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Town of Upper Marlboro Will Re-Crete Historic 1922 Crain Highway Monument Photo

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By PRESS OFFICER
Town of Upper Marlboro

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (Sept. 12, 2022)—Early next month, the Town of Upper Marlboro is inviting area residents to participate in the Centennial Anniversary of the unveiling of the Robert Crain Highway Monument by re-creating an iconic and historic photo that was taken in September 1922 (above). The monument was erected a century ago to celebrate the start of the long journey to create a new regional road linking Southern Maryland to Baltimore. The original 1922 celebration included dignitaries from Anne Arundel County, Calvert County, Charles County, Prince George's County, St. Mary's County and Baltimore City.

The photo re-enactment will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the monument, located at Main Street and Old

Crain Highway in the Town of Upper Marlboro. Officials from the State of Maryland, Baltimore City and the five original counties are expected to participate, along with Town of Upper Marlboro Mayor Sarah Franklin and her fellow Commissioners.

John Hoatson, Upper Marlboro's Town Clerk and organizer of the upcoming Oct. 1 event, said every effort is being made to replicate as many of the special features of the original celebration as possible. For example, the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) Band is scheduled to perform, just as they did in 1922. This time, the Annapolis-based USNA Band will perform the Star-Spangled Banner (National Anthem), which has special meaning to the Town of Upper Marlboro.

In 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote the Star-Spangled Banner after observing the flag still flying at Fort McHenry in Baltimore while securing the release

of Upper Marlborough resident Dr. William Beanes. Dr. Beanes was captured by the British for his role in imprisonment of some British soldiers who were stealing from the Town citizens as they returned from burning Washington.

"If there are any current Town of Upper Marlboro residents who are descendants of someone who appeared in that original 1922 photo, we would love to hear from them prior to our Oct. 1 celebration," Hoatson said.

"At the 1922 event," Hoatson added, "five 'Matrons of Honor' representing the five counties adjacent to Baltimore City were presented with fans made from ostrich feathers. We will re-create that moment by having fans made and distributed at our Oct. 1, 2022 centennial anniversary celebration. We hope that attendees will keep their fans as a keepsake of this historic day."

An article from the Baltimore

Sun newspaper—published on Oct. 1, 1922—captured the major highlights of the event: <https://www.newspapers.com/clip/22057174/robert-crain-robert-crain-hwy-dedication/>

That Sept. 1922 celebration and parade would forever change the Town of Upper Marlboro and its future. The Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Baltimore had decided that Southern Maryland was an important location for bringing a variety of agricultural produce and goods into and out of Baltimore. The association and political figures in Southern Maryland created a route which would connect Baltimore to Southern Maryland counties.

The original program from the 1922 ceremony tells of the events leading up to that celebra-

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The Arc Prince George's County to Observe Disability Voting Rights Week With Ready2Vote Block Party

Free event on **September 17, 2022** from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. will include voter education, registration, community vendors, music, treats & more

Register: <https://ready2vote.eventbrite.com>

By PRESS OFFICER
The Arc Prince George's County

LARGO, Md. (Sept. 8, 2022)—The Arc Prince George's County will host Ready2Vote, a community block party in observance of Disability Voting Rights Week. The event will include onsite registration, exhibits, community resources, voter information presentations, candidate meet & greets, music and treats.

"If you have any questions about eligibility, poll access or would like to attend a voting booth demonstration, join us on September 17th." Said Chris Collins, Self Advocate and The Arc Prince George's County Board Member.

The Board of Election presentations will happen every hour, starting at 10:30 am. Beginning at 10 am attendees will be able to register to vote, visit exhibit booths, dance along with our party DJ, grab some shaved-ice or popcorn as they meet with community leaders and candidates.

"The Arc of Prince George's County and our community partners worked together to coordinate an event that is educational, resourceful and fun," said Melonee Clark, Education & Community Engagement Manager at The Arc Prince George's

County. "It's important, now more than ever before, that we come together to get ready for elections and become well-informed about voting and our voter rights."

The event location is 1401 McCormick Drive, Largo, Md. and free to the public by registering at <https://ready2vote.eventbrite.com>. View and share the Ready2Vote Black Party's official ad at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTur7QyPsZ8>

Ready2Vote Black Party Partners: Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County, People On the Go Maryland, Independence Now, Disability Rights Maryland, Board of Elections, TD Charitable Foundation, ADDCAC, Re-living with CP Team

The Arc Prince George's County (The Arc of PGC) is Maryland's 2nd largest Arc chapter and is committed to the welfare of people with developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc of Prince George's County is one of over 700 Arc chapters nationwide. A membership organization, The Arc of PGC has 600 members including people with developmental disabilities, their families and friends, the professionals who work with them, and other concerned citizens.

Billion Dollar Modern Logistics Park Announces Largest Lease, Amenities to the Washington DC Region

Manekin and TurnBridge Equities Announce Executed Lease & the Park's Significance to Prince George's County

By PRESS OFFICER
National Capital Business Park

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Md. (Sept. 7, 2022)—Manekin LLC, one of the region's leading real estate development firms, and Turnbridge Equities, a privately-held, full-service real estate investment, development, and SEC-registered investment advisory firm, have completed a 358,400 SF lease with Ferguson Enterprises at National Capital Business Park in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

Ferguson is one of North America's leading value-added distributors across residential, non-residential, new construction and repair, maintenance, and improvement (RMI) end markets. Ferguson's site will incorporate a 358,400 square foot modern 36-foot clear height warehouse distribution facility, approximately 260 parking spaces, 56 truck docks, four drive-in doors, and 80 trailer parking spaces, as well as three acres of outdoor storage space. This long term leased property will serve as one of Ferguson's Market Distribution Centers, a facility designed to provide its stores and customers within the Washington, DC, metro market same day or next day product deliveries within a 100-mile radius.

Situated on 442 acres at Route 301 on Queens Court, National Capital Business Park will contain up to 13 modern industrial facilities accommodating warehouse, distribution, light manufacturing, or cold storage uses. The buildings are designed to meet the latest logistics and "last mile" distribution standards with higher clear ceiling heights, advanced fire suppression, generous employee parking, expanded truck courts, and numerous trailer drop. All the buildings at National Capital Business Park are designed with solar panels on their rooftops, which

will generate approximately 11.3 MW of electricity, enough to power over 1,100 homes with clean energy. National Capital Business Park will also include the development of an adjacent 20-acre multi-purpose park for the community and the on-site preservation of nearly 200 acres of stream valley and forest.

Strategically located immediately east of Washington, DC, in Prince George's County Maryland, National Capital Business Park provides businesses with access to the third largest and most affluent combined statistical area in the United States with approximately 10 million residents, a major seaport, the distribution corridors of I-95, I-70, I-83, 50/301, and I-81, as well as adjacency to the Capital Beltway (I-95/I-495). Adjacent National Capital Business Park corporate neighbors include distribution centers for Amazon, Target, FedEx, and Nordstrom.

