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Grocery Leader ALDI Opens New Clinton Store

Expansion Part of \$3.4 Billion Investment to Reach 2,500 Stores Nationwide by the End of 2022

By BRENNIA SCHLEHUBER
for ALDI

CLINTON, Md. (August 21, 2019)—ALDI, a leader in the grocery industry, offers Clinton residents a smarter, faster and easier grocery shopping experience as it open[ed] its newest store at 8827 Woodyard Road on Thursday, August 29. The new location is part of a \$3.4 billion investment to expand to 2,500 stores nationwide by the end of 2022.

ALDI continues to set the standard for quality and affordability, and Clinton residents can now join the millions of shoppers who turn to ALDI each month for high-quality, affordable food.

"We know our customers are looking for fresh, healthy and convenient items, and our nationwide product refresh offers just that," said Jeff Baehr, Frederick vice president for ALDI. "Clinton shoppers will find more of the fresh food they love at their new store, and we're excited for them to experience our latest offerings."

The new Clinton ALDI store layout features expansive refrigeration space to accommodate the fresh, healthy and convenient products people want most. ALDI recently expanded its product offerings, making 20% of its total selection new. This expansion is part of the company's aggressive national growth and remodel plan, and it includes a 40% increase in its fresh food selection, with many organic, convenient and easy-to-prepare options. ALDI stores also feature open ceilings, natural lighting and environmentally friendly building materials. The Clinton store will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF ALDI

The ribbon-cutting ceremony held on Thursday, August 29 at ALDI's new Clinton store.

ALDI stores are designed to save shoppers time and money. ALDI carries a streamlined selection of exclusive products and national brands, which removes guesswork from shopping and enables customers to find exactly what they need. ALDI is known for its unbeatable value and award-winning products. In fact, 1 in 5 ALDI-exclusive products is award-winning*, and for the eighth year in a row Market Force Information® named ALDI Value Leader in its annual consumer survey.**

To make grocery shopping even easier for its growing customer base, ALDI launched a partnership with online grocery delivery service Instacart. The service is available at ALDI stores in locations where Instacart currently

delivers. Instacart delivers to 6,000 ZIP codes across 38 states and is accessible to 70% (82 million) of U.S. households, making ALDI more convenient than ever before. Customers who are interested in ordering ALDI products through Instacart can check if the service is available to them by searching aldi.us/en/grocery-delivery.

Known for offering market-leading wages and health insurance, ALDI is one of the fastest-growing retailers in the U.S., creating new opportunities for people locally and nationwide. ALDI is adding 25,000 new jobs in stores, warehouses and offices across the country by the end of 2022. ALDI was named to the Forbes list of "America's Best Large Employers" five years in a row and was recognized as a 2019 and 2018 Indeed Best Places to Work: Compensation and Benefits. Visit careers.aldi.us.

*As of 5/3/2019, based on an audit of everyday, nationally distributed ALDI-exclusive branded products

**According to annual surveys of U.S. consumers conducted from 2011 to 2018 by Market Force Information®

Prince George's County Office Of Central Services Awarded Fleet Leadership Award by The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition

By EBONI BLAIR
Prince George's County MD

LARGO, Md. (August 22, 2019)—The Prince George's County Office of Central Services (OCS) Fleet and Sustainable Energy Divisions were among the distinguished honorees recognized by the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCC) for having one of the highest performing fleets in the region. GWRCC announced the recipients of the 2019 Achievement Awards for exemplary transportation initiatives on their website. GWRCC is an organization dedicated to promoting the use of clean, American transportation fuels for homeland security and improved air quality.

"This award shows that Prince George's County is a leader in our region on transportation and clean energy," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "We will continue investing in innovative transportation solutions that provide high-quality services to our residents while re-

ducing emissions and improving air quality."

"This is an important recognition as our Agency continues to seek out and implement innovative strategies that add value to the customers and community we serve," said Jonathan R. Butler, Director of the Office of Central Services.

The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition consists of a conglomerate of various organizations that include government jurisdictions, private companies and trade associations. They collectively work together to encourage the expanded use of new automotive technology to replace gasoline and diesel fuel for a cleaner transportation future.

Several organizations throughout the region were selected to be honored for their impactful contributions. An electronic copy of award recipients can be obtained at http://www.gwrcc.org/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery. For more information about the GWRCC and the awards, visit their website at <http://www.gwrcc.org>.

State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy to Deliver First State of Justice Address in Prince George's County

U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer among special guests at Symposium

By DENISE ROBERTS
Office of the State's Attorney,
Prince George's County

UPPER MARLBORO (August 28, 2019)—Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha N. Braveboy will deliver the first State of Justice address in the County for citizens, residents, business leaders, community leaders, elected officials, and the general public on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6 p.m. at The Hotel at the University of Maryland, 7777 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740.**

"I am excited about the opportunity as State's Attorney for Prince George's County to address the community on public safety issues that affect the very fabric of our lives on a daily basis. My top priority has always been to keep our community safe and I am committed to an administration of justice in a firm, fair and transparent manner," said Braveboy.

This will be the first time an elected State's Attorney in Prince George's County will host a State of Justice Symposium to formally address citizens about the state of criminal justice reform.

During her keynote address, Braveboy will focus on the priorities of her administration, policy implementation and initiatives of the office. Afterwards a panel of community justice partners will discuss the key issues with the public.

Some of our confirmed guests include U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer; Radio One's Ebony McMorris, who will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies and WHUR's Harold Fisher, who will moderate the panel discussion.

This free event is open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend and pre-register: <https://soj2019.eventbrite.com>.

Non-Profit Organization Honors Prince George's County Luminaries on the Eve of the Congressional Black Caucus, While Celebrating Art and Music

By TERRI ALLEN
Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts

FORT WASHINGTON, Md. (August 28, 2019)—The Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) cordially invites you to help us honor several Prince George's County luminaries.

Judith Hawkins, Vocal Music Supervisor of Prince George's County Public Schools has been selected as the CAAPA 2019 Arts Advocate Awardee for her work, commitment, and dedication to youth, the arts, and education.

Prince George's County Councilman and Chairman, **Todd M. Turner** representing District 4 is being honored as the CAAPA 2019 Community Advocate Awardee for his continued work in advocating on behalf of youth, seniors, the arts, and community.

In addition, **Raoul Dennis**, Editor of the *Prince George's Suite Magazine* and team members are being honored as the CAAPA 2019 Communication Advocate Awardees for the extensive and meaningful outreach work they do in the county.

Honorees are all being recognized at the annual **CAAPA Melody of Art Reception on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Overdue Recognition Gallery, Bowie Town Center, Bowie.**

The event is free to attend. Refreshments and CAAPA's signature cocktail, the "Opera-tini" are also being served.

Melody of Art serves as CAAPA's 2019-2020 kick-off event and features the CAAPA Ensemble directed by pianist Joshua Jenkins and joined by members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. They are performing jazz and classical music to help represent the work CAAPA does in support of Black Classical Musicians by "Bringing Color to the Classics!"

Held on the Eve of the Congressional Black Caucus, the business chic informal reception event, offers an opportunity for politicians from throughout the US, business persons, arts lovers, and community members to network.

Frank Frazier, a visual artist from Dallas, TX will also be on hand displaying, signing, and selling his work, the proceeds of which, will benefit CAAPA youth, programs, and Black classical musicians.

While the event is free to attend, a donation is respectfully requested to help CAAPA kick off the new season of exciting programs, scholarships, concerts, youth activities, and events.

Register at eventbrite, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/melody-of-art-pre-caucus-reception-tickets-70298499705>.

Hispanic Heritage Month



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For the 37th consecutive year, the Department of Parks and Recreation will host its Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival on September 15. Each year, in the beautiful, 40-acre Lane Manor Park, this family-friendly event highlights the rich heritage of our Hispanic communities with carnival games, crafts, entertainment, and delicious ethnic food—there's truly something for everyone! For more information, see page A6.

Also, The Bowie Center for Performing Arts celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month by presenting the 8th Annual Grito de Danza Festival on September 21. More information on page A7.

Hoyer, Cardin, Van Hollen, Brown Announce Grant Funding To Address Youth Homelessness in Prince George's County

By ANNALIESE DAVIS
Congressman Steny Hoyer's Office

WASHINGTON, DC (August 29, 2019)—[Last week], Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05), U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), and Congressman Anthony Brown (MD-04) announced the award of more than \$3,482,000 in federal funding for Prince George's County to tackle youth homelessness through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program.

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ChildWatch: Nobel Laureate Economist Robert Solow's Clarion Call to End Child Poverty

Dr. Solow's words ... were a clarion call to act and make ending child poverty our top national priority. But we still lack the moral decency and economic common sense as a nation to act with urgency...

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Kelsey Hughes of the County Library System Participant in YALSA's Transforming Teen Services A Train the Trainer Approach

"Librarians in the state of Maryland who are fortunate enough to be trained by Kelsey and apply what they learn, will be among the best Teen Services Librarians..."

