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Restaurant Association of Maryland

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 12, 2023)—Servers and bartenders from across Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties rallied at Jarper’s Restaurant in Largo, Maryland to protest the Prince George’s County Administration Building on Thursday, Oct. 12 to oppose the proposed elimination of the tip credit in both counties.

“This servers and bartenders in Prince George’s County and Montgomery County turned out today to oppose the proposed legislation because they know this is not in their best interest,” said Restaurant Association of Maryland President and CEO Marshall Weston. “Servers will earn significantly less overall than they do under the current tipping system and this tip credit should be eliminated and that is not good for the restaurant industry.”

During the rally, Weston announced the number of servers and bartenders in the two counties, detailing an overwhelming majority of these surveyed did not support the proposed elimination of the tip credit.

Key findings include:

- If tipped wages are eliminated, 89% of tipped employees believe that tipped employees will earn less.
- An overwhelming majority—80%—say they are likely to quit their jobs and find work in a jurisdiction that allows tips if the tip credit is eliminated.
- A strong majority of these surveyed—78%—say the current tipping system works well for them and does not need to be changed.

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Server Survey Details Overwhelming Opposition to the Proposed Repeal

Buttigieg Presents Tuition Grant to Prince George’s, Baltimore County Community College Commercial Driver’s License Programs

By TOMMY TUCKER
Capital News Service

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 11, 2023)—U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg presented grants to two Maryland community colleges Wednesday, Oct. 11 to help cover tuition in their commercial driving license programs.

Prince George’s County Community College and Community College of Baltimore County received $175,640 and $197,410 respectively, to help with the cost of tuition for veterans, refugees and the under-served. Prince George’s County Public Schools, staff from both schools attended the event in a PGCC parking lot.

“Before the infrastructure law passed, even if the school qualified for these grants, students would still have to cover a lot of the tuition. Here at Prince George’s, that comes right away to about $4,000,” said Buttigieg. “We’re tearing down that barrier with federal funding so that they can get funded to come to an excellent institution like this.”

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation is part of an ongoing effort to expand job opportunities within the trucking industry. This assistance is available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Buttigieg said. The law authorized funding for the Interstate Infrastructure Investment, Buttigieg said.

The law also emphasizes the need to improve driver education and training. According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the average annual wage for a CDL driver is $47,500.

PGCCS Black Students, English Learners, and Economically Disadvantaged Students Outsource Their Peers Across Maryland in Many Instances

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCCS

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (Oct. 12, 2023)—Resulting from the School District Improvement and Accountability Assessment Program (SCIP), for the 2022-2023 school year, Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCCS) elementary schools began a strong, in-school both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math initiative.

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Washington International Horse Show • October 23–29

WISHS honors the U.S. Armed Forces and first responders with several events and exhibitions.

WISHS Highlights Maryland Horse Month With Super-Star Horses, Entertainment, and Fun
Tickets available on Ticketmaster; Special offer for U.S. military and first responders

By PRESS OFFICER
Washington International Horse Show (WISHS)

WASHINGTON (Oct. 10, 2023)–Tickets are on sale for the 65th annual Washington International Horse Show (WISHS) presented by MARKS Equestrian. One of North America’s most honored, competitive, and entertaining equestrian events, WISHS will take place October 23–29, 2023, at The Show Place Events Area in Upper Marlboro, Md. Tickets are available on Ticketmaster.

Maryland Governor Wes Moore designated October as Maryland Horse Month to recognize and celebrate the numerous contributions made by the state’s horse industry. WISHS is a pillar of Maryland Horse Month and will be a major attraction for horse enthusiasts nationwide and beyond.

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Fort Washington Native Servants Aboard Navy Warship in Norfolk

By ASHLEY CRAIG
Navy Office of Community Outreach

NORFOLK, Va. (Sept. 29, 2023)–Petty Officer 1st Class Janice Ballard, a native of Fort Washington, Maryland, recently returned from a six-month deployment aboard a U.S. Navy warship operating out of Norfolk, Virginia. Ballard graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served with the 41st High School from High School. The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Fort Washinton.

“The main lesson I carry with me is from my mom,” said Ballard. “She always told me to never take things personally when I’m doing a job. That lesson helps me adapt to various environments and work with people with different personalities because I may not always get along with everyone. But I don’t take it to heart.”

Ballard joined the Navy 14 years ago. Today, Ballard serves as a mass communication specialist aboard USS Kearsarge (LHD 3).

“Ballard’s team is five officers and seven crewmembers and can accommodate up to 1,800 Marines, 400 Marines, equipment and supplies, and 200 support personnel on other vessels. Kearsarge in the third ship in the Wasp class of multipurpose amphibious assault ships and the fourth Navy vessel to bear the name of Marine Kearsarge in New Hampshire.