"Ferguson's decision to locate its latest prototype at National Capital Business Park illustrates the unique value proposition the park provides by providing immediate access to over 10 million consumers in a true Class A setting," added Turnbridge Managing Principal, Ryan Nelson.

"We are delighted at the way this signature project has come together. It will provide an excellent home to multiple national and local businesses while providing new jobs and tax revenue for the benefit of Prince George's County and its residents," commented John Graham, Managing Director at Manekin. Mr. Graham added, "We have also been able to include a large renewable energy project and a new community recreation park while preserving approximately 45% of the property's acreage as forest."

Construction of National Capital Business Park is currently underway with an estimated delivery

date of the first buildings in mid-2023. Only four buildings consisting of approximately one million square feet remain available in Phase I of the project. Once completed, National Capital Business Park will bring major improvements to Route 301, increased tax revenue, and the creation of approximately 5,000 jobs.

National Capital Business Park was represented in the lease transaction by NAI Michael. Ferguson was represented in the lease transaction by CBRE. For leasing or purchasing opportunities, contact Jeffrey Ludwig, jludwig@naimichael.com or 301-918-2923. For more information on the National Capital Business Park, please visit www.nationalcapitalbusinesspark.com.



PHOTO CREDIT NATIONAL CAPITAL BUSINESS PARK

3.1 Million SF Modern Logistics Campus in the Heart of Prince George's County.

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Now these new portraits will serve as a reminder to generations of visitors to the White House, our Presidency's seat of power, that we are a nation with a place for everyone.

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TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

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

Rick Butler, former Morningsider and Crossland '69, dies at 71

Richard Wayne "Rick" Butler, who retired in 2021 from the office of the Architect of the Capitol, lost his battle with cancer on September 2.

He grew up on Morgan Road, in Morningside, with his parents John and Marion Butler, sister Joanne, and brothers John Jr "JR," Robert "Bob," and Russell. He graduated from Crossland High School in 1969. Among other careers, he spent 18 years with the Architect of the Capitol.

Rick loved drinking beer, eating crabs, fishing, watching TV, and listening to rock music. He was the biggest Redskins fan around.

In March, Rick was diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal/stomach cancer. His daughter Amanda (Amy) came to Maryland to care for him while he was undergoing chemo and radiation treatments. Amy said in a Facebook post on September 3 that Rick "fought with everything he had and with such grace. Knowing all the pain he was in, he still never complained or let this wretched disease get him down, he just kept pushing through." By August 15, Rick was in kidney failure and his cancer had spread. Amy returned to care for Rick until the end.

He's survived by his wife Joann (Taylor) Butler; his child by a previous marriage, Amanda (Butler) Lambert; son-in-law Richard Lambert; grandchildren, Colin Lambert, Catelyn Lambert and Richard Lambert III; stepdaughter Courtney Johnson; and brothers Bob Butler and Russell Butler. Viewing and service were at Lee Funeral Home in Clinton with burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

Remembering the Queen

In 1953, I lived in Mill Valley, Calif. My next door neighbor, whose name I have sadly forgotten, was a British war bride from London. On June 2, she invited me over to watch—on her brand new television—the

coronation of Queen Elizabeth. I was thrilled to see such a momentous event; and the new Queen was so beautiful. But my British friend cried all through the ceremony. She wanted to be home.

Town of Morningside

If the Morningside Yard Sale at the Firehouse was rained out Sept. 10, the rain-date is Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Firehouse. For information, call 301-736-2301.

The monthly Town Hall Meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 20, at 7:30. All welcome.

Did you know? 80 years ago, July 1942, the first directory of Morningside residents (109 families) was published by the Citizens' Association. But the Town of Morningside was not officially incorporated until March 11, 1949. June Stocklinski was elected the first mayor.

Neighbors & other good people

I was pleased to hear from Joni (Broomfield) Boone who grew up in Morningside. She has lived in Charles County since 1990 and has been married for 44 years to James Boone. She retired from the Federal Government in 2018 after 41+ years and now is enjoying her four grandchildren and 8-month-old great-grandson. In her report, she commented, "I so appreciated growing up in Morningside."

Frances Tiafoe, the tennis ace, now in the semi-finals, is a Prince Georgian, from Hyattsville.

George Edward Proctor, Jr., 70, of North Carolina and formerly of Ft. Washington, died Aug. 20 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro, N.C. He was the third of the twelve children of George and Mary Lucille Proctor. He graduated from the Maryland Drafting Institute. He leaves a large extended family, many of whom were at St. John's in Clinton for the funeral and burial on Sept. 9.

Changing landscape

The Hooper Island Lighthouse, in the Chesapeake Bay, is up for sale. At only \$15,000! However, a buyer would have to spend a lot to fix it up and, besides, it's in a Navy-controlled "danger area." Sad to say, there are no ghosts attached to it, according to Henry Gonzalez, vice president of the U.S. Lighthouse Society. At least, none he knows of.

The official portraits of former president Barack Obama and his wife first lady Michelle Obama were unveiled during ceremonies at the White House Sept. 7. You'll be able to see them the next time you visit the White House. These portraits are different from the Obama portraits commissioned by the National Portrait Gallery, which are currently in Boston.

Places to go and things to do

This year marks the Centennial Anniversary of the Robert Crain Highway Monument, erected in Upper Marlboro in September 1922. You are invited to attend the celebration and re-creation of an original photograph on Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. at the monument, Main Street and Old Crain Highway, in Upper Marlboro. Dignitaries from Baltimore City and the five original counties will participate. For more information, visit www.uppermarlboromd.gov or call the town offices, 301-627-6905.

The Washington International Horse Show is coming up Oct. 24–30 at The Show Place Arena, Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro. They're seeking volunteers. Go to www.wihs.org.

The following two exhibits/experiences have been highly recommended by Joni Boone:

Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience. Have you ever dreamt of stepping into a painting? Now you can

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Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

POP-UP FLEA MARKET

Clinton United Methodist Church Pop-Up FLEA MARKET will be held Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Address is 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland. Food, Apparel, Jewelry, Toys, Household Goods, Beauty, Health, and aromatics, etc. will be sold. Proceeds benefit women and children through mission programs sponsored by Clinton United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women (UMW)). Please call 301-868-1281 to rent a table and for more details. Table space is \$30.00.

Come and help support local vendors at our Pop-Up-Flea Market. Let us put dollars back into our community by supporting local vendors and help the Clinton United Women in Faith (CUWF) with their mission of providing for women and children in need.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Bowie State University is a public historically Black university in Prince George's County, Maryland, north of Bowie. It is part of the University System of Maryland. Founded in 1865, Bowie State is Maryland's oldest historically Black university and one of the ten oldest in the country. Bowie State is a member-school of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Information from Wikipedia.

TRIBUTE TO CARE GIVERS

Patience, understanding, and compassion are part of the Care Givers' spirit. Providing needs to their patients to ensure a better quality of life. Partnership between those in need. We recognize them for all the passion of assisting and the work that they do. Each day rising to deliver some kindness to restore hope renewed.

