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## County Police Fatally Shoot Shoplifting Suspect in Vehicle in Catonsville

Incident takes place one year after shooting of mother of two in her Randallstown apartment



**Lashanda Douglas, whose 18-year-old son, Lavar, was fatally shot by Coppin University campus police last December, stopped by the scene of the police involved shooting on Aug. 1 in Catonsville.**

On Aug. 1, the one-year anniversary of the police involved shooting of Korryn Gaines, the 23-year-old mother of two who was killed in her Randallstown apartment, an off-duty uniformed Baltimore County police officer shot and killed a man outside the Giant food store in Catonsville.

A few local residents, after hearing about the 4 a.m. incident on the local news, gathered later that morning outside the perimeter of the parking lot that was cordoned off with yellow crime scene tape. Police officers, a large black structure shielding the victim's body, and a grey Lincoln were still on the scene close to the store's entrance.

Onlookers questioned why the officer shot into the car, why he didn't

call for backup, and why deadly force was necessary. One wondered whether the victim was taking food to feed his family. They say they were troubled that the crime took place so close to their homes.

One woman, LaShanda Douglas, came to see how the body would be handled. The Woodlawn resident is the mother of an 18-year-old who was killed by a Coppin University police officer in December 2016. She said he

died alone. His body lay in the street and when she got to the hospital, he was dead. She acknowledged that he had a weapon. "What people don't know is that he was shot 11 times. I have the autopsy report in my car," she said.

"[The suspect's] mother probably doesn't know where he is," she said.

Police have identified the victim as Christopher Evin Clapp, 35, with no fixed address.

The officer involved in the shooting is identified as Police Officer First Class McCain of Precinct 8 in Parkville. A 16-1/2 year veteran of the force, McCain had a prior combat

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

## What Can We Do About the Rising Cost of Higher Education?

As students head back to college, I am reminded of my introduction to a young lady named Charlee, who emigrated from Jamaica. Charlee pursued a post-graduate education at Morgan State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry, and went on to receive a master's of science degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Georgetown University.

With a goal to become a physician, Charlee was accepted at the highly competitive George Washington University School of Medicine as one of 176 students out of thousands of applicants. As you can imagine, her tuition bill is astronomical—\$70,000 for the school year—and her \$15,000 scholarship represents a drop in the bucket.

So, here we have an exceptional, talented individual who has a lot to contribute to society but is being blocked because of the high cost.

There are thousands of students like Charlee, many of them right in our community, with the brains, creativity and drive to do great things, such as discover a cure for cancer, build grand cities and advance technology, but could be hindered because of the rising cost to attend college or a trade school.

What are we to do as a society?

The widening gap between the cost of higher education and the growth of household income is putting a damper on the college aspirations of millions of American families. Between the year 2000 and 2013 the average level of tuition and fees (excluding room and board) at a four-year public college skyrocketed by 87 percent. During that same time period, the median income for a middle-class American household rose 24 percent. As college costs rise faster than income, students and their families have had to borrow more money to make up the shortfall.

While the cost of providing an education has remained fairly stable, the cost that students pay keeps rising higher and higher, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers and Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

What it costs to educate a student hasn't changed that much in the last 10 to 15 years. What has changed are state governments' contributions to public colleges and universities. They have been cutting back. As schools receive less money, they are requiring students to pick up the difference.

According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, student loan debt has reached \$1.2 trillion and \$1 trillion of that is from federal loans.

For a country as wealthy as the United States, we seem to realize that our prosperity lies with the next generation. But why won't we invest in the

education of our young people? Here again, those who are wealthy will have access and those who are poor or marginalized will be kept out of this opportunity.

I can understand a parent's frustration in that college education seems to be necessary, but unaffordable. Parents want our students to have the best opportunity for success, but must make the choice about whether it is worth putting themselves and their kids in debt, at a time when many are struggling financially themselves.

They also must battle that the public perception that a school with higher tuition means higher quality education. And, most people don't know how to measure the quality of a college education but believe the more expensive, the better.

Certainly, colleges must take their share of the blame because to attract, particularly the wealthier students, they are building upscale dormitories and offering over-the-top amenities, such as rock climbing (I'm not sure what that has to do with learning) and state-of-the-art gyms. Let's not forget the sports programs with the huge stadiums, high coaches' salaries and perks. This approach puts the tuition out of reach for lower- and middle-income students.

The other thing driving up the costs of tuition is a situation similar to what happened with real estate. When money is easy to get, schools find they can jack up the price. Parents feel they have to pay it, and do, and the schools continue to raise tuition, room and board. Student loans are easily and readily available (think about the fact that banks and the government are lending money to a student who doesn't have a job). Who gets told no for a student loan? Hardly anyone. This is possibly setting us up for the next economic bubble.

