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The main entrance of the new Hyattsville Branch Library.

## Hyattsville Branch Library Opens March 30, 2022

By NICHOLAS A. BROWN  
PGCMLS

LARGO, Md. (March 7, 2022)—The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is thrilled to announce that the new 40,258 square-foot Hyattsville Branch Library (6530 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782) will open to the public on Wednesday, March 30, 2022. This highly anticipated new library continues PGCMLS' track record of building award-winning sustainable, modern, and welcoming branches that serve as hubs for the community.

Opening day festivities are

open to the public and will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony (10 a.m.) featuring County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks, Prince George's County Council Member Deni Taveras, PGCMLS CEO Roberta Phillips, PGCMLS Board President Toni A. Smith, Rico Newman (Member of the Elders Council of the Choptico Band of Piscataway Indians), and other distinguished guests.

PGCMLS worked closely with the Prince George's County Office of Central Services and Grimm and Parker architects to realize the community's vision for a contemporary and vibrant new library. "The Hyattsville

Branch Library is a beautiful, open building that reflects the spirit and diversity of the Hyattsville community," said Roberta Phillips, Chief Executive Officer of the Library. "I am grateful to all of our partners and customers who contributed to the creation of this space that carries on the Library's commitment to literacy and lifelong learning, inclusion, creativity, personal achievement, and healthy living."

### Schedule of Events

- Opening Day (Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 10 a.m.—8 p.m.)
- 10 a.m.: Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony (ASL interpretation)
- 11 a.m.—6 p.m.: Family Activ-

- ities & Library Card Sign-up
- Virtual reality
- 3D printer showcase
- Love Your Hyattsville Library collaborative mural
- Women's History Month photobooth
- Scavenger Hunt

- 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.: Ready 2 Read Storytime (English/Spanish + ASL interpretation)
- 4–6 p.m.: Community Resource Fair

NOTE: Face masks continue to be required at PGCMLS buildings for everyone ages 2 and up. The Library appreciates customers' assistance with maintaining a safe environment for children who are not yet eligible for COVID-19 vaccines and for customers and staff who have high-risk for COVID-19.

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## University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University Send Desperately Needed Supplies to Ukraine

By KAITLYN LEVISON  
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 8, 2022)—Nearly two weeks after Russia's military forces descended upon its western neighbor, leaving many parts of Ukraine in ruin and thousands of its citizens in need of medical care, the University of Maryland Medical System and Johns Hopkins Medicine are sending more than \$4 million in medical supplies to the country, the institutions announced in a statement Tuesday.

The medical facilities are donating respirators, medical compressors, beds, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, face masks and shields, respirator kits, gloves and syringes, according to representatives from both institutions.

"Right now, medical supplies most urgently needed are items that allow medics and other caregivers to address a growing number of battlefield injuries among both military and civilian casualties, including children and other innocent bystanders," Dr. Mohan Suntha, president and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System, said in the statement.

The World Health Organization reported Tuesday that Russian forces have targeted Ukrainian ambulances, hospitals and other health facilities. News reports say

that at least nine people have died in 16 attacks on health care facilities.

News media have reported doctors delivering babies in makeshift facilities in basements and other locations. The U.N. expects more than 80,000 women in Ukraine to give birth within the next three months, according to Business Insider.

The medical supplies are an outgrowth of the institutions' experiences during the coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Lisa Ishii, senior vice president of operations for the Johns Hopkins Health System, told Capital News Service in an interview.

"We want to lean into the partnership that we developed working close together in the pandemic to now turn our resources to supporting people in the Ukraine," Ishii said.

The help being sent to the embattled nation is reflective of the scramble to stock their facilities properly to deal with COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, Ishii said.

"Sometimes we hit the mark just right in terms of anticipated needs and what we purchased," she said. "Sometimes we overshoot our mark, sometimes we undershoot our mark. So, for the most

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## Climate Takes Center Stage at Maryland Gubernatorial Forum

By STEPHEN NEUKAM  
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (March 9, 2022)—Ten Maryland governor candidates laid out their plans for slashing carbon emissions, building mass transit projects, protecting the Chesapeake Bay and improving air quality in the state at a climate forum Tuesday [March 8] at the University of Maryland in College Park.

The pool of candidates at the event, hosted by the online publication Maryland Matters and sponsored by several environmental organizations, included eight Democrats, one Republican and one Libertarian.

Some prominent candidates tried to draw distinctions between themselves and rival campaigns.

In one of the testiest moments of the forum and the campaign thus far, John B. King, former U.S. secretary of Education, dinged fellow Democrat Tom Perez on his climate record as chair of the Democratic National Committee. He noted Perez allowed the organization to accept donations from workers in the fossil fuel industry and their union or employer political action committees.

King also argued the environmental policies of U.S. Army veteran and former non-profit CEO Wes Moore, also a Democrat, were "too little, too late."

King's platform includes reducing the



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Climate policies were center stage at a forum March 8 for Maryland governor candidates at the University of Maryland in College Park.

state's greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2035. Moore vowed to achieve the same goal by 2045. Perez plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030, according to his campaign.

Landmark climate legislation in the Democratic-controlled state Senate this session calls for the state to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2045.

"Last night, Wes Moore demonstrated that he is the only candidate with the experience, vision, and experience needed to lead on Maryland's climate, which is why

he has earned the support of leaders in Maryland who know what it takes to lead on this issue," the Moore campaign said in a statement.

The Perez campaign was not able to immediately respond to an inquiry about King's comments at the forum for this story.

Moore and King told the audience they would appoint an environmental policy coordinator to review climate action across

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## 100 Teens from Across America Complete 2022 Disney Dreamers Academy

Four from Prince George's County

By PRESS OFFICER  
Disney Dreamers Academy

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (March 7, 2022)—During March 3–6, 100 students from across the country celebrated the conclusion of the 15th year of Disney Dreamers Academy with an emotional commencement ceremony featuring an inspirational speech by four-time Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, actress and executive producer Kelly Rowland, musical performances by recording artist Mali Music and Disney Entertainment and a moving ring presentation ceremony to mark the teens' special achievement.

The teens, or Disney Dreamers as they are called, were selected from among thousands of applicants to participate in the four-day, once-in-a-lifetime educational mentoring program that takes place annually at Walt Disney World Resort.

During the 2022 event students took part in:

- A unique cavalcade through the Magic Kingdom along with Kelly Rowland and fashion designer Kerby Jean-Raymond
- Exposes showcasing the wide variety of career opportunities

in a variety of fields at Walt Disney World and beyond

- Interactive workshops that provided students with hands-on experiences highlighting career paths ranging from medicine to entertainment to engineering and more
- Networking and dress-for-success sessions
- Mentoring by Walt Disney World executives, cast members and other top professionals
- Playtime in the Walt Disney World theme parks including an opportunity to check-out the new Harmonious Nighttime Spectacular and Remy's Ratatouille Adventure attraction at EPCOT
- Motivational presentations and tips to help teens and their parents achieve success
- Celebrity panels featuring fashion designer Kerby Jean-Raymond, gospel artist Kierra Sheard, R&B recording artist Mali Music, actress Faithe Hermand of the NBC drama series "This Is Us" and actress Demi Singleton, who played tennis star Serena Williams in the Os-

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# TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

### Morningside Memories: The Village Barn and the night it burned

Twenty-nine years ago, the night of April 3, 1993, The Village Barn was gutted by fire. About 80 firefighters fought the blaze which began about 9:30 and burned through the night, closing Suitland Road to traffic. I don't know if the cause of the fire was ever found.