Some of the commitments include ensuring people who are sick, injured, disabled or fragile linking bond of individual trust assisting patients with transportation, doctor appointments, administering medication and personal cleanliness.

We salute ourselves. We applaud for your efforts; cherish our care givers as angels for your individual essences and contribution to mankind. Grateful for your tenacity and loving sacrifices to give peace of mind. Written and submitted by Poet Joan Hayes who is my incredibly good friend and sister.

THE JOY OF INFANTS

Infants have natural radiance, warm sunshine, and smiles. Capacity for promise. A natural ability for simple joy. Lack of knowledge precludes them. They are naturally unaware of everyday anguish and pain. They give us a moment to dream forgetting our normal pursuits and daily strategies.

The majority of adults are naturally drawn to them without reservation or fear. Their twinkle of laughter is like

sparkling specks on warm ocean waves. Their innocence can delight us with their natural questioning gaze.

Infants touch all of mankind by giving a constant feeling of joy and love. They allow us to daydream and reflect on our own lives by momentarily giving us a pleasant thought within our own time. Written and submitted to me by Poet Joan Hayes who is my incredibly good friend and sister.

FOOD SERVICE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

One of the major facilities in the new schools constructed after World War II was that of the cafeteria. In most schools, the "brown bag" or "lunch pail" was used by the children and faculty members for food-lunch purposes. Occasionally, schools held "soup-set" sales, and this was a real treat.

When officials accepted the provision that correct food habits and diet were essential to healthy growth and better attendance and better subject-matter learning, cafeteria were included in the school plans.

Although incapacitated, Miss Flora Schroyer was able to furnish the following information: "The lunch programs have grown in number from 69 operations in '53-'54 to 208 regular and 29 satellited in 1973. The number of lunches served moved from three-and one half million in 1958 to over ten million in 1972. For the same years, the income rocketed from one million to nine million dollars. The school year '53-'54 had 192 employees and a minimum wage of 75 cents per hour. The year 1972 the number soared to 1,035 and the minimum wage was \$2.05 per hour.

In 1969 centralization was implemented. Prior to that time all monthly reports were audited in the school lunch office. As the system grew, it was necessary to go into bid buying and the use of cycle menus".

After serving two decades in Prince George's County, Miss Schroyer retired from the Maryland State Department of Education in 1980. Information from Prince George's Retired Teachers Association.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

National Hispanic Heritage Month 2022 in United States will begin on Thursday, September 15 and ends on Saturday, October 15, 2022. National Hispanic Heritage Month is annually celebrated from September 15 to October 15 in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Information from Wikipedia.

NOTTINGHAM MYERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please mark on your calendars that on Sunday, September 25, 2022, Worship Service will be held at 10 a.m.

Around the County

Marietta House Museum Presents a Virtual Program: "The Underground Railroad Journey: An Introspective Walk in Their Shoes"

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 6:30–8 p.m., Marietta House Museum will present a virtual program, "The Underground Railroad Journey: An Introspective Walk in Their Shoes" with storyteller/historian Dionne Patterson.

Ms. Patterson will share historical accounts of the once secret network called The Underground Railroad and will highlight stories from 'conductors', 'agents', and men, women and children who took risks and put their trust in the Underground Railroad to travel northward. Ms. Patterson will describe the vital links they endured on the journey to freedom.

Dionne Patterson is an historian and the CEO of UGR3DAY Underground Railroad Experiences Inc. She is an acclaimed storyteller who specializes in stories from the Underground Railroad. In addition, Dionne is a nationally certified cultural interpretive guide and a certified genealogist.

As a recipient of the Harriet Tubman Service Award, Ms. Patterson brings her passion for authentic and holistic storytelling to each program.

Marietta House Museum is on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Trail. We invite you to join us in discovering these remarkable stories online for this virtual program. A link to attend will be emailed to you upon registration.

This talk is on MS TEAMS. Ages 8 & up. \$5/person, children under 12 are free. Please register by calling 301-464-5291 or email: mariettahouse@pgparks.com.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769 and is a property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

—Stacey Hawkins, Marietta House Museum

Celebrate Africa Festival Returns to Prince George's County

RIVERDALE, Md. (Sept. 8, 2022)—The M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County is pleased to announce its plans for this year's Celebrate Africa festival, happening **September 25, 2022** from 12–6 pm at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. This award-winning festival is a day full of celebratory events and joyous performances honoring the artistic and cultural contributions of the African immigrant community to Prince George's County. Celebrate Africa is free and open to the public.

Darlene Watkins, Chief of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division of Prince George's County shares "This will be our fifth Celebrate Africa festival and—with a lineup featuring African comedians, storytellers, dance fitness, musicians and food vendors—this year's festival may indeed be our best!"

Celebrate Africa Festival 2022's lineup includes:

- Meditating to the spellbinding vibes of Kora music—known as west Africa's classical music—with master musician and jeli/griot **Amadou Kouyate**
- Kenyan comedienne, actor, storyteller, and vocalist **Anna Mwhalago**'s hilarious sense of humor will have you laughing out loud as she shares stories about African immigrant experiences in the United States
- Nigerian-Canadian Singer/Songwriter **TolumiDE** will charm and delight all with her "Suya Soul" style (a unique fusion of contemporary R&B with African pop)
- **Chooteeth**'s sounds will connect the common groove between the funkier, most hip-shakin' West African and American popular music on the planet
- This year's fashion show—Red Carpet Africa—will have you swooning over Ghanaian-born designer **Afua Sam**'s African-influenced fashion designs—spotted at red-carpet events all over the world
- **Performing Arts Center for African Cultures** will show you the latest dance moves from across the African continent
- Listen to the music of the royal courts of 13th century Manding West Africa with **The Usuf Gueye Trio**

Other festival highlights include Storytelling on the River, where you'll have a chance to lose yourself in centuries-old folk tales and fables while cruising the Anacostia, as well as shopping in the marketplace for authentic arts and crafts from all over the continent.

Along the way, refuel and feast on delightful African culinary creations from a variety of on-site food vendors, including Hunger Tamer (featuring West African cuisine) and more vendors to be announced.

For more information, visit <https://www.mncppc.org/3346/Celebrate-Africa>.

Bladensburg Waterfront Park is located at 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710. Patrons traveling by car are strongly encouraged to park at the nearby Colmar Manor Community Park (3200 37th Avenue, Colmar, MD) and ride the shuttle to the festival.

—Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation

Prince George's County Planning Board Schedules Annual Budget Forums

2022 Budget Forums to be Held Virtually

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (Sept. 8, 2022)—The Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) announces it will hold its 2022 Budget Forums virtually this fall, to solicit comments on the Commission's budget for planning, parks, and recreation in Prince George's County for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2023.