So, the kids go to school, get their degree, and unfortunately they are buried in a smothering mound of debt. Then, they find out that the jobs waiting for them aren't the type of jobs that are providing the income they expect. As these students go on with their lives, they find it is an uphill battle to buy homes, and must put off getting married and starting a family. All this that affects the economy.

Are we going to be an educated society, or will only some have access to higher education?

If governments are prepared to pick up the cost in their budgets for public education through high school, why stop there? To me, it looks like a college degree is the new high school diploma. Why not pay through college, especially if the student earns good grades? Let's eliminate the two-tier system of the haves and have nots.

Quite frankly, I'm not sure what the answer is. I just believe we need to keep this conversation about high debt front of mind for our community leaders, elected officials and education experts. In the meantime, let's support our students' future goals—be it college or career—the best way we can.

What do you think? Share your ideas online at [nwvoicenews.com](http://nwvoicenews.com).

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The summer has been abuzz with local and state legislators holding fundraisers and receptions, attending community meetings and events, and seeking advice about their plans for elective office in the 2018 Maryland gubernatorial elections. Some elected officials are remaining coy about what office they intend to seek. Other individuals are declaring the offices they are pursuing.

Across the state, most incumbents have not filed. Only a few in the northwest area have.

As of July 31, according to State Board of Elections records, among the incumbents who have filed for re-election are District 12 Senator Edward Kasemeyer, who represents Catonsville and parts of Howard County, and Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, who represents the hybrid Baltimore City-Baltimore County District 44. Aletheia McCaskill, owner of Tender Tots, has filed to run for the Senate.

First-term Delegates Charles Sydnor III and Pat Young have also filed to represent Baltimore County District 44B in the House of Delegates.

First-term Delegates Eric Ebersole, Terri Hill and Clarence Lam of District 12 filed in July. There

are no filings for the Senate or House of Delegates in Districts 10 (Randallstown, Reisterstown and Owings Mills), and District 11 (Pikesville). However, Senator Delores Kelley has filed for the Central Committee.

In the local elections, Marisol Johnson, former member of the Baltimore County school board, has filed as a candidate for councilmanic District 2, which includes Pikesville and Reisterstown. There are no filings for District 4, which includes Randallstown and Owings Mills, and District 1, Catonsville and Woodlawn.

District 2 Councilwoman Vicki Almond is expected to announce her run for Baltimore County Executive in the upcoming weeks. District 1 Councilman Tom Quick, council chair, and District 4 Councilman Julian Jones are expected to run for re-election.

In the race for Governor, several Democrats plan to challenge Republican Gov. Larry Hogan. Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, former NAACP head Ben Jealous, state Senator Richard Madaleno and Baltimore attorney Jim Shea have announced that they will run for Governor.



**Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Delegates Charles Sydnor III and Pat Young plan to run for re-election as a team to represent District 44, which includes Catonsville and Windsor Mill.**

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz is among others weighing a bid for Governor. None of them have filed.

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# County Council takes action on bins, assisted living facilities

How many times have you come across one of those collection bins jammed with old clothes and miscellaneous items spilling out in a gas station or shopping center parking lot? What happens to the items?

A recently adopted county bill hopes to regulate the bins. Bill 43-17, co-sponsored by council members Tom Quick, Vicki Almond and Todd Crandell, amends zoning regulations to require permits. The bill is effective Aug. 18.

Quirk, the council chair who represents District 1, said complaints from community associations motivated him to work with the county's zoning and permits, approvals and inspections departments to find a solution. "More and more, we're seeing these bins pop up all over the place," Quirk said. "Some are well managed, while others are unsightly and poorly maintained. The bill gives us the tools to be able to permit and enforce the bins and weed out the bad actors."

Almond, who referred to the unsightly bins as



Collection bins, such as one located in a parking lot Security Square Shopping Center in Windsor Mill, will come under additional county enforcement regulations.

"irritating," said, "When you call the number on the bin, no one answers the phone and there is no one to leave a message. Obviously they don't want to hear from us."

In other action, the council approved an amendment to expand the Pikesville Commercial Revitalization District to include the Pikesville Armory, a state-owned property that has been vacant for several years. Currently, the district's boundaries comprise the business corridor along Reisterstown Road from the beltway to just

south of Seven Mile Lane. Businesses in county revitalization districts can receive incentives to redevelop underused properties to help spur the economy. Almond introduced the amendment.

Council members also unanimously approved a bill introduced by Cathy Bevins to prohibit assisted living facilities from setting up within 1,000 feet of another facility. The District 6 councilwoman clarified that she is not opposed to the facilities,

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## Kamenetz Improves Procurement Process to Increase Competitive Bids for County Contract

### Executive Order Also Aids Minority and Women-Owned Businesses to Compete

Streamlining the county procurement processes will increase competitive bids and help smaller firms — especially minority and women-owned businesses — to have the opportunity to bid on county contracts for professional services and construction trades, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announced last month.