When I wandered over to look at the charred ruins, Bobby Bruce was there, and longtime bartender Louise Wills. We chatted for maybe an hour about the Barn and its golden days.

Country music made the Barn, attracting such legends as Ernest Tubbs, Jack Greene, Kitty Wells, Little Jimmy Dickens, Faron Young, Roy Clark and Jimmy Dean. Even Dan Aykroyd and his harmonica played the Barn back about 1985.

The Barn was the oldest operating country music entertainment establishment in the Washington area—possibly in the entire mid-Atlantic region—until it closed its doors forever on March 12, 1993, a victim of too-few patrons. The blizzard of March 13 cancelled what was to have been The Big Farewell. There was no proper goodbye. Today it's just a big scrubby field with a fence around it, rumored to become a carwash.

But here is how it started:

George Perry brought the property in 1943 and established The Village Barn, Inc., a restaurant with the largest dance floor in the area. He was also the owner of the old Marlboro Hotel and had racehorses. Photos of those horses adorned the walls of the Barn, alongside baseball pictures and elk- and moose-heads.

George died in 1964. Four years later his heirs sold the property to Archie Lampros. Theodore "Ted" Mars took over in 1962. After his death in '79, his daughter and son-in-law Francyne and Tom Alexander ran the business.

Tom and Leroy Collins added a new western-style front to the old building.

In a story for Country Plus in 1991, Tom Alexander said, "For over 50 years The Village Barn has been able to withstand the tests of time, trends, and fads. We were truly country when country wasn't cool."

There's so much more to say about The Barn that I'm going to wait until next week's column.

Stay tuned for the big charity fundraisers, the menu (including prices) and the murders.

### Town of Morningside: candidates announced

He is running, but no one is challenging Mayor Benn Cann in the May 2 Town Election.

However, three residents are running for the two Town Council seats: They are incumbent John Anthony, former Council Member Sharon Fowler, and Anthony Pitts who has lived in the Town since 2016. In a future column, I'll run their bios.

Some of you emailed shock when I suggested G. I. Liquors might have closed. Well, it hasn't. However, it has changed hands. The name remains the same, but the owner now is Sea and Sky. I checked with Karen at the Municipal Building. She says G. I. Liquors is open for business.

### Should the name Indian Head Highway be changed?

Members of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe are calling on Maryland to rename Indian Head Highway, and also the town of Indian Head, because, they say the names are derogatory to Native Americans.

Chief Jesse James Swann requested the change in a letter to officials in Prince George's and Charles counties, saying the tribe wants the name changed to honor Maryland's two state-recognized tribes.

"This is our ancestral land, and this highway was a major thoroughfare used by Piscataway and the surrounding tribes that were under our empire," Swann wrote. The tribe has gathered more than 3,700 signatures on a Change.org petition and said it expects more.

Chief Swann suggests a change to Piscataway Highway or Pascattoway Highway. I don't know what he suggests for the town of Indian Head.

### Neighbors and other good people

DaLawn Parrish, coach at Dr. Henry A. Wise, has been named football Coach of the Year. Morningside and Skyline highschoolers attend Wise. Other Wise awardees: Nicholas McMillan, First Team offense; Jaydrian Sairay, Second Team offense; Dadrion Carter-Williams, Honorable Mention offense; and Amar Thomas, First Team defense.

I'm delighted to have my son Mike and his wife Sandy visiting from El Paso, Texas. Mike graduated from Bishop McNamara High School back in 1971 and General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich. He has been an engineer for G.M. and its subsidiaries for years,

until retiring last year. Sandy also retired, from El Paso Community College. Now they have time to see family around the country. En route here, they stopped off in Ludington, Mich., to help Sandy's mom, Doris, celebrate her 97th birthday.

### Changing landscape

In a victory for cat lovers, Maryland is poised to become the second state in the country to ban declawing.

Residents are lobbying for a National Harbor Metro station. Developer Jon Peterson whose company manages National Harbor says, "The only important piece we are missing now is Metro."

The Marlow Heights Community Center Replacement involves the design and construction of a new approximately 22,000 square-foot community recreation facility. The center will include a gymnasium, fitness center, multipurpose room, teen room, group fitness studio, and community meeting room with a warming kitchen. Due to get underway this fall with completion by 2024.

Antoine Lanier sent this message to Nextdoor, "Please use caution from Rt. 5 and Woodyard Rd. to Dangerfield Rd. for road paving which has started. Myers Construction started removal of old pavement today! Please expect daytime and night work! Per speaking with State Highway Administration, they will be done in a couple of weeks depending on weather." And finally, "Use caution and watch out for the workers!"

For years the email of a Washington Post columnist ran at the end of his/her column. But no more. John Kelly (of John Kelly's Washington) tells me that system has changed, because the Post has a new computer system. Now, if you want to communicate with the columnist, there won't be an email at the end. Instead, you must use his/her name and the Post address. For example: john.kelly@washpost.com.

A home at 4407 Reamy Drive in Skyline recently sold for \$330,000.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Audrey Pridgen and Kristopher Calhoun, March 19; Gladys Davidson, March 20; Russ Kyser, Matthew Curcio Bobbitt and Dejuh Bedewi, March 21; Ruth Anthony, my great-grandson Jack McHale and Hudson Murphy Glaubitz, March 23; Lewis Woods, March 24; Ken Kyser and Jay Rollins, March 25.

Happy anniversary to Morraine and Harold Wilson on March 22.

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### Hyattsville Branch Library Hours

The Hyattsville Branch Library's regular hours, starting on Thursday, March 31, 2022, will be:

- Monday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Tuesday-Wednesday: 12–8 p.m.
- Thursday-Friday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed\*

\*Sunday hours at the Hyattsville Branch Library will begin on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

### New Features

"PGCMLS is proud that the new Hyattsville Branch Library design and features are directly informed by customer feedback that was collected during five community forums," said Michael Gannon, Chief Operating Officer for Public Services at the Library. "The top priorities identified were to maintain the same location, embrace sustainable design, keep the flying saucer, offer plentiful study and collaboration spaces, expand the children's area, and increase the availability of computers."

The library includes PGCMLS' first-ever vegetative ("green") roof for stormwater mitigation, first parking garage, and the following features:

- 84 public computers for the public—the largest number at any PGCMLS branch library
- 2 meeting rooms
- Conference room
- Makerspace/Computer lab
- Art room
- 2-sided fireplace
- Vending café with bookstore area
- 8 study rooms (2 in the Children's Room)
- Reading terrace
- Reading garden featuring the restored flying saucer and art
- 2 Art in Public Places commissions—one interior and one exterior
- Prince George's Room with a collection focused on local history and genealogy
- Sustainability features: solar panels, light-colored PVC roofing, energy-efficient and "smart" HVAC system,

electric vehicle charging stations, locally-sourced bricks, terracotta panels with long life cycles that will not weather or need replacement, metal panels made of recycled components.

The theme of the children's area is "Discovery Village." It features elements of classical children's literature: a castle with a drawbridge, the Three Little Pigs' houses and troll bridge (where children can sit and read), a friendly dragon, an enchanted tree, and the Yellow Brick Road.

### Art at the Hyattsville Branch Library

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council Art in Public Places program commissioned two works by Prince George's County artists for display at the new Hyattsville Branch Library. Valerie Theberge (Mount Rainier) created a mosaic tiled mural below the renovated flying saucer. Curtis Woody (Upper Marlboro), a mixed media artist, created a mural for the branch entrance that honors the history of the Hyattsville community.

