (Elizabeth McKee), and take them to dinner and to one of Reykjavik’s hottest dance clubs. (The humiliating “old men in a disco” gags we’ve been conditioned to expect here thankfully do not materialize.) They meet a few other people in their travels, but no one who shifts the story’s direction. It’s mostly just Mitch and Colin as a duo — talking, joking, reminiscing, enjoying one another’s company, and flirting harmlessly with women one-third their age.

The formula may remind you of a frat-boy road-trip comedy (Mitch even smokes weed) recast with senior citizens, but instead of emphasizing hilarious

story developments or zingy one-liners, Katz and Stephens let their film just be about these two likable old dudes. There aren’t any epic shenanigans or kooky characters, no mistaken identities or run-ins with drug traffickers. At no point does a nude Ken Jeong pop out of a car’s trunk. The movie isn’t afraid to be small in scope, to let us enjoy a pleasant, peaceful journey against the vast, primitively beautiful backdrop of Iceland.

As if to underscore that less-is-more aesthetic, Katz and Stephens cast unfamiliar faces in the main roles. Paul Eenhoorn, who plays Colin, was the title character in the Sundance 2013 hit “This Is Martin Bonner.” The other gentleman, Earl Lynn Nelson, is a real-life surgeon who has only acted in

Stephens’ movies and an episode of “Eastbound and Down.” He’s a hoot, this one, full of folksy bluster (“You gotta reach down and grab a handful of guts” = *carpe diem*) and prone to delivering mild vulgarities that come across more as “naughty little boy” than “dirty old man.”

Though its uncluttered simplicity and refreshing lack of clichés render it sublimely enjoyable, the film never digs deep enough to give itself much weight. Mitch and Colin’s shared fears of aging, loneliness, and dying are obliquely but not meaningfully referred to. We feel the same way at the end of the film as Mitch and Colin do at the end of their trip: well, that was nice. Nobody’s life was dramatically changed, but we had a sweet time.

Garden-tainment Creates Lasting Memories for Guests

by Melinda Myers

Summer is filled with parties, gatherings, picnics and more. We all want to make these occasions special and memorable for our guests.

Many gardeners tend to schedule events around peak bloom or harvest in order to share the beauty and flavor from their garden.

Unfortunately nature does not always cooperate. It seems we are saying “you should have been here last week” or “come back next week when the flowers will be at their peak”.

No need to worry. It may be considered cheating by the purist, but isn’t it all about creating a great space and event for our guests? Consider adding some fun flower accents. Metal flower sculptures like daisy bouquet stakes, hollyhock stem stakes or aluminum fiddleheads insure color throughout the season.

Or make it fun with faucet handle flowers (gardeners.com), which are sure to spark some conversation amongst your guests.

You can also add some extra color with a bit of floral paint. Use garden colors to paint seed heads of flowers past their prime. Just cover the stem and leaves to insure only the seed heads get painted for a more re-

alistic look. It might fool your guests or give them a good idea for their own garden.

Or stop by your local garden center. Many have flowering planters and large size annuals that you can use to fill in voids and add color to the garden.

Pot a few of these up and use them as centerpieces on the tables. A search of the garage or visit to a thrift store may find reasonably priced fun items you can convert into containers.

Keep your guests comfortable and the mosquitoes at bay with the gentle breeze of a fan. Mosquitoes are weak fliers and the gentle breeze of a fan can keep them away. Or step it up with the help of geranium oil. It’s natural, fragrant and can help repel mosquitoes.

And be sure to include fresh-from-the-garden flavor in your beverages and dishes. A pot of basil or mint near the party means guests can flavor their own lemonade tea or mojito. The hollow stem of lovage, cut down to size makes a great straw for your tomato juice or bloody Mary. Your guests won’t forget the fun of sipping their drink through this celery-flavored straw.

Then add some color and a gourmet touch to your salads with a few edible flowers. Nasturtiums, roses and calendulas are just a few to consider. Just be

sure they are edible and pesticide-free before serving them to your guests.

Use fresh-from-the-garden or container herbs for grilling, salads and your main course. And consider drying a few herbs or starting cuttings from your plants to use as party favors.

