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Woodlawn High School was among the six visits interim Baltimore County Schools Superintendent Verletta White made on Sept. 5, the first day of school for students. She also stopped by Woodbridge Elementary in Catonsville and Franklin Middle School in Reisterstown. County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, Gov. Larry Hogan, Maryland Schools Superintendent Karen Salmon, elected officials and school board members joined her at some of the visits.



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School is Back in Session Under New Leadership

Milford Mill, Woodlawn High get new magnet programs this year

Baltimore County Public Schools students are back in class—this time after Labor Day, thanks to a state law requiring the pushed-back start for all Maryland schools. Some students were excited to reconnect with their friends, and jump into the academic and extracurricular activities, while others bemoaned the early rises and bed times, and upcoming homework time.

For some parents, the new routine will include making lunches, setting aside time to help with homework, and prying away tablets and smartphones so their students can get a good night's sleep and wake up with energy in the morning.

To help students and parents anxious about their children going to middle school and high school for the

first time BCPS's early entry program gave sixth- and ninth-graders a chance to get acclimated to their new environment. Last month, they took a tour of the schools, met their teachers and checked out their lockers to help with the transition. The program is in its second year.

There also was a three-day orientation for supervisors and administrators, as well as for new teachers.

Most significant, the school year begins with a new leader at the helm, Interim Superintendent Verletta White. A teacher and the previous chief academic officer, White has been in the role since her appointment took effect in July, after S. Dallas Dance resigned from the position last spring to take a new job.

White says she has three priorities: One is to strengthen the focus on literacy, beyond foundational reading and writing. Students will need to take in, analyze and act on a wide variety of information.

Another priority is building a positive school climate, where everyone feels welcome, valued and connected to school. "The best way to prevent problematic behavior is with quality teaching, and restoring and repairing relationships so they can resolve conflict respectfully." She said that when it is necessary, there will be "logical consequences" when students' behavior is unacceptable.

Recruiting and maintaining high quality teachers who have the will to connect with students and the skill to teach is White's third area

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

Is the American Dream For Dreamers?

At a recent visit to a local church, the minister asked the congregation if anyone desired prayer. A young lady stepped forward. I expected that she would ask the church to pray for a family member who was ill, maybe a career change or a bold move out of state.

Instead, Lauren, as I will call her, shared that for the first time in her life, she was afraid of what the future holds.

As someone who grew up in the church, she thanked the congregation for supporting her throughout elementary, middle and high school, and during her college years, and encouraging her as a young mother raising a young child.

I was not prepared to hear the personal story that followed. Truly touched by her vulnerability and impressed with her courage, I decided to follow up with her and gave her a call.

Born in West Central Africa, her parents brought her to the United States at age 9. Now 23, Lauren was extremely nervous and concerned about how Donald Trump's decision to do away with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) would impact her.

In our phone conversation, Lauren shared that she arrived in the U.S. as an undocumented immigrant. For years, she never knew that. It wasn't until her junior year in high school when she began preparing to make plans for college, and asked her mother for certain types of paperwork, that her mother was forced to tell her the hard truth. That's a lot for a 16-year old to deal with, especially when she didn't know the history of why.

The words were so difficult to comprehend that the reality of the situation put her into a depressed state. All her friends and classmates were making plans for the next phase in their lives and she had no clue of where life was going. She could not even apply for a drivers' license. Protections that were put in place for people like her under the Obama administration are being stripped away permanently. If no action is taken, she faces deportation to a country she barely knows.

Growing up, Lauren says her mother ingrained in her that if you work hard and do the right thing, you can be successful. Lauren earned top grades and has consistently been on the honor roll. She graduated in the top 10 percent of her high school class at Western Tech.

With her strong academics, Lauren should have been able to get into the college of her first choice. Instead, because of her immigration status, many schools rejected her applications. She eventually enrolled in Frostburg State University. Again, she did well, graduating cum laude with a bachelor's

degree in biology.