### History of the Hyattsville Branch Library

The original Hyattsville Branch Library was dedicated on January 19, 1964 and was a state-of-the-art facility for its time with electrically-heated sidewalks to melt ice, a book lift for carrying materials between levels, and noise reduction features. It was the first county-owned library and was dedicated in memory of President John F. Kennedy. PGCMLS' administrative offices were located at the Hyattsville Branch from its opening until 2015. More about the branch history and new construction is available on PGCMLS Builds.

A limited number of commemorative posters, Hyattsville Branch Library t-shirts, and reclaimed bricks from the original Hyattsville Branch Library will be available for purchase through the PGCMLS Foundation on Opening Day. T-shirts are also available for purchase at pgcmls.info.

## Dreamers from A1

car-nominated film "King Richard" and starred in Disney's The Lion King on Broadway, among others.

"This is among the most rewarding events we host at Walt Disney World," said Tracey D. Powell, Disney Signature Events vice president and Disney Dreamers Academy executive champion.

Created and hosted by Walt Disney World Resort, the program is designed to broaden career awareness and create opportunities for Black students and teens from underrepresented communities across America.

Since its inception in 2008, 1,400 students have participated in the career-discovery journey that is Disney

Dreamers Academy. Students are inspired to discover new career opportunities, pursue their dreams and interact with participating celebrities and motivational speakers.

The Disney Dreamers program is an important part of Disney's commitment to supporting diverse communities, such as Black America, by encouraging the next generation to think big and to carry what they learn back with them, so they can relentlessly pursue their dreams and make a difference in the lives of others.

Along with a parent or guardian, each Disney Dreamer received an all-expenses-paid trip to Walt Disney World Resort where they learned important networking skills, participated in hands-on career workshops and created fun memories to cherish for a lifetime.

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

### PUPPET FRIENDS IN STORYLAND

Puppet Friends in Storyland. Enjoy nature story and craft time with us Friday, April 8, 2022, from 10–10:45 a.m. at Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774.

Enjoy nature story and craft time with us. Join Randy Raccoon & Tammy Turtle in the month of April as they read you a story about their family, and then join them and a naturalist as they lead you through a nature-themed craft. You and your students will join us twice each month for an interactive lesson with hands on activity. Activity code: 22103-288B. Cost: \$10/R; \$13/NR. Link: Register Through PARKS DIRECT! (<https://web1.myvscloud.com/bwsc/mdpc>). Email for more information (mailto:watkinsnaturecenter@pgparks.com). Contact us: 6611 Kenilworth Avenue Riverdale, Maryland 20737, phone: 301-699-2255, TTY: 301-699-2544.

### WOMEN'S DAY

Nottingham Myers-Christ United Methodist Churches Cooperative Parish (Proverbs 31:30–31 (MSG)) will celebrate Women's Day March 20, 2022 (The Power of a Praying Woman recognizing women who wear many hats.) Speaker is Dr. Johnnie Cogman, District Superintendent, Washington East District, Baltimore Washington Conference.

We invite you to participate in this joint celebration. Show up wearing your most stylish hat. Please consider a love donation of \$100 (Women) or \$75 (Men). Join us at Christ United Methodist Church, 22919 Christ Church Road, Aquasco, Maryland 20608. Rev. Shemaiah Strickland, Pastor.

### ST. PHILIP'S CASINO TRIP

It is Casino Time to Delaware Park Raceway and Casino Wilmington, Delaware Sunday, April 30, 2022. Bus will leave St. Philip's Church at 9 a.m. and Clinton Park-N-Ride, Clinton, Maryland at 10 a.m. The bus will return to Clinton, Maryland at approximately 7 p.m. and St. Philip's Church at

approximately 8 p.m.

Fun package includes a \$30.00 rebate, 50/50, music and a bagged lunch. All tickets must be purchased by April 2, 2022. Donation is \$45.00. Absolutely no refunds. Benefit: St. Philip's Church.

For tickets, please contact Shirley A. Cleaves 302-692-4260, Doretha A. Savoy 301-233-3136, Vivian G. Rich 804-301-9530.

### AN ALUMNI SOCIAL AFFAIR

Bowie State University National Alumni Association (Prince George's County Chapter) are inviting you to join us at our Alumni Social Affair on Sunday, June 26, 2022, from 1–5 p.m. at LaFontaine Bleue, 714 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061. There will be food, entertainment, cash bar, Cash Bar, Vendors. Donation is \$60 and \$9 Tax Deductible Contribution. For more information, contact Addie Martin 301-868-6081 or Rose Coleman 301-518-4861 Proceeds support the Prince George's County Chapter Scholarship Fund.

Souvenir Booklet Ad: Full Page Ads- \$100 ½ Page Ads- \$50 Camera Ready Ads are preferred. Patrons are 5 (per person) List names to be shown in Souvenir Program. Make checks to: BSUPGCAC.

Important: Full payment due at time of submission. Ads can be emailed to Addie at amartin668@aol.com. Mail checks to Rose Coleman, 3703 Ivy Hill Lane, Bowie, Maryland 20715. Name/Organization, Address, City/State, Zip. Ads will provide financial assistance to our scholarship recipients.

### NATURE CRAFT

Growing with recycled materials Friday, April 15, 2022, from 10–11:00 a.m. Ages 7 to 12. Get crafty while upcycling materials to create unique hanging seed pots to take home. Location: Old Maryland Farm, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774. Cost is \$4/R; \$6/NR. Activity Code: 22217-256A



PHOTOS COURTESY DISNEY DREAMERS ACADEMY

From top left, clockwise, Amber Johnson of Oxon Hill; Kemery Oparah of Clinton; Ciara Sejour of Fort Washington; and Whitely Shields of Fort Washington.

# COMMUNITY

## Maryland National Guard Soldiers Help Revive Man

By CAPT. BEN HUGHES  
Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office

LANHAM, Md. (March 6, 2022)—Maryland National Guard service members have been serving their community in many ways during the COVID-19 pandemic, from providing food to administering vaccines. On Feb. 18, Spcs. Patrick Sheil and Paul Hofe helped save a man's life at a hospital.

"I think to be successful in that moment where life is on the line boils down to the training and experience that our noncommissioned officers and commanding officers put into us from their careers," said Sheil. "So we were given the equipment and the training to be successful. We just had to apply it and step up as our number was finally called."

Sheil and Hofe, members of the Maryland Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment, were assisting the nurses and doctors in the emergency room at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center.

"At approximately 12:40 p.m., I witnessed one adult brought into the ER in respiratory distress," said Sheil. "The emergency room doctor on duty was in the room trying to assess the patient and determine the course of action. At approximately 12:43, the patient became unresponsive and was determined to have lost his pulse. The doctor immediately declared a cardiac arrest and requested as much manpower support as available."

Sheil and a nurse provided compressions as a team for the first 20 minutes. At the time, Hofe was

moving a different patient from the ER to another location on the sixth floor.

"I sent a text message to Hofe and communicated the seriousness of the situation to come down to the room and provide assistance," said Sheil. "He skipped the elevator, ran straight to the stairwell, and triple-timed down here."

Hofe quickly joined Sheil with the compressions, allowing the nurse to rotate to other lifesaving interventions for the patient. For the next 40 minutes, the two provided compressions as a team.

"We did achieve a return of spontaneous circulation," said Sheil. "So the patient's heart began to beat on its own after several rounds of epinephrine injections, [sodium] bicarbonate injections, and other lifesaving interventions that were applied."