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Movie Review:

Dora and the Lost City of Gold

Animated or not, the film operates on cartoon logic, where mortal peril is easily escaped without even minor injury, where everybody's clothes are clean and dry moments after being in quicksand ... It's like a mild, junior version of Indiana Jones with very low stakes.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

I'm going into my senior year in high school and am looking for a college focused on sustainability where I can major in environmental studies. Any ideas?

—Mike Mitchell, Oakland, CA

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TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Three new EMTs for Morningside Volunteer Fire Department

Congratulations to Edwin Rullan Marquez, Gabriel K Osamor and Stephen Copley, volunteers at the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, on obtaining their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification.

This from the Department's website: "What is even more impressive is that Edwin Rullan Marquez and Stephen Copley came to us having to take the EMT program while having previous experience in the Fire Service. There was no complaining and no excuses. They pulled together, coordinated their lives and set out to achieve their goals.

"That is what makes #Morningside such a wonderful place, people are willing to make themselves uncomfortable to serve with us—selfless service is not easy, but they all continue daily with remarkable resolve."

Yard sales

- The Town of Morningside is hosting a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Morningside Fire Department, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables (each with two chairs) are \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. To register or for more information, call 301-736-2300.
- There'll be a Yard Sale at 2910 Upland Avenue in District Heights on Sept. 31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Household items, children's clothing, women's clothing and more.

Changing landscape

Twanna Harper, the "self-appointed Mayor of Clinton," emailed that the Grand Opening of Aldi's in Clinton on Aug. 29 had a great turnout. She wrote, "I arrived around 7:45 and the line was about 100 or more waiting to get in. Had some wonderful conversations with the neighbors, and the seniors were especially excited to finally have a grocery store they can walk to!"

Med Star Southern Maryland Hospital Center has begun a two-year construction project that'll expand their Emergency Department and front entrance. It will increase available beds from 28 to 40. A 24-hour café will be available.

The residents of Westphalia (a new community off Pennsylvania Avenue,

across from Joint Base Andrews) have won! They protested Amazon's plan to construct a 4-million-square-foot warehouse in their community, in a place they hoped would have restaurants, bars, offices and shops. They took on Amazon. And they won! Now, I hope those restaurants, etc. materialize.

Coming up

Oxon Hill High School Class of 1969 is having a 50th reunion Sept. 13-15. Contact Skip Strobel at 202-543-5158 or tman46@verizon.net.

Morningside officials will hold a Work Session on Sept. 10 and a Town Hall Meeting on Sept. 17, both at 7 p.m.

Skyline Citizens Association has its quarterly meeting on Sept. 18, 7 p.m., probably at the Morningside Firehouse. We would like to be able to meet at our old stomping grounds, Skyline School, now an office building for the County Schools, but that may not be happening. Yet.

Glow in the Dark Mini-Golf will happen on Friday, Oct. 11, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park. All ages. Residents, \$5. 301-218-6700.

Skyline Citizens Association's 50th (continuing)

As 1973 began, the County Schools desegregated. At midterm, Skyline students at Crossland (except seniors) were transferred to Central High School in Capitol Heights. SCA invited Central's principal William Chesnutt to attend our January meeting to answer questions.

By then, Richard Wright was our president and quarterly meetings were well attended. In the summer of 1973 we had a fun-filled Carnival at Skyline School, sponsored by Park & Planning.

The Army's 30-piece Concert Band from Fort Meade played for us before our September 1973 meeting.

Drug use was becoming a neighborhood problem; SCA had a drug authority speak at one of our meetings.

Motorbikes were the new thing and they began speeding through our streets. There were a lot of complaints.

Another issue—even more serious—was Mosquito Control. County trucks came through the community, to spray Henson Creek. SCA contacted an entomologist with the Md. Department of Agriculture. Several years later, the program was discontinued.

Skyline School was a busy place beyond the school hours: M-NCPPC had sign-up classes, such as Beginning Banjo, Photography, Intro to Weaving, and Yoga (\$10 for 5 weeks). And Summer Playground, a six-week program, was held for the neighborhood kids, at Skyline School, June into August.

Now, sad to say, 45 years later there are no classes, no Summer Playground. And no Skyline School.

To be continued.

Betty, crocheted baby sweaters for hospitals

Betty Malkowski, 86, of Temple Hills, died Aug. 12, eight months after her husband Bill. She was born in London, England, and as a young teen, endured the bombing of her home and all the wartime shortages.

The last time I talked to Betty I asked how she met her husband. She told an amusing story about how she was supposed to go out with Don Miller and ended up with Bill Malkowski. He was deployed with the U.S. Air Force in England. She married him and together they traveled the world, finally settling in Temple Hills.

Betty loved to crochet and used that talent to hand-make baby clothes which she donated to hospitals and babies in need. She was an avid bingo and Keno player. With Bill, she attended daily Mass at St. Philip's. They always sat in the front row.

Bill, her husband of 66 years, died last December. Survivors include her children, Stephen Malkowski, Lorraine Ramsey and Patricia Lambeth; grand- and great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Philip's with burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

Milestones

Happy birthday to my choir director Frank Howard, Justine Poe, Paul M. Locke, Harietta Boo Henson, my granddaughter-in-law Nina McHale and Dan Needham, Sept. 6; Melissa Howell, Sept. 7; Mike Dawes, Sept. 9; Charlie Deegan, twins Robert and John Woods, and Nan Brown, Sept. 10; Carol Lee, Sept. 11; Anthony Thomas and Hank Busky, Sept. 12; and Patricia Epperly, Sept. 13.

Happy Golden Anniversary to Les and Kathy Hedrick on Sept. 13.

Around the County

"Redefining Active" With M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation

Celebrating Active Aging Week 2019

RIVERDALE, Md. (August 28, 2019)—The M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation is joining other agencies and community organizations around the world to celebrate Active Aging Week! This international initiative promotes the benefits of a healthy lifestyle by offering older adults opportunities to experience diverse activities and exercise in a safe, friendly, and fun atmosphere.

The theme of this year's Active Aging Week is "Redefining Active." Active aging is about so much more than just exercise. It's about broader engagement—physically, socially, and mentally. Active aging is about engaging with family, friends and the community to learn and try new things and leading a healthy lifestyle with good nutrition, exercise, and mindfulness.

The Department of Parks and Recreation will offer several FREE activities for Seniors 60 and better at different sites throughout Prince George's County during the week of September 23-27. From arts and crafts to pickleball and aerobics, the Department has something for everyone's schedule and lifestyle.

Advance registration is required for most activities and begins on Sunday, September 1. Limited spaces are available. See event description in the Active Aging Week Brochure for details. To register for an activity, visit pgparks.com and click on PARKS DIRECT or register in person at any Department of Parks and Recreation facility during operating hours.

The Department of Parks and Recreation *delivers an award-winning park system through progressive, innovative leadership and a commitment to the community and the environment in Prince George's County.* For more on the Department of Parks and Recreation, visit www.pgparks.com.

—Iyana Moore, Prince George's County Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Prince George's County Office of Central Services Announces the Launch of Its Online Certification & Compliance System

LARGO, Md. (August 26, 2019)—The Office of Central Services (OCS) proudly announces the launch of our **Certification & Compliance System (CCS)**, which is an innovative new online software system for the Supplier Diversity and Development Division (SDDD) and the Contract Compliance Unit (CCU). This system is designed to make online registration, certification and vendor profile management simple and efficient. The new web-based system [went] live on September 1, 2019, via the OCS website.

"We are Prince George's Proud that CCS will soon launch due to the \$4.6 million investment we made in technology improvements across our County Government," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "We will continue our efforts to modernize the County Government, allowing us to provide even better services and programs for our residents and our business community."

"CCS is a vital step towards OCS' commitment to incorporate innovation through technology throughout our everyday operations," said Jonathan R. Butler, Director for the Office of Central Services.

CCS will include an online process for submitting initial and recertification applications, a self-serve vendor profile, certification management, and compliance monthly reporting. The benefits are endless as CCS will increase proficiency, reduce processing time, and eliminate paper which positively contributes to the efforts of the County.

Since his onboarding, Director Butler has challenged the OCS leadership to "think big" and present ideas and solutions that add significant value to the County's service and operations. The CSS system is an example of how OCS is developing systems and processes that respond to the challenge.

For more information about the launch, visit the OCS website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov.

—Ebony Blair, Prince George's County MD

Bowie State Volleyball Predicted Third in the CIAA North

CHARLOTTE, NC (August 23, 2019)—The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) announces the 2019 All-CIAA preseason volleyball team, as voted on by the CIAA Volleyball Coaches Association and Sports Information Directors Association, and the predicted order of finish as selected by the head coaches. **Bowie State's Bulldogs have been predicted to finish eighth overall in the conference and third in the Northern Division.**

The 2019 preseason team is highlighted by four returning players from last year's All-CIAA first team, which includes outside hitters Ytae Cobb of Winston-Salem State and Jailyne Ivey from Virginia State along with Virginia Union setter A'rmaria Wright and Fayetteville State utility player Chynna Hunt.

A junior from Bowie, MD, Ivey was one of the conference leaders in kills per set from last season while Cobb, a native of Huntsville, AL, finished in the top five of the CIAA in kills, hitting percentage, and points during her junior campaign. Wright and Hunt ranked among league leaders in assists and hitting percentage, respectively.