“We realized that the county’s contracting opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses weren’t as accessible as they could be for growing businesses, so we did a top to bottom review of the whole process and have made changes that expand opportunities for minority and women-owned firms, and others who may be new to the government contracting arena,” Kamenetz said.

Changes to the county’s “Open for Business Initiative” include a streamlining of the prequalification process that reduces application processing time from 90 days to 30 days. Kamenetz also created a Small Business Purchasing Program that establishes a tier-based system that will provide opportunities for small firms to bid as prime contractors. The changes to the Executive Order for Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise will now permit self-performance in meeting 50 percent of subcontracting goals.

Kamenetz provided details and updates on the county’s procurement process at a procurement workshop, held July 27 at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology in Towson. The event featured a networking reception followed by a program and breakout sessions by project category. The workshop was designed for contractors, offering them the opportunity to learn about the prequalification process, potential contracting opportunities, surety bonding requirements and more.

You can read the complete text of the order at [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/BaltimoreCountyNow?from=4&to=6](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/BaltimoreCountyNow?from=4&to=6)

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free historical bus tour of the African-American community of Turner Station in Dundalk on Sept. 9. The bus tour will depart from the rear parking lot of Union Bethel AME Church, 8615 Church Lane, in Randallstown, at 9:30 a.m., and will return at approximately 2:30 p.m. The tour will include close looks at numerous historic African American communities and structures, and others where historical information will be shared. To be considered for a seat(s), you must send an e-mail request to [louisdiggs2@verizon.net](mailto:louisdiggs2@verizon.net). You will be notified by late August or early September by telephone or e-mail if you do have seats.

**Joyful Noise Concert 2017**

An outdoor concert will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 3 to 7 p.m. at 7509 Windsor Mill Rd., 21244, to benefit Night of Peace Family Shelter. Yolanda Vazquez, of Maryland Public Television will emcee the event. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy live music, spoken word, dance, food and family fun. Free admission. Donations accepted. For more info and to sponsor or perform call Muriel Gates, 443-610-1248, or Heather Berry, 443-864-8224.

**Reisterstown Festival**

The 31st annual Reisterstown Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10 at Hannah More Park. The event will feature live music, a petting zoo and free photo booth. The parade begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Visit [www.reisterstownfest.com](http://www.reisterstownfest.com).

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**School Board**

Upcoming meetings of the Board of Education will be held at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson on Tuesday, Aug. 8 and 22, Sept. 12 and Sept. 26, at 6:30 p.m. A work session on the capital budget for fiscal year 2019 will be held on Aug. 22. For more information, visit [www.bcps.org/board](http://www.bcps.org/board)

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Upcoming meetings of the County Council will be held 6 p.m. on Aug. 7, Sept. 5 (work session is on Aug. 29 at 2 p.m.) and Sept. 18 (work session is on Sept. 12 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](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil)

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# Families Expected to Spend More for Back to

As summer comes to an end, students and parents are heading to the malls and shopping centers and going online to do their back-to-school shopping.

From checking out book bags and laptops to scooping up super-discounted notebooks and colored pencils to buying school uniforms, jeans and tennis shoes, families are getting their students ready for the upcoming academic year.

According to the National Retail Federation's annual survey, back-to-college spending is expected to hit an all-time high this year while back-to-school for K-8 spending is expected to see its second-highest spending level on record.

Total spending for school and college combined is projected to reach \$83.6 billion, a more than 10 percent increase from last year's \$75.8 billion. The NRF attributes the rise to increased consumer confidence rising and more young people in school.

Other highlights of the survey:

### Back to School

Families with children in elementary through high school plan to spend an average \$687.72 each, for a total of \$29.5 billion—an 8 percent increase from last year.

According to the survey, parents say they will spend an average of \$238.89 on clothing, \$204.33 on electronics, \$130.38 on shoes and \$114.12 on school supplies. While consumers plan to spend more across all categories, shoes and school supplies are seeing the highest expected increase.

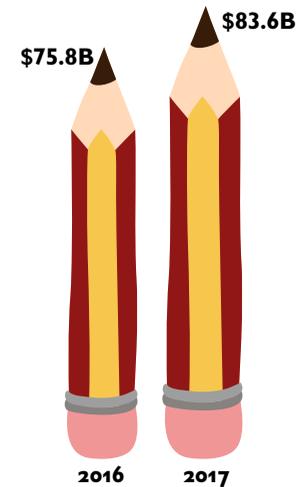
More families will tackle their lists early this year with 27 percent beginning two months before the beginning of school, up from 22 percent last year. However, 21 percent will wait until the last week or two before school starts, about the same as last year's 22 percent.