CPR efforts ceased once the doctor determined the patient had a sustainable pulse.

The Soldiers credit their training for preparing them for the situation, including the combat lifesaver course, tactical combat casualty care course and a

CPR course.

The value of training the Soldiers received and their willingness to assist did not end at the hospital ER. The day after providing lifesaving CPR support, Hofe again found himself in a first responder role.

"On I-95, on the other side of the highway, there was a vehicle flipped over and the vehicle who had hit that vehicle," said Hofe. "By the time I got there, the cops were there. I assisted in pulling the gentleman out of the vehicle, got him stabilized and put into the ambulance."

Maryland National Guard service members use their military and civilian training when serving their community.

"It's a great feeling to be filled with purpose," said Hofe. "I joined the National Guard to help. You never know when the training that you're taught is going to be needed. But when you're in a position to be in charge or to do something, then you need to fill that role and you need to step up and do that."

## Town of Cheverly Announces New Chief of Police

By PRESS OFFICER  
The Town of Cheverly

CHEVERLY, Md. (March 8, 2022)—The Town Council of Cheverly announces C.D. Miller as the permanent Chief of Police. Miller previously served as the town's Interim Chief of Police since November 2021. Miller was selected for the position after an extensive regional search conducted by the Town Council, Mayor, and Town Administrator.

"Miller brings a great wealth of knowledge, leadership, and professional expertise to the Cheverly Police Department," stated Mayor Munyeh. Miller, who retired from the Maryland State Police in 2016, is a 27-year

veteran who has held several prestigious positions during his career tenure. Those roles included Executive Officer for the Field Operations Bureau Division, Barrack Commander, and Commander of several units for the Criminal Enforcement Division. Miller has also received numerous honors and recognition from several law enforcement organizations throughout his career.

Town Administrator Dylan Galloway commented, "I look forward to working alongside Chief Miller as he directs strategies to ensure Cheverly remains one of the safest communities in Maryland." Chief Miller will be responsible for leading 21st century policing initiatives to develop

partnerships with the local community and residents of Cheverly to combat criminal activity. Miller expressed "I am honored to lead the sworn and civilian members of the Cheverly Police Department. I look forward to continuing the mission of Cheverly Police Department so that it will forever be an asset to the Cheverly community, our local public servants, and allied law enforcement agencies."

Miller's official first day as the Chief of Police is effective Monday, May 23, 2022. To learn more about the Cheverly Police Department visit: <https://www.cheverly-md.gov/cheverly-police-department>

## Student Entrepreneur Receives Cash Award From Local Sorority to Build Black-Owned Small Business

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

BOWIE, Md. (March 10, 2022)—Running a business is not an easy task for most adults, so imagine being a 17-year-old business owner. Thanks to Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter (PEO) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® and Pearl Elegance Foundation, Inc. (PEF) a teen entrepreneur gets a financial boost for her business.

Kaci M. Harris, owner of KM Beauty presented a business pitch to the sorority in February. She was surprised with a \$500 award during a March 6 small business workshop organized by PEO. The virtual event, Promising Pioneers: Transforming Your Business Idea Into Reality offered business best practices, marketing tips, and a Q&A session for local business owners. Nearly 170 participants joined the webinar which included presentations by business owners Renay Butler, CEO of Renay Butler, Inc. and Goal Grinders Inc., and Donna Barnes, president of Black Horse Alliance, both members of the sorority.

"This workshop was a community service that offered free resources and services to all business owners whether they were just starting out or had been in business for many years," said Benita A. Swindell, president of PEO and PEF. "What we are most proud of is being able to support a teen business owner. We were very impressed with Kaci Harris' pitch to grow her current business, her ambition, and overall entrepreneurial spirit."

"I was so surprised and grateful when PEO and PEF presented me with a \$500 award to help sup-



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**Kaci M. Harris, owner of KM Beauty was surprised with a \$500 award.**

port and build my business," said Kaci Harris, owner of KM Beauty. "It means the world to me that these ladies are not only investing in my business but, that they believe in me."

Harris is a Bowie High School senior and has been in business for about two years. She plans to attend Bowie State University in the fall to study business. The webinar was part of Alpha Kappa Alpha's Target 3 program, Building Your Economic Legacy, which includes supporting African-American entrepreneurs.

## MashUP Exhibition Features Work from Over 100 Artists

By PRESS OFFICER  
Pyramid Atlantic

HYATTSVILLE, Md. (March 10, 2022) Members of Pyramid Atlantic exhibit works of their choice in this annual exhibition that celebrates a mashup of styles, mediums, and price points. The many works are hung riotously throughout the gallery. This is the third iteration of Pyramid's uncurated members' exhibition and the largest one yet. Modest prizes and bragging rights will be awarded, including "The People's Choice" where visitors can vote on their favorite piece in the show.

Member MashUP open[ed] Friday, March 11 and runs through April 17, 2022 in the Helen C. Frederick Gallery. Starting March 13, the show may be viewed without RSVP during normal gallery hours: Wed–Thu 10–8 p.m., Fri–Sat 10–6 p.m., and Sunday 12–5p.m. Masks are required for entry. Pyramid Atlantic is located at 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville Maryland 20781. The exhibition may also be viewed online at [pyramidatlanticartcenter.org](http://pyramidatlanticartcenter.org). For more information, visit our website or call 301-608-9101.

"We love this opportunity for artists to show work with no concern of pleasing jurors or curators. And, we love being surprised by all the variety and talent our membership represents," re-

marked Pyramid Executive Director Kate Taylor Davis. "One of our associates captured our excitement perfectly. As he unpacked the works to be hung, he exclaimed, 'it's like the holidays!'"

Participating Artists: Debra Ambush, Amy Arnold, Jennifer Axner, Joanna Axtmann, Christy Ball, Carol Barsha, Barbara Bitondo, Martha Mihaly Black, Elisabeth Boerwinkel, Jason Bullock, June Burden, Adjoa Burrows, Kim Bursic, Amy Callner, Susie Wooddell Campbell, Sally Canzoneri, Michele Casto, Sheila Crider, Daniel Dancis, Jared Davis, Rosemary Fallon, Joel Floyd, Judy Folkenberg, Varsha G, Roberta Geier, Kate Geyer, Claudia Gibson-Hunter, Pedro A. Gonzalez, Meghan Gordon, Kate Gorman, Tejinder Gorski, Pat Goslee, Cynthia Gossage, Maggie Gourlay, Judybeth Greene, Michael Hagan, Megan Haidet, Beth Hansen, Johlene Hess, Robbie Hood, Li Howard, Tina Hudak, Sarah J. Hull, Marty Ittner, Pauline Jakobsberg, Fleming Jeffries, Cynthia Farrell Johnson, Rebecca Katz, Nilou Kazemzadeh, Jesse Kirsch, Matthew Kirschenbaum, Alice Kresse, Liz LaGarde, Selene LaMarca, Elaine Langerman, Jade Lee, Harriet Lesser, June Linowitz, Nicole Lucier, Bonnie Magness-Gardiner, Juliette Manolié, Trish Manzke, Sarah Matthews, Sara Mayman,

Matthew McLaughlin, Anna Meyer, Sally Middlebrooks, Kay Miller, James Modrick, David Mohallate, Myania Moses, Dominic Nash, Kaisa Nichols-Russell, Maya Ormsby, Mary D. Ott, Donna Padian, KRISTA Park, Ann Perper, Deborah Remmers, Justin Reyna, Sharon Robinson, Dave Roeder, Alan Sactor, Sepideh Salehi, Gail Shaw-Clemons, Daniel Shay, Jen Sheckels, Kathy Shollenberger, Alec Simpson, Ann Stoddard, Henrik Sundqvist, Terry Svat, Kim Thorpe, Ward Tietz, Denise Wamaling, Mark Wamaling, Clare Winslow, Angela Wolak, Julie Wolfe, Gene Young, Némesis Zambrano, Karen Zens, Steve Zeugner, Bonnie Zuckerman.