Winston-Salem State leads the preseason team with four selections followed by Virginia State with three and Shaw with two.

Fayetteville State was picked to win the Southern Division title and Virginia State was selected to repeat as Northern Division champions. The Trojans were also voted by league coaches to finish atop the CIAA standings.

Led by Head Coach Amanda Walker, VSU finished last season with a 13-4 in the CIAA (22-13 overall record) to win the school's first division title. The Trojans also made history by advancing to the CIAA Championship final last season, earning their first runner-up finish in school history.

The Broncos, coached by Reeshemah Johnson, posted a 14-4 conference record (15-12 overall) to finish second in the Southern Division in 2018.

For more information and to get the latest updates on the CIAA, visit theciaa.com, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

2019 CIAA Volleyball Predicted Order of Finish

Northern Division

- Virginia State
- Virginia Union
- **Bowie State**
- Elizabeth City State
- Lincoln (PA)

—Gregory C. Goings, Bowie State Sports Information

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

WESTPHALIA COMMUNITY DAY CARNIVAL

Join us for our Westphalia Community Day Carnival on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 12 Noon-6 p.m. The address is 9363 D'Arcy Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. This is a free event for all ages. Enjoy free games, entertainment, rides and food for everyone.

WESTPHALIA REVIVAL SERVICES

Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Westphalia Youth and Young Adult Choir will sponsor a one church night revival with Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown as the Guest Preacher. Music by the Westphalia Youth and Young Adult Choir.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY

Westphalia United Methodist Church located at 9363 D'Arcy Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland will have only one service Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. for Family and Friends Day. Their Pastor is Rev. Dr. Timothy West. Website: www.westphaliaum.org/Email: info@westphaliaum.org. Church telephone number is 301-735-9373.

143RD CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Baden Parish 13801 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613 will be celebrating their 143rd Homecoming Anniversary on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Worship, Service-Holy Eucharist will be held at 10 a.m. We are honored to have Minister Fay Johnson as our speaker of the hour accompanied with God's Creation Praise Ministries. Family and friends are invited to attend our services. Please plan to attend and hear the spiritual message. Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

BILL PICKETT INVITATIONAL RODEO-MATINEE

"Saturday, September 21, 2019 The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo celebrates and honor Black Cowboys and Cowgirls and their contributions to building the west. Highlighted are the irrefutable global appeal of Black Cowboys and Cowgirls in the West and the stories behind a sub-culture that is strong today". The event will be at The Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

The Invitational Rodeo also serves as a cultural event and opportunity for families to enjoy and embrace the cowboy culture while being educated and entertained with reenact-

ments, history, and western adventure. All ages are welcome.

Ticket costs (in advance \$27 Adults (Ages 13-61); \$22 Child/Senior* (2-12 and 62 & better). Day of Show Cost: \$32 Adults (Ages 13-61) and \$27 Child/Senior* (2-12 and 62 & better). *Senior Tickets are only sold at The Show Place Arena (proper ID required).

All tickets are available for sale through Ticketmaster.com or can be purchased at the Show Place Arena Box Office. Ticketmaster service charges will be applied separately if tickets are not purchased at the box office. Visit the website for more information and to purchase tickets at <http://www.mncppcapps.org/pgparks/disc> <http://www.billpickettodeo.com/index.php?dc-virginia>.

FALL REVIVAL

Clinton United Methodist Church, 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland Fall Revival will be held Friday, September 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Philip Robinson, Pastor Salvation Ministries of the Way of the Cross Church of Christ, 12112 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613.

Saturday, September 21, 2019 the Guest Speaker will be Rev. Constance Smith, Pastor New Hope Fellowship Cooperative Parish Christ UMC, 22919 Christ Church Road, Aquasco, Maryland 20608 and Nottingham Myers UMC, 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. Stephanie Samuel, Chairperson. Rev. Dorothea Belt Stroman, Pastor.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY

Sunday September 22, 2019, Clinton United Methodist Church will have only one service at 10:30 a.m. Guest Preacher will be Pastor Alan Reynolds from Grace Gospel Worship Center, 5819 Kirby Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735. Guest Musician is TAGE on Steel from First United Methodist Church, 6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. Clinton United Methodist Church Men's Chorus. There will be an International Potluck Luncheon immediately following the morning worship service.

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Good luck to all students in your classes this coming school year. I hope that all students will have a very prosperous and a very enjoyable school year.

COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

School Mornings Don't Have To Be Chaos

So what does the typical school morning look like in your house? Quiet conversation over a leisurely breakfast, everyone dressed and ready to depart on time, all their books, papers and lunch neatly packed and ready to go? No? Not quite? More like a minor riot with lots of stress? If so, it's time for a change.

There's no magic way to guarantee that the bedlam that marks those getting ready for school times in too many homes will totally disappear, but there are steps to take to help minimize the school-morning frustration, stress and anger.

You can start by not blaming the kids for all the problems. Make it clear that you're not happy with how you're acting (you know, that yelling and lecturing virtually every day). Tell them you want to change and you need their help in making it happen.

An important step is give the kids more responsibility. A kitchen timer, for example, is a great way to help young children finish that breakfast with time left to get dressed for school. For older kids, let them use an alarm clock, maybe on their phone, and have them agree to a "no-snooze-alarm" rule.

For both younger and older children there have to be consequences, discussed and agreed to ahead of time, if they don't stick to the time rules. They give up a favorite something if they slide back into the old ways. And you also need to set a consequence for yourself if you flip back into yelling and nagging to get them moving.

You can also make changes to move things along faster. No morning TV for starters and that cell phone can wait until after breakfast and getting dressed before it becomes the center of their lives.

Being more organized will also help. Have a designated place for backpacks and school books, and make sure they're in place before bedtime. School clothes get laid out the night before. Have a special in-box for school papers that need to be signed. If your child forgets to put the papers there after school, consequences should kick in.

There's no perfect cure to school morning craziness, but making the kids shoulder more of the responsibility, and giving them a system to help make things more organized, can not only make that morning rush more civilized, but can also provide skills that will help them throughout life.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

Health Department Releases Schedules: Back-to-School Immunization and Community Flu Shot Clinics

By GEORGE LETTIS
Prince George's County Health Dept.

LARGO, Md. (August 27, 2019)—The Prince George's County Health Department's Family Health Services Division today released the schedules for its back-to-school immunization clinics and community flu shot clinics for the 2019 flu season. The clinics are open to all county residents.

"The health and well-being of our residents is my top priority," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "It is very important every Prince Georgian prepares themselves and their loved ones for the approaching school year and flu season."

2019 Back-to-School Immunization Clinics Schedule

Back-to-school immunization clinics will occur each Saturday in September at the Cheverly Health Center. To make an appointment, please call 301-583-3300. Walk-ins will be accepted.

You must bring a copy of all your child's immunization (shot) records. Proof of your Prince George's County residency (e.g. a driver's license or current bill) is also required.

Back-to-school immunization clinics will occur on the following dates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cheverly Health Center, 3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD 20785:

Saturday, September 7
Saturday, September 14
Saturday, September 21
Saturday, September 28

2019 Community Flu Clinics Schedule

The following community flu clinics are free and open to all county residents. People younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or a guardian. Injectable flu vaccines will be available to anyone 6 months and older.

Saturday, September 28
Mt. Rainier Nature & Recreation Center
4701 31st Place
Mt. Rainier, MD 20712
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 3
Pallotti High School
113 St. Mary's Place
Laurel, MD 20707
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 5
National Wesleyan Church
6324 Riggs Road
Hyattsville, MD 20783
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 6
Woodstream Church
9800 Lottsford Road
Mitchellville, MD 20721
7:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 10
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane
Greenbelt, MD 20770
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Health Department On-site Flu Clinics

The Health Department's clinics in Cheverly and Clinton will also offer 2019 flu season vaccinations during the following days and times, while supplies last:

Starting Tuesday, October 1
Cheverly Health Center
3003 Hospital Drive
Cheverly, MD 20785
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Starting Wednesday, October 2
D. Leonard Dyer Regional Health Center
9314 Piscataway Road
Clinton, MD 20735
Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by a variety of virus types. It can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can result in hospital-

ization or death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk of serious flu complications.

"The Prince George's County Health Department encourages all residents to get vaccinated for the flu," said Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health, Human Services and Education Dr. George L. Askew. "A flu shot is the best strategy to prevent you and others from getting sick or to reduce your symptoms if you become ill."

People who have the flu often feel some or all of these signs and symptoms that usually start suddenly, not gradually:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills (*not everyone with flu will have a fever*)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue
- Vomiting and diarrhea (more common in young children than in adults)

You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Although people with the flu are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness begins, some otherwise healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick.

How to Prevent Getting or Spreading the Flu:

- Get your flu shot
- Cover your cough and sneeze
- Avoid or limit contact with people you know are sick with the flu
- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean high touch or shared surfaces/equipment/objects frequently

For more information on flu prevention, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/prevention.htm>

Safeway Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month With an Array of Specials

By KERRY LYNN BOHEN
for Safeway

LANHAM, Md. (August 22, 2019)—Safeway is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month, from September 15 to October 15, bringing one-stop shopping options throughout the store.

