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with mailers
from
candidates,
unions and
other special
interest
organizations
in the final
days of
the 2018
gubernatorial
campaign.

A Campaign Period of Twists and Turns Culminates on Primary Election Day

Early Voting Period June 14-21, Election Day June 26

A campaign season that has seen some remarkable twists and turns is winding down as early voting begins 10 a.m. Thursday, June 14, and continues through June 21. Polls open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 11 early voting centers across the county, including at the Reisterstown Senior Center-Hannah More campus, Randallstown Community Center, Woodlawn Community Center, and for the first time, the Owings Mills Public Library. While voters can go to any early voting site in the county during the eight-day early voting period, they must vote at their home polling place on Election Day, Tuesday, June 26.

In what has shaped up to be an unpredictable election year across the state and in different races, nine candidates threw in their hats for the Democratic nomination to run against Gov. Larry Hogan, who is enjoying a high

popularity rating according to polls.

In a sharp departure from past tickets, this year's field had three African-American candidates leading their tickets, two of them women, and another one openly gay. The lieutenant governor pairings are just as diverse, with seven of the running mates women and three of them African American. In addition to seeking racial, gender and ethnic diversity, gubernatorial candidates also favored the populous and Democratic-rich jurisdictions of Montgomery, Prince Georges and Baltimore counties.

The race was turned upside down with the sudden death of County Executive Kevin Kamenetz on May 10, giving way for his pick for lieutenant governor, Valerie Ervin, to run for governor. She selected Marisol Johnson, a Baltimore County business owner, and a former school

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

When Communities Don't Vote, They Are Not Respected

It's crunch time! The 2018 gubernatorial election season has kicked into higher gear as Election Day is just days away. More than ever, politicians and candidates are making their way to churches, community meetings and shopping malls to be visible, say a few words (if they're lucky) and greet the people. Volunteers are out and about in their bright-colored T-shirts handing out campaign pieces. And the signs! They're staked in the grass at every intersection, restaurant and office building hoping to catch your attention as you drive or walk by.

Candidates are squeezing every opportunity to meet voters into their calendars, with many afraid to miss a political forum for fear their challenger might get a leg up on them. If you have attended or watched any of the political forums, I believe you can get an idea of who might not be quite ready for prime time this time out. You will also discern who is making empty claims about their qualifications, experiences and what they will do if elected. So when you view the television ads, listen to the radio and read the dozens of mailers that are hitting your mailbox, be educated about the intent and mindful of who is sending the message.

By the way, we thank everyone who attended the Northwest Voice's two political forums. Our moderators tried to ask questions that were on the minds of community members and we hope you found them informative. It was important that you listened to what they said and what they didn't say.

Back to the elections, I urge you to vote for the right reason. Anyone who knows me knows I like to talk and I talk to a lot of people. I met one woman who told me she had an "awakening" about one candidate who she had always held in high regard, and will not pull the lever for him this year. Another person told me they really liked the heart and sincerity of another candidate but just didn't believe she could do the job in Annapolis. Many told me they are sticking with the incumbents because they've what they can do and will do. Others told me it's time for a change.

My question to you is: Who do you trust to do the right thing? Who do you trust to take your phone call to explain the impact of a bill, attend your community meetings and represent you in Annapolis with pride, integrity and respect? Who will not be easily influenced by outsiders and folks who are using them to push a certain agenda?

It's not about who has the most signs, who is the most articulate and who has the most endorsements. Let's cast our vote for the person we believe will do the most effective job for us in Annapolis? Many of our incumbents have done an

effective job, and for full disclosure, I manage the campaigns of two of them. We're all busy, but do your homework. If you have an issue of concern, pick up the phone and call the candidate. Google them for their phone numbers and email addresses or visit the election board's website at elections.maryland.gov for their contact info.

In my humble opinion, one of the best indicators of how dedicated an elected official will be is how active they have been in the community? Do they volunteer in a school, church or an organization or cause, such as homeless veterans, foster children or animals? Do they put in hours as a homeowners association president or officer? Do they raise their hand to help out then there is a community trash pickup day or citizens on patrol (COP)? Do they register voters? Of course, you have to start somewhere and no one is perfect, but I believe we have some people running solely to advance careers and opportunity.

To all the candidates who have hit the pavement weekend after weekend knocking on doors, researched issues that matter to the community and stood before community groups, I thank you for your hard work and for giving voters a choice. I know it is not easy to run for office, to stand before people, answer their questions, and listen to their criticisms. A lot of times your family takes the back seat to your campaign. But we are looking for committed individuals who will live up to the very important role of representing the community, who will work for the community and who will be truthful. I wish you luck!

We can look for Washington, D.C., to see how important it is to elect the right person for the right reasons. Most of the state and local positions on the Maryland ballot are for four years. Let's do the right thing. Let's not waste our constitutional right to vote by sitting at home and complaining. It is just beyond me to hear someone say that they do not have time to vote when we have eight 10-hour days of early voting where you can go to 11 early voting centers, and a 13-hour election day. Or, that their vote doesn't matter. Grumble, grumble, stop it! Again, look to the 2014 and 2016 elections to see how close some of the elections were.

When communities don't vote, no one takes them seriously. When you wonder why some community get and some don't, just go back and look at the percentage of voters for the precincts in that district. I'll have said it time and time again, that the only time we are truly equals in this country is when we are in the voting booth. You can be a billionaire or you can be a homeless person, but your vote holds the exact value.

Just think about it: If your vote wasn't so powerful and valuable, you would not have so many powerful people spending millions of dollars on an election to influence your vote. The only thing an elected official is truly afraid of or truly respects is a voter. Candidates work hard and invest a lot of money and time to get those positions. And they

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A rendering shows the vision for the new Mill Station in Owings Mills.

Owings Mills Shopping Venue Adds 4 National Retailers

Homesense, a new concept store from TJX, Marshalls, Burlington and Five Below will be coming to Mill Station, the new open-air shopping center that is being built on the former site of Owings Mills Mall. County officials announced that the retailers will join Costco and Lowe's at the 640,000-square-foot venue, and will open in spring 2019.

"The \$108 million investment in Mill Station adds to the more than \$1 billion of recent private investment in Owings Mills. The construction phase alone brings 250 jobs," said Baltimore

County Executive Donald Mohler.

The 148,000 square-foot Costco is under construction and is on track to open August 2018. The 132,825 square-foot Lowe's is expected to open January 2019.

"Mill Station is really coming together. These new stores will be a great addition for Owings Mills and Randallstown residents," said County Council Chair Julian Jones, Jr.

Current tenants of Mill Station include AMC Theatres, Chido's Tex-Mex Grill, Greene Turtle, Olive Garden, Red Lobster and Red Robin.

Sears at Security Square Mall Spared from Latest Cuts

When Sears announced on May 31 that it would be closing stores as part of our ongoing efforts to streamline the company's operations and focus on its best stores, many wondered whether the Security Square location would be on the list. It was not.


Sears reported that they have identified approximately 100 non-profitable stores, many of which will begin store-closing sales in the near future. "We continue to evaluate our network of stores, which are a critical component in our transformation, and will make further adjustments as needed and as warranted," officials said.

The company informed associates on May 31 at 15 Kmart stores and 48 Sears stores that it will close the stores in early September 2018. Eligible associates impacted by the store closures will receive severance and have the opportunity to apply for open positions at area Kmart or Sears stores.

A small group of stores was pulled from the closing list of 72 stores on May 31 as they are being evaluated further.

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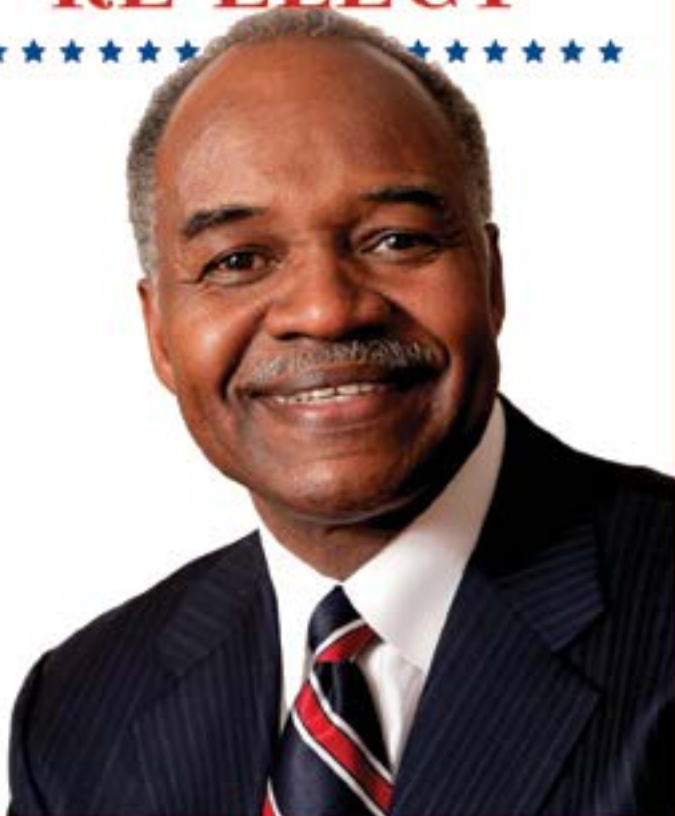
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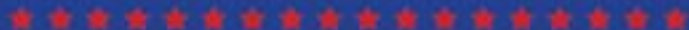
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Voters to Elect School Board Members for First Time

In recent months, the Baltimore County Board of Education has debated and grappled with myriad issues such as the future of its interim superintendent, its technology initiative called Students and Teachers Accessing Tomorrow (STAT) and the need for enhanced school safety.