The virtual public forums will be held from 7–9 p.m. on:

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 and Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Public participation is encouraged either through a phone bridge or by using GoTo Meeting (online video meeting software). The forums can be viewed live through the Planning Board's streaming service <http://mncppc.iqm2.com> and a video recording will be available for review after the hearing. Individuals or representatives of community organizations who wish to speak at this year's Budget Forum must register online, by Noon, the Monday before the forum. To register, visit www.pgplanningboard.org, select "Testify at a Hearing," select "Budget Forums," select a meeting date, complete the form in its entirety, and submit. Following the registration submission, an email will be sent with the GoTo Meeting information by 3:00 p.m. the Monday before the forum, including the phone number and a web address to connect to the meeting. To submit documentation as a part of the forum, email information to PublicAffairs@ppd.mncppc.org.

Written comments will also be accepted until close of business, Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Comments may be addressed to Peter A. Shapiro, Chair, Prince George's County Planning Board, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Comments may also be faxed to Chair Shapiro at 301-952-5074 or transmitted via email to PublicAffairs@ppd.mncppc.org.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission encourages the participation of persons with disabilities in all its programs and services. For special assistance (i.e. large print materials, assistive listening devices, sign language interpretation, etc.) call the Public Affairs Office at 301-952-3038.

COMMUNITY

Students Can “Totally Rule at School” With Library Resources

By SILVANA QUIROZ
PGCMLS

LARGO, Md. (Sept. 6, 2022)—As the new school year begins, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) welcomes students and families to take advantage of its programs and services to empower and support education. Aligned with the Library's mission to build relationships that support discovery by providing equal access to opportunities and experiences, PGCMLS is an essential resource for parents, students, and teachers.

Live tutoring, skill-building, writing and language labs, tutorials, research platforms, practice tests, and more are offered in the Homework Support Suite. Educators may visit the Teacher Resources guide to request a demonstration of online resources. Young children develop their early literacy skills with ABCmouse, Playaway Launchpads, and their very own new free book monthly as registrants in our Books from Birth program. LinkedIn Learning, Great Courses, Kanopy, and Mango Languages are also available to augment the teen and adult learning experience.

Homework Support Suite

Access live tutors with Brainfuse HelpNow in English or Spanish free

with your LINK or PGCMLS library card. HelpNow also has SkillSurfer for developing core skills in key subject areas and writing and language labs. PebbleGo for students in Grades K-3 provides built-in reading and research tools. EBSCO's LearningExpress Library School Center offers elementary, middle, and high school students cross-curricular skill building activities. Students may also prepare for standardized tests (PSAT/NMSQT®, ACT®, SAT®, AP®, and ASVAB) and get assistance writing college admissions essays. A Spanish module is available as well.

ABC-CLIO and Gale in Context: Biography provide the reference information for students completing projects, reports, and other assignments. Students may search ABC-CLIO databases (The African American Experience, American History, The American Indian Experience, Daily Life through History, Issues: Controversy and Society, The Latino American Experience, and more) and visit the ABC-CLIO ebook collection. Search for biographies with related full-text articles from books, interviews, magazines, and newspapers with Gale in Context: Biography. The Literacy Reference Center (EBSCO) provides information on thousands of authors and their works across literary disciplines and timeframes. Science Reference Center (EBSCO) provides full text sci-

ence encyclopedias, reference books, and periodicals to explore biology, chemistry, environmental science, health and medicine, life science, physics, wildlife, and more.

Educator Resources

Let the Library assist your students by submitting Assignment Alerts, a digital form that teachers can fill out that will allow PGCMLS staff to gather age-appropriate library resources for students to use in the library, at school, and from home related to the assignment. Demonstrations of ebooks/audiobooks, tutoring, test prep, study tools, and language, and technology courses are available for your class, school, parent-teacher meetings, and workshops. Presentations include career day talks, storytimes, booktalks, and family or back-to-school night events. Visit <https://www.pgcls.info/2120> for answers to your most frequently asked questions about Library resources.

Early Literacy Resources

With more than 10,000 learning activities such as puzzles, educational games, arts and crafts, songs, and books, ABCmouse engages children ages 2-8 in early literacy activities across all major subject areas. Playaway Launchpads offer pre-loaded apps on specific themes: Beep Beep Vroom Vroom,



Build It Fix It, Hello! Bonjour!, Imagination Way, Peek-a-Zoo, Si! Yes, Si!, Transport Station, and more for ages 3-5.

Lifelong Learning

With LinkedIn Learning, more than 16,000 courses in seven different languages, covering a multitude of subjects are at your fingertips. Learn animation, business, design, marketing, programming languages, and more! The most popular courses (250 plus), taught by

the world's top professors are available on demand in The Great Courses Library Collection (Libby). Kanopy offers 26,000 movies, documentaries, and indie and foreign films from over hundreds of producers for your streaming pleasure. Mango offers award-winning courses in more than 70 languages including English as a second language.

Visit Totally Rule at School to find more information: <https://www.pgcls.info/school>.

Gilbane Development Company's "TEMPO" Student Apartment Community Opens to Residents

By PRESS OFFICER
Gilbane Development Company

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (Sept. 6, 2022)—Gilbane Development Company's "TEMPO" student apartments, a brand-new, fully furnished community designed for University of Maryland students, recently completed on-time delivery, opening doors to residents on August 19.

The 8-story student-focused community includes 296 units / 978 beds and 300 indoor parking spaces. The fully furnished studio, one-, two-, three-, four-, and five-bedroom apartments feature private ensuite bathrooms for each bedroom, fully equipped kitchens with stainless steel appliances, in-unit washer/dryers, simulated wood flooring, and flat screen TVs.

Residents of TEMPO will enjoy a best-in-class amenity package including a pool, 3 outdoor courtyards, a rooftop oasis with firepit and TVs, fitness center, podcast and video studio, yoga studio, multisport simulator, makerspace with 3D printer, game

lounge with pool tables, study lounge, coffee bar, bike storage, and covered parking. TEMPO is a pet-friendly community and offers residents a free shuttle to the University of Maryland campus.

"We are thrilled to welcome University of Maryland students to our TEMPO community," noted Gilbane Development Company development director Christian Cerria. "The outstanding, walkable location combined with unrivaled amenities and unit design provides UMD students with a truly superior community in which to live, learn, and thrive."

TEMPO opened to positive reviews from residents. "Bright rooms, great amenities, comfortable furniture, luxurious living," noted Gabi Gonzalez, a TEMPO resident. "Not much more I could ask for in a college apartment, staff was great and very helpful with moving in. Also, I love all the amazing spaces for hanging out and getting work done. I'm so glad I chose TEMPO!"

TEMPO is professionally managed by Asset Living, with a robust community life pro-

gram, roommate matching services, and individual, by-the-bed leases. For leasing information, contact the Tempo team at 240-582-6055 or at <https://tempo.collegepark.com>.

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Petty Officer 3rd Class Aminata Jah, a native of Lanham, serves as a logistics specialist.