Safeway's meat departments, always ready to help customers with custom cuts, are serving a wide selection of fresh ground beef offerings, including organic, natural, grass fed, and over 15 types of fresh burger patties. The seafood department specials include a choice from 10 varieties of shrimp including colossal, jumbo, cooked, and wild. Safeway will also feature tilapia and salmon fillets throughout the month.

In the deli department, Safeway is featuring made-in-store tortilla chips, fresh-made salsas,

and guacamole, as well as Tucson Tamales.

Safeway's grocery specials include enchilada, mole, and hot sauces; tostones and pupusas; and all of the ingredients to make tacos and tostados, including tortillas, rice, and beans, refried beans, and jalapenos. Drink specials include Inca Cola and Jarritos Mexican sodas. In addition, there will be expanded dairy and frozen selections, including ready-to-eat frozen yuca and plantains.

Select Safeway locations will feature IMUSA® kitchen gadgets and cookware, including calderos, tostonera, and everyday essentials.

Safeway Hispanic Heritage Month produce specials include an array of fresh fruits and vegetables, such as avocados, mangoes, guava, plantains, yuccas, coconuts, and many more items.

The Safeway bakery department will fea-

ture tres leches, both slices and cakes, as well as a full line of Hispanic pastries. As always, with advance orders, Safeway's bakery can create custom cakes as well.

Safeway offers a full-service floral department, with great prices on quality floral, balloons, and decorative accessories, perfect for festive celebrations.

And, for busy customers seeking the convenience of home delivery, Safeway is currently offering \$20 off plus FREE delivery when customers use promo code SAVE20 at checkout when placing their first online order.

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Governor's Volunteer Appreciation Day At the Maryland State Fair Recognizes More Than 32,000 Maryland Changemakers

By SOO KOO
Maryland Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 26, 2019)—Governor Larry Hogan sent a special invitation to all Maryland volunteers to join the Governor's Volunteer Appreciation Day at the 138th Maryland State Fair through the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. More than 32,000 volunteers accepted his invitation to attend. This day is dedicated to celebrating positive changes Maryland volunteers have made to our communities with dedication and collective action.

Volunteers and their family members and friends were treated with the best of events and entertainment at the fair with discounted passes provided by the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. More than 500,000 Marylanders in total from cities, towns, farms, and shores visit the fair each year.

"We seek to promote a culture and spirit of

servicing others in need across the state as we engage tens of thousands of Marylander volunteers to thank them for their service, in collaboration with the Maryland State Fair," said Steve McAdams, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives and Interim Director of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. "The fair is not just a great time, but an opportunity to unite our citizens in changing Maryland for the better."

Known as one of the top 50 fairs in the U.S., the 12 day-long festival features rides, games, and exhibits and offers fresh food and drinks from Maryland farms and the Chesapeake Bay. The fair also showcases the agriculture industry with educational programs in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

[The Maryland State Fair (www.maryland-statefair.com) was held from August 22–September 2, 2019.]

COMMENTARY

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ChildWatch:

Nobel Laureate Economist Robert Solow's Clarion Call to End Child Poverty

August 23 mark[ed] the 95th birthday of the great MIT Nobel laureate economist and 2014 Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient Robert Solow. As family and friends join[ed] him for this milestone, all of us at the Children's Defense Fund send our deepest gratitude for his generous sharing of expertise, wisdom and concern for America's children, especially those left behind in poverty. He bolstered CDF's repeated calls over the decades to end child poverty with impeccable dollars and cents data. What is it going to take to get our money driven, morally impoverished nation to open up America's dream to all 12.8 million children living in poverty—nearly 5.9 million in extreme poverty?

In his foreword to CDF's 1994 report *Wasting America's Future*, Dr. Solow wrote: "For many years, Americans have allowed child poverty levels to remain astonishingly high—higher than for American adults; higher than for children in nations that are our competitors; higher than from the entire period of the late 1960s and 1970s, a period when we had less wealth as a nation than we do now; and far higher than one would think a rich and ethical society would tolerate. The justification, when one is offered at all, has often been that action is expensive: 'We have more will than wallet.' I suspect that in fact our wallets exceed our will, but in any event this concern for the drain on our resources com-

pletely misses the other side of the equation: Inaction has its costs, too."

He continued: "Now, possibly for the first time, we have evidence that we can save money by reducing children's poverty. The evidence in this volume indicates that ending child poverty is, at the very least, highly affordable. More likely it is a gain to the economy, and to the businesses, taxpayers, and citizens within it. But that should be the icing on the cake. Nobody in this age is so callous as to think of children foremost as a source of profit—at least I hope not. As an economist, I believe that good things are worth paying for, and that even if curing children's poverty were expensive in the long run, it would be hard to think of a better use in the world for money. If society cares about children, it should be willing to spend money on them."

Dr. Solow's words twenty-five years ago were a clarion call to act and make ending child poverty our top national priority. But we still lack the moral decency and economic common sense as a nation to act with urgency to save and improve millions of child lives. Why are we still struggling to take his words to heart and deed?

In 2015 CDF published our anchor child poverty report showing how our nation could immediately help millions of children escape poverty by investing in nine existing policies and programs. In April 2019, we issued another report urging an immediate down payment to end preventable and costly child poverty by investing a small percentage of our federal budget into these

proven policies. For \$52.3 billion—just 1.4 percent of federal spending and 0.3 percent of U.S. gross domestic product (GDP)—we could reduce child poverty at least 57 percent and give 5.5 million children a chance for a better future. It is morally indefensible and economically foolish that our President and Congressional leaders approved nearly \$2 trillion dollars in tax cuts for the wealthiest individuals and corporations in 2017 while leaving behind more than 12.8 million children in poverty. Every dollar invested in reducing child poverty returns at least seven dollars to our economy, invests in our nation's future and may help save our nation's soul.

Dr. Solow warned inaction has enormous costs and that every year we leave so many millions of children in poverty costs our nation hundreds of billions of dollars. Today we lose about \$700 billion a year in lost productivity and increased health and crime costs from child poverty.

Ending child poverty must become our most urgent economic priority. Nothing is more important than saving millions of children's lives and futures. We have the money. We have the power. We have the know-how. What we lack is the moral will and economic common sense to do what is both right and cost effective. As Dr. Solow wrote: "If society cares about children, it should be willing to spend money on them." It is way past time to act on his wise words and save our nation's future and soul. Happy birthday to a great man and wishes for many, many more!

Prince George's County Educators' Association and Baltimore Teachers Union Condemn Governor Hogan's Neglect to Fund Quality Education Maryland's Children Deserve

By JOSHUA HARRIS / CANDANCE GREENE

Prince George's County Educators' Association / Baltimore Teachers Union

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (August 27, 2019)—Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) and the Baltimore Teachers Union (BTU) are gravely disappointed in the lackluster job of Governor Larry Hogan and his administration in ensuring Maryland's students and schools receive the necessary resources to have the best possible public education, as the Maryland constitution mandates. Our schools in both Prince George's County and Baltimore City are underfunded by billions annually and half of educators are working second

jobs just to make ends meet, there's more to be done. Passing a new school funding formula during the 2020 legislative session is the key to making sure that there is lasting educational equity and economic prosperity in our state.

At the Maryland Association of Counties convention, Governor Hogan stated that he opposes tax increases to fund the Kirwin Commission's education plan. What he did not say is that those tax increases do not have to impact the majority of Marylanders and that education can be financed by

generating revenues like eliminating corporate tax loopholes. PGCEA and BTU strongly disagree with the position because truly providing quality education in our state will require appropriate funding and backing from the government. Maryland has a clear blueprint to move our schools from mediocre to excellent and the plan is making real positive changes to our schools—including increasing mental health and special education funding, boosting educator pay, and expanding pre-k and community schools across the state. Presidents of PGCEA and BTU released the below statements.

"Governor Hogan's statements takes several steps backward and his inaction is representative

of a clear violation of the Maryland State Constitution which mandates providing a quality public education to all of our children," said Theresa Dudley, PGCEA president. "The children of Prince George's County and Baltimore City are also children of Maryland and deserve the best possible public education. We will no longer be put against each other for something that all of our children deserve."

"Our children can no longer afford to wait on an administration that has consistently shown that they value corporations over Maryland's children," said Diamonté Brown, President of the BTU. "Our funding is regressive. The Education Law Center gave Maryland a grade of "F" for its funding effort. High poverty districts receive \$800 less per pupil than wealthier districts, and the state's own consultants said Baltimore City Schools are underfunded by \$342 million dollars and Prince George's Schools are underfunded by over \$500 million dollars every year!"

Time is up for excuses for why we can't make an equitable investment in all of our children. Governor Hogan must step up to the plate and do what's right for our children and the future of Maryland."

Chris Van Hollen

United States Senator for Maryland



Van Hollen, Cardin, Hoyer Announce \$3.5 Million for UMD/NIST Quantum Information Research

By FRANCESCA AMODEO
Van Hollen Press Office

WASHINGTON (August 23, 2019)—U.S. Senators Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin and Congressman Steny Hoyer (all D-Md.) have announced an award of \$3.5 million for the University of Maryland (UMD) College Park and the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Joint Quantum Institute (JQI) and Joint Center for Quantum Information and Computer Science (QuICS). Research at JQI and

QuICS explores the possibilities of quantum mechanics and information processing. This funding, provided by NIST, will be used to supply resources for JQI and QuICS and fund research by UMD faculty, students, and NIST scientists over the next five years.