Board meetings, some of them very contentious, have gone on for as long as four hours. At times, board members have offered very little input during the discussions, others introduce motion after motion with questionable motives, and some express disdain for the interim superintendent and their board colleagues.

For the first time in history, county voters will have a say in who will represent the school system's 113,000 students on the school board.

While many voters and political observers are focused on races, such as for governor and county executive, the election to determine who will serve on the 12-member school board will be one of the most crucial as education continues to be the topic that community members and elected officials deem a priority.

Currently and in the past, the governor appointed all school board

members, which typically came from recommendations from legislators. But following the 2014 and 2017 sessions of the Maryland General Assembly, legislation was passed that changed the composition and the way board members were selected.

Effective with this year's election, seven members of the Board of Education will be elected— one from each of the county's seven councilmanic districts. The current governor, Larry Hogan, will appoint four members, selected from a list, submitted by the School Board Nominating Commission, of citizens who seeking appointment. A student representative will also serve on the board. The new board members will be seated in December.

Though candidates may be registered as Republican or Democrat, they have to run their election on a non-partisan basis. The two candidates who get the most votes in the Primary will square off in the General Election. In councilmanic districts in which three or more candidates are running, the candidates' names will be on the Democratic and Republican ballots for Primary Election. In councilmanic

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Deborah Cason, Matt Gresick and Richard Young, candidates for the Board of Education for District 1, spoke at the Northwest Voice's political forum at the Woodlawn Community Center.

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Vicki Almond is a long time local community activist and now is stepping up to run for County Executive because Baltimore County deserves better.

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- Bringing increased transparency to Baltimore County government
- Combating childhood poverty across the county



Election Day is June 26: Here is What You Need to Know

Maryland's 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election is on Tuesday, June 26, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Baltimore County Board of Elections has mailed its official election mail piece to voters, which indicates your polling place and provides other voting details. On Election Day you must go to your assigned home voting site listed in this document.

Those who would like to vote early can do so Thursday, June 14, through June 21. During this early voting period, Baltimore County voters can vote at one of 11 early voting sites. The sites most convenient to the northwest area are located at Randallstown Community Center, Reisterstown Senior Center Hannah More campus, Woodlawn Community Center, and new this election the Owings Mills Public Library. Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Generally, you must be registered with either the Democratic or Republican Party to vote in the Primary Election. If there are non-partisan offices, such as the school board, any voter can vote for these offices.

Here are some things you need to know to be prepared to vote.

Before You Vote

- Make sure you are registered to vote. The registration deadline for the Primary Election was June 5. However, Baltimore County residents can register to vote on Primary Election Day at an early voting center in the county. You must bring a document that proves where you live. This document can be your MVA-issued license, ID card or change of address card; or your paycheck, bank statement, utility bill; or other government document with your name and new address.
- Review the sample ballot you received in the mail, which includes instructions on how to vote as well as the candidates for which you will be voting. Go to <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> to get your individual ballot, find out where to vote and find out status of any ballot requests you made to the election board.

While Your Vote

- You can bring one or two children under 18 years old with you to vote, so long as they do not disrupt or interfere with normal voting procedures.



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After voters cast their ballot, they will insert it into a scanner for their votes to be tabulated.

- You cannot use your cell phone, pager, camera and computer equipment in an early voting center or at a polling place.
- You can bring any printed material, including your marked ballot, to help you vote.
- Some first-time voters in Maryland will be asked to show ID before voting. If you are asked, show an election judge a valid form of ID.
- When you go vote, you can wear clothing, buttons or stickers with political messages, but you must leave the early voting center or polling place immediately after voting.
- In the booth, mark the oval to the left of your choice using a black ballpoint pen.
- Make sure your choices are marked correctly. Turn the ballot over to make sure you did not miss any contest on the other side.
- When you are done, a voting judge will take your paper voter authority card and direct you to the ballot scanner so your vote can be tabulated.
- Insert your ballot into the scanning unit. When the "thank you for voting screen" appears, your ballot has been accepted and dropped into the secure ballot box.
- Be sure to speak to the chief judge if you experience any difficulties, or have questions or concerns.

At Your Polling Place

- Check in at the table, where you will be asked for your name, address, month and day of birth, and request any identifying information as appropriate. Many voters bring their registration card.
- The check-in judge will locate your name on the electronic pollbook, print out a voter authority card, ask you to verify the information and then sign it.
- The ballot issuing judge will give you a paper ballot and direct you to the voting book.

If you have questions about voting, contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683 (VOTE) or elections.maryland.gov. Or, you can contact the Baltimore County Board of Elections at 410-887-5700 or baltimorecountymd.gov/elections. The county board is located at 11112 Gilroy Rd., Suite 104, Hunt Valley, Md. 21031-1328.

DID YOU KNOW?

Paper or Electronic?

According to the State Board of Elections, Maryland is now using a paper-based voting system. This means that there is a paper record of every vote cast, and these ballots can be retabulated if needed. The voting equipment and the network used to general official election results are **never** connected to the Internet.

Banneker Museum Celebrates 20 Years of Culture, Science History Exhibitions

From 1980 to 1985 Baltimore County, at the request of local historians and community leaders, purchased 142 acres of land in Oella that had formerly been astronomer Benjamin Banneker’s family homestead. On June 9, 1998, the county joined the nonprofit established to develop and support a museum and park on the property, The Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park, to hold a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

This month, The Friends and the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks held a series of special events to celebrate the museum’s 20 years of sharing the history of the life and times of Banneker.

Master griot Bob Smith brought life to

the events with his inspiring and dramatic portrayal of Banneker, who is considered the first African-American man of science. Banneker was a mathematician, astronomer, almanac writer, surveyor, abolition advocate and naturalist during the late 1700s.

An anniversary program on June 1 featured remarks by recently appointed County Executive Donald Mohler, music, and the unveiling of a 20th anniversary commemorative plaque.

A celebration dinner on June 2 at the Community College of Baltimore County’s planetarium featured University of Maryland Baltimore County President Freeman Hrabowski as the keynote speaker, a showing of “Benjamin Banneker’s

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From top: Master Griot Bob Smith (center, as Benjamin Banneker) volunteers, staff and elected officials celebrate the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum’s 20th anniversary. Flanking Smith on the left are County Executive Donald Mohler, Barry Williams, director of Baltimore County Recreation and Parks, Cynthia deJesus, president of The Friends, and Del. Charles Sydnor III. Musicians performed as part of the anniversary program.

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Hybrid Board to Take Effect in December

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districts where only two candidates are running, both candidates will automatically be placed on the ballot for the November General Election.

Five candidates are vying for the school board in District 1 (Catonsville, Woodlawn, Windsor Mill) and six candidates in District 4 (Randallstown, Owings Mills and Reisterstown). Former principal Cheryl Pasteur and Anthony Glasser, the two candidates in District 2 (Pikesville and Owings Mills), get a pass during the Primary Election and will square off in the General Election.

Unaffiliated voters and those registered in the Libertarian party can vote by requesting a ballot which has only Board of Education candidates' names.

Aaron Plymouth, chair of the nominating commission, says he plans to send Hogan the commission's recommendaations of people seeking a board appointment to Hogan in September. The commission held four public hearings in different councilmanic districts for community members to learn about the new hybrid-model Board of Education and to provide input on the characteristics they desire in school board members. The commission also

scheduled four dates to interview candidates.

The school board, with advice from the county school superintendent, sets policy on topics such as student attendance, academic instruction and school construction; approves a budget; and makes decisions on school property. The new board will also hire a permanent superintendent during its four-year term.

Candidates have participated in several forums, including the Northwest Voice Election Impact 2018 forums held in May. Of those who participated for District 1 and District 4, Gaston Horne and Richard Young were the only candidates who expressed support for state superintendent Karen Salmon's decision not to appoint Verletta White as permanent superintendent.

Janet Brown, a resident of Woodlawn, says she hopes voters realize how important the school board elections are going to be. "These are the people who will make decisions about our kids' education," she said. "If you've heard anything about the school board meetings, you know how important it is to get someone who is looking out for our children's best interests. We have to make sure they're an advocate."

Benjamin Banneker Museum


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Astronomy," and signing of a commemorative document to be sealed in a time capsule for the next 20 years.

On June 3, an appreciation ceremony for places of worship was held.

It was from the museum's site (purchased in 1737 from Banneker's father Robert Bannaky) near Catonsville that Banneker crafted one of the first all-American-made wooden clocks and wrote his almanacs and famous correspondence with Thomas Jefferson. In 1791, Banneker was assigned to the Pierre L'Enfant team to survey for the new federal city, Washington D.C.

The property at 300 Oella Ave. includes a split log colonial cabin furnished with reproduced artifacts, a colonial herb garden, vegetable garden and trails, including the historic Number 9 Trolley Line Trail. For more information on the museum and events, call 410-887-1081 or visit friendsofbenjaminbanneker.com.



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Who is Running in the
2018 Elections?

The gubernatorial Primary Election will include candidates for federal, state and local office. The candidates appearing on your ballot will depend on where you reside and your registered political party. You can refer to the official election document that the Board of Elections has mailed to your home address.