Even though she's been in the U.S. for almost 15 years, she pays out-of-state tuition as an international student, which as we know is significantly more than in-state cost. No student loans, no college grants, no student aid. Her mom worked two jobs to pay for her college costs. It paid off, as she graduated with a degree in biology, cum laude.

She reminded me that despite what people may believe, she also is not entitled to other benefits for which Americans are eligible, such as housing, social services or medical care. She works and she pays taxes.

At first Lauren said she was angry and sad. Today, she's fearful. Being removed from this country to return to a country in which you'd feel like a stranger is unimaginable. Her daughter is an American citizen. But Lauren says she couldn't, in good conscious, take her daughter to a country even she doesn't know. And, she is concerned that one day she will have to tell her why she left her.

Indeed, Lauren has talked to attorneys about how to obtain legal citizenship. They told her she would have to go back to her native country, then reapply. The process would take about 10 years.

I felt compelled to write about Lauren because with all the news reporting about DACA and immigrants, we can't lose sight of the fact that real people, of myriad nationalities and ethnicities, are affected. They are our neighbors, our friends, our coworkers and our children's classmates.

Trump built his campaign on racial hysteria; he focused on immigrants as criminals; he talked about building a border wall and about deportation. He insists on erasing Barack Obama's legacy and everything he put in place, including DACA.

A little more about DACA: The program took effect in 2012 with Obama issuing an executive order after Congress would not pass the bill.

What Obama said to Immigration Services is that these young people, "Dreamers," are not to be a priority for deportation. If they are in school, have no criminal record, and are working, the U.S. will allow them to stay in the country until we figure out how to get them on a legal path to citizenship. Still, Obama wanted Congress to fix the issue. They wouldn't and didn't.

With the order, hundreds of thousands of these young people hesitantly but bravely stepped out of the shadows and declared their undocumented status to the U.S. government in exchange for living without fear.

DACA allows the Dreamers to apply for temporary—not permanent—protection from deportation. They have to register and fill out docu-

ments. More than 800,000 did this in the country and more than 11,000 in Maryland. They trusted Obama and the U.S. government. That's why what Trump did is so cruel. He trampled on the trust that these young people had placed in America. He didn't have to mess with this executive order.

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Owings Mills Army Veteran Does Pushups to Fight Child Hunger

If you have seen a friendly man around town with a camouflage T-shirt, sweats and a black cap with the name Sgt. Pushup on it, you might get the distinct impression that this is someone on a mission.

As Patrick Parker will tell you, "Sgt. Pushup is my name and ending childhood hunger is my game." Since June, the Owings Mill resident and decorated Army veteran has been pursuing a goal to raise \$250,000 for the Maryland Food Bank to provide meals for children in need.



Parker is using his passion for fitness and love of pushups ("they keep me in shape") to engage supporters. To reach that goal, he will "do 250,000 pushups at a pace of 3,000 a day before he hits his self-imposed Sept. 30 deadline.

Discipline and motivation has put Parker on track to accomplish the quarter-million pushups,

but he laments that less than \$5,000 has been contributed to his Food Bank campaign.

Parker won't let the disappointment keep him down. He recently sold his beloved Mustang GT to support the cause.

"I enjoy it. I don't have any kids. Children are

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"Overdoses are rising at an alarming rate, and addiction affects people of all walks of life," said County Executive Kevin Kamenetz. "Recovery Month is a perfect opportunity to promote the many resources available to those suffering from substance use disorders"

The Baltimore County Department of Health provides resources and linkage to care for people with substance use disorders and their families, offers programs and services to prevent substance use, and develops, coordinates, and monitors a countywide network of prevention and treatment services to address hazardous substance use.

