Prince George's Sierra Club Presents Its 2019 Environmental Service Award to Nancy J. Meyer, CEO of Community Forklift

By JANE OPPET
The Prince George's Sierra Club Group COLLEGE PARK, Md. (June 10, 2019)—The Prince George’s Sierra Club Group has awarded in 2019 Walter “Mike” Moloney Environmental Service Award to Nancy J. Meyer, CEO of Community Forklift, a non-profit reuse center for home improvement supplies in the Town of Edmon.

The award is presented annually to a County resident for excellence in local environmental service.

“This award honors Nancy J. Meyer’s outstanding leadership in putting Community Forklift on a positive and sustainable trajectory— to promote reuse, reduce waste, and conserve resources, create good jobs and build the community in Prince George’s County,” said Martha Amovoorian, Chair of the Prince George’s Sierra Club Group.

The award was presented to Meyer on Saturday, June 8th, at the Prince George’s Sierra Club picnic at Watkins Regional Park in Lexington, Maryland.

In presenting the award, Amovoorian reemphasized those points that “At the outset, Community Forklift was a startup. Nancy’s leadership has been a critical factor in securing the organization’s survival and sustainability while pursuing its environmental, economic, and community development objectives.”

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However, the non-profit’s objectives go beyond providing low-cost building and home improvement supplies. “The heart of Community Forklift is building community and people,” according to Meyer. “Forklift provides not only a cycle keeping the value of materials, it also creates jobs. Forklift’s mission is to lift up local community and people.”

Meyer’s Leadership When Community Forklift opened in 2005, it was struggling. Meyer saw an ad for a forklift operator, she answered the call and started her career with community Forklift.

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Maryland’s Protect the Chesapeake License Plate

A helmet, a can of soda, a pair of tennis shoes, a sports jersey and a datebook.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to have the Chesapeake Bay Plate honored by the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association. The plate was featured on the front page of a national magazine in April 2019. It is the third time this plate has been featured, and it continues to be a favorite among collectors and others who appreciate the Chesapeake Bay’s unique natural beauty.

Maryland’s Protect the Chesapeake License Plate is available for purchase through the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The proceeds from the sale of the plate support the Trust’s mission to conserve, protect and restore the Bay ecosystem.

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Leadership Meets with Prince George’s County Leaders to Discuss Future of Maryland’s Marketplace During Regional Forum Initiative

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Maryland’s Protect the Chesapeake License Plate Recognized for Creative Partnership Supporting the Environment

By KELLI BOURGEOIS

MDOV & Chesapeake Bay Trust Plate Selected Best Plate of 2018 by the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan has announced that the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOV) and the Chesapeake Bay Trust were honored today by the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association (ALPCA) with its Best Plate of 2018 Award for the new Protect the Chesapeake license plate design.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust was recognized for its creative partnership with the state of Maryland, which resulted in the new plate design featuring the Bay’s iconic blue crab and Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is dedicated to protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, restoring them to health, and educating the public about the Bay’s natural beauty and importance.

The new plate design features artwork by local artist Russell Gloor, who was named the winner of a national design competition. The plate features a graphic representation of the Bay’s ecosystem, including its wetlands, wildlife, and the blue crab, which is the state’s official marine crustacean.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is dedicated to protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The Trust’s mission is to conserve and restore the Bay’s natural resources, promote sustainable development, and educate the public about the Bay’s importance.

Maryland is home to one of the largest and most diverse ecosystems in the United States, including over 5,000 miles of shoreline, 700 square miles of wetlands, and over 500 species of fish and wildlife. The Bay provides critical habitat for migratory birds, marine mammals, and other aquatic life.

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By BRIDGET FREDDY

Office of U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen

WASHINGTON (June 15, 2019)—Last week, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD) introduced the Handgun Purchasing License Act, which is a common-sense gun safety measure that focuses on making the gun purchasing process safer and more transparent. The legislation is supported by organizations such as the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Brady Institute, and the Maryland Coalition for Gun Safety.

The bill will ensure that individuals have access to a background check before purchasing a handgun—which has been demonstrated to reduce gun violence and save lives. It also addresses the issue of straw purchases and gun trafficking by creating a database of prohibited purchasers.