Below are the Democratic and Republican candidates for local councilmanic districts 1, 2 and 4, legislative districts 10, 11, 12 and 44B, and U.S. congressional districts 2, 3 and 7. For a complete list, visit elections.maryland.gov.

Democratic

Governor/Lt. Governor (vote for 1)

Rushern L. Baker III/Elizabeth Embry

Ralph Jaffe/Freda Jaffe

Ben Jealous/Susan Turnbull

James Hugh Jones II/Charles S. Waters

Kevin Kamenetz/Valerie Ervin*
(Valerie Ervin/Marisol Johnson)

Rich Madaleno/Luwanda Jenkins

Alec Ross/Julie Verratti

Jim Shea/Brandon Scott

Kris Virgnarajah/Sharon Blake

**Kevin Kamenetz is deceased and Valerie Ervin withdrew her candidacy as Lieutenant Governor to run for Governor. She selected Johnson as her running mate.*

DEMOCRATIC

Comptroller (vote for 1)

Peter Franchot (unopposed)

Attorney General (vote for 1)

Brian E. Frosh (unopposed)

County Executive (vote for 1)

Vicki Almond

Jim Brochin

Kevin Francis Marron

John "Johnny O" Olszewski Jr.

U.S. Senator (vote for 1)

Ben Cardin

Erik Jetmir

Chelsea Manning

Marica H. Morgan

Jerome "Jerry" Segal

Richard "Rikki" Vaughn

Debbie "Rice" Wilson

Lih Young

Representative in Congress (vote for 1)

District 2

Jake Pretot

C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger

District 3

Eduardo Rosas

John Sarbanes

District 7

Anthony Carter Sr.

Elijah Cummings

John Moser

Charles U. Smith

Charles Stokes

State Senator (vote for 1)

District 10

Robert Johnson

Delores G. Kelley

Lawrence Williams

District 11

Sheldon Laskin

Bobby Zirkin

District 12

Clarence K. Lam

Mary Kay Sigaty

District 44

Aletheia McCaskill

Shirley Nathan-Pulliam

House of Delegates (vote for up to 3)

District 10

Ben Brooks

Nathaniel Costley Sr.

Jay Jalisi

Adrienne Jones

Lauren Lipscomb

Jordan Porompyae

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District 11

Amy Blank
Jon Cardin
Linda Dorsey-Walker
Shelly Hettleman
Dana Stein

District 12

Jonathan Bratt
Dario J. Broccolino
Eric Ebersole
Jessica Feldmark
Malcolm J. Heflin
Terri Hill
James Howard
Mark Weaver

District 44B (vote for up to 2)

Aaron J. Barnett
Bishop Barry Chapman
Aisha Khan
Charles E. Sydnor III
Pat Young

County Council
(vote for 1)

District 1

Tom Quirk
Sheila Ruth

District 2

Izzy Patoka
Rick Yaffe
Harlan Zinn

District 4

Derrick Burnett Sr.
Julian E. Jones Jr.

Democratic Central
Committee
(vote for up to 4)

District 10

Al Apartira
Franklin Blatt
Danny Blount
Charlee Childs
Morgan Dowell
Jay Jalisi
Delores G. Kelley
Pat Kelly
Danyell Smith
Frederick Smith
George "Tip Top Tables"
Williams

District 11

Veronika Beaver
Jasmyne Birch
Linda Walker-Dorsey
Brenda Hatcher-Savoy
Jon Herbst
Noel Levy
Tracy Elizabeth Miller
James Reece Peak III
Dana Vickers Shelley

District 12

Robert Benjamin
Tara Ebersole
Sam Moxley
Pauline Kibby Rada

District 44B

Raymond Briggs
Chris Burk
Bishop Barry Chapman
Jackie Graves
Brian L. Huffman
Aisha Khan
Nayna C. Phillipsen
Sheila Ruth
Charles E. Sydnor III
George White

Board of Education
(vote for 1)

District 1

Deborah Arnetta Cason
Pete Fitzpatrick
Matt Gresick
Lisa A. Mack
Richard M. Young

District 2

Anthony Miles Glasser
Cheryl E. Pasteur

District 4

Gaston A. Horne
Tara Huffman
Makeda Scott
Regina Ann Smith
Austrese Thornton
Kathleen White

Judge of the Circuit Court
(vote for up to 4)

Richard A. Cohen
Carey Deeley
Michael Finifter
Ruth Jakubowski
Dennis Robinson

State's Attorney
(vote for 1)

Scott Shellenberger
(unopposed)

Clerk of the Circuit Court
(vote for 1)

Julie Ensor (unopposed)

Register of Wills
(vote for 1)

Grace G. Connelly
(unopposed)

Judge of the Orphans'
Court (vote for up to 3)

William R. "Bill Evans
Juliet Fisher
Arthur M. Frank

Sheriff (vote for 1)

R. Jay Fisher
Al Roberts

REPUBLICAN

Governor/Lt. Governor
(vote for 1)

Larry Hogan/Boyd
Rutherford (unopposed)

Comptroller (vote for 1)

Anjali Reed Phukan
(unopposed)

Attorney General
(vote for 1)

Craig Wolf (unopposed)

County Executive
(vote for 1)

Pat McDonough
Al Redmer Jr.

U.S. Senator (vote for 1)

Tony Campbell
Chris Chaffee
Evan Cronhardt
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Christina J. Grigorian
Albert Binyahmin Howard
Bill Krehnbrink
Gerald I. Smith Jr.
Blaine Taylor
Brian Charles Vaeth

Representative in
Congress (vote for 1)

District 2

Liz Matory
Hubert Owens Jr.
Mark Shell
Mitchell J. Toland Jr.

District 3

Charles Anthony
Thomas E. "Pinkston"
Harris Rob Sefferth

District 7

Ray Bly
Richmond Davis
William T. Newton
Michael Pearson

State Senator (vote for 1)

District 10

Stephanie Boston
(unopposed)

District 11

No candidates

District 12

Joseph "Joe" D. Hooe
(unopposed)

District 44

Victor Clark Jr. (unopposed)

House of Delegates
(vote for up to 3)

District 10

Michael Tyrone Brown Sr.
George H. Harman
Matthew Kaliszak
Brian Marcos

District 11

Jonathan Porter
(unopposed)

District 12

Bob Cockey
Melanie Harris
Michael Russell

District 44B
(vote for up to 2)

No candidates

County Council
(vote for 1)

District 1

Pete Melcavage II
(unopposed)

District 2

Michael Lee (unopposed)

District 4

No candidates

Republican Central
Committee
(vote for up to 4 each)

Councilmanic District 1

Melanie Harris
John C. Lerch Jr.
Pete Melcavage II
Liliana Pulvienti

Councilmanic District 2

Gregory Certeza
Ruth E. Goetz
John C. Gordon
Lisa Robin Lederman

Councilmanic District 4

Richard A. Brown
Eugene S. Craig III
Bradley Lang
Jay Payne
Chandra P. Belbase
Kathleen A. Smero

Board of Education
(vote for 1)

District 1

Deborah Arnetta Cason
Pete Fitzpatrick
Matt Gresick
Lisa A. Mack
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District 2

Anthony Miles Glasser
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District 4

Gaston A. Horne
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Kathleen White

Judge of the Circuit Court
(vote for up to 4)

Richard A. Cohen
Carey Deeley
Michael Finifter
Ruth Jakubowski
Dennis Robinson

State's Attorney
(vote for 1)

No candidates

Clerk of the Circuit Court
(vote for 1)

Deb Hill (unopposed)

Register of Wills
(vote for 1)

Jane Roger (unopposed)

Judge of the Orphans'
Court (vote for up to 3)

No candidates

Sheriff (vote for 1)

Carl H. Magee Jr.
Brian J. Noon

Valerie Ervin, Marisol Johnson Cut Short Their Historic Gubernatorial Bid

When Baltimore County Executive and Maryland gubernatorial candidate Kevin Kamenetz died suddenly on May 10, his running mate, Valerie Ervin, had the option by state law to remain a Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor and select someone to run in Kamenetz's place, or to take advantage of the extraordinary opportunity to run at the top of the ticket.

On May 17, the former member of the Montgomery County school board and county council announced she would run for governor and tapped one of Baltimore County's own, former school board member Marisol Johnson, as her pick for lieutenant governor.

With Ervin, an African American, and Johnson, an El Salvadoran, this would be the first time an African-American woman led a ticket for statewide office. Though considered a long shot, some community members were excited and energized by the prospect that Maryland could become the first state in the nation to elect a black woman governor.

Organizing a statewide campaign with less than five weeks before the Primary Election on June 26 and with little staff and cash on hand was daunting. The team faced other hurdles. The Kamenetz-Ervin team was listed on the ballot and there was not enough time to reprint the ballots before the June 14-21 early voting period, the state



Marisol Johnson and Valerie Ervin shared their vision at a community meet and greet event in Owings Mills on June 3.

Board of Elections insisted. Ervin sued to get hers and Johnson's names on the ballot as governor, but the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County ruled against her.

As part of a video to introduce herself to voters as a candidate for governor, Ervin shared how she would recognize Kamenetz's vision and values. "As the country becomes a country of more and more immigrants and more and more brown and black people, it is going to be like it's another day at the office when you see a ballot full of people that

represent many different kinds of people," she said. "[Kamenetz] had huge support in the immigrant community in Baltimore County, so I wanted to bridge Kevin's memory and bridge what the immigrant community loved about him and seat Marisol in her rightful place."