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Founded in 1981, Pyramid Atlantic is a nonprofit contemporary art center fostering the creative disciplines of papermaking, printmaking, and book arts within a collaborative community. We equip, educate, and exhibit in our historic Hyattsville home. We value artistic excellence, infrastructure for artists, hands-on experiences, and collaboration.

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# COMMUNITY

## The Sky Bridge at Town Center's The Parc Will Open Mid-2022 and Welcomes First Residents

*The Parc re-defines independent living, assisted living, and memory care for seniors*

By PRESS OFFICERS

### Watermark Retirement Communities

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (March 7, 2022)—Watermark Retirement Communities is pleased to announce that The Sky Bridge at Town Center's The Parc is opening in mid-2022 providing an exciting option for senior independent living, assisted living, and memory care in Prince George's County.

The Sky Bridge at Town Center offers two distinct styles of senior living. The Arch opened with 64 active, 55+ residences last year, while The Parc will offer 114 independent living, 84 assisted living, and 20 memory care residences for residents 62+ when it opens this year.

"The Parc will offer residents a carefree lifestyle surrounded by a warm community and space to thrive," said Executive Director Joy Hart. "We are thrilled to be accepting our first residents and look forward to opening the doors later this year, as a true complement to The Arch."

Thelma Butler has lived at The Arch since June but has committed to moving to The Parc when it officially opens. The longtime resident of Largo loves that The Sky Bridge at Town Center is located in her hometown, where she lived and raised a family for decades. The area is undergoing transformative development, giving her easy access to shopping and entertainment.

"We have everything in Largo right now," she said. "It has grown tremendously in recent years, and that is how I knew The Sky Bridge at Town Center was the right place for me. I felt connected to the community."

The 77-year-old said moving to The Parc will provide her with the amenities she has come to enjoy at The Arch, and even more, while also connecting her to a vibrant community of residents with similar hobbies and interests.

Butler said that as she ages, she wants to know that she'll have customized care that she may one day need—even if that is as simple as having someone check in on her

daily. "I want to feel secure. You need a place to feel safe and somewhere where they can help you later in life," she explained.

Independent living residences at The Parc will feature studios to one- and two-bedroom options and offer an open floor plan with designer kitchenette and appliances, oversized windows, and a variety of designer touches for comfort and well-being. Both the assisted living residences and memory care program create a nurturing atmosphere designed for comfort and care.

The Sky Bridge at Town Center also features multiple dining venues and other amenities that make it feel like an upscale resort, but with inspired comfortable spaces to invite social activities and leisure.

The Parc is under construction and expected to open in mid-2022. Potential residents and their families can call 240-545-8080 or visit <https://skybridgetowncenter.watermarkcommunities.com> to learn more.

## National Harbor Partners With The Japan Foundation and the Embassy of Japan in the U.S.A. in Celebration of Cherry Blossoms

*Monthlong celebration includes special concert and tree planting on Saturday, March 19*

By PRESS OFFICER

### National Harbor

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (March 7, 2022)—National Harbor will celebrate cherry blossoms again this year from March 17 to April 17. This year, the property is partnering with The Japan Foundation and the Embassy of Japan in the U.S.A. to host a special concert and tree planting on Saturday, March 19.

The day will kick off with the formal planting at 3 p.m. on March 19. National Harbor has selected a special Kanzan cherry tree. They have been characterized as the "showiest" cherry trees with dramatic, deep pink blossoms. This tree will join National Harbor's more than 200 cherry trees. The existing trees bloom each year in March and are some of the earliest blooms in the D.C. region.

Minyo Crusaders will perform from 4 to 5 p.m. on the waterfront stage (150 National Plaza.) The group performs minyo music with Latin and African influences and uses instruments from around the world. They will give a short talk explaining minyo and traditional Japanese dance and then will invite (voluntary) audience participation in learning the dance choreography and being part of the performance. The Japan Foundation organized the performance in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in the U.S.A. and National Harbor.

"We are honored to partner with The Japan Foundation and the Embassy of Japan," said Jackie Saunders, AVP of marketing at National Harbor. "The formal cherry tree planting and concert are a significant contribution to our month of planned activities."

Masashi Mizobuchi, the spokesperson for the Embassy of Japan said "In 1912, 110 years ago this year, the famous gift of cherry trees from Tokyo to Washington D.C. created a unique bond between our capital cities. The National Cherry Blossom Festival, the largest annual celebration of Japan-U.S. friendship, has become a fabulous opportunity to commemorate this gift together as a community. Now, we are delighted to also celebrate the cherry trees at National Harbor and participate in National Harbor's Cherry



PHOTO COURTESY OF MINYO CRUSADERS

Minyo Crusaders will perform from 4 to 5 p.m. on the waterfront stage.

Blossom Celebration."

The Cherry Blossom Celebration at National Harbor will be held from March 17 to April 17 and will be filled with entertainment, hotel room packages, food and drink specials, classes and more. In addition, the property will hold its Sakura Sunday event on April 3 with free cultural activities including Japanese inspired art, music, dance, culinary delights and a Japanese market.

Art in Bloom artist Josue Martinez who has a gallery at National Harbor will update his chair in time for the festival. Last year's National Cherry Blossom Festival featured a number of artist's cherry blossom inspired chairs. National Harbor artist Martinez has updated his chair at National Harbor and will have it on display.

During the same timeframe, National Harbor will light up every night as The Capital Wheel and lights throughout the property turn pink in honor of the celebration.

For more information on National Harbor and cherry blossom activities and offerings, go to <https://www.nationalharbor.com/cherryblossom/>.

Organizers said two events were organized because scheduling conflicts would not allow all candidates to attend one forum. Some candidates will appear at both forums, like King, or only attend one, like Franchot, Moore and Perez.

Franchot's campaign said in an interview with Capital News Service before the event environmental legislation moving through the state Senate was not aggressive enough in cutting carbon emissions in the state.

"Peter Franchot has a goal to make Maryland 100% energy independent via renewable energy and achieve net-zero carbon emissions before any other state," Jordan Bellamy, Franchot's press secretary, said in an email. "The target goal for moving fully to renewable energy is 2030."

Climate activists said they were looking for the candidates to articulate specific and bold environmental plans.

Nina Jeffries, a senior environmental science and policy major at the University of Maryland and the coalition building coordinator at MaryPIRG, a student-led nonprofit working to solve social problems, said in an interview before the forum that young people are looking for a governor who will move quickly on climate change.

Bold environmental action will show young people that "they are putting science and the well-being of all Marylanders above all else," Jeffries said.

Jeffries said young people will have to live through the consequences of climate change.

Anthony Field, Maryland campaign coordinator at the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, said before the forum that he wanted to see candidates lay out specific plans and timelines for their climate goals.

Field said in an interview he is hoping for a governor "who's willing to work and support those efforts and not stand in the way."

### Supplies from A1

part, this is . . . cases where we overshot and had an excess in some areas."