"Addiction is a terrible disease," stated Gregory Wm. Branch, director of the Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services. "We are committed to em-

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Neighborhood Heroes: Nominate Someone Who Makes A Difference

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announced the Neighborhood Heroes awards program to highlight county residents who are making unique and significant contributions in the community. Kamenetz will honor seven individuals, one from each County Council district, and recognize them at an awards ceremony on Oct. 12 at the Historic Courthouse in Towson.

Kamenetz said the award is one way to thank standout individuals for what they do without expectation of reward or recognition.

"In Baltimore County, we have a tremendous community spirit and I have met and worked with so many people who dedicate countless hours to mentoring young people, serving vulnerable populations, initiating community clean-ups or just making a difference in their neighborhoods," he said.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 15. The nomination form is available on the county's website at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/women/neighborhoodheroes.html and may be submitted online or by mail or fax.

Contact Nancy Surosky at nsurosky@baltimorecountymd.gov or 410-887-2450 with questions.

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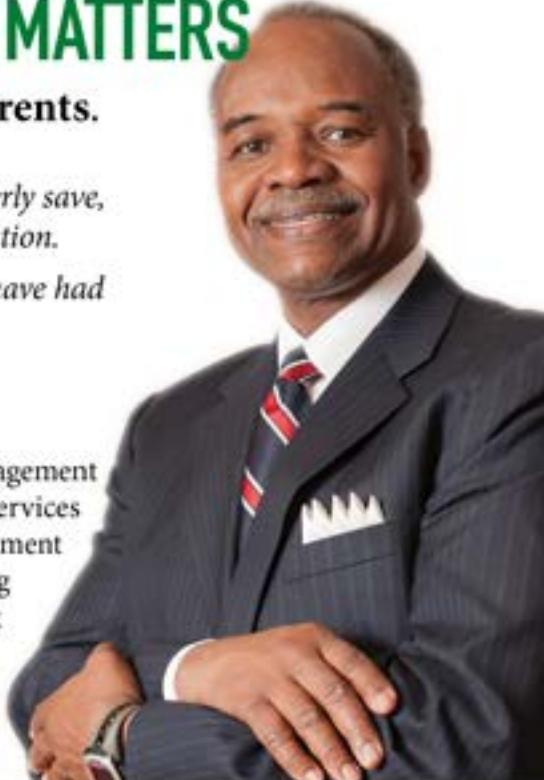
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Back to school immunization clinics— No appointment necessary

Baltimore County Department of Health offers immunization clinics

If you are a parent who still has not gotten your children vaccinated or the 2017-2018 school year, the Baltimore County Department of Health will provide immunization clinics for children up to age 18 who are eligible under Vaccines for Children (VFC).

The VFC program serves mainly children who are eligible for Medicaid and children who have no health insurance. If parents do not know whether or not their child needs immunizations, they can check with the child's school or call the Department of Health's Immunization Action Program at 410-887-2705.

All recommended vaccines will be available at the walk-in clinics, including those most recently added to the requirements —varicella for students entering kindergarten and Tdap (Tetanus-diphtheria-attenuated pertussis) and meningococcal (MCV4) vaccination for students entering seventh grade. The meningitis vaccine will also be available for students entering college.

For children with Medicaid, insurance will be billed. For those with no insurance, an administration fee will be charged on a sliding fee scale.

Gregory Branch, director of the Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services, said there is no need for students to be out of compliance or excluded

from school due to missing immunizations. "I want parents and guardians to take the time to S.A.V.E. this year — start administering vaccines early — by attending one of our free immunization clinics."

Several clinics were held during the month of August and additional clinics are scheduled for September. Parents and guardians must bring a copy of their child's immunization record to the visit when the child is seen.

On Mondays through Fridays through Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the following health center locations will accept walk-ins for school immunizations:

- **Hannah More Health Center**, 12035 Reisterstown Rd., Reisterstown 21136
- **Liberty Family Resource Center**, 3525 Resource Drive, Randallstown, 21133
- **Woodlawn Health Center**, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, Woodlawn, 21207

Saturday clinics will also be held at Woodlawn Health Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 9 and Sept. 23.