Johnson, who has been active in education and business circles, owns an insurance business in Woodlawn and is president of the Security-Woodlawn Business Association. She served on the Baltimore County Board of Education for four years before resigning to run as a County Council member for District 2, which encompasses Reisterstown, Pikesville and Owings Mills. Johnson later withdrew from that race.

"It was an honor and privilege to campaign alongside of Valerie for the last 26 days," Johnson said. "Traveling throughout the state and speaking to voters has only deepened my desire to remain an activist for underrepresented and disenfranchised groups throughout the state, and more importantly, to be part of the solution to bring a voice to all of the neighborhoods in this great state of Maryland."

Note: At press time, Ervin and Johnson withdrew from the race and announced their support for Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker and Elizabeth Embry, a former prosecutor and deputy state's attorney.



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NWV Political Forums Help Inform Voters

Just about every major candidate for state and local office and dozens of community members turned out for *The Northwest Voice* hosted two Democratic political forums on May 24 at Randallstown Community Center and May 31 at Woodlawn Community Center. Janet Anderson, *Northwest Voice* editor, Doni Glover, publisher of BMore News, and political analyst Hassan Giordono co-moderated.

After opening remarks to introduce themselves, county executive candidates Vicki Almond, John Olszewski and Jim Brochin were asked for their views on claims they made in ads, on the Housing Act and about other topics, such as development and minority business enterprise.

Moderators also asked House of Delegates and Senate candidates running in Districts 10 and 44B what their legislative priorities would be during the upcoming session and what they identified as their constituents' top concerns.

Because the Democratic Central Committee is responsible for supporting the Democratic Party with fundraising, voter registration and canvassing, candidates for that office were asked whether they had registered any voters recently or whether they support elected officials serving dual roles. As expected, the incumbents representatives who serve as Central Committee

members and in other official capacities, believed it was OK.

The race for County Council pitted incumbents against first-time candidates. The candidates in District 1 and District 4 responded to questions about housing discrimination, economic development and recreation.

School board candidates were asked if they supported the state superintendent for schools Karen Salmon's decision to reject the Baltimore County Board of Education's choice of Verletta White as the permanent BCPS superintendent. (Gaston Horne and Richard Young were the only ones to reply that they supported Salmon's position.)

Education continued to be most presented platform topic for just about every candidate running in this year's gubernatorial elections, with many insisting that they work hard to improve public schools. But hardly any of the candidates could articulate what they would or could do in their role to achieve their desired solution, such as increase competencies and build new schools.

Island Quizine, Boli's Pizza, Subway in Windsor Mill and Monaghan's Pub in Woodlawn provided the refreshments for the mix and mingle, which took place before the forums began.



Democratic Central Committee candidate Charlee Childs with District 4 school board candidates Austrese Thornton and Makeda Scott at the end of the political forum in Randallstown. Sen. Jim Brochin, John Olszewski Jr. and Councilwoman Vicki Almond speak at the forum in Randallstown.



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Chief of Staff Will Complete Kamenetz Term as County Exec.

Donald Mohler III has been sworn in as the 13th county executive to fill the remaining term of Kevin Kamenetz, who died suddenly on May 10. The County Council voted unanimously to appoint Mohler to the post, in which chief administrative officer Fred Holman had been serving on an interim basis.

Mohler, who served as chief of staff to Kamenetz since 2010 and previously served as County Executive Jim Smith's acting chief of staff and communications director, said he was humbled.

"This wasn't supposed to happen. My friend and County Executive Kevin Kamenetz should be finishing his second term in office," Mohler said in a statement. "As Jill Kamenetz so bravely said at



Donald Mohler transitioned from Baltimore County chief of staff to County Executive after the sudden death of Kevin Kamenetz.

her husband's funeral service, 'we will be okay.' County government will continue to provide the services and public safety that our residents deserve. I am committed to making that happen."

Since he took office, Mohler has had to respond to the death of a police officer in the line of duty and extreme flooding in Catonsville.

Mohler began his professional career in the classroom as a social studies teacher for a private school. He then worked in Baltimore County Public Schools, where he held a number of school and administrative positions, including guidance counselor, principal, northeast area superintendent and executive director of student support services.

Immigrant Support Available

The Episcopal Church of Christ the King in Windsor Mill is opening a center to benefit refugees and immigrants on Tuesday, June 19.

Named "Refugee and Immigrant Support and Empowerment" (RISE), the center's mission is to support refugees and immigrants in the community by providing resource information for food, housing, employment opportunities, education, transportation, medical services, and help with legal issues.

The center will be located at the church at 1930 Brookdale Rd., 21244. Office hours are 12 noon to 2 pm on Tuesdays and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, visit [https://](https://baltimoreimmigrationinformation.com)

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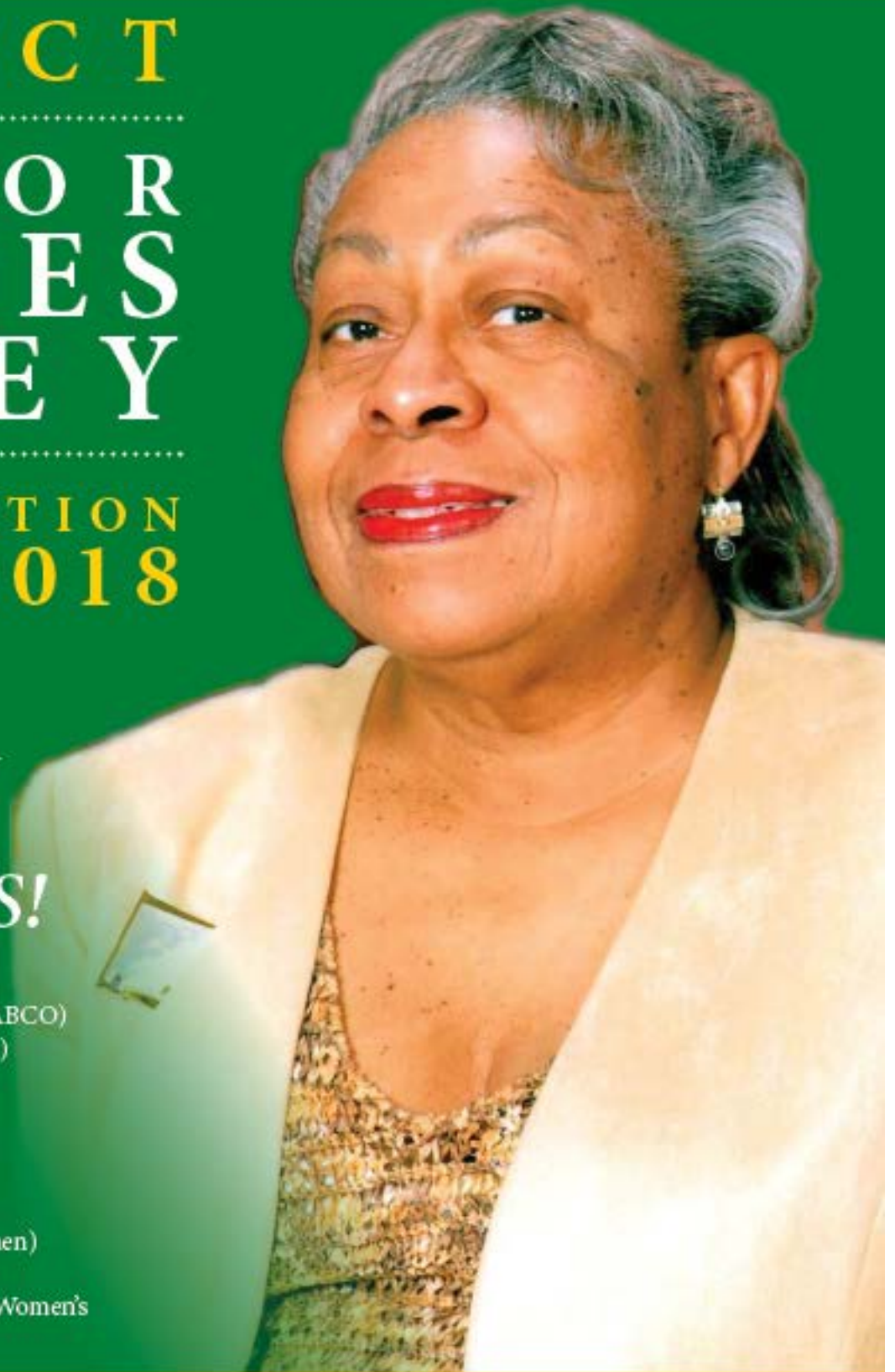
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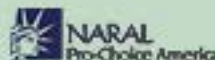
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A Campaign Period of Twists and Turns Culminates on Primary Election Day

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board member. (See related story on page 14.)

While Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker and former NAACP President Ben Jealous lead in most major polls, the polls also indicate that a large percentage of voters remain undecided about who they will select for Governor, making the race very unpredictable.

The Senate races for District

10, which includes Owings Mills, Randallstown and Reisterstown, and District 44, which includes Catonsville, Windsor Mill and parts of Baltimore City, are also being closely watched. An international union out of New York and progressive movement is supporting candidates to take on incumbent senators Delores Kelley and Shirley Nathan- Pulliam, as well as

incumbent County Council member Tom Quirk.