Don’t let the sunset put an end to your celebration. Light up the evening with solar illuminated planters, solar pathway lighting and decorative fiber optic lights. Or go old school and set votive candles in a mason jar or tucked safely in the garden.

So set aside some time to take a walk through the garden and plan a party or two for you, your family and friends to enjoy its beauty.

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Metal flower sculptures like daisy bouquet stakes can instantly add interest and color to the garden.

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The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Dispatches From Brazil’s World Cup: Real Estate Frenzy Provokes ‘Psychological Attack’ to Oust Favela Residents



Before returning to the favela Vila Autódromo for the first time since 2012, I had already been told that the community would not look the same. As a friend said to me, “It will resemble a perfect smile with several teeth knocked out.” Vila Autódromo is situated just yards away from the site of the 2016 Rio Olympic village, and Olympic planners as well as construction interests have long targeted this close-knit community for demolition. Located on an achingly beautiful lake, where glittering new high-rise condominiums have sprouted “seemingly overnight”, the city’s business and political leaders see prime real estate, with pesky favelados in the way of their development dreams.

Despite a fierce resistance to their removal that has stymied the efforts of Olympic planners, I had heard before arriving that 150 of the 500 families living in Vila Autódromo had left. I expected many of their homes, places I had visited, to now be piles of rubble. What I did not expect was the absence of trees.

Majestic trees punctuated the Vila Autódromo I remember. They were the shade and the breeze for residents. It was where you listened to music, argued, laughed and watched your children safely run the streets. Yet in an effort to coax residents to accept a cash payout and leave, the city has uprooted and torn out many of the trees. The city has also, according to residents, slowed garbage pickup and kept streetlights sporadically turned off at night. They cannot legally just evict people from their homes if they want to remain. But they can make life uninhabitable for those who stay.

“It’s a psychological attack... a perverse strategy to weaken community and weaken our resolve,” said Jane Nascimento from the Vila Autódromo Neighborhood Association, the group that has led the favela’s resistance.

The situation in Vila, once imbued by a great deal of hope that the city would back down from its constant pressure to remove residents, has become grim. Rio’s Mayor Eduardo Paes—and the real estate interests that back him—has engaged in a remorseless battle of attrition. “It was a beautiful community,” Jane says, “but it’s becoming uglier as they remove the trees.” She continues, “We leaders—directors of Neighborhood Association—have fought our own depression, but we can’t show it for fear of spreading depression to those who remain.”

Unable by law to move the people out by force, the city has turned neighbors of this tight-knit community against one another, as they have been doing in neighborhoods across Rio where people resist the city’s development efforts. First they offered larger payouts for those who would willingly leave—but only if they could convince two other families to pack up and go as well. This pyramid scheme of people’s lives embittered those leaving against the holdouts. As a resident named Francisco said, “I’ve lost friends because I wouldn’t leave. Many of them left the community, but I lost their friendship before they left because I was keeping them from getting the extra money. [These tactics make us feel] either angry or ashamed.”

The city also said—falsely—that an injunction against demolitions won by the Neighborhood Association prevented them from providing payouts to those who wanted to depart. All of a sudden, the Neighborhood Association, which has provided leadership and strength through several difficult years, became an enemy for a minority of residents. A rock was even thrown through their window.

I spoke to another resident, Osimar, who was offered public housing and a great deal of money to vacate. One small problem: he doesn’t want to leave. “The government has money earmarked for favela communities but instead of using them to pave roads, or to provide schools and medical clinics, it goes to the demolition and construction crews. On the other side of the lagoon, in Santa Monica, a condo sells for BRL 6 million (\$3 million US). This is why they want us gone.... The flag says ‘order and progress.’ But we are not given ‘order and progress’. We are being given ‘speculation and real estate.’”

There is something very precious in the favelas that is becoming endangered by the worship of “speculation and real estate”, not to mention the mega-events that fuel speculation and real estate beyond Odebrecht’s most fevered dreams. One should never minimize the very real poverty, lack of services and other challenges faced by the favelas. But those concerns should not blind us to the community, care, and vibrant culture that emerge from the narrow streets, and makeshift cafés. Hundreds in Vila Autódromo want to stay. They are fighting not only for their community but also for favela culture, and against the gleaming, charmless high-rise gentrification springing up all around them. They are fighting against those who aim to bury the favelas—one World Cup, one Olympics and one demolition at a time.