Lanham Native Supports U.S. Navy Hawkeye Aircraft

By ALVIN PLEXICO
Navy Office of Community Outreach

NORFOLK, Va. (Aug. 31, 2022)—Petty Officer 3rd Class Aminata Jah, a native of Lanham, Maryland, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to Airborne Command and Control Squadron 120 supporting the E-2D carrier airborne early warning aircraft, known as the Hawkeye.

Jah joined the Navy three years ago. Today, Jah serves as a logistics specialist.

"I joined the Navy to do something greater than myself," said Jah.

Jah attended DuVal High School and graduated in 2014.

"I'm grateful to my mother, Ellia Kamara, for believing in me and helping me through the difficulties of life," said Jah.

Today, Jah relies upon skills and values similar to those found in Lanham to succeed in the military.

"Coming out of Lanham, I learned that people need to be kind to others," said Jah. "You should respect everyone regardless of their background or where they're from."

These lessons have helped Jah while serving with the Navy.

The E-2D Advanced Hawkeye recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of its first flight, which occurred August 3, 2007. Known as the Navy's "digital quarterback," the Hawkeye gives the warfighter expanded battlespace awareness. The Hawkeye's command and control capability makes it a multi-mission platform through its ability to coordinate concurrent missions such as airborne strike, land force support, rescue operations and

support for drug interdiction operations. The Hawkeye is one of the aircraft launched from an aircraft carrier.

Navy aircraft carriers are designed for a 50-year service life. When the air wing is embarked, the ship carries more than 70 attack fighter jets, helicopters and other aircraft, all of which take off from and land aboard the carrier at sea. With more than 5,000 sailors serving aboard, the aircraft carrier is a self-contained mobile airport.

Aircraft carriers are often the first response to a global crisis because of their ability to operate freely in international waters anywhere on the world's oceans.

Since USS Langley's commissioning 100 years ago, the nation's aircraft carriers and embarked carrier air wings have projected power, sustained sea control, bolstered deterrence, provided humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and maintained enduring commitments worldwide.

"The aircraft carrier is our U.S. Navy's centerpiece, our flagship, and a constant reminder to the rest of the world of our enduring maritime presence and influence," said Rear Adm. James P. Downey, USN, Program Executive Officer (PEO) Aircraft Carriers. "These ships touch every part of our Navy's mission to project power, ensure sea control, and deter our adversaries."

Serving in the Navy means Jah is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America's focus on strengthening alliances, modernizing capabilities, increasing capacities and maintaining military readiness in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"The Navy is important because we can project power from the sea," said Jah. "By protecting the water, it's harder for someone else to attack us here

at home."

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize the importance of accelerating America's advantage at sea.

"Maintaining the world's best Navy is an investment in the security and prosperity of the United States, as well as the stability of our world," said Adm. Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations. "The U.S. Navy—forward deployed and integrated with all elements of national power—deters conflict, strengthens our alliances and partnerships, and guarantees free and open access to the world's oceans. As the United States responds to the security environment through integrated deterrence, our Navy must continue to deploy forward and campaign with a ready, capable, combat-credible fleet."

Jah and the sailors they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

"I'm most proud of earning my citizenship in 2021," said Jah. "I immigrated from Sierra-Leone in 2009. When I joined the Navy, there were a lot of challenges doing my job. Now that I'm a citizen, I can do my job much better. I'm also thankful that I met my husband in church last year."

As Jah and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"For someone from a foreign country, serving in the Navy is a special privilege," added Jah. "Military service is a great opportunity to experience different cultures, learn something different and travel the world."

COMMENTARY

Marian Wright Edelman

Founder and President Emerita,
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ChildWatch:

“A Place for Everyone”

“As Barack said, if the two of us can end up on the walls of the most famous address in the world, then, again, it is so important for every young kid who is doubting themselves to believe that they can, too.”

On September 7, former President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama visited the White House for the unveiling of their official White House portraits. The two extraordinary paintings, by Robert McCurdy and Sharon Sprung, have now taken their place in the historic gallery of former Presidents and First Ladies displayed on the White House walls. The traditional portrait installation ceremony was ignored and delayed during the last administration, but this week, with

President Biden, First Lady Biden, Vice President Harris, and Second Gentleman Emhoff all in attendance, once again the Obamas made spectacular and moving history.

Both President Obama and First Lady Obama acknowledged the meaning of the moment as they spoke, and Mrs. Obama expressed the special hope that these portraits will help set a new standard of representation for our nation's children. She said: “A girl like me, she was never supposed to be up there next to Jacqueline Kennedy and Dolley Madison. She was never supposed to live in this house, and she definitely wasn't supposed to serve as First Lady. But I've always wondered: Where does that 'supposed to' come from? Who determines it? And

too often in this country, people feel like they have to look a certain way or act a certain way to fit in, that they have to make a lot of money or come from a certain group or class or faith in order to matter. But what we're looking at today—a portrait of a biracial kid with an unusual name and the daughter of a water pump operator and a stay-at-home mom—what we are seeing is a reminder that there's a place for everyone in this country.”

Mrs. Obama added: “That is what this country is about. It's not about blood or pedigree or wealth. It's a place where everyone should have a fair shot, whether you're a kid taking two buses and a train just to get to school; or a single mother who is working two jobs to put some food on the table; or an immigrant just arriving, getting your first apartment, forging a future for yourself in a place you dreamed of. That's why, for me, this day isn't about me or Barack. It's not even about these beautiful paintings. It's about telling that fuller story—a story that includes every single American in every single corner of this country so that our kids and grandkids can see something more for themselves.”

Telling that fuller story has always been necessary to make the American dream real for everyone. The Obamas remain a beautiful, transformative example of what American leadership and American leaders can look like. Now these new

portraits will serve as a reminder to generations of visitors to the White House, our Presidency's seat of power, that we are a nation with a place for everyone.

For many people Mrs. Obama's remarks about their White House portraits brought to mind the similar impact of the Obamas' earlier portraits for the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery collection, especially the much-publicized photograph of two-year-old Parker Curry, a beautiful Black girl, craning her neck and staring at Amy Sberald's life-size portrait of Mrs. Obama in awe. Parker and her mother Jessica have since written a series of children's books, including the New York Times bestselling picture book that recreates that day at the museum: Parker Looks Up: An Extraordinary Moment. The book captures the moment when Parker whispered that she could see a queen—“unable to look away, to move, to breathe.” It also noted the queen in the painting had “rich brown skin, just like Parker, and kind, familiar eyes that reminded Parker of . . . her mother, her grandmother, her sister, and yes—even of herself.” All children deserve that moment of seeing themselves in books, art, and in the halls of power and knowing they are part of a community and country where everyone is represented, everyone belongs, and any future is possible for every child.

—September 9, 2022

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

Trailblazing News Anchor Bernard Shaw Inspired a Generation of Black Journalists

“The qualities that made him our anchor—our rock: a manner and a voice that makes every word believable; the coolest demeanor in the hottest situations; the cut-to-the-quick interviewing style; and, at his core, a powerful combination of journalistic integrity and pure instinct.”