The County Executive race is also hotly contested with Councilwoman Vicki Almond, Sen. Jim Brochin and former delegate John Olszewski Jr. vying for the Democratic nomination. State insurance commissioner Al Redmer Jr. and Del. Pat McDonough competing for the Republican nomination.

In other state and local races, voters will have choices for County Council, House of Delegates, Board of Education, Democratic Central Committee. See pages 12 and 13 for a list of all candidates running in Baltimore County.

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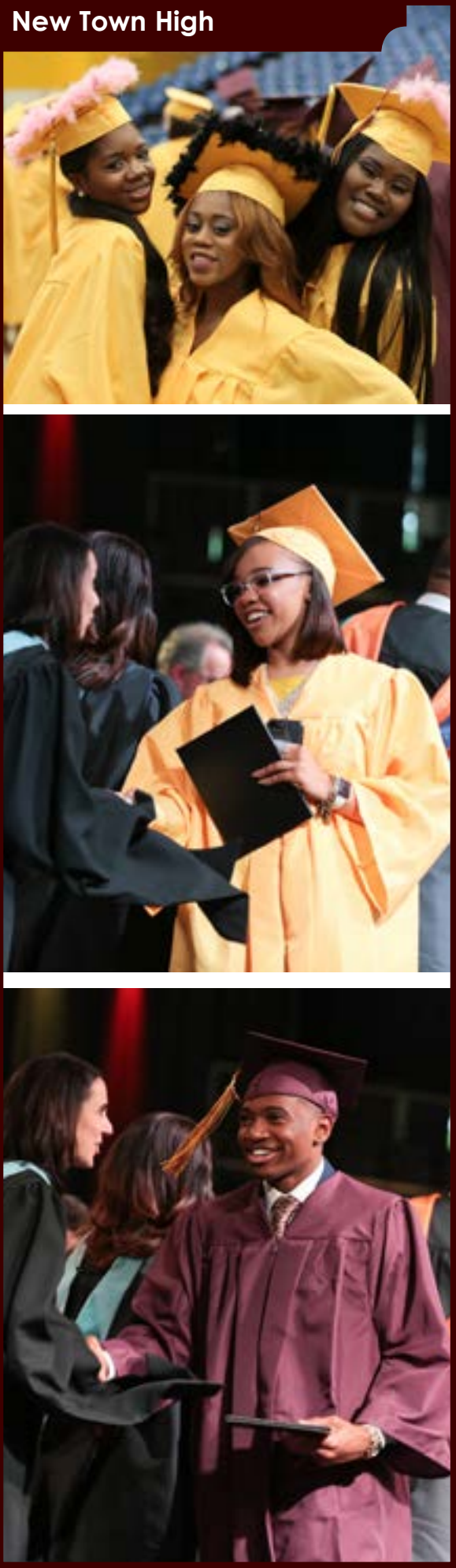
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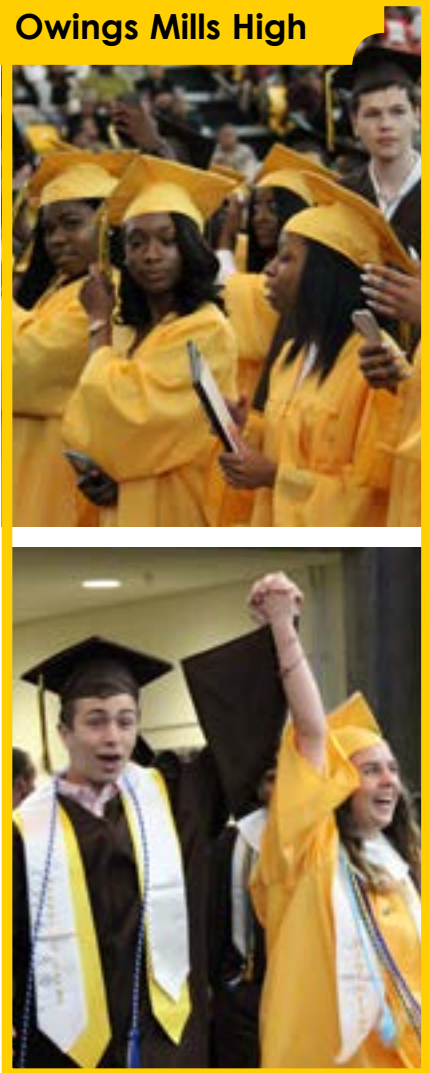
Randallstown High



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Owings Mills High





The Baltimore County Board of Education voted to appoint Verletta White to another term as interim superintendent after Karen Salmon, state superintendent of schools, denied the board's request a second time to make White the permanent head.

Verletta White to Serve Another Year as Interim BCPS Superintendent

Once again, Karen Salmon, state superintendent of schools, refused to accept the Baltimore County Board of Education's appointment for superintendent. For a second time, the school board voted 8-4 to resubmit Verletta White, who has served as interim since June 2017, as its choice for the permanent position. On May 31, Salmon rejected the board's recommendation.

As a result, at its June meeting the Board of Education of Baltimore County voted to have Verletta White serve as interim superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools for another year. Her second one-year term will begin on July 1, 2018, pending approval by the Maryland State Department of Education. Board member Ann Miller had put forth a motion that the interim superintendent not be considered for the permanent position. Miller, Julie Henn, Kathleen Causey and Roger Hayden supported the motion, but it failed.

In a statement, White said, "The Board voted to offer me the opportunity to serve as interim superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year. After

a great deal of deliberation and in consultation with my family, I believe the responsible decision is to accept the Board's offer. I am grateful for the Board's continued confidence in my leadership."

Regarding the appointment, Board Chair Edward Gilliss, said, "The Board of Education again expressed its support for Verletta White to serve as the system's superintendent. Mrs. White's firsthand experience in BCPS as a teacher, administrator, and now as superintendent will allow her to continue to lead the system for the benefit of our 113,000 students as well as our teachers and support staff."

The school board first voted to name White superintendent after a contentious debate on April 17 and Gillis submitted the appointment to Salmon for approval. In an April 27 letter to Gillis, Salmon declined to approve the appointment. Instead, Salmon wrote that she would approve a second interim appointment for White, or for a different interim superintendent, to "allow sufficient time for completion of the audit and for full disclosure of the results."



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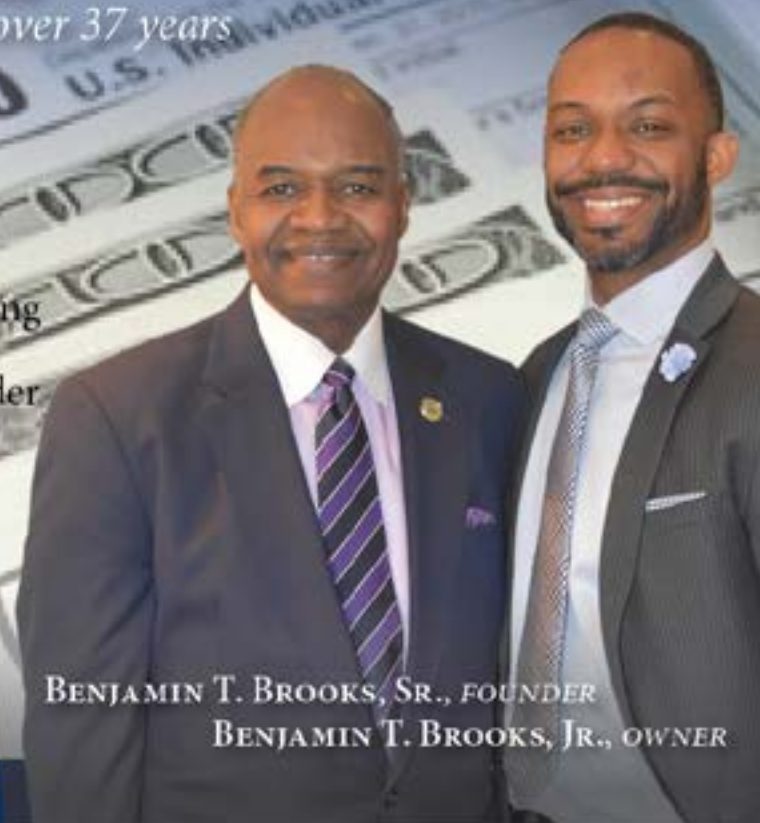


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Receiving Baltimore County Public Schools awards for counseling from the BCPS surprise prize patrol on May 11 are Brandon Menikheim, left, school counselor at Lyons Mill Elementary School, Renee Jenkins, center, principal at Deer Park Elementary School, and Stephanie Walsh, right, school counseling department chair at Catonsville Middle School.

School Counselors, Advocate of the Year honored

Three school counselors and one principal have been chosen as the Baltimore County School Counselors of the Year and Advocate of the Year. The honorees, selected by the Baltimore County Association for Counseling and Development, include:

Brandon Menikheim, school counselor, Lyons Mill Elementary School, for Elementary School Counselor of the Year; Stephanie Walsh, school counseling department chair, Catonsville Middle School, for Middle School Counselor of the Year; and Renee Jenkins, principal, Deer Park Elementary School, for Advocate of the Year

(honored for supporting school counselors).

Menikheim works to support the development of pro-social skills in his Lyons Mill Elementary students through a variety of programs. He writes and presents weekly “Do Something Good” journals and announcements to his students. Menikheim has created a “sense of belonging” focus group to help students feel more connected and to help foster positive school climate. He has also introduced student and parent presentations at Lyons Mills to help increase interest in magnet programs and career and technology education programs.