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Thank you for all ages. Please note, “for all ages,” so it’ll be a lot. Also, there’ll be a movie, games, food trucks, music, face-painting, bubbles and more. This will be at the Green Summit Park, 9120 Springhill Rd, NE.

Maryland resize

There’s an exciting new initiative taking place at the University of Maryland’s Green Summit Park. The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a non-profit organization focused on helping kids eat healthily and get active, has launched the “Healthy Our 50,000 Initiative.” This initiative aims to transform school environments into healthy places where students can thrive.

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) is one of the institutions participating in this initiative. As part of the effort, UMES is partnering with Maryland’s State University System (MUS) to create a “Healthy Campus Environment.” This includes implementing various strategies to make campus spaces more conducive to healthful living. These strategies may include增加 cafeteria offerings, increasing access to physical activity opportunities, and promoting healthy behaviors among students.

The program is expected to be implemented on UMES’s campus within the next year. The goal is to create a healthier environment for students, faculty, and staff alike. By reducing barriers to healthy choices and promoting overall well-being, the initiative seeks to foster a culture of health and wellness on campus.

Overall, this initiative represents a significant step forward in creating healthier, more supportive environments for young people. As such, it’s a positive development that should be celebrated and supported by all stakeholders involved. Moving forward, continued collaboration and dedication will be crucial to realizing the full potential of this important initiative.
According to an economic impact study conducted by Stephen S. Fuller, professor of regional science at the University of Maryland, WiHS 2022 is an im-
mportant source of economic activity and contributed $9.85 million to Prince George’s County. This total includes the direct economic impact over the years.

WiHS attendees will enjoy the beauty and affluence of the finest horses and riders in the country, as well as the Olympics, including the equestrian events that are sure to delight the fans. WiHS strives to make WiHS a world-class event that is accessible to all.

To purchase tickets, contact Zandra Jenkins (301-908-1985), Barbara Solida (301-552-1542), or Linda Butler (301-466-7560).

Brayce Hawkins, curator, said: “We are thrilled to have this opportunity to bring together the best equestrian athletes from around the world. WiHS is a unique event that celebrates the sport of equestrianism in its highest form. We are excited to welcome fans from across the country to experience the magic of WiHS.”

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Free Community Roundtable on Hospice and Palliative Care in Prince George’s County

by ELIZABETH MARCUSSIN
Hospice of Chesapeake

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 11, 2023) — There are many myths and misconceptions surrounding hospice care. Everyone in the community can gain insight into the facts about hospice through a series of free educational sessions at Hospice of the Chesapeake, held in cooperation with the Prince George’s County Office of Humanities.

The community roundtable is open to the community and free of charge. The panel will include multiple hospices of the Chesapeake experts including: Jennifer Schutt, Executive Director of Hospice of the Chesapeake; Joanne L. Yost, RN, Director of Patient Services for Hospice of the Chesapeake; Cheryl Rhoden, Director of Public Relations for Hospice of the Chesapeake; and Mary Lou Hulsey, RN, Director of Clinical Services for Hospice of the Chesapeake.

The panel will cover a variety of topics about hospice care, including: Understanding Hospice; Regulatory Changes; and Palliative Care.

The roundtable will be held on Sunday, October 15th from 2pm-4pm at the Hospice of the Chesapeake’s Nurses’ House, 1001 Center Street, Largo, MD.

For more information, please call 301-722-2800 ext. 240 or visit www.hospiceofchesapeake.org.

Due to time constraints, patients should be prepared to choose between hospice services. Hospice and Palliative Care services are offered in addition to, and not in place of, current medical care. To make the most of their appointment, the patient attending the clinic should be prepared to answer questions, including:

- Do you have any questions about hospice or palliative care?
- Have you spoken to your doctor about hospice care?
- What are your goals for the future?
- Do you have any concerns about hospice care?

For more information, please visit www.ramusa.org or call 703-772-0900.

RAM Set for Free 2-day Clinic in Largo, Md.

Free dental, vision and medical services for seniors in Nov. 11-12

by PRESS OFFICER
Remote Area Medical

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 12, 2023) — Remote Area Medical—RAM—a major nonprofit provider of free health care to uninsured, low-income, and under-insured individuals—will hold a free, two-day clinic on Nov. 11-12 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Prince George’s County Community College, located at 301 Paso Del Lago, Largo, MD 20774 for two days only. This clinic is in collaboration with the University of Maryland School of Nursing Students Improving Health Equity (UMSOn) and the Prince George’s County Office of Humanities.

All RAM services are free, and no ID is necessary. Free dental, vision, and medical services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The panel will warn about diabetes. The patient parking lot will open no later than 11 a.m. on both Nov. 11 and Nov. 12, and remain open for the duration of the clinic. The event is open to everyone, but as seating is limited, people are asked to reserve a space online at https://www.ramusa.org/free-clinic-nov-2023. Some information regarding clinic services will be provided. Clinic doors open at 6 a.m.