—Judy Woodruff

Representation in media matters. It can shape not only how people perceive one another, but how people perceive themselves.

That's why the remarkable career of television journalist Bernard Shaw, who passed away this week at the age of 82, was so significant. When the brand-new 24-hour cable news network CNN launched in June of 1980, America saw a Black

man in the prime-time anchor chair. He was only the second Black anchor of a network evening news program; Max Robinson had been named co-anchor of ABC News's World News Tonight in 1978 just two years earlier.

While Shaw's award-winning career may have inspired an entire generation of young Black journalists, Shaw himself had no role models of color. But he knew what he wanted to be from the time he was a teenager growing up in Chicago. CBS News correspondent Edward R. Murrow “was my idol,” Shaw said. “He was the kind of journalist, the kind of interviewer, the kind of anchorman I wanted to be.”

In 1961, when Walter Cronkite, also of CBS, arrived to report a story on Oahu where Shaw

was stationed as a Marine, Shaw seized his chance.

“I called the hotel 34 times and left 34 messages,” Shaw said. He waited two hours for Cronkite in the hotel's lobby.

“He was the most persistent guy I've ever met in my life,” Cronkite said. “I was going to give him five begrudging minutes and ended up talking to him for a half hour. He was just determined to be a journalist.”

Shaw downplayed the role of race in his career but said, “There were times when my color did play a role in perceptions, or people's reactions to me.” He recalled a moment as a pool reporter covering a reception for President Lyndon Johnson “sumptuous ballroom” at the Plaza Hotel in New York. Among the guests were National Urban League President Whitney M. Young. “It was clear that this night had a very strong civil rights theme.” Just before making his entrance, President Johnson reached out to Shaw and touched him on the head and said, “It's good to see you.”

“I know, as a human being, that he did that—one, because I was Black, and because of the emphasis that night,” Shaw said. “Just a small thing.”

His status as the only Black reporter in the room took a colder turn when President Richard Nixon unexpectedly announced his nomination of Clement Haynsworth, who had previously ruled to uphold racial segregation, to the Supreme Court.

“As the President was praising his nominee, professionally, my right hand was copying down every word. But my mind was thinking, ‘Clement

Haynsworth? Supreme Court justice?’” And though Shaw was standing just a few feet away, “The President never once looked at me. I know what was in the President's mind—I could not prove it—but I knew it, instinctively.”

In addition to breaking racial barriers, Shaw played a key role in the transformation of CNN into a media powerhouse during the 1991 Gulf War. His riveting reporting from under a desk at the Al-Rashid Hotel in Baghdad, as cruise missiles flew past his window, defined both the coverage of the war, and Shaw's personal courage and skill as a journalist.

It was Shaw who alerted CNN's headquarters when the first bombs fell on Baghdad.

“He had the microphone first, the instinct to broadcast, to be there,” fellow CNN correspondent Peter Arnett said. “He didn't hesitate. He scooped the world.”

Like his idols Murrow and Cronkite, Shaw brought some of the most consequential moments in history into America's living rooms—the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan in 1981, the 1989 demonstrations in China's Tiananmen Square, the 1995 terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City. But when he retired in 2001, he expressed regret.

“Looking back over my career when I think about all the things that I did, but all the things that I missed within my family because I was out doing—I don't think it was worth it,” he said. His advice to the next generation was, “Pursue your dreams, but know that it will cost you.”

—September 9, 2022

Former Hogan Campaign Donors Gave Nearly Four Times as Much to Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate as Republican Nominee

By EMMETT GARTNER
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS—Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, R, has distanced himself from Republican gubernatorial nominee Dan Cox since Maryland's primary elections in July. Now, so are some of Hogan's former campaign donors.

Democratic nominee Wes Moore has received nearly four times as much in donations from Hogan's former financial supporters as has Cox, according to data analysis by Capital News Service.

Between July 19 and August 23, following the primary elections and until the most recent campaign reporting period, former Hogan donors gave Moore's campaign \$117,861. During that same span, the governor's former donors sent a mere \$29,727 to Cox.

Cox raised a total of \$195,000 and Moore raised nearly \$1.9 million in the last reporting period, according to the Maryland State Board of Elections campaign finance report.

Included on Moore's list of former Hogan donors is a political action committee for the Maryland Asphalt Association, which donated \$5,000, and two energy utilities, Baltimore Gas

and Electric, whose political action committee donated \$1,000, and Benfield Electric Co, which donated \$2,000.

Donations range from the maximum allowable amount per individual, \$6,000, to \$10. Donors included real estate firms, plumbing contractors, health care workers, lawyers and individuals.

Most of the Hogan-to-Moore donors that Capital News Service contacted declined to comment on their campaign contributions. Some were lobbyists who cited narrow political lines they did not want to cross, and others were business owners that wanted to keep their political connections private, despite the public availability of campaign donation data.

Gerard Evans, owner at Evans and Associates, a Maryland political lobbying firm based in Annapolis, was willing to speak about his donations. Evans is also an adjunct professor of public policy at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Evans described his donation to Moore as a way to navigate the changing political tides.

“We represent our clients,” Evans said, “and it is clear that Wes Moore is a winner. Based on my 47 years of experience in politics, Cox has zero chance of becoming governor of Maryland.”

Annapolis resident Paul Bollinger is another former Hogan donor who this year gave money to Moore. Bollinger said he contributes to campaigns as a private citizen because he believes his donation is one way to participate in the political process.

“I'm a big believer of putting skin in the game,” Bollinger said. “It's really easy to sit on the sideline and complain. I've been a contributor to Republicans and Democrats for many many decades.”

Bollinger, a former registered Republican, is now unaffiliated in Maryland. He sent \$300 to Hogan's 2018 reelection campaign. He donated \$125 to the Moore campaign in August.

When considering who to support in November's gubernatorial election, Bollinger said he was looking for a candidate that best reflected his concerns. He works for a small Annapolis-based non-profit that assists people with disabilities. He said he wants a candidate who supports health care policies for his clientele.

To Bollinger, that left only one option after the primaries: Wes Moore.

“Moore is looking to represent everybody in the state, not just a select group,” he said. “I'm strongly in favor of that.”

Despite his old affiliation, he

did not consider supporting Cox.

“Some of his core ideas and beliefs are not positive for Maryland,” he said. “He may be a nice guy, I don't know, but the positions he has on issues are not in line with mine.”

Nina Kasniunas, chair of the political science department at Goucher College, explained in an interview with Capital News Service why she believes some former Hogan donors are supporting Moore instead of Cox.

Kasniunas said a large number of Marylanders are fairly moderate in their ideologies, as demonstrated by the many Maryland Democrats who supported Hogan.

“When you have a candidate like Dan Cox who is part of the wing of the party that is in support of Donald Trump, what you're seeing with the giving of Republicans to Wes Moore is a denunciation of that and what that stands for,” Kasniunas said.