When it comes to where parents will buy, 57 percent will shop at department stores, 54 percent at discount stores, 46 percent each at clothing stores and online, and 36 percent at office supply stores.

### College Spending

College students and their families plan to spend an average of \$969.88, up from last year's \$888.71. Total spending is expected to be \$54.1 billion, up from \$48.5 billion last year and surpassing 2012's record of \$53.5 billion.

The survey found that households plan to spend an average of \$229.20 on electronics, \$142.90 on



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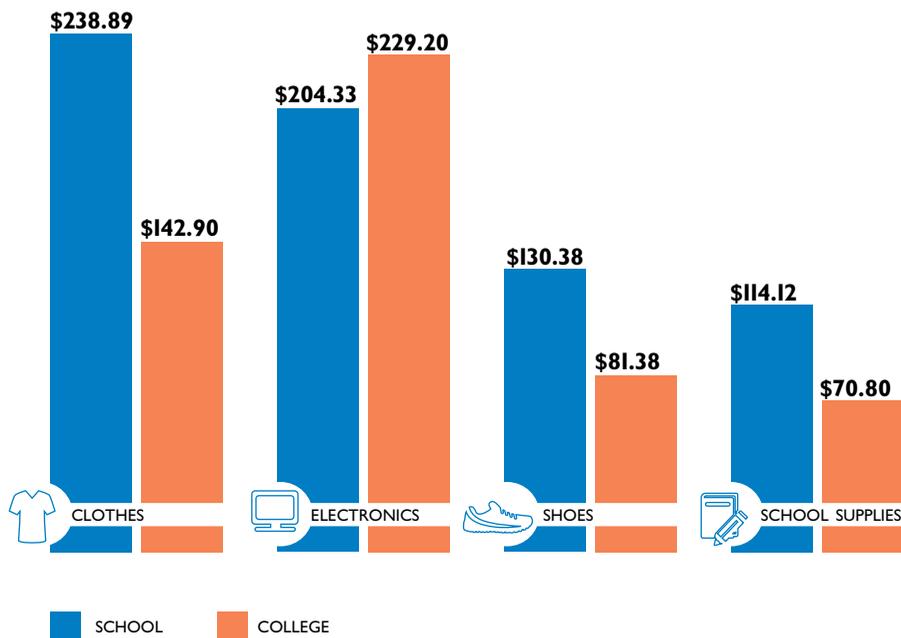
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Similar to K-12, more back-to-college buyers are shopping early to spread out their budgets because they don't want to miss out on sales and to avoid crowds. This year, 32 percent will start two months before school compared with 26 percent last year. And only 21 percent will leave shopping until the last week or two before school starts, down from 25 percent last year.

Of the back-to-college shoppers, 44 percent will go online, 40 percent to discount stores, 39 percent to department stores, 34 percent to college bookstores and 29 percent to office supply stores.

The survey of 7,226 consumers asked about both back-to-school and back-to-college plans and was conducted June 30 through July 5 a margin of error of plus or minus 1.2 percentage points.

## AVERAGE SPENDING: SCHOOL VS. COLLEGE



## Shop Maryland Tax-free Week

The second Sunday of August to the following Saturday is designated as Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week each year. The Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week for 2017 is Sunday, Aug. 13, through Saturday, Aug. 19.

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**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2017

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**Venue:** Reisterstown Senior Center  
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**Date:** Thursday, August 17, 2017

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# Gold Star Father Khizr

Introduced to rousing applause, Gold Star family member Khizr Khan thanked the men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, law enforcement and their families, and praised the work of civil rights leaders. He then passionately declared at a July 12 Call for Unity Rally in Towson, "Enough of division, enough of hate, enough of segregation. No more."

Khizr Khan, father of a U.S. Army captain who died in 2004 while serving in Iraq, gained recognition when he took on then-candidate Donald Trump for talk of a Muslim ban and his speech at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia last year. Since then, Khan said he has made more than 128 appearances in support of American values and equality for all citizens. Khan, an attorney born in Pakistan, and his wife have had their civil rights suspended while living under two martial laws.

Khizr Khan, father of a U.S. Army captain who died in 2004 while



Gold Star father Khizr Khan speaks as members of the Baltimore County Human Relations Commission look on.

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# National Night Out

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Communities around the county held National Night Out events on Aug. 1 to create camaraderie and to bring awareness to crime prevention. Photos are from events held at Reisterstown Shopping Center, in Paradise, Pahl's Farm and Powhatan Elementary School.