She said the medical facilities hope to get the supplies shipped by the end of the week through Project C.U.R.E., a nonprofit relief organization that delivers medical supplies and equipment to "countries in need."

The Johns Hopkins Hospital dome and buildings on each UMMS campus have been lit since last Friday in blue and yellow, the colors of the Ukrainian flag, officials said. The organizations said in the statement they will keep up their displays until further notice.

More than 2 million refugees have fled Ukraine since Feb. 24, the day Russian forces stepped onto Ukrainian soil.

Many residential areas have been ravaged by Russian airstrikes and explosives, including Kyiv, Mariupol, Cherniv,

Kherson, Kharkiv, and others, Liz Throssell, a spokesperson for the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights said in the statement.

Since the start of the invasion, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights has verified more than 1,200 civilian casualties, but the organization suspects the actual figure is much higher, because the assaults on Ukrainian infrastructure have made it difficult to verify information, according to a statement Tuesday.

Among those reported are 406 individuals who were killed and 801 who sustained injuries, according to the statement.

Kevin W. Sowers, president of Johns Hopkins Health System, said in the statement the donations by Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland reflect the institutions' values.

"At the core of who we are is a group of people who seek to honor and safeguard each human life," Sowers said.

## International Spellman HV Clean Tech Competition Calls for High School Student STEM Project Submissions

*Entrants to Submit Projects Focused on Sustainability and Protecting Our Natural World; Registrations Due April 22*

By PRESS OFFICER

### Spellman High Voltage Electronics

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY (March 7, 2022)—Students from around the world are invited to share their innovative solutions as part of the 2022 Spellman High Voltage Electronics Clean Tech Competition. This competition engages students in identifying and solving real-world environmental challenges by creating innovative solutions.

The first-place winner will receive \$7,000 in prize money; \$5,000 for second place, and \$3,500 for third place, while fourth through tenth places will each be given \$1,000.

Over \$22,000 in prize money will be awarded to the top student teams at the Competition finals, held on August 11, 2022.

Each year over 40 countries participate, allowing entrants to compete against student ideas from around the world. Registration for the competition is open through April 22, 2022; students must submit their papers by April 29. Ten finalist teams will be announced online on June 9, 2022.

"As we enter the second decade of the Clean Tech Competition, our world is continuing to face growing challenges to which we must find solutions. These young students will play a critical role in developing answers which

will make an impact on our natural world. As the sponsor of the Spellman HV Clean Tech Competition, each year we are ever more impressed and inspired by the student competitors," said Spellman HV President Dr. Loren Skeist. "We encourage students worldwide to share their knowledge, ideas and passions for making a difference and preserving our planet for future generations," said Dr. Ray Ann Havasy, Executive Director of the Center for Science, Teaching and Learning.

Innovative ideas and solutions are necessary to promote sustainable energy use, preserve the planet, help resolve climate change and create healthier environments. The program is hosted and managed by Rockville Centre, New York-based not-for-profit Center for Science, Teaching & Learning (CSTL), led by STEM Crusader and Advocate Dr. Ray Ann Havasy and sponsored by Hauppauge, Long Island-based Spellman HV Electronics, a leader in high voltage technology in the medical, industrial and scientific fields.

For more information about CSTL or the 2022 Spellman High Voltage Electronics Clean Tech Competition, please visit the Clean Tech Competition website at [www.cstl.org/cleantech](http://www.cstl.org/cleantech) or contact the administrator at 516-764-0045 or by email at [cleantech@cstl.org](mailto:cleantech@cstl.org).

### Climate from A1

government. Former Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler made a similar commitment.

Perez said he would work to reduce carbon emissions from state buildings and make sure school construction is done sustainably. The state can lead by example with such policies, he said.

Gansler and Ashwani Jain, an official in the administration of former President Barack Obama, said they would more tightly monitor and regulate emissions from the state's poultry producers, which emit millions of pounds of harmful ammonia each year.

The state does not currently regulate air emissions from large animal operations.

Two candidates, Moore and Gansler, said they would revive the multi-billion dollar Red Line light rail project in Baltimore, which was scrapped by Republican Gov. Larry Hogan in 2015.

"The killing of the Red Line and the returning of close to a billion dollars back to the federal government, as if that money could not be put to use, was disqualifiable," Moore said. "One of the biggest challenges we have... particularly when you are looking at the issue of greenhouse gas emissions, is transportation."

To protect the Chesapeake Bay, Perez said, the state would need to use more sustainable agriculture practices to reduce chemical runoff.

"It's not getting rid of farmers—that's not how we do that," Perez said. "I think we need to fundamentally continue the road ahead to sustainable agricultural practices... and by the way, they are pretty darn profitable."

State Comptroller Peter Franchot, D, did not attend the event but is expected to appear at a similar forum Wednesday night at Goucher College in Baltimore. Former Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, D, was expected to attend both events but later declined, organizers said.

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# BUSINESS AND FINANCE

## Tisa J.D. Clark, REALTOR®, PMP, CPC, LEED GA, AMP, AHWD, HOC Chosen for Leadership Maryland Class of 2022

J.D. Clark Professional Services, L.L.C. President & CEO and Upper Marlboro resident one of 52 selected for professional development program

By PRESS OFFICER  
J.D. Clark Professional Services, L.L.C.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 8, 2022)—Leadership Maryland announced that Tisa J.D. Clark, President & CEO at J.D. Clark Professional Services, L.L.C., has been chosen to participate in the professional development program as a member of the Class of 2022.

Clark is one of 52 individuals chosen for Leadership Maryland's 29th class, who will complete the eight-month, hands-on learning program focused on the state's most vital issues. The program

will run from April to December, and include five, two-day sessions focused on Maryland's five main geographic regions and the most important issues impacting economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, the environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity across the state. More than 100 experts representing Maryland's business, government, education, and non-profit communities will serve as panelists and guest speakers.

Leadership Maryland is open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in either their careers

and/or their communities. Ideal Leadership Maryland members have a desire to learn more about Maryland's most critical issues and a personal commitment to be a force for positive change in their organizations, their communities, and their state. For more information about Leadership Maryland, please visit leadershipmd.org, call 410-841-2101 or email info@leadershipmd.org.

Leadership Maryland is a non-profit organization offering professional and youth development programs dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the

strength of its current and future leaders. Established in 1992, Leadership Maryland's professional development program selects as many as 52 diverse and accomplished executives from Maryland's public and private sectors each year to come together as a class for an eight-month learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues. In 2017, Leadership Maryland merged with Maryland Leadership Workshops (MLW), the state's premier leadership development program for middle and high school students. For more than 65 years, MLW has provided peer-led summer

residential and community outreach programs that empower participants—known as delegates—to take ownership of their personal development as they grow in self-awareness, set measurable goals, and collaborate with peers in diverse groups. Together, Leadership Maryland and MLW have established thousands of Marylanders on their lifelong leadership path, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and connections needed to influence positive change in all aspects of their lives and within our state. To learn more, please visit leadershipmd.org or mlw.org.

## Maryland Humanities Executive Director Selected For Leadership Maryland Class of 2022

By SARAH WEISSMAN  
Maryland Humanities

BALTIMORE (March 4, 2022)—Leadership Maryland recently announced that Lindsey Baker, Executive Director at Maryland Humanities, has been chosen as one of 52 individuals to participate in the professional development program as a member of the Class of 2022. According to Leadership Maryland, the "hands-on learning program [is] focused on the state's most vital issues." More than 100 experts representing Maryland's business, government, education, and non-profit communities will serve as panelists

and guest speakers. The program will run from April to December, and include five two-day sessions focused on Maryland's five main geographic regions and the most important issues impacting economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, the environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity across the state.