Calendar of Events

July 24 — July 30, 2014

36th Annual Montpelier Summer Concert Series: Saturday

Date & Time: Friday, July 25, 2014, 7:30-9:30 pm
Description: Classic Rock, R&B, Top 40
M-NCPPC and The South Laurel Recreation Council invite you to bring a friend, picnic, blanket and/or chair to enjoy a variety of FREE performances on the west lawn of the mansion grounds.
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Location: Montpelier Mansion Grounds
5652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel 20708
Contact: 301-776-2805; 301-953-7882

Glenn Dale Day

Date and Time: Saturday July 26, 2014 2-6 pm
Description: Come out to celebrate, Glenn Dale Day! Bring a blanket and picnic basket, visit craft and food vendors, try a little wine from local wineries and enjoy music in a day celebrating where we live.
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Marietta House Museum
5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale 20769
Contact: 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544 (Mary Amen)

Beltsville CC Summer Concerts: The Billy Hedrick Band

Date & Time: Saturday, July 26, 2014, 7 pm
Description: Oldies: The Best Feel Good Music
M-NCPPC & the Beltsville Recreation Council invite you to bring your family and friends to enjoy FREE musical performances. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit comfortably!
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Location: Beltsville Community Center
3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville 20705
Contact: 301-937-6613; TTY 301-445-4512

Prince George's Summer Shakespeare Festival's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Date & Time: Saturday, July 26, 7:30 pm
Description: A Midsummer Night's Dream has young lovers, fairies, clowns and a talking wall, guaranteed to entertain the whole family! Be transported by live music, magical movement and Shakespeare's enchanting poetry...all under the stars. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a FREE performance in your favorite park! For more information, please call 301-446-3232; TTY 301-446-6802. In case of inclement weather, please visit www.pgparcs.com for up-to-date information.
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Location: Arts/Harmony Hall Regional Center
10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington 20744

Safe Summer Carnival

Event date: Saturday, July 26, 2014, 10:00 PM to 12:00 AM
Date and Time: Saturday, July 26, 2014 10pm - 12am
Event Description: Come out and enjoy our Safe Summer Carnival with games and moon bounces for various ages.
Ages: 12-17
Fee: FREE
Location: Glassmanor Community Center
1101 Marcy Ave, Oxon Hill, MD 20745
Contact: 301-567-6033; TTY 301-445-4512

Arts on the Waterfront

Date and Time: Sunday, July 27, 2014 6 pm-7:30 pm
Description: Join us at the Waterfront with a great day of arts on the waterfront! There will be plenty of music and entertainment from jazz to rock--even a puppet show. Refreshments will be available for sale.
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Ladensburg Waterfront Park
4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg 20710
Contact: 301-779-0371; TTY 301-699-2544

Club 300 Group Walk (Acredale Park)

Date & Time: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:30-11 am
Description: Hey seniors, join Club 300 for our Summer Walking Program! Walking is an easy way to stay in shape. And we'll do so walking through Acredale Park together!
Cost: FREE
Ages: 50 & better
Location: Acredale Park
4300 Metzgerott Road, College Park 20740
Contact: 301-446-3400; TTY 301-446-3402

Jazz on the Lawn: The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation Jambassadors

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 7 pm
Description: It's time for our free outdoor summer concert series: Jazz on the Lawn! Pack a picnic basket and bring a blanket to the enjoy jazz sounds of Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation Jambassadors!
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Riversdale House Museum
4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park 20737
Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

Concerts in the Park! Nelly's Echo

Date & Time: Thursday, July 31, 2014, 7-8:30 pm
Description: Pop and R&B with African Roots!
Celebrate 17 years of music at Watkins Regional Park! Enjoy 7 weeks of cool tunes at twilight. Family and friends can enjoy a variety of FREE music under the setting sun. Bring a blanket and delight in the harmony on these jivin' Thursdays. Please note: This is a non-smoking venue!
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Location: On the Green at Watkins Regional Park
301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro 20774
Contact: 301-218-6700; TTY 301-218-6768

EARTH TALK ... Safer and More Effective Sunscreens

Dear EarthTalk:

With summer officially here now, what can you tell us about which sunscreens are safe and which are not?