For more information about the back-to-school immunization clinics or childhood immunization requirements, contact the Immunization Action Program at 410-887-2705 or visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/immunizations.

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Meetings and Events

Mark your calendars for the following events and activities.



Baltimore County African American Festival

The R&B group After 7, of "Heat of the Moment," "Can't Stop" and "Ready or Not" fame, will headline the entertainment at the 21st annual African American Cultural Festival, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the streets surrounding the Historic Courthouse, 400 Washington Ave. in Towson. Kayla Waters, a composer, songwriter and pianist will also perform. Grammy-award

nominee and independent artist Eric Roberson is a songwriter for Jill Scott, Musiq Soulchild and Vivian Green. There also will be food, vendors, health and wellness activities, a children's zone and history and culture exhibits. Scholarships will be presented. For more information, visit www.aaculturalfestival.com or call the hot line at 410-635-4381..

Opioid Overdose Response Training

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 intra-nasal naloxone, a prescription medication that is used to reverse an overdose. Sessions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Catonsville Library, 1100 Frederick Rd., 21228; and Thursday, Oct. 19, Randallstown Library, 8604 Liberty Rd., 21133. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required.

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screenings such as blood pressure, vision, cancer screenings, falls and risks, strength testing, BMI (body mass index) and other health services and information provided. Rain date is Saturday, Sept 23..

Joyful Noise Concert 2017

An outdoor concert will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 3 to 7 p.m. on the grounds of Salem United Methodist Church, 7509 Windsor Mill Rd., 21244, to benefit Night of Peace Family Shelter and homeless families. Praise bands and performers include national



gospel recording artist Phillip Carter and guest artist Therron Fowler ("Walk With Me"). Yolanda Vazquez, of Maryland Public Television will emcee the event. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy live music, face painting, balloon art, mime, 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.

Pikesville Fall Festival

The Pikesville Chamber of Commerce is hosting its seventh annual festival will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pikesville High School, 7621 Labyrinth Rd. in Pikesville. Enjoy face painting, balloon animals and a moon bounce for the kids, live entertainment, and more than 70 vendors. Proceeds will benefit the chamber.

Outdoors Arts and Music Festival

The 1000 Friends of Pikesville will host an outdoor arts and music festival on Saturday, Oct. 8, from

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Northwest Area Education Advisory Council Meetings

The council will hold its first meeting of the academic year on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. at Randallstown High School, 4000 Offutt Rd., 21133. There will be a panel discussion on school climate and school discipline. Mark your calendars for other meetings, which are scheduled for Oct. 19 and Nov. 24.

Financial Literacy: Money Matters Workshop

Del. Benjamin Brooks will host a Financial Literacy: Money Matters Workshop for students and parents on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Owings Mills Public Library, 10302 Grand Central Ave. Learn valuable information on how to invest and budget your money, the real deal with credit cards and credit reports, and little-known money tips. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to 410-496-4037 or benjamin.brooks@house.state.md.gov.

School Board

Upcoming meetings of the Board of Education will be held at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson on Tuesday, Sept. 12, and

Sept. 26, and Oct. 10 and 24 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, Sept. 18, (work session is on Sept. 12 at 2 p.m.), Oct. 2 (work session Sept. 26 at 2 p.m.), and Oct. 16 (work session Oct. 10 and 24 at 2 p.m.) at the Historic Courthouse, 400 Washington Ave. in Towson. For more information, including on the agendas and www.baltimorecountymd.gov/county council.

Police Community Relations Council

These councils consist of community leaders, interested citizens and representatives of the local business community, and meet to resolve issues of concern and provide an open forum.