Increasingly, Maryland Republicans have been distancing themselves or declining to offer full-throated support for Cox. In the most recent example, the Maryland Senate Republican Caucus Committee avoided endorsing Cox on Tuesday in a virtual press conference.

When asked if the committee was endorsing Cox for governor, Senate Minority Leader Bryan Si-

monaire, R-Anne Arundel, sidestepped the question by responding that his committee was not endorsing any statewide candidates.

“We're solely focused on the Senate races,” Simonaire said.

In another showing of a Republican fissure, Barry Glassman, the Republican comptroller can-

didate and currently the county executive for Harford County, donated \$500 to Moore.

Glassman, who has contributed \$4,250 to Hogan, is endorsed by Hogan.

Capital News Service reporter Stephen Neukam contributed to this story.

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

About the “Restricted Application for Spousal Benefits Only”

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
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the non-profit arm of the **Association of Mature American Citizens**

Dear Rusty: You wrote an article about a man who was collecting spouse benefits but was applying for his own benefit at age 70, under an old law. What are the circumstances surrounding that gentleman's ability to collect spousal benefits? Why was he eligible? And was he working clear up into the age of 70 before applying for his own Social Security? *Signed: An Inquiring Mind*

Dear Inquiring Mind: The “old law,” under which the gentleman in the article was collecting only a spousal benefit from his wife, is no longer available to anyone born after January 1, 1954, which means it is largely unavailable to those applying for Social Security today. Here's how the “old law” worked:

It was once possible for someone who reached their full retirement age (FRA) of 66, who had not yet applied for their own Social Security, and whose spouse was already collecting SS retirement benefits, to file a “restricted application” to collect only spousal benefits. This enabled a higher earning spouse to claim a spouse benefit (only) without claiming their own SS retirement benefit, thus allowing the latter to continue to grow in value. That resulted in the higher earning spouse collecting half of their spouse's FRA benefit, at the same time maximizing their personal benefit to be claimed at a later age (usually at age 70).

Such was the case for the gentleman in the article you refer to—his wife had claimed her own SS retirement benefit earlier, and the husband had filed a restricted application for spouse benefits only. The husband collected a spouse benefit from his wife while his own SS retirement benefit continued to grow. Now, as he was turning 70, he was ready to switch to his maximized personal SS retirement benefit. His work status was insignificant because he had already reached his full retirement age when he filed the restricted application, but by delaying the claim for his own SS benefit he earned Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). The DRCs made his personal age 70 benefit 32% higher than his benefit would have been had he claimed it at age 66.

This strategy wasn't documented as a specific option under old Social Security law; rather it was a “loophole” which many took advantage of because Social Security law at the time didn't prevent it. In other words, Social Security law, as written years ago, allowed anyone who had reached their full retirement age to file a restricted application for spouse benefits without filing for their own benefit. That (along with another option known as “file and suspend”) was considered a loophole and was eliminated by the “deemed filing” provision of the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) of 2015. The BBA stipulated that those who turned 62 after 2015 (those born after January 1, 1954) would, whenever they filed for benefits, be automatically deemed to be filing for all Social Security retirement and spousal benefits available to them at the time. And that essentially eliminated the “restricted application for spouse benefits only” option for anyone born after January 1, 1954. The gentleman in the article was born in 1952, thus eligible to take advantage of the loophole. Today, only those born before January 2, 1954, who are not yet collecting Social Security but have a spouse who is, are eligible.

The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac.us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country. And the AMAC Foundation (www.AmacFoundation.org) is the Association's non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting and educating America's Seniors. Together, we act and speak on the Association members' behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at www.amac.us/join-amac.

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SBA Washington Metropolitan Area District Office Seeks Nominations for 2023 National Small Business Week Awards

By JACK SPIRAKES, MPA
U.S. Small Business Administration

WASHINGTON (Sept. 6, 2022)—The Washington Metropolitan Area District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is pleased to accept nominations for the 2023 National Small Business Week (NSBW) awards program, part of NSBW activities to be held April 30 through May 6.

Visit the SBA's dedicated website at <https://www.sba.gov/nsbw> to download forms, criteria, and guidelines for submitting a nomination package. National Small Business Week awards issued by the Washington Metropolitan Area District Office include the following categories:

- **Small Business Person of the Year—Washington, DC** (one local winner who goes on to compete with all state winners for the national award)
- **Small Business Person of the Year—Suburban Maryland** (one local winner who goes on to compete at the Maryland state level for national award consideration)
- **Small Business Person of the Year—Northern Virginia** (one local winner who goes on to compete at the Virginia

state level for national award consideration)

- **8(a) Graduate of the Year** (one local winner who goes on to compete at the Mid-Atlantic regional level for national award consideration)
- **Small Business Exporter of the Year** (one local winner who goes on to compete at the Mid-Atlantic regional level for national award consideration)
- **Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Excellence and Innovation Center Award** (one organizational winner that goes on to compete at the Mid-Atlantic regional level for national award consideration)
- **Women's Business Center (WBC) of the Year** (one organizational winner that goes on to compete at the Mid-Atlantic regional level for national award consideration)

All nominations for the above award categories must be submitted online via Box Platform through the SBA's Washington Metropolitan Area District Office portal by 3 p.m. (ET) December 8, 2022. Setting up a box.com account is not necessary to use the platform.

“I look forward to another round of impressive nominations from among the re-

gion's most outstanding entrepreneurs and business development organizations that support them,” said Larry G. Webb, District Director of the Washington Metropolitan Area District Office.

As one of 68 SBA district offices located throughout the nation and U.S. territories, the Washington Metropolitan Area District Office serves the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland (Montgomery and Prince George's Counties) and Northern Virginia (Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun Counties; and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church).

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow, expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

Governor Hogan Announces Maryland Reaches Milestone of 12,000 Registered Apprentices

Highest Participation Ever in State History; Apprenticeships Provide Expanded Opportunities for Maryland Workers and Employers

By MICHAEL RICCI
Executive Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Sept. 6, 2022)—Governor Larry Hogan today announced that the State of Maryland has reached more than 12,000 registered apprentices currently earning and learning in the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program—the highest number of apprentices ever in state history.

“Maryland is recognized as a national leader in workforce development, job training, and registered apprenticeships,” said Governor Hogan. “We have grown and diversified apprenticeships more than any other administration in state history, and we have the tools and the talent to continue building a steady pipeline of well-trained skilled workers for the jobs of the future.”

As of today, there are over 12,000 apprentices registered across Maryland's 182 active apprenticeship programs partnering with 3,879 employers.

“Since day one, Governor Hogan has been focused on utilizing common sense solutions to grow and expand economic opportunity for all Marylanders,” said Secretary Tiffany P. Robinson of the Maryland Department of Labor. “His steadfast support for Registered Apprenticeship has allowed MD Labor to not only grow the number of apprentices in our state to this historic level, but also to grow and diversify the industries and occupations that are served by our successful apprenticeship system.”