Paradise



# Khan at Call for Unity Rally: 'This is Our Calling'

Dozens of county residents, elected officials and community, cultural and religious leaders turned out at Patriot Plaza to show support for diversity and immigrants and to reject discrimination. The program featured speakers from the Baltimore County Human Relations Commission, Commission for Women, Amigos of Baltimore County, Islamic Society of Baltimore, Bridge Maryland and clergy from multiple denominations. The event was co-hosted by the

commission, and Danny Blount, a commission member and president of Hernwood Heights Association in Randallstown, served as emcee.

In his remarks, Khan also shared that the reason he decided to speak at the DNC Convention, against the advice of concerned family and friends, was because of children who were afraid they would not be able to finish school in the U.S. because they'd be deported.

"This is our calling regardless

of the price, the maligning of our reputation, our peace. These children have to have a voice," he said.

In the fight for equality, Khan said that silence and nonparticipation

"ENOUGH OF DIVISION,  
ENOUGH OF HATE, ENOUGH  
OF SEGREGATION. NO  
MORE."

—Khizr Khan,  
Gold Star family member

are not options. He concluded his remarks reading the 14th Amendment from a pocket-sized Constitution.

Kevin Kamenetz proclaimed July 12 as Unity Day in Baltimore County and presented Khan with an executive citation for outstanding leadership and courage in standing up for the constitutional rights of immigrants.

The program ended with an interfaith prayer from representatives of various faiths, including Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Catholic and Muslim.



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Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz is shown with members of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).



Dozens supported the appeal for human rights and equality with signs and chants.

### Pahl's Farm



### Reisterstown



### Powhatan



## Restaurant Week Specials Through August 19

Sixty-two restaurants are participating in Baltimore County's 14th Restaurant Week, which begins on Friday, Aug. 4, and continues through Aug. 19.

Patrons can enjoy diverse cuisine options at discounted, fixed prices. The menus feature one- to three-course brunch, lunch and dinner specials ranging from \$15 to \$35.

County restaurants employ 27,247 workers in 1,600 establishments, according to Kevin Scott, president and CEO of the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce. "The restaurant industry is big business in Baltimore County, bringing in \$1.6 billion in sales yearly."

Visit [www.baltimorecountyrestaurantweek.com](http://www.baltimorecountyrestaurantweek.com) for a list of all participating restaurants, menus, and reservations.



## Chick-fil-A Coming to Reisterstown

The construction you see in front of Reisterstown Shopping Center is for a Chick-fil-A fast-food restaurant.

The popular Atlanta-based restaurant chain will be located in the 11000 block of Reisterstown Road across from Franklin High School.

Greenberg Gibbons had announced that Chick-Fil-A will join Foundry Row in a new, 4,000-square-foot pad near Mission BBQ in September. The developer also announced last year that it had purchased the 167,212-square-foot Reisterstown Shopping Center.

## Who Has Filed to Run in the 2018 Elections?

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Anyone interested in running for office in the 2018 gubernatorial elections must file the necessary paperwork with the State Board of Elections before 9 p.m. on Feb. 27. Once a candidate files for office, he or she can change the office they are seeking so long as they do so prior to the Feb. 27 deadline.

The primary election will be held on June 26, 2018. Early voting will take place on June 14 through 21. The general election is Nov. 6. Early voting takes place Oct. 25 through Nov. 1.

Candidate filings are updated daily at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us)

### GOT NEWS?



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# Fire Department Graduates Probationary EMTs, Paramedics

13 are assigned to northwest Baltimore County area



The Baltimore County Fire Department graduated 33 members, including 11 who have been assigned to Pikesville, Randallstown, Westview and Woodlawn.

The Baltimore County Fire Department graduated 33 new members on Aug. 1 — 23 probationary emergency medical technicians (PEMT) and 10 paramedics.

Graduation exercises for the 109th Recruit Class of the Fire-Rescue Academy were held on Aug. 1 at the George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology in Towson.

Recruit Laura Connelly, who is assigned to the Woodlawn station, received the Academic Achievement Award, given to the recruit with the highest grade point average.

Recruit Rachel Edmondson, who is assigned to the Randallstown station, received the Isaac Burke Award, given to a recruit who with little experience in the fire service who has overcome personal obstacles to succeed during his/her time at the Academy.

Recruit Joseph Sliva, who is assigned to Westview, was the class speaker.

The recruits in the northwest area and their station assignments are as follows:

- Paramedic Mellissa Gadd, Pikesville
- Paramedic Joseph Sliva, Westview
- PEMT Laura Connelly, Woodlawn
- PEMT Adam Dye, Randallstown
- PEMT Rachel Edmondson, Randallstown
- PEMT Courtney Henson, Pikesville
- PEMT Latanya Howe, Randallstown
- PEMT Shanetra Jenifer, Randallstown
- PEMT Matthew Nickoles, Randallstown
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Congratulations to all the recruits.

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## County Council Legislative Update

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parking issues, an increased number of 911 calls, and frequent comings and goings of staff who work around-the-clock seven days a week.