— Clara Rosen, New York, NY

Skin cancer is by far the most common form of cancer in the United States, with more new cases each year than breast, prostate, lung and colon cancers combined. And the rate of newly diagnosed cases of the most deadly skin cancer, melanoma, has tripled over the last three decades. But many of the sunscreens on the market do not provide enough protection from the sun's damaging rays. Also, some of them contain chemicals that can also cause health problems in their own right.

According to the non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG), which assessed the safety and effectiveness of more than 1,400 "SPF" (sun protection factor) products for its 2014 Guide to Sunscreens, only one in three sunscreens for sale on the shelves of American stores offer good skin protection and are free of ingredients with links to health issues. "That means two-thirds of the sunscreens in our analysis don't work well enough or contain ingredients that may be toxic," reports the group.

A big part of the problem is the lack of tougher rules from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA). "The FDA's first

major set of sunscreen regulations, 36 years in the making, took effect in December 2012 and proved far too weak to transform the market," reports EWG. While the new rules did restrict some of the most egregious claims on sunscreen labels (such as the "patently false" "waterproof" and "sweatproof" claims) and ended the sale of powder sunscreens and towelettes that were too thin to provide protection against ultraviolet rays, they didn't address inhalation threats from spray sunscreens or take into account the risks of exposure to so-called "nanoparticles" from zinc oxide and titanium dioxide varieties.

While the FDA is currently reassessing its stance on sunscreens, EWG warns it may be a while before new rules address these and other concerns, especially given push-back from regulatory-averse members of Congress and some manufacturers. So what's a health-conscious sun worshipper to do about sunscreen?

For starters, read labels. Some common sunscreen ingredients to watch out for and avoid include: oxybenzone, which can cause allergic reactions and hormone-like effects; Vitamin A (AKA retinyl palmitate), a skin irritant and possible carcinogen; and fragrances which can contain allergens and chemicals. Also, spray sunscreens are suspect because inhaling some of the ingredients can irritate breathing passages and even potentially compromise lung function. And EWG warns to avoid products with SPF ratings higher



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than 50, as their use can tempt people to apply too little and/or stay in the sun too long. Sticking with products in the 15-50 SPF range and reapplying often makes much more sense.

Some of the best choices are those sunscreens that employ either zinc oxide or avobenzone, both which have been shown to block the most damaging ultraviolet rays effectively without the need for other potentially troublesome additives. Some of the leading

brands that meet EWG's criteria for both safety and effectiveness include Absolutely Natural, Aubrey Organics, California Baby, Elemental Herbs, Goddess Garden, Tropical Sands and True Natural, among others. Find these and other winners on the shelves of natural foods retailers as well as online. For a complete list of all 172 recommended sunscreens and to learn more about the risks, check out EWG's free online 2014 Guide to Sunscreens.

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EWG'S 2014 Guide to Sunscreens, www.ewg.org/2014sunscreens.

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getting a thousand teddy bears. Help wasn't being sent a million pink baby blankets. While both were sent in droves by people just wanting to help, the baby blankets were so triggering for me. Each blanket was another reminder of what I would never have again." Instead, for her own family it was the regular, consistent, loving support from family, friends, neighbors, and community members that truly got them through and the thousands of messages from people committed to fighting for justice and peace. "In each instance, they delivered the same message: 'We are here and we will not leave you.' And they have kept their promise. Their efforts provided us a sense of safety and a sense of control. They pro-

vided a sense of community, connection, and love in the midst of chaos, fear, and loss."

Yet she is acutely aware that not everyone who suffers trauma is blessed with the same support: "Any event that is perceived as a threat will evoke a fight, flight, or freeze response. This response is hard wired in our nervous systems and was designed to be a short term response to threats to our survival. The way it is supposed to work is after the threat is survived, the fight, flight, or freeze response ends. What I am seeing now, and I'm sure you're seeing it too, is a generation of folks stuck in that loop of fight, flight, and freeze. People without the ability to regulate themselves, and without a network of regulating relationships." And this is why Nelba Márquez-Greene is now so pas-

sionate about recreating that loving support for every child, both before and after they experience trauma. "It's more than just a project, it's where and how we see ourselves responding to this tragedy. For us, Isaiah is going to one day look back and say, this is what my parents did and how they responded when my sister was killed. The beauty of Ana's life and spirit was stolen from us. And we want him to be able to say that we tried to put some beauty back in the world."