"Since 2006, the University of Maryland and NIST have successfully partnered to produce crucial research in the quantum information field. These funds will support the groundbreaking work being done by our scientists and researchers, which will ultimately

lead to greater innovation and opportunity," said Senator Van Hollen, a member of the Budget and Appropriations Committees. "In the Senate, I will continue to fight for funding to ensure our agencies and universities have the resources they need to conduct research and keep our country at the forefront of scientific discovery."

"Maryland's academic and scientific institutions are driving progress in the field of national security. This funding will allow the Joint Quantum Institute and Joint Center for Quantum Infor-

mation and Computer Science to continue to drive advancement in the area of quantum information. I am committed to ensuring strong federal funding for priority research like this project," said Senator Cardin.

"I'm pleased that the Joint Quantum Institute and Joint Center for Quantum Information and Computer Science will receive this important funding," said Congressman Hoyer. "JQI and QuICS complete critical research that spurs innovation, and I look forward to the important work both the Joint Institute and Joint Center will continue to produce."

NIST, one of the nation's oldest physical science laboratories, was founded in 1901 and is now part of the U.S. Department of Commerce. NIST's mission is to drive scientific and technological innovation by providing measurement capabilities to the US research community. The lawmakers have been a strong supporter of NIST and advocated for its full funding for Fiscal Year 2019. NIST is headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

CASA's Statement Regarding the Trump Administration's Move to Undermine Flores Protections

HYATTSVILLE, Md. (August 21, 2019)—CASA released the following statement regarding the Trump administration's move to undermine Flores Protections for vulnerable immigrant children being held in detention centers and to allow indefinite detention of immigrant families without sanitary conditions and

basic standards of care.

"Today, the criminal Trump administration announces its intention to violate US and international human rights law by attempting to incarcerate children of color for as long as they please," said George Escobar, Chief of Programs and Services, CASA. "Yet again, Trump at-

tempts cruel and inhumane tactics in an attempt to intimidate us, first they separated our children from their families, then they put them in cages, soon after they refused to provide them diapers, soap and water and now they announce an attempt to incarcerate them indefinitely, all coming just weeks after a Trump

fan went to a border town to kill "Mexicans" to stop an "invasion." Demonstrating the instincts of a racist school yard bully by threatening to traumatize and torture children of color only further highlights how weak and morally corrupt Trump and his allies truly are. CASA, its members and allies stand united in fighting in courts so these policies will not rest until they are reversed."

CASA will continue advocating to protect our vulnerable children and immigrant families.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Paying Income Taxes on Social Security Benefits

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
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Dear Rusty:

I understand that after I reach full retirement age, I no longer have a limit on how much I earn. I retired one year early (65), and am now 76, but I am still being taxed on a portion of my SS benefits. I am not working and making extra money. However, my wife is still working, and I get two small annuities per month. But when I file income tax I am told we made enough for me to be taxed on a portion of my Social Security benefit. I even checked to see if filing married but separate returns would help and it was not as good as joint returns. So maybe you can explain this to me. **Signed: Tax-paying Senior**

Dear Tax-paying Senior: I'm afraid you're speaking of two different things. You are correct that once you reach your full retirement age there is no longer a limit on how much you can earn from working before your monthly Social Security benefit is reduced. But that is something totally different from paying income tax on your Social Security benefits.

Social Security's "earnings limit" looks only at your earnings from employment (or self-employment) to decide if they should take back some of your benefits before you reach your full retirement age. However, whether or not your Social Security benefits are taxable income is determined by your "combined income," which includes your adjusted gross income as reported to the IRS, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of your total Social Security benefits for the tax year. This is often referred to as your "modified adjusted gross income" or "MAGI" and it's how the IRS determines if, or how much, of your Social Security benefit is taxable income. As a couple filing your income taxes as "married—filing jointly" if your MAGI is over \$32,000 then up to 50% of your annual Social Security benefit amount is taxable, and if your MAGI is over \$44,000 then up to 85% of your Social Security income becomes taxable. Note that the combined income levels are different, and lower, when you file your taxes individually.

The "earnings limit" is a rule imposed by Social Security to recover some benefits paid if the limit is exceeded due to your earnings from working. Taxation of Social Security benefits is done by the IRS (not Social Security) and it's the IRS who determines if your Social Security benefits will add to your income tax burden. And while the Social Security earnings limit goes away once you reach your full retirement age, there is no such relief from the IRS at any age when it comes to paying income tax on your Social Security benefits.

The 2 million member Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) (<https://www.amac.us>) is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at <https://amac.us/join-amac>.

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Prince George's County Council Responds to News That Logistics Center Is Not Coming to Westphalia

By KAREN D. CAMPBELL
Prince George's County Council Media

UPPER MARLBORO (August 23, 2019)—The Prince George's County Council is aware that the company that planned to build a Merchandise Logistics Center at the Westphalia Towne Center is no longer pursuing that site.

The County Council, in its role as the County's zoning authority, was looking forward to public hearings on the pending development applications for the planned Merchandise Logistics Center at Westphalia, and an important opportunity to address concerns expressed by residents and other stakeholders. Until the applications are formally withdrawn, the Council cannot comment further on the development process.

The County Council serves to encourage, enable and support economic development, and to facilitate smart growth and major economic development projects. To this end, we share the optimism of County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, that a future location will be found within Prince George's County for this project.

The Council will continue to work with the County Executive and with the communities we represent to ensure economic development and the increased services and amenities it brings, flourishes throughout our County.

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Kelsey Hughes of the County Library System Participant in YALSA's Transforming Teen Services A Train the Trainer Approach

By DONNA SCOTT-MARTIN
PGCMLS

LARGO, Md. (August 15, 2019)—Kelsey Hughes of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is a participant in the Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach project. The second cohort of the project by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies has 97 participating library agencies with their front-line staff. The project is generously funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

As part of the project, the County Library System will work with its Adult and Teen Services Specialist Kelsey Hughes to develop and deliver computational thinking literacy continuing education (CE) to other library staff in the state of Maryland, who will in turn provide programs and services for/with youth, especially underrepresented youth. "Computational thinking will be an important skill for this generation of teens as they move into the workforce. I am excited to learn new ways to help our teens become college and career ready and share those ideas across the state," commented Kelsey Hughes.

Hughes will participate in a three-day

training, deliver a minimum of 30 hours of training to library staff throughout the state, and take part in a virtual community of practice over the next two years. PGCMLS Chief Operating Officer for Public Services Michelle Hamiel had this to say about Kelsey's participation in the project: "Librarians in the state of Maryland who are fortunate enough to be trained by Kelsey and apply what they learn, will be among the best Teen Services Librarians. Kelsey is creative and innovative. Her ideas have changed the way teens experience the library."

In 2020–2021, the third and final year of the project, a face-to-face summit featuring all project participants will take place in November 2020 in Reno, NV. At the summit, participants will discuss project successes and challenges and share resources that will help with the development of a resource database focused on connected learning and computational thinking activities that will be shared as a free tool to the library community.

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Learn more about what your Library has to offer at www.pgcmls.info. The mission of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) is to support

library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face, and in putting all teens—especially those with the greatest needs—on the path to successful and fulfilling lives. For more information about YALSA or to access national guidelines and other resources go to www.ala.org/yalsa, or contact the YALSA office by phone, 800-545-2433, ext. 4390; or e-mail: yalsa@ala.org.

COSLA is an independent organization of the chief officers of state and territorial agencies designated as the state library administrative agency and responsible for statewide library development. Its purpose is to provide leadership on issues of common concern and national interest; to further state library agency relationships with federal government and national organizations; and to initiate cooperative action for the improvement of library services to the people of the United States.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Dr. Anton Bizzell Elected to March of Dimes Board of Directors

By CATHERINE KEENAN
March of Dimes

BALTIMORE, Md. (August 28, 2019)—Business and community leader, Anton C. Bizzell, M.D., President and CEO of The Bizzell Group, has been elected to the March of Dimes Maryland Market Board of Directors.

Dr. Anton Bizzell understands the importance of fighting for the health of all moms and babies. "As a public health advocate, I can't think of a more important cause," he says. "When you support the March of Dimes, you make a statement that you want to live in a world in which healthy moms and strong babies are a priority for us all." Dr. Bizzell has spent most of his career on public health issues related to access to and quality of medical, substance abuse and behavioral health services. He has extensive experience in collaborating and interacting with professional health and community organizations, as well as expert knowledge in identifying and treating medical diseases in the fields of primary care, mental health and substance abuse.

"We're thrilled to have Dr. Bizzell join our Board of Directors," says Tina Cavucci, Executive Director of the March of Dimes DC-Maryland Markets. "He shares our commitment to moms through every stage of the pregnancy journey, even when everything doesn't go according to

plan. Moms and babies are facing higher risks than ever before."