Walsh organized a bereavement group for children at Catonsville High who have experienced the death of a loved one. She is part of a team that has developed a collaborative program with Catonsville Elementary School, providing Grade 8 mentors for their Grades 4 and 5 students.

Zachary Clark, school counseling department chair at Overlea High School, was honored as High School Counsel of the Year. Scott Saffron of Woodlawn Middle School was recognized as second runner-up for middle school counselors.



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New Medicare Cards Will No Longer Contain Social Security Numbers

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is required to remove Social Security numbers from all Medicare cards by April 2019, and newly eligible Marylanders are among the first wave of people to see the change. Mailings to Maryland Medicare beneficiaries began in May.

To prevent fraud and fight identity theft, a new, unique Medicare number, comprised of a combination of numbers and uppercase letters is replacing the Social Security number-based health insurance claim number on each new Medicare card. With this change, the government believes it can better protect federal health care benefits and service payments. Issuance of the new MBI will not change the benefits a Medicare beneficiary receives.

According to CMS, the government facility located in Woodlawn and which oversees the Medicare program, personal identity theft affects a large and growing number of seniors. People age 65 or older are increasingly the victims of this type of crime. Incidents among seniors increased to 2.6 million from 2.1 million between 2012 and 2014, according to the most current statistics from the Department of Justice.

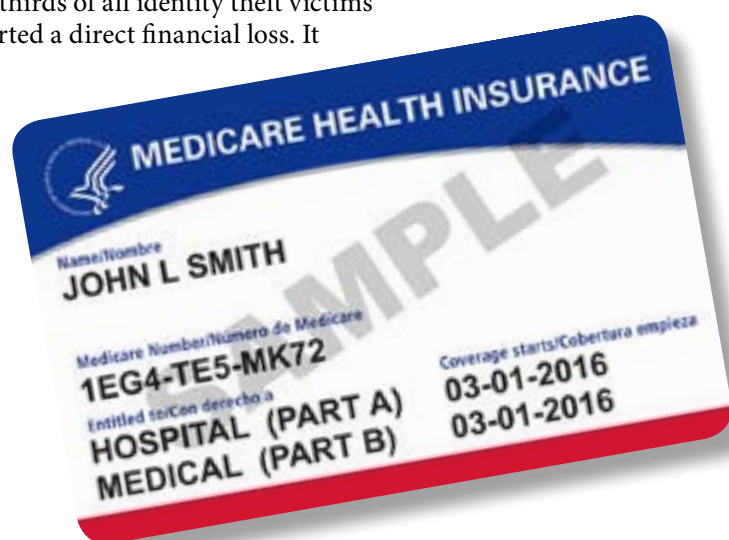
Identity theft can take not only an emotional toll on those who experience it, but also a financial one: two-thirds of all identity theft victims reported a direct financial loss. It

can also disrupt lives, damage credit ratings and result in inaccuracies in medical records and costly false claims.

Sherry Kolbe, manager of the Baltimore County Department of Aging's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), recommends three action steps to take once you get your new Medicare card.

- Destroy your old Medicare card right away. Shred it or cut it so no one can see your Social Security number, even in the trash or recycling.
- Use your new card. Doctors, other health care providers and plans approved by Medicare know that Medicare is replacing the old cards. They are ready to accept your new card when you need care.
- Beware of people contacting you about your new Medicare card and asking you for your Medicare number, personal information, or to pay a fee for your new card. Treat your Medicare number like you treat your Social Security or credit card numbers. Remember, Medicare will never contact you uninvited to ask for your personal information.

For Medicare questions, contact the SHIP office at 410-887-2059.



A new Medicare beneficiary number will replace the Social Security number on Medicare cards. The new cards are being mailed in phases and Maryland, D.C., Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia beneficiaries are in the first phase, which began last month.



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How Can You Get an Absentee Ballot?

Voter who don't want to or are not able to go to the polls to vote in person may request to receive their absentee ballot by mail, electronically, or by fax, and do not have to give a reason for why you would like an absentee ballot.

Visit elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html for an absentee ballot. The deadline to request a that an absentee ballot be mailed or faxed to you is Tuesday, June 19, and the deadline to request an electronic absentee ballot is Friday, June 22.

Voters who request an electronic absentee ballot will be notified by email that their ballot is ready for download, then instructed to enter unique identifying information before printing their ballot, voting instructions, and return envelope template. Remember if you vote by absentee ballot, you cannot vote in

person.

If a Baltimore County voter misses the above deadlines, but still wants to vote by absentee ballot, the voter or voter's agent must apply in person at the Baltimore County Board of Elections before 8 p.m. on Election Day on Tuesday, June 26.

Voted absentee ballots may be delivered to the Baltimore County Board of Elections by 8 p.m. on Election Day or mailed on or before Election Day and received by the local board by Friday, July 6. All absentee ballots are reviewed, regardless of whether or not the absentee ballots will impact the outcome of an election.

Visit elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html for more information.

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realize that you, the voter, is the person that got them the job and is the person that can take it away.

It's important to start teaching our young people the importance of voting. Don't just tell them, show them. Take them with you to the polls. They need to start witnessing and participating in the process. If you don't have a child, take a young

person in the neighborhood. You can tell them stories of what African-Americans and others had to go through to receive the right to vote. That's why so many are trying so hard to keep us certain populations of people away from the polls.

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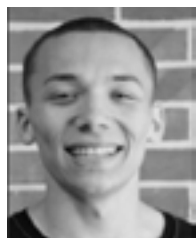
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GRADUATION PROFILES

Seniors Look Back on BCPS Journey and to the Future

The following are excerpts from students' submitted responses to three questions included in profiles from Baltimore County Public School: During your years as a BCPS student, what did you accomplish that you are most proud of? What's next for you? What are your college or employment plans after graduation? Where do you see yourself in 10 years?



Christian Shipe
Franklin High School

Accomplishments:

I am most proud that I have learned to interact with people with confidence. Theater has really helped me to connect with my peers. I had never seen myself on a stage in front of a live audience. I performed in my first play and my first musical! I never

had the confidence to do these things before. In high school, I pushed past limitations and fear and made lifelong friends.

What's next? I plan to attend Community College of Baltimore County for two years and then transfer to a state college. I am driven to earn a four-year diploma, which will enable me to become a theater teacher. This is a dream and goal. I would be the first college graduate in my family.

In 10 years: I expect to be teaching. I will connect with my students and help them to achieve dreams of their own, just like I did as a young man. I hope to inspire my students to do great things. I will try to exemplify the characteristics of those teachers who have influenced me and make them proud.



Charles Alexander Demery
Woodlawn High School

(Woodmoor Elementary, Church Lane

Elementary Technology, Sudbrook Magnet Middle)

Accomplishments: I am most proud of being valedictorian and being in that top percentile all four years of my high school career. It wasn't always easy trying to keep my grades up to remain at the same rank, especially while taking honors, advanced academic GT, AP and even college courses. I also was involved in the National Society of Black Engineers, Jr., the Robotics Club, National Honor Society and the marching band all four years. However, being named valedictorian has made it worthwhile.

What's next: I have accepted my admissions into Morgan State University and the Clara I. Adams Honors College. My plan is to major in industrial engineering and become a member of the Magnificent Marching Machine [Morgan's legendary marching band].

In 10 years: I would have earned my master's and doctorate degrees in engineering and acquired a job in my chosen field.



Keana Brooks
Milford Mill Academy

(Windsor Mill Middle School)

Accomplishment:

I am most proud of the opportunity I was given to represent my class as their secretary. I also take pride in the Class of 2018 mural being painted by me and one of my two closest friends, Amber and Aissatou.

What's next: After graduation, I will continue my pursuit for a higher education at American University in D.C. for the next four years. I will be majoring in communications studies and taking up a minor in women, gender, and sexuality studies.

In 10 years: I see myself working at a nonprofit organization proudly advocating for the rights of women, people of color, and LGBTQIA citizens worldwide, hopefully in New York City with my future dog, named Atticus and my future cat named Fitch.



Hannah Jenarine
Pikesville High School

Accomplishments:

I am most proud of learning more about who I am

and what my values and priorities are.

What's next: My next step is attending college at the University of Central Florida. My cardinal purpose in life is to create opportunities for those living in less developed and impoverished countries. I want to plan global projects to help refugees in Yemen, Syria, Serbia, Iraq, and others. I want to create a safe haven for those living in abject poverty. I want to empower women and children to take a stand for their rights and aspire to follow their

heart and dreams. Thus, in order for me to do this, I need to learn all I can about international development and project management. I also need to spend my time volunteering.

In 10 years: I see myself as the person I wish to become; that is, someone with great executive ability, poise and judgement, confidence, independence, being present in daily moments, being able to laugh at myself, being my own person, and essentially, finding myself, and dedicating my life to a cause bigger than myself.



Chelsea Mitchell
George Washington
Carver Center
for Arts & Technology
(Hernwood Elementary,
Sudbrook Magnet Middle)

Accomplishments: I am most proud of being cast in my first professional job at Baltimore Center Stage; and being a part of the world premiere of "SOUL - The Stax Musical."

What's next: Next year I will be attending Point Park University Conservatory of the Arts to receive my BFA in Dance. If things go as planned, after graduation I would like to be a member of The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre second company.

In 10 years: I see myself fulfilling my dream, traveling the world and sharing my talent to uplift people.