I hope all of us will reach out to make our own communities safer for children. As neighbors, members of civic organizations, sororities and fraternities, and faith communities, create connections for children, youth, and families in your communities who may be suffering silently with no support from family or

friends. Make them feel part of something bigger. Let them know you will be there for them. Remember words that have become the Márquez-Greene family's motto: "Love Wins." And work without ceasing for common sense gun safety measures to stop the scourge of violence in America.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

Mrs. Edelman's Child Watch Column also appears each week on The Huffington Post

Overdose from A1

land Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) released its 2013 Annual Report: Drug and Alcohol-Related Intoxication Deaths in Maryland. The report shows that the number of heroin-related overdose deaths increased by 18 percent in 2013, from 392 in 2012 to 464 in 2013. This increase, coupled with a rise in fentanyl and alcohol-related deaths, contributed to a 7 percent rise in the total number of Maryland fatal overdoses, from 799 in 2012 to 858 in 2013.

In accordance with the Governor's directive, DHMH

is launching a statewide public education campaign to raise awareness about opioid overdoses. The Department is partnering with local health departments to distribute posters, pamphlets, and emergency cards to assist those seeking information on the education and prevention of opioid overdoses. Additionally, DHMH is launching a Facebook page on substance use disorders as a venue to distribute current information and share stories from residents across the state who are dealing with addiction.

"This campaign is aimed at family, friends, and commu-

nity members," said Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Secretary, DHMH. "Being able to identify and quickly respond to an overdose by dialing 9-1-1 and administering naloxone, if trained, will save lives. Calling 2-1-1 is also the most effective way to learn more about treatment resources in your community."

The Governor also directed the development of several additional initiatives aimed at curbing the opioid overdose epidemic. These initiatives include:

- Training and equipping first responders, including law enforcement officers, to admin-

ister naloxone to individuals who may have experienced a drug overdose. Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can quickly restore the breathing of a person who has overdosed on heroin or prescription opioid pain medication.

- Reviewing the availability of treatment and recovery services in facilities managed by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and considering ways to expand access to treatment.

Additional information on the state's efforts can be found on: <http://governor.maryland.gov/documents/OPCFactSheet.pdf>.

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which seeks to have 60,000 electric vehicles in Maryland by 2020. EVIP is funded through an Environmental Consent Decree, in partnership with the Maryland Clean Cities Coalition, the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, the Maryland Department of Environment, and the Maryland Department of Transportation.

"Transitioning our transportation sector away from petroleum-based fuels is essential if we are to achieve our climate, air quality and energy goals, according to MEA Director, Abi-

gail Ross Hopper. "Expansion of the State's electric vehicle charging infrastructure through deployment of strategically located DC fast chargers is one of the key actions we can take to increase sales of electric vehicles in Maryland and other East Coast states."

The EVIP will provide financial assistance to one or more eligible candidates. Applicants should desire to plan, install, operate, and maintain a DC Fast Charging Station infrastructure network within Maryland. To that end, successful applicants must propose DC fast charging stations in locations that will

strategically extend the range and reach of electric vehicles' along priority transportation corridors, such as major highways and significant locations for tourism. The State is expecting to fund 20-40 stations. EVIP is a competitive grant requiring at least 50% cost sharing. Upon installation, DC Fast charging stations will not provide free charging. Proposed locations should include Western and Southern Maryland, as well as the Eastern Shore and the Baltimore-Annapolis-Washington DC metropolitan areas.

"Through these grants, Maryland is making it easier for resi-

dents to own and drive the cleanest vehicles available," said Kathy Kinsey, Maryland Deputy Secretary of the Environment Department. "Maryland's framework for expanding electric vehicle ownership and infrastructure saves drivers money on transportation costs while encouraging economic growth, and improving our air quality."

Applications are accepted on a competitive basis. All submissions must be received by October 1, 2014. More information is available at <http://energy.maryland.gov/Transportation/evip.html> and <http://ow.ly/yf32Y>.