In his role as a board member, Dr. Bizzell will serve as an advocate for the March of Dimes mission, encouraging local businesses and community leaders to join him in supporting the fight for stronger, healthier babies. "The number of babies born prematurely here in Maryland and across the country is not acceptable," he says. "March of Dimes empowers families with programs, knowledge and tools."

March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies. We support research, lead programs and provide education and advocacy so that every baby can have the best possible start. Building on a successful 80-year legacy of impact and innovation, we empower every mom and every family. Visit marchofdimes.org or nacersano.org for more information. Visit shareyourstory.org for comfort and support. Find us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram and Twitter. Established in 2010, The Bizzell Group (Bizzell) is a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) certified strategic management and consulting firm that specializes in Program & Project Management, Administrative Support, Communication & Outreach, Conference Management & Logistical Support, Information Technology, Health Services & Research, Technical Assistance, as well as Training & Development. Bizzell is a partner of choice for federal, state and



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Anton C. Bizzell, M.D., President and CEO of The Bizzell Group

local government agencies and private organizations. Our expert staff and consultants work on health, defense, workforce development, energy, transportation, education, research, global health development, and information technology projects that meet national priorities. Under the leadership and vision of founder, Anton C. Bizzell, M.D., the company has grown from a staff of two in one small office to a thriving firm with three offices in Lanham, MD, Rockville, MD, and Atlanta, GA with on-going projects across the world.

Dialogue on Diversity Entrepreneurship / Information Technology Conference

WASHINGTON, DC [CapitalWirePR] (August 26, 2019)—Dialogue on Diversity begins the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with its own annual recognition of the role of Latinas and the Latino heritage in the thoughtful agenda that concludes its thirtieth year of programming in the **Entrepreneurship / Information Technology Conference, September 10 at the Microsoft Innovation & Policy Center, 901 K Street, N.W in Washington.**

"Among Awards to be presented," Ma. Cristina Caballero, President of Dialogue on Diversity, announced, "are the Diversity City Leadership Award to Jackie Reyes-Yanes of the D.C. Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs, while a Corporate Award will go to an honoree to be announced at the Conference. Certificates of Completion go to attendees in the STEM/STEAM program. Greetings will come from Microsoft, our Conference host."

Midday session speakers include the familiar figure of Hon. Gregory L. Rohde, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce

and NTIA chief, and later heading e-Copernicus, a firm specializing in counseling and the design of IT systems for firms, here and abroad, dealing with governments and other large clients. Hon. Luis Borunda, Maryland's Deputy Secretary of State, appears with his overview account of the lessons of a successful career as entrepreneur, owner of a graphics production firm, and a persuasive summation of the general principles of effective entrepreneurship.

Robert Rincón, Senior Manager, Research for the Society of Women Engineers (and a valued Director of Dialogue on Diversity), speaks again from her formidable fund of information, generated in a career's ongoing quest in the data sources for key insights on the studies and achievements of young women in the arduous preparation, rare but valuable, and the successful pursuit of professional excellence in the essential engineering skills. Sharon Pinder, heading the Capital Region's Minority Supplier Development Council, updates

an audience eager to learn the nut and bolts of the intricate ties linking large industrial firms myriad of small enterprises, usually highly specialized and awesomely skilled in fabricating a narrow range of goods that precisely fit the notches in the mega production lines of the industrial behemoth.

Specifics on the many applications of information technology in the small enterprise setting will be presented by Fernando Torrez of NanoTech Computers, and Jeremy Greenberg of the Future of Privacy Forum. Emphasis will be on the proliferating network of IoT (Internet of Things) systems assuming a leading role in detail management and control functions in the economic realm—all with a wary look at the potential privacy challenges entailed.

Dwight Barbour, Mr. IT for our Dialogue, returns with an update cluing our hearers in on the latest discovered avenues for success in the production side of com-

OUT on the TOWN

M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Free Admissions to Opening Reception and Annual Festival Highlighting Hispanic Communities

By KIRA CALM LEWIS and IYANA MOORE
Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation

RIVERDALE, Md. (August 29, 2019)—As part of a month-long celebration, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, (M-NCPPC) Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County is recognizing the influences made by Hispanic and Latin Americans. This year's collection of activities and programs incorporates the national theme: "Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving Our Nation," and celebrates the intellectual, talented, and meaningful contributions that have profoundly enriched our communities.

To kick-off the festivities, we invite the public to join us for an opening reception at Prince George's Ballroom. This reception is open to all ages of the community and honors Hispanic cultures with delicious food, live music, and more! The event will also feature the introduction of the 2019 Hispanic Heritage Month poster.

Additionally, for the 37th consecutive year, the Department of Parks and Recreation will host its Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival. Each year, in the beautiful, 40-acre Lane Manor Park, this family-friendly event highlights the rich heritage of our Hispanic communities with carnival games, crafts, entertainment, and delicious ethnic food—there's truly something for everyone!

The festival was established in 1980 and continues to grow each year, drawing crowds of 10,000 to 15,000 people. Some of this year's sponsoring organizations include: Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, Comcast, and Maryland Auto Insurance.

"We hope you will join us as we pay tribute to the bright, vibrant traditions of residents with heritage and ancestors originating from Spain, the Caribbean and North, South, and Central America," said Elizabeth Hewlett, Chairman of the Prince George's County Planning Board. "We are PRINCE GEORGE'S PROUD of the unique backgrounds and the Hispanic roots found throughout our great County!"

Details for both of these events can be found below. National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed every year from September 15 to October 15. To find other events happening during Hispanic Heritage Month, including art exhibits, lectures, and cuisine sampling, and to view this year's brochure, please visit: <http://www.mncppc.org/2855/Hispanic-Heritage-Month>

Patrons can enjoy FREE shuttle rides from Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School in Langley Park and Rosa Parks Elementary School in Hyattsville. Shuttle rides begin at 11:30 am and leave every 30 minutes.



Above and below, attendees enjoy the activities, sights, and sounds of the 2017 Hispanic Festival. Enjoy rides and games, music and dance, pony rides, and more at the 37th Annual Hispanic Festival on September 15.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Opening Reception

Saturday, September 14, 12 noon–3 p.m.
 Prince George's Ballroom, 2411 Pinebrook Ave., Landover 20785
 FREE

37th Annual Hispanic Festival

Sunday, September 15, 12 noon–6 p.m.
 Lane Manor Park 7601 West Park Dr. & University Blvd.
 Adelphi, MD, 20783
 FREE admission and parking; Food, rides and games have a nominal fee.

ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK

.... Movie Review

Dora and the Lost City of Gold

Dora and the Lost City of Gold
Grade: B-
Rated PG, mild peril,
some fart noises
1 hr., 41 min

Dora the Explorer, the educational animated TV show for preschoolers, gets a live-action movie adaptation that is, if not educational, at least harmless enough kiddie fare. Entitled *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*, it's aged up a bit, aimed at children who are too old for baby shows but too young for PG-13 adventures, and it has just enough self-awareness for adults not to lose their minds watching it.

A prologue shows 6-year-old Dora (Madelyn Miranda) and her cousin Diego (Malachi Barton) living in a South American jungle with Dora's parents (Eva Longoria and Michael Peña), who are professors of some kind. Whatever kind of professor lives in a jungle, I guess. The kids are avid amateur explorers, and Dora in particular is obsessed with it. Sometimes when she learns a new word she looks at an unseen camera and asks, "Can you say [whatever]?" like she's talking to a home audience. Her parents think this is weird but just a phase.

Diego moves back to civilization and 10 years go by. Spunky 16-year-old Dora (Isabela Moner) now runs around the jungle with a GoPro camera, presumably addressing YouTube subscribers while behaving in a dangerously overfamiliar manner with wild animals. Her parents, embarking on a journey to find the fabled lost city of Parapata, send Dora to live with Diego's

family and go to public school for the first time. She's excited to see her beloved cousin again, but Diego (Jeff Wahlberg, nephew of Donny and Mark) no longer cares about exploring and is embarrassed by Dora's cheerful, earnest, introduce-yourself-to-everyone, fish-out-of-water zeal and her unfamiliarity with social norms.

After some gags centered on Dora being super-bright but having no understanding of how high school works, we move to the crux of the matter: While on a field trip, Dora, Diego, brainy girl Sammy (Madeleine Madden),

and male dweeb Randy (Nicholas Coombe) are drugged, abducted, and whisked back to the Amazon by treasure-hunters who intend to force Dora to help them find her parents and whatever fortunes they've discovered at Parapata.

When I said before that the movie is "harmless," this is what I meant. The events I just described could be the basis for a harrowing thriller or horror film; here, it's just another li'l adventure for Dora and her friends. Sammy complains comedically that she wants to go home, but no one's in any real distress, and their multi-day journey through the rain forest takes no visible toll on them. Animated or not, the film operates on cartoon logic, where mortal peril is easily escaped without even minor injury, where everybody's clothes are clean and dry moments after being in quicksand (to name one of several life-threatening situations that director James Bobin carefully avoids making seem too

scary). It's like a mild, junior version of Indiana Jones with very low stakes.