Arooj Zia
Owings Mills
High School
(Dumbarton Middle)

Accomplishments:

Even though my grades were great and I was working hard, I never thought that I could afford college. My school counselor told about the opportunity to become an Early College Access student. It was my

best decision ever! My professors are great, and I have made that college connection.

What's next: To date I have completed 15 credits in computer science, and I hope to earn my associate's degree from CCBC and then transfer.

In 10 years: I will be completing my Ph.D. and will continue my love of mathematics through computer science.



Imoteo Gutierrez,
Western School
of Technology
(Sudbrook Middle Magnet)

Accomplishments:

During my years as a BCPS student, I was able to maintain satisfactory grades, most recently having maintained a 3.5+ GPA throughout my four years of high school. This has only been possible thanks to the great teachers and counselors that I have had that kept me motivated and focused.

What's next: Starting next fall, I will be attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore County where I will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in information systems.

In 10 years: I see myself enjoying my career, traveling frequently, and helping out in my community in whichever way I can.



Khady Lo
Catonsville High
School
(Arbutus Elementary and Lansdowne Middle)

Accomplishments: I will be attending CCBC for two years and transferring to a four-year college.

In 10 years: I see myself graduated from college, working, and going back to my home country of Senegal for a while.

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Meetings and Events

Mark your calendars for the following events and activities.

Free Summer Concert Series

Twilight Thursdays at Foundry Row, begin June 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Foundry Row, 10100 Reisterstown Rd. in Owings Mills. Catonsville First Fridays takes place at 15 Mellor Ave. from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Music on Main Street is on Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m., Franklin Middle School, 120 Main St. in Reisterstown, 21136

Free Health Fair

The Tollgate Community is hosting a health fair on Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant AME Church, 235 Tollgate Rd. in Owings Mills. There event will feature free health screenings for health hypertension, diabetes, advance directives, vision, grief counseling, outdoor exercise and more. There also will be a moon bounce, face painting and drawings for free giveaways. At 10 a.m. there will be an information session on advance directives, and you can get free legal help with estate planning from the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Services. Visit mountpleasantamec.org for more information.



Family Fun Fest

Northwest Baptist Church is hosting its first annual family fun fest on Saturday, June 23, from noon to 5 p.m. at the church, 300 Westminster Rd. in Reisterstown, 21133. Enjoy the free dunk tank, hot dogs from 1 to 3 p.m., bounce slide and face painting. There will be a special recovery celebration for adults at 5:30 p.m. and also a magician for families and children at 5:30 p.m. Learn more at NorthwestBaptistMD.org/CelebrateRecovery or email info@nwbcmd.org.

Lawyers in the Library

Maryland Legal Aid lawyers will be on hand to offer free legal advice at the Woodlawn Library, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 21207, on Wednesday, June 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. Please bring all relevant documents. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Nuts and Bolts of Starting a Business

The Maryland Small Business Development Center is hosting a workshop specifically designed for small businesses in the planning phase of building a company will be held Monday, June 25, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Randallstown Public Library, 8604 Liberty Rd. in Randallstown, 21133. Featured topics include registering a business name, filing your business as a legal entity, marketing and advertising strategies, charging and reporting retail/sales tax, creating a business plan, zoning guidelines and business licensing. Visit marylandsbdc.org to register.

Teacher Job Fair

Baltimore County Public Schools will hold a job fair on Wednesday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to noon, at West Towson Elementary School, 6914 N. Charles St., Towson, 21204. The system is looking for teachers to work in a number of subject areas including English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and the secondary content areas of mathematics, science, Spanish, English, and special education. To be considered for a prescheduled interview, please complete an online application at bcps.org and identify BCPS Job Fair – June 27 as the referral source.

Basketball, Kids and Cops Summer Clinic

The Baltimore County Police Department's Wilkens Precinct will hold a basketball clinic on Saturday, June 30, for kids 6 to 16. Walk-in registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the gym at Leadership Through Athletics, located at 2900 Hammonds Ferry Rd. in Halethorpe, 21227. The clinic begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. There will be pizza, snacks, water and Gatorade for the young athletes and officers. The officers will offer their skills and know-how to the kids on the court. You must complete a registration and waiver form. Call the precinct at 410-887-0872 for more information.

Credit Workshop and Community Shred Day

Your credit matters. The CASH Campaign of Maryland will teach a workshop on Saturday, July 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Reisterstown Public Library, 21 Cockeys Mill Rd. in Reisterstown, 21133.

The session will cover credit essentials: how to read your credit report, build and repair your credit history and guard against identity theft. Use what you learn to take the next step—destroy your household's confidential paperwork at the Community Shred Day.

Training to Prevent an Overdose Death

The Baltimore County Department of Health is offering a free, two-hour training on how to recognize, prevent and respond to an opioid overdose by using intranasal naloxone—a prescription medication that is used to reverse an overdose. A training will be held Wednesday, July 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Randallstown Library, 8605 Liberty Rd. in Randallstown, 21133. This training is held in conjunction with the Cultivating Compassion in a Crisis: Opioid Epidemic Updates and Town Hall. Due to limited seating, preregistration is required at baltimorecountymd.gov/odresponse or call 410-887-3828.



Men's Health Screening Clinic

The Baltimore County Department of Health is holding free men's health screening clinics for uninsured and under-insured teenage and adult males. The next clinic will take place on Friday, July 13, at Woodlawn Health Center, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 21207. No appointment is necessary. Screenings will be offered for blood pressure, flu shots, glucose tests, HIV testing, and substance abuse assistance. Males will also be able to receive assistance with health insurance, registering for quit smoking classes, and more. No appointment is necessary.

Baltimore County Public Library

BCPL has several events planned throughout the county at local library branches. This summer, events include creating a community rock garden, movie and craft nights, and sessions to learn how to use Microsoft software. View the calendar at www.bcplonline.org/events.

Unity Gospel Fest

The 10th year Gospel Fest, sponsored by Aaron Barnett R. Block Inc. and Woodlawn Recreation and Parks, will be held Saturday, June 23, from noon to 7 p.m. at Woodlawn Memorial Park, 1936 Woodlawn Dr., 21207. Ernestine Jones and Dorethea Harvey will emcee this event, that will feature local and national gospel and hip hop artists, comedy, dance and more. For info, call 410-940-5545.

School Board

Upcoming meetings of the Board of Education will be held at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson on Tuesday, July 10, Aug. 7 and Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.bcps.org/board.

County Council

Upcoming meetings of the County Council will be held 6 p.m. on Monday, July 2, and Aug. 6., and the work sessions are on Tuesday, July 31 and Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, 400 Washington Ave. in Towson. For more information, including on the agendas and instructions to watch the meeting online, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil.

Music Festivals to Bring Sounds of Summer

One of the signs of summer are the annual outdoor music festivals that take place around the county. Plan to take advantage of a festive atmosphere with live bands playing diverse music genres, positive camaraderie with community members and business partners, and food, drink and activities. Below is a sampling of upcoming concert series in the northwest.

Twilight Thursdays on the Row will be held at Foundry Row in Owings Mills starting June 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be live bands, food and beverages for sale in the center of the shopping and entertainment venue located at 10100 Reisterstown Rd. You can find the line-up of entertainment at www.visitfoundryrow.com.

In Catonsville, Frederick Road Fridays returned on June 1 and continues through Aug. 31 with 13 concerts. The concerts will be held at 15 Mellor Ave. from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from various vendor tables benefit nonprofit organizations. The Greater Catonsville Chamber is organizing the family fun event. Watch for schedule changes and cancellations on the chamber's Facebook page. For the concert lineup and other details on Frederick Road Fridays, visit <http://catonsville.org/events/frederickroad-fridays.php>.



A couple dances to a live band at last year's Twilight Thursdays at Foundry Row.

Reisterstown Improvement Association is once again hosting Music on Main Street, which kicks off on Friday, June 15, from 7 to 10 p.m. and continues weekly through Sept. 14. In its fifth year, the festival will be held at Franklin Middle School, 120 Main St., in Reisterstown. Check out the schedule of bands reet at reisterstownimprovement.com or reisterstown.com.

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Mental Health: You Can Help Prevent Suicide



The recent suicides of celebrities such as Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain have put the issue of suicide back in the spotlight, although it is leading cause of death in the United States.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide rates increased in nearly every state from 1999 through 2016. Maryland had an 8.5 percent rise, which was at the lower end of the spectrum when compared with other states. (New Hampshire and Vermont had the highest rate, with more than a 48 percent increase; Nevada had a one percent decrease—the only state to experience a drop.)

Mental health conditions are often seen as the cause of suicide, but suicide is rarely caused by any single factor. In fact, many people who die by suicide are not known to have a diagnosed mental health condition at the time of death, the CDC reports. Other problems often contribute to suicide, such as those related to

relationships, substance use, physical health, and job, money, legal, or housing stress. People of all ages are dying by suicide.

What can be done? Preventing suicide involves everyone in the community. The CDC suggests that States can help ease unemployment and housing stress by providing temporary support and health care systems can offer treatment options by phone or online where services are not widely available.

What can be done? Preventing suicide involves everyone in the community. The CDC suggests that States can help ease unemployment and housing stress by providing temporary support and health care systems can offer treatment options by phone or online where services are not widely available. To create protective environments, employers can apply policies that create a healthy environment and reduce stigma about seeking help and communities can offer programs and events to increase a sense of belonging among residents.

Teach coping and problem-solving skills. Schools can teach students coping and problem-solving skills to manage challenges like relationship and school problems. The media can describe helping resources and avoid headlines or details that increase risk.