To the chagrin of many in the audience, the council tabled a vote on Resolution 68-17 regarding the controversial Royal Farms project on York Road in Towson. After extensive conversations with Royal Farms, Caves Valley Partners and the County Executive's Office, Quirk stated, "All parties are looking for a win-win solution for the community, a win-win for Royal Farms and a win-win for Caves Valley." The crowd booed and walked out.

You can view the work sessions and legislative sessions online at [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/index.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/index.html) and go to the meetings tab.

# Groovin' With Ben and His Friends

As part of the annual Groovin' with Ben and His Friends jazz concert series, Fruition Experience entertained attendees at the July 15 event in Oella.

Board members of the Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum and Baltimore County Recreation and Parks, which sponsored the concert, are shown in front of the historical cabin, which is a reconstruction of Banneker's home.



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## New School Board Member Appointed



Emory Young, president of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, was sworn in as a member of the Board of

Education, representing District 2. Young has served as president since 2014 of the council, which has 20,000 members in 154 member Parent-Teacher Associations across the county. A native of North Carolina, he tests network equipment for Verizon. He holds a bachelor's degree from North Carolina University in engineering.

Young will replace Marisol Johnson, who resigned in June. Community leaders had petitioned Gov. Larry Hogan to appoint an African-American to the board after the resignations of Johnson and Romaine Williams left the board with one minority member, Charles McDaniels Jr. .

## Another Police Involved Shooting

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shooting in 2006 that did not result in a fatality.

According to County Police, the officer shot and killed a "fleeing suspect" as the officer was being "dragged" by the suspect vehicle over 100 feet across the parking lot. (With the car parked near the front door of the store, it is unclear how far the suspect "fled" before getting shot.)

Cpl. Shawn Vinson, the Police Department's public information officer, said "Our officers are trained in that they have the right to use deadly force when [their] life is being threatened."

Police did not report, as they typically do very quickly, that the suspect was armed. Vinson said, "We have not confirmed whether the suspect was armed due to the ongoing investigation, which will include our homicide detectives interviewing the office involved in the shooting."

The suspect previously entered the Giant store with canvas grocery bags and filled them with merchandise,

including laundry detergent, Police say. The officer watched the suspect walk past the registers, making no attempt to pay. The officer followed the suspect outside of the store where he saw him get into the driver's seat of a Lincoln with a North Carolina registration plate waiting on the parking lot.

The officer approached the driver side window and verbally engaged the suspect, who responded by putting the car's gear into drive. The officer reached into the vehicle, ordering the suspect to stop the vehicle multiple times, but the suspect rapidly accelerated, squealing the vehicle's tires on the pavement and speeding away, dragging the officer with the vehicle. (The officer was not harmed.) The officer drew his service weapon and fired shots into the vehicle at the suspect, killing the suspect and stopping the vehicle.

A passenger in the front seat of the suspect's Lincoln was taken to an area hospital for treatment of chest pains

following the incident. The passenger in the car will not be charged related to the officer being dragged.

While the officer was wearing his Baltimore County Police issued uniform, he was not equipped with a body-worn camera. The body-worn camera policy does not require it be worn with the uniform if an officer is working in a secondary employment capacity.

Police will do a criminal and administrative investigation of the shooting. Vinson said homicide detectives will conclude their investigation and submit their findings to the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office. That office will review the investigation and decide whether to file criminal charge against officers.

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# County Man Sentenced to 40 Years in Jail for Cocaine Trafficking

Shani McDonald, a former resident of Windsor Mill, was sentenced to 40 years in jail for possessing with the intent to distribute a large quantity of cocaine, and to five concurrent years in jail under the “volume dealer” statute, as the amount of cocaine was greater than 448 grams, specifically 1036.4 grams. Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh and Carroll County State’s Attorney Brian DeLeonardo, whose offices were instrumental in the case, announced the sentencing on July 28.

According to Frosh’s office, McDonald, 33, was indicted in late 2016 for his role as a high-level drug dealer in Maryland. The investigation revealed that

McDonald organized, promoted and participated in a multi-jurisdictional drug trafficking criminal enterprise, traveling from Maryland to New York to obtain both heroin and cocaine to distribute in jurisdictions throughout the state, including Carroll and Baltimore counties.

In September 2016, after traveling to New York to pick up over a kilogram of cocaine, McDonald was pulled over in Harford County by Maryland State Police. Subsequent search warrants at multiple residences including McDonald’s stash houses recovered packaging materials, almost 600 grams of heroin, over \$10,000 in cash and two handguns.

Members of Frosh’s Organized Crime Task Force prosecuted the case. The case resulted from an investigation by the Carroll County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area initiative, which includes the Maryland State Police, Carroll County Sheriff’s Office, Westminster Police and Homeland Security Investigations.