Isabela Moner is a terrific teenage Dora, full of energy and sunshine, indefatigably chipper. The villain, played by Mexican comedy star Eugenio Derbez, is irritating (and his villainy is plainly telegraphed before it's revealed), but Dora and the other kids solving jungle puzzles, many of which require teamwork, is the sort of movie fun that's hard to screw up. Some elements of the TV show are included only for fidelity's sake, like a CGI fox named Swiper who steals things. (The kids remark on how unusual it is for a fox to wear a mask; the fact that he also speaks—with the voice of Benicio Del Toro, no less—does not impress them.) Overall, though, the movie seems eager to establish its own personality. There's no educational value, but hey, at least it's not making your kids any stupider.



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Having spent most of her life exploring the jungle with her parents, nothing could prepare Dora (Isabela Moner) for her most dangerous adventure ever—High School. Always the explorer, Dora quickly finds herself leading Boots (her best friend, a monkey), Diego (Jeffrey Wahlberg), a mysterious jungle inhabitant (Eugenio Derbez), and a rag tag group of teens on a live-action adventure to save her parents (Eva Longoria, Michael Peña) and solve the impossible mystery behind a lost city of gold.

Spotlight on Festivals!

Prince George's County Fair

Date and Time: September 5–September 8, 2019
 Description: Now in its 177 year of operation, the Prince George's County Fair is the oldest running fair in Maryland.
 Cost: See www.countyfair.org for admission and pricing
 Ages: All ages are welcome
 Location: Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
 Contact: 301-404-5566, <https://www.countyfair.org/>

Children's Day

Date and Time: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 Description: Spend a day in the life of 18th-century Marylanders! The year is 1770, and this small farm is bustling with activity. Discover the sights, sounds, and even some of the smells that the children of the past experienced every day. You'll even get to take home your very own keepsake from times of yore!
 Cost: \$5/person, 4 years & older OR \$20 Family Rate (For immediate families with 5 or more people attending)
 Location: National Colonial Farm, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607
 Contact: 301-283-2113

Suitland Community Day

Date and Time: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Description: Join us for a day giving back to the great community of Suitland! We will kick off the day with a parade through the community at 10 a.m. Afterwards, there will be entertainment provided for the kids and adults. There will also be vendors, safety demonstrations, health fair/testing, CHIPS and other services.
 Cost: Free
 Location: Drew Freeman Middle School, 2600 Brooks Drive, Suitland MD 20746
 Contact: 301-213-5707

Waterfront Art Festival

Date and Time: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 12–6 p.m.
 Description: Amid the scenic atmosphere of this urban waterfront park, enjoy an afternoon of art and imagination! Featuring live entertainment from Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes, and the Exclusives! This outdoor gallery and market will have extraordinary art from local artists: paintings; sculptures; jewelry; ceramics; photography; a fun Kids Creative Zone; plus, art workshops and demonstrations, free boat tours, and tasty food! Don't miss this family-friendly and fun time! See OPEN TO THE PUBLIC feature below for more information about Bladensburg Waterfront Park.
 Cost: Free admission
 Ages: All ages are welcome
 Location: Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710
 Contact: 301-779-0371; TTY 301-699-2544

Celebrate Africa!

Date and Time: Sunday, September 8, 2019, 2–7 p.m.
 Description: Revel in the rich sights, sounds, food, art, fashion, music and culture of Africa! Bladensburg Waterfront Park transforms into an African marketplace with musicians, artists, and cuisine from Senegal to Somalia. Treat your family to traditional and modern dancers, musicians, artisans, and storytellers. Come dressed in your favorite African clothing, and take part in the fashion procession! Visit <http://arts.pgparcs.com/3346/Celebrate-Africa> for the full list of events.
 Cost: Free
 Ages: All ages are welcome!
 Location: Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710
 Contact: 301-446-3232; TTY 301-699-2544

Montpelier Farms 2019 Fall Festival

Date and Time: September 14–November 10, 2019. (Last admission sold 1 hour before closing) September: Saturdays: 10 a.m.–11 p.m., Sundays: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
 Description: Pumpkin Patch closes at 10:00 on Fridays and Saturdays. The following stations CLOSE at DARK due to limited lighting or safety reasons: Cub Corral, Cow Belly Bounce, Pumpkin Chunkin', Duck Races and Gem Stone Mining.
 Cost: \$12, Kiddies (2 and under): Free *Does not apply to School Tours, Season Pass: \$40.00 per person / \$150 for Family of 4. Visit www.montpelierfarms.com for more information.
 Location: 1720 Crain Highway North, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
 Contact: 410-320-0464

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Bladensburg Waterfront Park

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Come enjoy **Bladensburg Waterfront Park**, located on the scenic Anacostia River, one of the most historic waterways in America! Explore the river by boat or the hiker/biker trails linking to the Anacostia Tributary Trail System and the new Anacostia River Trail to Washington, D.C. Enjoy fishing, canoe/kayak rentals, picnic areas, playground, walking paths and more. Park is open sunrise to sunset daily, front gate locks at posted closing time.

Bladensburg Waterfront Park: 4601 Annapolis Road,
 Bladensburg, MD 20710 • 301-779-0371
 • <http://www.mncppc.org/3256/Bladensburg-Waterfront-Park>

Calendar of Events

September 5– September 13, 2019

Community Treasure Chest Pop-Up Museum

Date and Time: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Description: A “pop-up museum” in your community presented by the Prince George’s County African-American Museum and Cultural Center. Participants are welcome to bring their own artifacts (photos, artwork, historic objects and more) to display during the event alongside artwork from the museum. They will also be able to create their own artwork and share their personal stories (oral histories).

Cost: Free

Ages: 5+

Location: Accokeek Branch Library, 15773 Livingston Rd., Accokeek, MD 20607

Contact: 301-292-2880

Cop for a Day 2019 Bowie Police Department

Date and Time: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Description: Experience a day in the life of a Police Officer! Bowie Police Department is proud to once again host its annual Cop for a Day event, where all ages (5+) can experience some of the daily responsibilities of law enforcement. Enjoy a thrilling vehicle pursuit, chase a criminal on foot through an obstacle course, conduct traffic stops, clear a building of suspects, and more! Also enjoy the Kid Zone and moon bounce!

Cost: Registration is \$5 for those ages 5 and 6, and \$15 for ages 7+.

Register in advance or at the event, see website below.

Ages: 5 years and older.

Location: Bowie Town Center, 15606 Emerald Way, Bowie, MD 20716

Contact: www.bowiecopforaday.com, 240-544-5792

Doggie Dip Day

Date and Time: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 12–3 p.m.

Description: Bring your canine and enjoy a refreshing swim at the end of the “Dog Days Of Summer”. Main and wading pools only will be open for pet/owner swimming! Owners must be able to restrain pet.

Cost: \$5.00 per dog. If you have a membership to the dog park, enjoy the event for free with presentation of current membership card (limit 2 dogs per pass). Free to owners!

Location: Laurel Municipal Swimming Pool, 9th Street & Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707

Contact: 301-725-5300

Beech Tree Puppets: Jack and the Beanstalk

Date and Time: Sunday, September 8, 2019, 3 p.m.

Description: Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum! Join young Jack as he climbs an enormous beanstalk to a castle in the sky. Discover a hen that lays golden eggs, a gilded harp that sings by itself, and a giant with a hearty appetite. Don’t miss this classic English folktale, brought to life with beautifully hand-crafted puppets and sets, along with heart-warming music. Duration 40 minutes.

Cost: Suggested donation \$5/person

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd, College Park

Contact: 301-927-3013 (leave message)

Summer Concert Series:

The Fabulous Hubcaps (Oldies music)

Date and Time: Sunday, September 8, 2019, 6–7:15 p.m.

Description: Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and join us for a special concert performance at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater by The Fabulous Hubcaps. *Concerts are canceled in the case of inclement weather. Decisions about concert cancellations will not be made until right before the concert is scheduled to take place. Notices about cancellations will be posted on the City’s Facebook page and Twitter feed. **Please note the earlier start time for this concert.**

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages are welcome!

Location: Allen Pond Park, 3330 Northview Dr., Bowie, MD 20716

Contact: 301-809-3078

State of Justice Symposium

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6–9 p.m. (Check in begins at 5:30 p.m.)

Description: Hosted by Office of the State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County, Maryland and Community Justice Partners

Cost: Free. **Register at eventbrite**

Ages: Adults

Location: The Hotel at College Park, 7777 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740

Contact: <http://sao.mypgc.us>,
<http://twitter.com/PGSAONEWS>

Public Hayrides

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Description: Summer is winding down and Autumn is peeking around the corner! Gather the family and come join us for a 20-minute hayride through the grounds of Watkins Regional Park to enjoy the beautiful scenery. Don’t miss this great opportunity for photogenic, fabulous, family fun!!

Cost: \$2 per person

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Old Maryland Farm, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Contact: 301-218-6770; TTY 301-699-2544

René Trevino: Gran Fury

Date and Time: Public Reception: Friday, September 13, 2019, 7–9 p.m., Artist Talk: Saturday, October 5, 2019, 2 p.m.