Baker has worked for fourteen years as an action-oriented, non-profit leader whose work has always been firmly grounded in community engagement, racial equity, transparency, and inclusivity. Prior to becoming the Executive Director of Maryland Hu-

manities, Baker served as the Executive Director of Patapsco Heritage Greenway and spent nearly a decade as the Executive Director of the Laurel Historical Society.

Baker has served on the boards of the Small Museum Association and Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. She served on the Leadership Nominating Committee and Small Museums Committee for the American Association of State and Local History and was appointed Chair of the Small Museum Administrator's Committee of the American Alliance of Museums.

"I am thankful to be selected for Leadership Maryland's 29th

Class," says Baker. "One of Maryland Humanities' goals is to lift the field of humanities statewide, and I think my involvement in Leadership Maryland will help get us there. I look forward to forging new relationships with fellow leaders from across the state."

Leadership Maryland is open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in either their careers and/or their communities. Ideal Leadership Maryland members have a desire to learn more about Maryland's most critical issues and a personal commitment to be a force for positive change in their organizations, their communities, and their state. For

more information about Leadership Maryland, please visit leadershipmd.org, call 410-841-2101 or email info@leadershipmd.org.

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



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Lindsey Baker, Executive Director at Maryland Humanities



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# COMMENTARY

## Marion Wright Edelman

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### ChildWatch:

## A World Safe for Children

*"Tell Me Where to Be Born"*

People of the world, tell me where to be born.  
If I were born in the land of "your interest"  
would you let me die?

People of the world, my name is Holocaust and  
I'm fifty plus years old.

My name is Sarajevo and I'm three years old.

My name is Bihac and I'm but a month old.

I have no name, I'm yet to be born.  
People of the world, tell me where to be born,  
so you will not hate me one day, so you will not

maim me one day, so you will not kill me one day.  
People of the world, tell me where to be born.  
—Avideh Shashaani

"Tell Me Where to Be Born" is the title poem from a book child and peace advocate Avideh Shashaani wrote in another decade of war and crisis, but every new conflict suggests another devastating line to add. People of the world, my name is Aleppo. My name is Kabul. My name is Tigray. My name is Kyiv. As international horror, heartbreak, and outrage erupt over the newborns, chil-

dren, mothers, and other civilians under attack right now, when, when, when we will we stop and create a world worthy of and fit for and safe for all our children?

Since 1947, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists' symbolic "Doomsday Clock" has been set every year, its hands either staying in place or moving closer to or farther from midnight based on the scientists' evaluation of whether global events are pushing humanity nearer to or farther from destroying the world with dangerous technologies of our own making. In those 75 years the minute hand has moved 24 times, and for the last three years the clock has been set at 100 seconds to midnight—the closest it has ever been. On March 7 they issued an update:

"In January 2022 the Science and Security Board of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists set the Doomsday Clock at 100 seconds to midnight. At that time, we called out Ukraine as a potential flashpoint in an increasingly tense international security landscape. For many years, we and others have warned that the most likely way nuclear weapons might be used is through an unwanted or unintended escalation from a conventional conflict. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has brought this

nightmare scenario to life, with Russian President Vladimir Putin threatening to elevate nuclear alert levels and even first use of nuclear weapons if NATO steps in to help Ukraine. This is what 100 seconds to midnight looks like."

Where could a child possibly be born today to be sure she would be safe? If I could be granted only one wish and pass only one universal law, I would dismantle the arsenals of nuclear and conventional weapons of death in the world, produce no more, and invest the trillions of saved resources in tools of life for the poor, hungry, homeless, sick, and uneducated children and people on God's earth. How many new devastating conventional wars will rage and how close to midnight must our world get before we protect all of our children?

In his 2019 inaugural address, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told the gathered lawmakers: "I really do not want my pictures in your offices, for the President is not an icon, an idol, or a portrait. Hang your kids' photos instead, and look at them each time you are making a decision." This is a powerful message for political leaders at any moment, and a prescient and urgent message for world leaders right now. Will we all hear and heed?

## Alsobrooks and Local Dignitaries on Hand to Launch Prince George's County Tech Council

*"The World Doesn't Know How Much it Relies on Prince George's County Technologies"*

By LORI VALENTINE

PGC Economic Development Corporation

OXON HILL, Md. (March 14, 2022)—On Wednesday, March 9, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President and CEO David Iannucci joined local dignitaries, including Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and technology stakeholders from around the region to celebrate the launch of the Prince George's County Tech Council (PGCTC). More than 130 guests attended the Kickoff Event held in the Sunset Room at National Harbor, excited to hear about the vision and director of the PGCTC from its new Chair, Vennard Wright. County Executive Alsobrooks was one of the first on the agenda to provide congratulations and well-wishes.

"We are grateful to have a local Prince George's County focused technology council chapter at home, and I have no doubt that given the extensive technology resources that our community already has, the Prince George's County Tech Council will help propel our County and the State of Maryland forward," said County Executive Alsobrooks. "Working together with the Maryland Tech Council, this new chapter

will help make Maryland the number one innovation economy for life sciences and technology in the nation. As our economy and our technology community continues to grow, this council will serve as an important nexus for new businesses that come here to leverage our workforce and to access resources that are already here in the County."

The mission of the Prince George's County Technology Council is to unite and empower stakeholders within the Prince George's technology and science communities for the purposes of advocacy, outreach and growth. Recognizing the tremendous opportunities already present in Prince George's County, the Prince George's Tech Council is primed to focus on collaboration and promotion of technology and science initiatives through educational institutions, residents and public sector stakeholders.

"Tonight is an important moment in the economic transformation of Prince George's County; a recognition of the value and contributions of our many technology based companies and institutions," said Iannucci, EDC President and member of the PGCTC Planning Committee. "We are now able to celebrate the incredible technological innovations born in this County, ranging from instruments built at NASA

Goddard that are now on the planet Mars, to IonQ—the world's best capitalized quantum computing company. And the new Prince George's County Technology Council is intended to give a voice and opportunities for connectivity to those involved in this sector."

Though it has taken several attempts to solidify a tech council in Prince George's County, Wave Welcome Founder and PGCTC Chair Vennard Wright expressed his gratitude in being able to move forward with a local chapter of the Maryland Tech Council and the opportunity to work with so many innovative and cutting-edge companies in Prince George's County.

"The Prince George's County Tech Council is a long time coming. Clearly there has been a need to move forward with an infrastructure that is supportive of businesses, residents, our universities and so many other stakeholders," said Wright. "The most important thing we are trying to accomplish here is to bring together all of the different resources. There are so many different bodies in PGC that support our ecosystem. What we are trying to do is make sure those resources are pointed in the right direction."

Collectively, the vision of the PGCTC is to position Prince George's County as a recognized technology

and scientific leader within the Washington, DC metropolitan region. Along with David Iannucci, members of the Planning Committee who moved the Prince George's Tech Council from concept to reality include Marty Rosendale, CEO of the Maryland Tech Council, Tory LeMaile-Stovall, CEO of TEDCO, Vennard Wright, President of Wave Welcome, and Maryland State Delegate Darryl Barnes (Dist. 25).