Healthcare is a human right, and RAM is committed to making this right a reality for all members of our community. RAM provides free health care to those in need who do not have access to health care due to financial constraints. RAM serves approximately 100,000 individuals each year, in all 50 states and several countries throughout the world.

URC Health and Wellness

by ORAL HEALTHS

University of Maryland School of Nursing Students Improving Health Equity Through Free Health Resources to Prince George’s County Community

Nursing students, in partnership with the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System, to provide health screenings, blood pressure and health education to the community at no cost.

by ANDREA CASTILLO
PGCMLS

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 10, 2023) — A collaboration between the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System and University of Maryland School of Nursing Students Improving Health Equity (UMSOn) students from UMSOn at the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore in a partnership that makes such a meaningful impact on the community and health of our owning communities.

The initiative—Talk Health with UMSOn—brings together local libraries with UMSOn students from the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore in a partnership that makes such a meaningful impact on the community and health of our community. By partnering with local libraries, the students are able to provide health information, access to the public with health screenings, medication management guidelines, health education and health care referrals,” said PGCMLS Coordinator Tyrell Schenck, MD, FACP, FACP.

The health screenings will be available at the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System branches, and will include blood pressure screenings, glucose screenings, dental screenings, vision screenings, and influenza screenings.

For more information about Talk Health with UMSOn, please call 301-627-6260.

Council Member Krystle Orihuela Maternal Health Leadership Measures: Aim to Alleviate Maternal Health Disparities in Prince George’s County

by LINDSAY WAITS
Prince George’s County Council Media

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aiming to bring businesses and communities together to strengthen the local economy and improve quality of life in our region. Business owners, community leaders, and residents are invited to participate in the Regalia Night market, which will feature various vendors, entertainment, and interactive activities.

Business Fraud Prevention Seminar

Registration Open, required for Nov. 3 event hosted by UMD, Prince George’s County Police

By PRESS OFFICER

University of Maryland

Prince George’s County Sheriff Department

College Park, Md. (Oct. 12, 2023) — Digital-age financial crimes against businesses are the focus of a single-day seminar on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, from Justice for Fraud Victims (JfFV) at the University of Maryland’s Robert H. Smith School of Business in cooperation with the Prince George’s County Police Department’s Financial Crimes Unit.

The site is the College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 7501 University Blvd., E. Adelphi, Md. The event is free with advanced registration, via https://bit.ly/3bJ07Wg.

Keynote speaker is John Hopkins, a retired FBI special agent and author of "The Target: The Hunt for America’s Most Wanted Criminals.

The seminar is a product of JfFv, a collaboration, launched earlier this year, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Maryland Attorney General’s Office. JfFv’s mission is to provide law enforcement with the training, tools, and resources they need to better protect the American people from financial crimes.

Business owners and managers can expect to hear from experts in the fields of fraud investigation, accounting, and business management. The seminar will cover a range of topics, including:

• 10–10:45 a.m.: Forensic Accounting, Bank Fraud, and Identity Theft: A Case Study in Telephone Fraud.

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For more information, contact the Prince George’s County Police Department at 301-949-3000 or email PGCPRD@PGPD.NET.

Hospice of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament Brings in a Quarter Million Dollars

In celebration of its 21st annual event, Hospice of the Chesapeake hosted the Golf Tournament to benefit patients and their families. Over 125 golfers, representing businesses and organizations from across the region, gathered for a day of friendly competition and fundraising.

The tournament took place at the Rehoboth Country Club in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and featured a variety of activities, including a putting contest, closest-to-the-pin competition, and a hole-in-one contest. The event also included a dinner and awards ceremony at the Rehoboth Bay Country Club.

The tournament raised over $250,000 for Hospice of the Chesapeake, an affiliate of the Maryland and National Association of REALTORS®. The funds will be used to support the organization’s mission of providing care and support to patients and their families.

The Prince George’s County Association of REALTORS® will host its 21st annual Golf Tournament on October 24, 2023, at the Rehoboth Bay Country Club. The event is open to the public and will feature a variety of activities, including golf, auctions, and a dinner.

For more information, visit HospiceoftheChesapeake.org.

Business and Finance

Restaurant Association of Maryland President and CEO Marshall Weston speaks at the rally.

Rally from AI

• Many agree that customers tip better when service is better (84%), but surveys show that over half the time service is already good and that they have the ability to have schedule flexibility.

• Many (15%) tip employed wage are paying $20-$29.99 per hour, whereas others are paying $30-$39.99 per hour (23%), $15-$19.99 per hour (24%) or $0-$49.99 per hour (11%).

• A majority (80%) say they want the current system with a lower tip credit eliminated because most restaurants would be forced to increase prices, raise wages, and hire more employees in order to maintain their profit margins.

• A majority—80% of those surveyed—believe that customers are unprepared for a new system, and 55% believe that customers are unprepared for a new system.

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