McDonald’s record includes previous convictions for felony narcotics as well as for first-degree assault. He was on probation for a felony heroin conviction when he was arrested.

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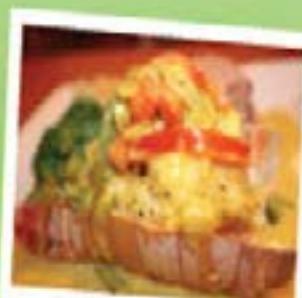
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## Crime News in the Northwest: Woodlawn Motel Kidnapping, Homicides, Robberies

Read a roundup of Baltimore County Police Department reports on some of the incidences of crime affecting local residents so that you are aware of the crimes and the alleged suspects' methods of operation.

### Police Investigate Early Morning Shooting in Woodlawn

Shortly after 2 a.m. on Aug. 3, Baltimore County Police received a call from a local hospital after a patient told staff that he was suffering from a gunshot wound. Detectives determined that the shooting occurred in the 8500-block of Glen Michael Lane in Randallstown.

The man suffered at least one gunshot wound and received treatment for his injuries. Police do not have any additional details about this shooting at this time.

Anyone who has information about this incident should call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020. The Baltimore County Violent Crimes Unit continues to investigate this case. Metro Crime Stoppers is offering a reward.

### Police Investigating Fatal Crash on Westminster Pike

Police have identified the two people killed in the July 16 crash on Westminster Pike. They are motorcycle operator Bruce Crockett, 59, of Reisterstown, and his passenger, Sharon Conaway, 55, of the Windsor Mill area, 21244. The motorcycle was traveling north in the southbound lane and collided with a Toyota Camry in the southbound lane. The name of the driver of the Toyota is being withheld until the conclusion of the investigation.

### Identity Sought of Rite-Aid, Walgreens Robbery Suspect

Baltimore County Police are seeking information on the identity of a suspect who is responsible for multiple commercial robberies.

On July 1 at approximately 12:45 p.m., the suspect entered a Rite



Aid in the 5600 block of Baltimore National Pike, pretended to make a purchase, then grabbed money from the open register and fled the store.

On July 14 at approximately 2:45 p.m., the same suspect entered a Walgreens in the 1500 block of Reisterstown Road, again pretended to make a purchase, then unsuccessfully attempted to grab cash from the open register. Later that afternoon, around 4:45 p.m., he entered a Rite Aid in the 7100 block of Security Boulevard, pretended to make a purchase and grabbed cash from the open drawer.

If you have any information on the identity of this suspect, call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020.

### Police Locate Kidnapping Victim and Arrest Suspect

On July 22, officers from the Woodlawn precinct responded to the Motel 6 located in the 1600 block of Whitehead Court, for an injury call. During the course of their initial investigation, officers discovered that a small child had been kidnapped from the location.

Dominique Manago told officers that a man she knew was taking



care of her 1-year-old child. The man came to the motel with the child inside his car. He knocked on the door of the room, and went back to his car when Manago didn't open the door. As the man was leaving, Manago ran up to the car and tried to remove her daughter from inside the car. The suspect drove off with the child still in the car.

Police began searching for the child and she was located later that evening in the Wilkens area, when officers saw the suspect's vehicle. Police recovered the child safe and unharmed.

Clarence Harris, 65, of 20877, was arrested and charged with one count of kidnapping a child under the age of 16. He is being held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

**Search For Mercedes Benz Involved In Hit And Run Collision**

Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating a car involved in a hit-and-run collision involving a juvenile pedestrian. On July 20, just before 10 p.m., Police responded to a call for a pedestrian struck on Liberty Road near Old Court Road in Randallstown. The car fled the scene after the collision.

The car is described as a 2008-2009 black Mercedes Benz C-class, four-door sedan being either a sport or luxury model. The Mercedes is missing the driver's side exterior mirror and has damage to the driver's side front headlight. The juvenile pedestrian was transported to a local

hospital, where he continue to receive treatment.

If anyone has information about this incident, please call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020 or the Police Crash Team at 410-887-5396.

**Police Investigating Double Shooting**

On July 26, just after 3 p.m., County Police received a call for a shooting victim in the 1100 block of Lisadale Circle, 21228. Shortly afterwards, police received a second call for another shooting victim, Christopher White, 24, of Woodlawn, who was found at Queen Anne Street and Kent Avenue, 21207, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Officers determined that the victims from both locations were involved in the same incident.

White was transported to the Shock Trauma Center, where he was pronounced dead. The other victim, a 17-year-old male, was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Investigators learned that White and the second man planned to meet each other on Kent Avenue. During the meeting, both men pulled handguns out and fired several shots at each other. Police continue to investigate the purpose and the details leading up to the meeting between the two.