Are you or someone you know in crisis? To do your part to prevent suicide, learn the warning signs of suicide to identify and appropriately respond to people at risk.

- Visit www.BeThe1to.com to learn about a campaign that encourages people to “be the one to ask a person in crisis, keep them safe, be there, help them connect, follow up.”
- Reduce access to lethal means – such as medications and firearms – among people at risk of suicide.
- Contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for help at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or visit <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>.

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Green Space for the Powhatan Park Community

For years, Powhatan Park was a rough tract of trees, weeds and scrubs. Then the community decided to take action to clear the brush and beautify the property.

Today, the park has been transformed into a welcoming green space with a hiking trail, rock garden and native trees, thanks to a private-public partnership that combined county state funds, private grants and donations, as well as an enduring community commitment and thousands of volunteer and staff hours.

Community members, elected officials and representatives from NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, a nonprofit that works with communities to protect and improve land for green space, came together on June 9 for a dedication ceremony at the park. The park is For

Aaron Barnett, longtime president of the Powhatan Farms Improvement Association, is proud of the way the park turned out. "We can do things to engage our community," he says. "There is a big divide between the old and the young. We can host community events, such as flea markets, neighborhood BBQs,

fish fries, and hold homeowners association meetings there weather permitting."

The project began in 2007, when association officers wrote to NeighborSpace seeking "a park with ... flowers...." Additionally, Barnett says, the hope was that home property values would increase from the revitalized park.

By 2009, NeighborSpace had purchased the 1.5-acre property. State delegates at the time, Adrienne Jones and Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, secured state funds to go toward the costs for the property. Students from Morgan State's landscape architecture program created a design that addressed the area's challenges, such as uneven topography and lots of storm water runoff, with the community's desires.

The community and volunteers put in sweat equity. They pulled vines, mowed tall grass, and rented and borrowed backhoes and bush hogs to clear the property. The effort was worth it. As Barnett likes to say, "A community that strives together thrives together."



The view of Powhatan Park from Robin Hill Road in Gwynn Oak shows the serenity of native trees and a rock garden.



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Federal Crimes Involve Child Sexual Abuse, Mail Fraud, Drug Distribution

Randallstown Man Pleads Guilty to Child Sexual Exploitation

Kenneth M. Smith, age 39, of Randallstown, pleaded guilty on May 31 to two counts of sexual exploitation of a child, according to the Department of Justice for the District of Maryland.

According to his plea agreement in September 2015, an electronic communications service reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that one of its users had uploaded an image of child pornography. It attributed the activity to an account associated with Smith.

The Baltimore County Police Department secured a warrant to search his mother's house, where he was living, and discovered photographs of Smith engaged in sexually explicit conduct with a boy. Investigators also recovered thousands of other videos and images of children being sexually abused. He faces a minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 60 years in prison. Sentencing has been scheduled for October.

Dark Web Vendor Pleads Guilty To Conspiracy To Distribute Drugs

Cory Nicholas Skinner, 32, of Pikesville, pleaded on May 18 to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 100 grams of more of

heroin as well as quantities of cocaine and buprenorphine. Priority Mail packages shipped from Baltimore to Arkansas, Arizona and North Carolina that contained heroin and buprenorphine were traced to Skinner.

During investigators' surveillance of Skinner between September 2017 and January 2018, Maryland postal inspectors intercepted over 20 packages containing controlled substances that Skinner sent through the United States mail. Additionally, Maryland postal inspectors discovered Skinner used mentally and physically vulnerable individuals to drop packages containing heroin and cocaine at Baltimore post offices.

By January 2018, Skinner had sold approximately 290.5 grams of heroin, 97.5 grams of cocaine, and 216 units of buprenorphine as the vendor DoggFood. Skinner faces a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison with a statutory mandatory minimum five-year term of imprisonment. Sentencing has been scheduled for August.

Founder of \$50 Million Mail Fraud Scheme Pleads Guilty

Eric Epstein, 57, a former resident of Owings Mills pleaded guilty on May 9 to conspiracy to commit mail fraud and conspiracy to defraud the Internal

Revenue Service. He was indicted in August 2017 and charged with committing mail fraud to obtain more than \$50 million in money and property lies.

According to the plea agreement, in or about 2003, Epstein co-founded a Maryland-based telemarketing business, Midway Industries, that sold light bulbs and cleaning supplies to businesses, schools, churches, non-profit organizations and government offices. Over the years, Epstein obtained money from thousands of victim businesses by convincing them to pay for items that they never ordered, and deceived the businesses about the amounts Midway would bill for products.

Midway employees would cold-call customers and quote prices of products that were regularly 900 percent greater than what Midway paid for the supplies. At times, invoices were more than 8,000 percent higher than the true amount due.

According to the plea agreement, Epstein caused victims' checks payable to Midway corporate entities to be cashed at money remitters, while he personally kept and used the money.

Epstein faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for mail fraud conspiracy and 5 years in prison for conspiracy to defraud the IRS.

A sentencing date has been set for September.

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Officer Amy Caprio Killed in Line of Duty

The Baltimore County Police Department continues to grieve the loss of Police Officer First Class Amy Sorrells Caprio of Precinct 8 in Parkville, a nearly 4-year-veteran of the department. Caprio, 29, was described as a dog lover who made sure she had treats and a leash while on patrol. She loved her family, her husband, and her dog, Doodle. The Police Department also stated that Caprio and her husband planned to celebrate their birthdays and third wedding anniversary the weekend after she was killed on May 21.

Lt. Deanna Chemelli, Caprio's supervisor, stated, "She truly loved being a police officer and helping others. This was her passion and definitely her calling."

Caprio was the primary officer responding to a call on May 21 for a suspicious vehicle with reports of suspicious persons walking around homes in the unit block of Linwen Way in Nottingham. A neighbor called 9-1-1 adding that the individuals had broken into a

home and that a black Jeep Wrangler appeared to be involved.

After arriving in the area spotting the vehicle, Caprio exited her vehicle and ordered the driver, identified later as Dawnta Harris, to get out of the Jeep. According to Police, Harris began to exit the Jeep, then got back in and quickly accelerated, driving toward and striking her. Caprio was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital within an hour. The preliminary autopsy indicated the cause and manner of death to be homicide by traumatic injuries incurred as a result of being struck by the suspect vehicle. Police found no evidence of a gunshot wound.

Harris, 16, of Baltimore City, has been charged with first-degree murder. Three other suspects, ages, 15, 16 and 17, who were not in the vehicle were also charged with first-degree murder.

A memorial bike ride and other events have been held in the officer's honor.



Officer Amy Caprio

PAL Summer Camp Opens at Scotts Branch

Summer camp activities will be held at three local PAL (Police Athletic League) Centers, including Scotts Branch. The Baltimore County Police and Recreation and Parks Departments announced that the camps will begin on July 9 through July 27, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the center, 3651 Rolling Rd., Windsor Mill, 21244.

Area youth are encouraged to attend, with their parental permission, to travel on field trips to local attractions, and participate in various sports-related activities and art and crafts.

PAL representatives and police officers, who are looking to provide young people with an engaging, safe and enjoyable environment and to strengthen community relationships, will staff the center. There is a fee.

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Police Investigating Catonsville Homicide

Just before 2 a.m. on May 26, Baltimore County Police responded to the 6500 block of Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville for a fatal shooting.

Police determined that there was an altercation between the security guards of a business and a man in the parking lot. Security employees were asking patrons to leave the parking lot because the business was closed. After being asked several times to leave, the suspect went to his car and retrieved a handgun. As the suspect raised the gun in the direction of one of the security guards, the guard fired his handgun, striking the suspect multiple times. He was transported to Saint Agnes Hospital and pronounced dead.

The suspect did fire his weapon, and no one else was injured during the shooting. The suspect has been identified as Ron Worsley, 34, of Baltimore City. Police are looking for other suspects. It is unclear whether charges will be filed against the guard, as the investigation continues.

Police Investigating Liberty Road Shooting

Just before 1 a.m. on May 26, a Baltimore County Police officer heard several gunshots in the area of the 8100 block of Liberty Road in 21244, and began to investigate the source. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that a shooting victim walked into a nearby hospital for treatment. The 28-year-old victim suffered multiple injuries but is expected to survive.

If anyone has information about this shooting, call Police at 410-307-2020.



Suspect Shoots at Officer, Charged with Attempted Murder Baltimore County police have charged a man with attempted murder after shooting at a Woodlawn police officer investigating a call in the 2500 block of Poplar Drive late Monday night. The officer was not injured. The shooter has been identified as Kwaundaylo Richardson, 25, of the Woodlawn area.

The officer, a 10-year-veteran of the department assigned to the Woodlawn Precinct, was investigating a 911 call on May 16 for two suspicious people running through yards following what sounded like breaking glass. The officer located the two people in the 2600 block of West Park Drive. As the officer exited his vehicle, one of the suspects raised a handgun and fired a single shot at the officer, missing him by inches, and striking the patrol car. One of the suspects followed the officer's commands and was arrested at the scene. He was later interviewed and released without charge.

The shooter fled and was later apprehended. Despite an extensive search of the area, the handgun was not located at the time of the incident.

Detectives apprehended Richardson's girlfriend, 20-year-old Moesha Washington, who returned to near the scene where Richardson was apprehended to retrieve the handgun. Richardson is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a prior felony conviction.



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