Description: Mexican-American artist, René Treviño, is a Baltimore based painter whose work is precise and graphic. Treviño explores themes of history and identity as he is often compelled to create thoughtful and beautiful work that confronts societal assumptions and gives new insight into human experience. His artwork creates a platform where he can reweave lessons he has learned from the past and reveal his personal quest for heroism and bravery to define his place in the world. This exhibit showcases paintings that mix pop culture references like Oreo cookies and the Gran Fury logo with star charts and Mayan walls. ADA: Yes

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708

Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

Hispanic Heritage Month at The Bowie Center For Performing Arts

Mexico En La Piel 8th Grito de Danza Festival

Saturday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. • Show Celebrates the Best of Mexican Folkloric Dance

By DAVID ANDRUSIA

The Bowie Center for Performing Arts

BOWIE, Md. (August 20, 2019)—The Bowie Center for Performing Arts celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month by presenting the 8th Annual Grito de Danza Festival [in September].

“We are proud to honor the Hispanic heritage of so many of our community members,” says The Bowie Center’s Executive Director Jason Cook. “Our 800-seat, state-of-the-art theatre allows this celebrated folkloric dance troupe to reach the widest possible audience, both those steeped in this wonderful art form and those who will be experiencing it for the very first time.”

The Festival is a production of Fundación Elena, a nonprofit organization that is focused on exposing traditional Mexican culture through dance, choreography, and costumes from a wide range of states throughout Mexico. This not-to-be-missed extravaganza of dance brings together two acclaimed troupes, *De Colores* and *Corazón Folklórico* on one stage.

Performance pricing is as follows:

General Admission, \$15.00
Children under 15, \$10.00

Group Sales, call 301-805-6880

Tickets are available at www.bowiecenter.org

For more information, please contact David Andrusia at david.andrusia@pgcps.org or 415-283-7375.

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Greener Colleges: How Do U.S. Institutions Stack Up on Sustainability

Dear EarthTalk:

I’m going into my senior year in high school and am looking for a college focused on sustainability where I can major in environmental studies. Any ideas?

—Mike Mitchell, Oakland, CA

Depending on how deeply you want to go into environmental studies, there are many colleges that could meet your green-minded learning needs. A great place to begin research is the Princeton Review’s annual “Guide to 399 Green Colleges.” The 9th annual version was released late last year and ranked the College of the Atlantic (COA) in Bar Harbor, Maine as the nation’s greenest institution of higher learning. Completing the Top 15, in rank order: SUNY Syracuse, University of Vermont (UVM), Dickinson College, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, Colorado State, Pitzer, Cornell, Randolph College, Stanford, UC Davis, Seattle University, Santa Clara University, American University and Goucher College.

In general, colleges made the top of the list if sustainability factored prominently in their academic offerings, campus policies, initiatives, activities and career preparation for students. Princeton Review tallied data from survey responses submitted by administrators at 648 different colleges during the 2017-2018 school year. Several of the survey questions drill down on the given school’s sustainability-related policies, practices and programs, weighting 25+ data points to create a “Green Rating” score on a scale of 60 to 99 for each college surveyed, with 399 colleges qualifying as “green” with overall scores of 80+.

It’s no surprise that COA, established in 1969 as the first American college to focus primarily on the relationship between humans and the environment, has topped the list for three years running. With only 350 students and 35 faculty members, small classes and focused learning are the norm at COA, which has been churning out environmental leaders for five decades. It became the first carbon-neutral college in 2007 and plans to be completely rid of fossil fuels on campus by 2030.



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The first American institution of higher learning to focus primarily on the relationship between humans and the environment, the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine became the first carbon-neutral college in 2007 and plans to be completely rid of fossil fuels on campus by 2030.

At the #2 school on the “green colleges” list, SUNY Syracuse’s College of Environmental Science and Forestry, students and faculty work together on developing innovative solutions to environmental challenges and can focus on applying what they learn in internships reserved for them with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

Next on the list, UVM has incorporated sustainability into campus policies and curricula for decades, but has recently shown renewed leadership with its Sustainable Entrepreneurship program and campus-wide commitment to waste reduction and energy conservation. UVM has been sourcing all of its energy from renewables since 2015, with solar panels all over campus to make the most of the fleeting Vermont sun.

Some other schools with excellent environmental studies and science programs include Antioch, Reed, Middlebury, Colby, Colorado College, Montana State, Evergreen State, Pomona, and the universities

of Idaho, Michigan, Montana, North Carolina, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. In fact, today it might be harder to find a school with no regard for sustainability than otherwise, so you should find a college where you feel at home on campus and then make sure the academic programs line up with your own green perspective.

CONTACTS: Princeton Review’s “Guide to 399 Green Colleges,” princetonreview.com/college-rankings/green-guide?ceid=green-colleges; College of the Atlantic, coa.edu; SUNY Syracuse’s College of Environmental Science and Forestry, esf.edu; University of Vermont, uvm.edu.

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TUESDAY TIP

WATER QUALITY

Water is vital to all living things, but pollution and other harmful practices continue to damage the water we drink, cook with and bathe in. Help protect water with these easy tips.

- Avoid dumping anything down storm drains, since they flow to our river, lakes and eventually oceans.
- Pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in the trash.
- Don't put hazardous items down your garbage disposal or drains, such as grease, motor oil and many conventional cleaning products.
- Use rain barrels to water your garden or wash your car and windows. Learn how you could qualify for a potentially free barrel at bit.ly/PGCraincheckrebates.



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Youth Homelessness from A1

The "Promise Prince George's" initiative will support a comprehensive community planning process to meet the unique needs of homeless youth in this community. The process will engage youth and young adults with lived experiences to ensure that the services and housing solutions delivered through these federal funds best serve homeless youth. Building on the County's current efforts, this work will be implemented through the existing network of providers and services for individuals experiencing homelessness, the Prince George's County Continuum of Care for Homeless People.

"I'm pleased Prince George's County will receive this important funding to help address youth homelessness in our communities," said Congressman Hoyer. "We must continue working together to ensure all children in our County have a roof over their head and access to the resources they need to ensure they are prepared for success."

"Every young person in Maryland deserves a safe place to call home. Connecting homeless youth with appropriate, targeted services will make an enormous difference in the course of their lives," said Senator Cardin. "I am encouraged by the commitment of Prince George's County to work in a collaborative way to develop the right solutions that will make a difference for so many young people at risk."

"Far too many children and young adults face homelessness in Maryland and across our country and far too little is known about this particularly vulnerable population. This funding will help Prince George's County better understand and combat this serious problem," said Senator Van Hollen, a member of the Budget and Appropriations Committees. "Together, we will keep working to ensure that all Maryland families have access to safe and affordable housing."

"Every person deserves the comfort of a roof over their head and a safe place to sleep at night. I'm proud of those who are working day after day to make this ideal a reality," said Congressman Anthony Brown. "The federal government's partnership with Prince George's County is critical to solving youth homelessness in our community, and I look forward to seeing progress from our continued collabora-
tion."

"One homeless child in Prince George's County, is one too many," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "We have been steadfast in our efforts to identify, provide resources and wrap around services to prevent extraneous circumstances that cause youth homelessness. We want our youth to know that their welfare is our priority and they are never alone. HUD's FY2019 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Projects grant award of nearly \$3.5 million dollars will certainly enhance our outreach efforts as well as enable us to provide them with more sustainable options and hope for a bright future."

"Providers and advocates within The Prince George's County Continuum of Care for Homeless People have prioritized improving services to homeless youth for several years and we are all ecstatic about this opportunity to further the work related this very important sub population," said Prince George's County Director of Social Services Gloria Brown Burnett.

HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program funds may be used for permanent housing, transitional housing, supportive services, Homeless Management Information Systems, or homelessness prevention. Grantees may include nonprofit providers, States, and local governments working to quickly re-house homeless and unaccompanied youth. Funding is authorized under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389, Title IV, Subtitle C, as amended.)

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puter operations. Not what buttons to punch simply, but how to set things up so that the punch produces the just the information miracle you need. There are answers, and it takes the wit and persistence of experts of Mr. Barbour's class to ferret them out and disclose them to a conference table of well-chosen hearers.

The typical case for analysis of entrepreneurship and its many routes to fortune, are the stock in trade of D.C.'s expertly manned Department of Small and Local Business Development, which hones its model in shaping the small business segment of the D.C. economic dynamic. Its Director, Kristi Whitfield, a prodigy in the field, brings the DSLBD components together in a powerful engine of entrepreneurial progress.

The Dialogue explores the cutting edge of the American educational enterprise, with the computer training for kids of elementary and high school age (and above) in the TED, and "Acers Lane" courses described by Alicia C. Lane. For a slightly older cohort: the attention focused on the new D.C. Charter School, Girls' Global Academy, set to begin operations in 2020 after the long qualification process, readying site, faculty, library, and equipment. **Shayne Swift and Karen Venable-Croft, both long experienced teachers in the PG County Schools,** are organizing the enterprise for a purpose: each high school class of dedicated and eager girls of color will be turned out as veritable Citizens of the world, self-confident and enabled with many skills.

Among speakers, moreover, are a business-oriented diplomatic representative of the Embassy of the Bolivia; Invited speakers include Rep. Suzanne Bonamici of Oregon, Chair of the House STEAM Caucus; the remarkable Rynthia Rost, GEICO Vice President, Public Affairs, and Maria Oquendo, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

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