Anyone with additional information should, call the Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020. The Homicide Unit continues to investigate this incident.

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## Price Dropped on Ray Lewis' Reisterstown Home

Retired Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis has dropped the price of his 6,592-square-foot Reisterstown estate.

The custom-built home on Tufton Avenue has seven bedrooms, six full and two half baths spread on multiple levels and is located on a gated 28-acre lot that touches Oregon Ridge Park to the east and Worthington Farms to the south.

Lewis purchased the home in 2003 and originally put it on the market for \$2.95 million in April 2017, according to the listing. He dropped the price to \$2.5 million in July.

According to the listing, it features a bar, movie theater, sauna, gym, hot tub, and pool with a pool house and cabana. The master suite has a spiral staircase leading to a massive custom closet; the master bathroom features a steam shower.

Lewis also owned a two-level 4,283 -square-foot home on more than two acres in Owings Mills, which was originally listed in 2013 for \$1.1 million. In January 2015, after several relistings, the price for the Foxcreek Court home dropped to \$850,000. It is currently off the market.

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## Welcome Our New Neighbors

Welcome our new neighbor is a list of some residential sales in the coverage area of the Northwest Voice newspaper from the previous month. This will be a feature every monthly issue. This list is from the MRIS and is provided courtesy of Tammy Moore, Broker of Rollins & Associates Real Estate, 201 Milford Mill Rd., Pikesville. The list includes address, style, bedrooms, bathrooms, list price and closing price.



ADDRESS	STYLE	BEDROOM	BATH	LISTED	CLOSE SALE
<b>WOODLAWN, 21207</b>					
5936 Talbott St	Rancher	3	3 ½	\$219,900	\$219,900
6726 Valley Creek Dr	Rancher	4	2	\$219,850	\$219,000
1622 Kirkwood Rd	Colonial	3	1 ½	\$175,000	\$174,000
3822 Byfield Rd	Cape Cod	4	3	\$260,000	\$240,000
6703 Longhill Rd	Split Foyer	4	3	\$252,900	\$250,900
<b>WINDSOR MILLS, 21244</b>					
3171 Jeffland Rd	Rancher	3	2	\$221,500	\$227,000
3319 Lauri Rd	Colonial	4	2 ½	\$229,000	\$227,000
3513 Ellen Rd	Cape Cod	4	2	\$214,000	\$217,000
7923 Galloping Cir	Colonial	4	2 ½	\$324,500	\$295,000
3212 Gartside Ae	Split Level	4	2	\$234,900	\$234,000
<b>CATONSVILLE, 21228</b>					
70 Longview Dr	Cape Cod	3	2	\$225,000	\$222,000
212 Harlem Ln	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$289,900	\$382,500
3 Forest Rock Ct	Split Foyer	4	2 ½	\$272,900	\$260,000
1600 Idlewild Ave	Colonial	4	2	\$439,900	\$422,000
1319 Gatefiled Rd	Colonial	4	2 (2) ½	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>RANDALLSTOWN, 21133</b>					
9041 Allenswood Rd	Rancher	3	2	\$200,000	\$200,000
3943 Susanna Rd	Rancher	5	3	\$269,900	\$263,000
4113 Dutch Mill Rd	Split Level	3	3	\$230,000	\$191,000
4181 Adrienne Way	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$235,000	\$325,000
3621 Templar Rd	Split Foyer	5	3	\$270,000	\$260,000
<b>PIKESVILLE, 21208</b>					
12 Timothys Green Ct	Contemporary	5	4 ½	\$1,499,000	\$1,407,075
6 Split Rock Ct	Traditional	4	½	\$995,000	\$995,000
6 Sutherland Ct	Rancher	4	3 ½	\$450,000	\$418,000
3709 Michelle Way	Contemporary	6	4 ½	\$725,000	\$720,000
622 Military Ave	Cape Cod	3	1	\$189,999	\$193,000
<b>OWINGS MILLS, 21117</b>					
102 Byway Rd	Colonial	4	2 ½	\$387,990	\$434,080
9226 Lyons Mills Rd	Rancher	3	1 ½	\$330,000	\$295,000
6 Caveswood Ln	Contemporary	4	2 ½	\$439,000	\$439,000
9639 Julia Ln	Colonial	3	2 ½	\$364,990	\$381,990
3115 Caves Rd	Farm House	3	3	\$829,900	\$860,000
<b>REISTERSTOWN, 21136</b>					
8 Falling Water Ct	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$650,000	\$620,000
13009 Heil Manor Dr	Rancher	3	3	\$578,000	\$570,000
502 Deacon Brook Cir	Split Foyer	5	3	\$294,000	\$290,000
810 Ironstone Ct	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$614,990	\$585,000
13818 Hanover Pike	Cape Cod	3	2 ½	\$284,000	\$281,000



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