"As the Maryland Tech Council, we support industries are all over the state. To the extent that we can identify clusters like this one in Prince George's County that are growing and doing well, we want to give them as much support as we can to help these businesses continue to grow," said Martin Rosendale. "What Prince George's County has accomplished in the last 10 years is phenomenal. This (Council) is about business leaders getting together to help one another expand and grow business in Prince George's County. Our businesses have technology on Mars. These are amazing things. The world doesn't know how much they rely on what happens in Prince George's County."

For more information about the information technology sector in Prince George's County contact Mayank Kapur, EDC Director of Business Development, IT & Cybersecurity at mkapur@co.pg.md.us or 301-583-4650.

For more information about the Prince George's County Tech Council, visit Prince George's County Tech Council — Maryland Tech Council (mdtechcouncil.com)

## Climate Advocates Question "Watered Down" Senate Environmental Bill

By STEPHEN NEUKAM

Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS (March 11, 2022)—Environmental advocates are criticizing changes made to landmark climate change legislation in the Maryland Senate, as lawmakers cut key provisions in a compromise designed to ensure its passage in the chamber [this] week.

The Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022, which would bring widespread changes to greenhouse gas emission standards from buildings in the state, was amended to drop a mandate that all buildings constructed beginning in 2024 be all-electric.

Climate advocates argue that the dropped provision was key to helping the state reach some of the emissions reduction goals in the bill.

Utility company representatives contended that the electric grid would not be able to handle the increased demand brought about by an all-electric code by 2024. Instead, the bill now calls for a study to determine if the grid has enough capacity to support such a mandate.

Mike Tidwell, founder and director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, said in an interview with Capital News Service that the bill had been "substantially watered down." Consequently, the legislation would be a "small step forward," he said.

Tidwell said he was hopeful the House of Delegates, which is considering a similar slate of bills, could make small improvements.

Sen. Paul Pinsky, D-Prince George's, the legislation's sponsor, said he was disappointed that the all-electric code was stripped, but said in an interview Friday he felt other provisions were too important to delay the bill.

"I had pushback from many places, and I didn't want to jeopardize the bill," said Pinsky, chair of the Education, Health and Environmental

Affairs Committee. "I think we come back and address it again. I'm not sure the votes were there, and the other parts of the bill were important enough to move it."

Josh Kurtz, Maryland executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, said in an interview he was disappointed the bill would not include the all-electric code, but said it still had policies that would drive progress on environmental issues.

Kurtz said he understood concerns that striking the all-electric code for a study might be a "stall tactic," but said he was encouraged by the resolve of legislators to hold the rest of the bill together.

"We're seeing both chambers hold strong on key components (of the bill)," Kurtz said.

Josh Tulkin, director of the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter, said in an interview utility companies deceived legislators about grid capacity to "milk out as much profit as they can."

Tulkin said he was frustrated that the bill will not require an all-electric building code, but he said he believed the legislation "is still a strong bill."

"It is not far enough, not fast enough, but a good first step on a long journey," he said.

Another amendment changed how the state will determine how much buildings over 25,000 square feet will need to reduce emissions.

Under the new language, large buildings would begin to report emissions data to the Maryland Department of the Environment in 2025, and the state will use the information to establish a baseline of emissions for different building types. Buildings will have to reduce emissions by 30% of that baseline by 2035, and must reduce their emissions to net zero by 2040, according to Pinsky's Chief of Staff Ian Ullman.

The legislation still sets goals for the state to reduce greenhouse



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Climate advocates say they are disappointed with changes made to the Climate Solutions Now Act, after the bill was amended in the Senate ahead of a final floor vote [this] week.

gas emissions by 60% by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions in the state by 2045.

Climate advocates said the Senate legislation could provide momentum for achieving more ambitious climate goals.

The bill faced extensive debate on the Senate floor this week, as some Republican senators questioned whether the legislation would make an impact on global environmental issues.

"(The bill) places a harsh financial burden on the backs of Marylanders, while failing to deliver any measurable environmental benefits to save our planet, or Maryland, for that matter," Senate Minority Leader Bryan W. Simonaire, R-Anne Arundel, said on the floor Thursday.

Pinsky said he expects the bill to face a final floor vote early [this] week.

In a statement released while Senators were debating the legislation on the floor Thursday, Republican Gov. Larry Hogan blasted the bill, calling it an "energy tax bill."

Kaitlyn Levinson contributed to this story.

## Prince George's County Council Transitions to Hybrid Meetings Tuesday, March 15

*Hybrid Sessions to Include Virtual and In-Person Options*

By ANGELA J. ROUSON

Prince George's County Council Media

The Prince George's County Council transition[ed] from completely virtual to hybrid meetings on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, offering residents the option of participating in sessions and public hearings

virtually, or in person at the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building, 1301 McCormick Drive in Largo, MD.

Council meetings will be held at reduced capacity and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Safety precautions such as masks for in-person participation are strongly encouraged. For the latest

Council Meeting Operations updates, visit [https://pgccouncil.us/769/Council-Meeting-Operations?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=gov-delivery](https://pgccouncil.us/769/Council-Meeting-Operations?utm_medium=email&utm_source=gov-delivery). When and if capacity limits are reached, the public will be accommodated in overflow rooms.

Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II,

says the Council is prepared to safely welcome residents who want to participate in the legislative process onsite.

"Following the expiration of the County's Declaration of Emergency, and as Covid-19 numbers continue to decline, incorporating an in-person option for participating in the Council process makes room for residents to join us for meetings. The Council will still offer virtual and mail-in options, so residents may participate in the environment that is most comfortable for them. The Council looks forward to safely engaging with residents

as the County charts its path forward from the Covid-19 crisis."

The Council will continue to accept written testimony or comments for public hearings and committee meetings via the eComment portal. Eligible items are posted weekly on the following webpage: <https://pgccouncil.us/Speak>. While electronic submittals utilizing the Council's eComment portal are preferred, comments and written correspondence may also be emailed to: [ClerkoftheCouncil@co.pg.md.us](mailto:ClerkoftheCouncil@co.pg.md.us) or faxed to 301-952-5178.

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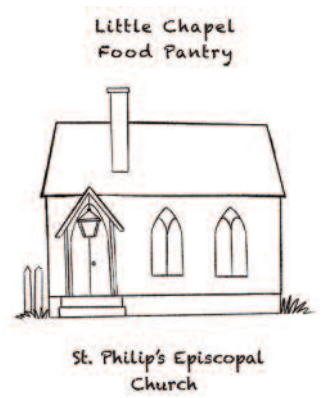
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## St. Philip's Episcopal Church Establishes Little Chapel Food Pantry

By PRESS OFFICER  
St Philip's Episcopal Church

LAUREL, Md. (March 10, 2022)—  
St Philip's Episcopal Church is  
pleased to announce a formal part-  
nership with Capital Area Food  
Bank to establish the Little Chapel  
Food Pantry on the campus of the  
church. The Main Street Laurel-  
based Episcopal Church will begin  
monthly food distributions on the  
third Sunday of every month from 9  
a.m. to 12 p.m., beginning on March  
20, 2022, at its Little Chapel located  
on the corner of 6th and Prince  
George streets in historic Laurel.



"We are thrilled to enter into a partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank," said Eileen Collins Director of The St. Philip's Food for Families Ministry. "This means we have access to an abundance of food to provide for those who are hungry, at a greatly reduced expense. The generous donations we receive will go so much further so we can have a positive impact on more families in need."

For more information and to learn about volunteering or donating, please contact Eileen Collins ([eileencollinslecp@icloud.com](mailto:eileencollinslecp@icloud.com).) There will be opportunities to volunteer distributing food, packing bags, and unloading containers.

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