"Every day, gun violence takes the lives of families and loved ones here in Maryland and across the country," said Van Hollen. "The time for action is now. This legislation is a commonsense way to protect public safety and keep guns out of the hands of those who shouldn’t have them."
**ERIC D. SNIDER’S IN THE DARK**

**Movie Review**

Amazing Grace (documentary)

**Directed by:**人在天

**Ernest Jackson**

Grade: A

Rated: G

2 hr., 27 min.

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The album was recorded over two nights at a Los Angeles recording studio. The sound quality was not ideal, but Franklin’s passionate performance and the rawness of the material made the album a masterpiece. The songs, which included “Amazing Grace,” “How Great Thou Art,” and “Precious Lord, Take My Hand,” were a testament to Franklin’s dedication to her faith and her desire to share it with the world.

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**Beats, Bling, & Burgers at Marzetta House Museum**

Date and Time: Saturday, June 29, 2019, 1–6 p.m.

Description: Enjoy various styles of beats from the Capital Brewing Company, along with the sounds of blues musicians. Higher Standards June 1–5 p.m. The Levys Group 6–9 p.m. DJ’s and other foods available for purchase through our food vendors. Visit our craft vendors and artists, watch woodycavern demonstrations, tour the historic 1813 home (included with admission). On Farm’s Market will be located with fresh produce, folks, plants, food and bakery items, beautiful decorative cutting boards, and more. Bring a lawn chair and Hammock! Best available for purchase.

Cost: $10 per person.

Location: Marzetta House Museum, 926 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769

Contact: 301-699-2544

**The Neuroscience of Elite Performance**

Description: Join U.S. Army Captain Allison Brager, Ph.D., to learn about her experiences as a neuroscience researcher for the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. She will describe what makes the brains of high-performing soldiers and athletes unique and discuss new research opportunities that aim to improve brain injuries, such as concussions, and maintain performance.

Cost: Free! Open to the public. No RSVP required.

Location: National Museum of Health and Medicine, 2500 Livingston Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Date and Time: Thursday, June 27, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Contact: 301-519-3303

**STEM-tastic: Sphero**

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 7 p.m.

Description: Join us for summer @ your Library! tonight we will be modeling the universe with Legos. Legos will be provided and kids can let their imaginations run wild!

Cost: Free with admission to the museum (adult: $21.95; children: $17; ages 5 and under free)

Contact: 301-547-5402

**Science Fun**

Date and Time: Saturday, June 22, 2019, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Description: Visit the museum for a fun-filled afternoon of science activities! We hope to see you all there! No Pre-registration Required

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**Science Saturday**

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Description: Learn about marine biology and fish and amphibian biologists. Join us for explorations of SERC research with our Science Saturdays. Bring the family for a day of hands-on activities alongside Smithsonian scientists. Bring! No food will be available for purchase, but you are welcome to bring your own lunch or snacks.

We hope to see you all there! No Pre-registration Required

Cost: Free

Contact: 301-519-3303

Location: SERC campus, 467 Contos Water Road, Edgewater, MD 21037

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 5–9 p.m.

Description: Join us for a fun-filled evening of food and drink with friends and family.

Cost: $25 per person

Location: College Park Alumni House, 1500 Corporate Court Dr., College Park, MD 20740

Contact: 301-984-6020, TTY 301-299-2544

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**Amazing Grace (documentary)**

Anita Jackson

**Description:** An amazing grace—two decades later. An amazing grace—today. Anita Jackson’s life story is both heartwarming and heartbreaking. When she was a child, she was told that she could never learn to read or write. Decades later, she proved them wrong.

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**Melwood Safety Day: S.A.F.E. 4 All**
- **Date and Time:** Friday, June 28, 2019, 8 a.m.
- **Description:** This year Melwood is hosting a fun-filled event with many assessments and activities available for individuals of all ages. From fall protection to workplace safety, we will have a day to celebrate safety in the workplace.
- **Location:** Melwood, 5606 Dower House Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20770

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Have a Safe weekend

First Baptist Church of Highland Park
Worship Service with Pastor Robert C. Stice on June 23 at 10:30 a.m.
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