Over the past nearly eight years, the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program:

- Created a total of 127 new Registered Apprenticeship programs and attracted more apprentices to enroll in these programs than ever before;
- Introduced Registered Apprenticeships to new industries such as automotive, cybersecurity, healthcare, IT, and manufacturing, while also adding apprenticeship opportunities for 89 occupations not previously available through the apprenticeship model in the state;
- Achieved significant milestones for Registered Apprenticeships both in the state and country, further cementing Maryland as a national leader;
- Created a highly successful youth apprenticeship initiative that serves as a direct on-ramp for high school students to enter into apprenticeship opportunities; and
- Expanded capacity and developed highly innovative practices to ensure the continued growth of this critical program in the future.

Apprenticeships are full-time jobs that include on-the-job training and classroom instruction, allowing apprentices to earn while they learn. Anyone 18 years of age or older can be a registered apprentice. Businesses and job seekers interested in apprenticeships are invited to contact info@mdapprenticeship.com or call 410-767-2246.

Workforce development has been a top

priority throughout the Hogan administration, including:

- The P-TECH education model, which gives young Marylanders the opportunity to earn a no-cost, two-year associate degree simultaneously with their high school diploma, while also getting the benefit of mentors and paid summer internships;
- Eliminating the four-year degree requirement for thousands of state jobs, a first-in-the-nation workforce initiative to promote opportunities for individuals who have a high school diploma or equivalent, and have developed their skills through alternate routes such as community college, apprenticeships, military service, boot camps, and most commonly, on the job;
- More than doubling funding for EARN Maryland, the state's nationally-recognized program that connects partners with industry stakeholders. A recent study on the return on investment for the EARN program revealed that for every \$1 of state funding invested, an additional \$17.32 in economic impact is created; and
- Securing a \$23 million Good Jobs Challenge grant to implement a new apprenticeship model to support the region's growing offshore wind industry. Maryland's project was one of 32 chosen nationwide out of more than 500 applicants.

Onelife Fitness Invests in the Economic Development of Clinton, Maryland Expands Locations With a 52,000-Square-Foot Sports Club

Scheduled to open in the summer of 2023

By PRESS OFFICER
US Fitness Holdings, LLC

MCLEAN, Va. (Sept. 6, 2022)—US Fitness Holdings, LLC announced today that it is investing in the economic redevelopment of Clinton, Maryland with the opening of its 52nd facility. Located in the Landing at Woodyard shopping center, Onelife Fitness will redevelop and occupy the former Toys “R” Us at 8401 Mike Shapiro Drive. The sports club is anticipated to open after a multi-million-dollar renovation in the summer of 2023. Onelife Fitness will join Aldi, Burlington, and Ross and will be the fitness destination and community hub serving residents in and around Clinton.

“We are proud to drive economic development and investment in the town of Clinton, Maryland,” said Ori Gorfine, President & COO of US Fitness. “Onelife provides communities with the best amenities and proven solutions to live a healthier and happier life at an affordable price. Now more than ever we need to prioritize our physical and mental well-being. Onelife Fitness invigorates communities with resources, services, jobs, and our ongoing investment in the regions where we are established. As the largest health and

fitness provider in the Washington, DC area, Onelife Fitness is excited to be the premier health and fitness anchor for this incredible community.”

This is the first Onelife Fitness in Prince George's County and the 22nd in the DC area, with the goal to provide Onelife locations across the diverse Washington Metropolitan area. The closest Onelife to the future Clinton gym is located directly across the Potomac, in Alexandria, Virginia.

The new Clinton Onelife Fitness Sports Club will feature luxurious amenities in a modern design its existing members have come to enjoy, including:

- A large indoor saltwater lap pool and whirlpool;
- Over \$1 million in top-of-the-line cardio and strength equipment;
- Three boutique studios featuring Onelife Signature Classes, Body-Pump, Zumba, APEX-HIIT, Spark, and more;
- Mind/Body Studio featuring Barre, Yoga and Pilates classes;
- State-of-the-art stadium-style spin studio with Coach by Color bikes;
- Signature Strike Boxing Studio;
- Olympics lifting platforms

- Large functional athletic turf training areas;
- Kids Club with interactive games, basketball, and theater;
- Recovery Studio with HydroMassage;
- Free surface level parking;
- AirPHX air and equipment sanitation system that cleans 24 hours a day; and
- Luxurious spa-inspired locker rooms, sauna, and more!

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Historic from A1

tion. A train brought members of the association, the Mayor of Baltimore, and hundreds of Baltimoreans onto Upper Marlboro's Main Street for the celebration. Leading figures in the day's ceremony were Albert C. Ritchie, then-governor of MD; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crain, for whom Crain Highway was named; John N. Mackall, of the Maryland State Roads Commission; and the Honorable W. F. Broening, then Mayor of Baltimore.

As part of that regional observance, the five young women who represented each of the five counties also participated in a flag ceremony along with the City of Baltimore. Governor Ritchie assured everyone that the flags would be preserved in City Hall as a constant reminder of the meaning of the ceremony. The celebration was a tribute to the retail merchants from Baltimore and Southern Maryland and the future of increasing trade to help all parties' businesses grow.

Robert Crain Highway was originally a narrow, twisted dirt path passable only by horse-drawn vehicles. This vital link between the two cities was improved with a total of \$1.25 million from the Maryland legislature (which would be \$21-\$22 million in today's dollars) to complete a better road. On Oct. 22, 1927, Robert Crain Highway opened for the first time, thus greatly improving trade between Baltimore and the southern Maryland counties.

"We are excited and proud to bring people together to re-create the photo that was taken 100 years ago," said Hoatson. "We hope everyone who attends will feel a tremendous sense of pride in the role that Upper Marlboro played as a catalyst for transportation and trade in the Southern Maryland region of our state."

For more information, visit the town's website (www.uppermarlboromd.gov) or call the town offices at 301-627-6905.

Morningside from A2

with this exhibition which has been on tour since 2017. It was awarded Best 2021 Immersive Experience by USA Today. Located at Rhode Island Center 524 Rhode Island Ave NE. For information, go to <https://vangoghexpo.com/washington>.

Beyond King Tut is at the National Geographic Museum, 1145 17th Street NW. For information, go to <https://beyondkingtut.com>.

COVID-19 update

According to The Washington Post, the virus is still killing hundreds of people each day nationwide, although infections are down in the D.C.-MD-VA area.

Updated boosters are now available and provide protection against not only the original strain but the omicron BA.4 and BA.5 variants. I'm headed to Walgreens in Suitland for my booster next week. At 93, I don't want to take a chance.

Milestones

Happy Birthday to Lee Burkhart, Sept. 20; Linda Holbart Van Meter, Morningside Clerk/Treasurer Karen Rooker and Teresa Kessler, Sept. 22; Elizabeth Long and Mary Kilbride, Sept. 23; Dottie Arehringer, Amy Schlor and Peg Richardson, Sept. 24.

Email me at muddmm@gmail.com with birthdays.

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