- **Woodlawn Precinct 2** meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Woodlawn Precinct, 6424 Windsor Mill Rd., 21207. Contact Malinda Taylor at mrtaylor@verizon.net or 410-265-5926. The police precinct station number is 410-887-4714.
- **Franklin Precinct 3** meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Franklin Precinct, 606 Nicodemus Rd. in Reisterstown, 21136. Brad Sharpless is director and may be contacted at bvsharpless@hotmail.com. The precinct station number is 410-887-6985.
- **Pikesville Precinct 4** meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 7401 Park Heights Ave. in Pikesville, 21208. Jerry Dantoni may be reached at j.dantoni@verizon.net. The precinct contact number is 410-887-6775.

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Residents urged to check licensure status of assisted living facilities

The Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) warns family members and legal representatives to thoroughly research assisted living facilities and ensure that they are licensed before committing to placement arrangements. This alert comes following an incident that occurred

over the weekend regarding an unlicensed assisted living facility.

Baltimore County Fire Department informed HHS on the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 20, of a potentially dangerous assisted living situation involving 18 vulnerable adults that needed to be relocated immediately due to several fire code violations.

The facility, located at 9019 Marcella Avenue in Randallstown, was lacking a sprinkler system, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, second floor egress and other appropriate bedroom door locking mechanisms.

After social workers and nurses visited the location on the same day, it was discovered that the facility was not licensed and that the medical and client records were in disarray.

The Office of Healthcare Quality, the licensing agency for assisted living facilities in the state, was promptly notified about the unlicensed facility and the emergent need to relocate clients. The Baltimore County Departments of Health and Social Services collaborated to ensure that all 18 vulnerable adults were safely relocated to other facilities or with family in less than eight hours after learning of the situation.

“It is of the utmost importance that families and guardians do their due diligence when selecting an assisted living facility for those in their care,” said Gregory Branch, director of Health and Human Services. “I am truly grateful that no one suffered injury or loss of life while being at this facility and that we were able to get each of them to a safe environment as fast as we did.”

Assisted living facilities offer care to people who are having difficulty living independently by providing a place to live, meals, and assistance with daily activities, such as dressing, bathing, eating, and managing medications.

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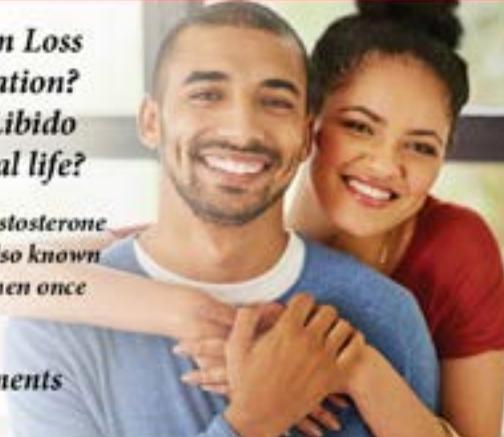
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Pushups for Childhood Hunger

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important. They don't ask to be here. I want to make a difference in this life," says Parker. He also does talks on anti bullying.

"I believe that childhood hunger is not a Christmas, New Year's and Thanksgiving thing. We should think about it year-round. I've experienced hunger myself," he continues. "We can band together to end childhood hunger."

He has also connected with local universities, such as Stevenson University, University of Maryland College Park and Coppin University to create awareness about the campaign. He enjoys the interaction and camaraderie of members of the schools' sports teams and marching bands who have joined him in doing pushups and "counting them out" while he hits the ground.

Companies like Mission BBQ and Chick-Fil-A have allowed Parker to set up his oversized poster, push up bars and mat in their space so that

customers and others can pledge 50 cents or \$1 per pushup, or make the donation of their choice. At the end of his routine, which may be 60 sets of 50, 30 sets of 100 or any number of combinations, he reaches for the Bengay and Icy Hot. "Pushups keep me in shape."

A chance meeting at Mission BBQ in Owings Mills with Orioles player Chris Davis turned into an invitation to an Orioles game, where he met the first baseman and Manny Machado. The Orioles checked him out with the Maryland Food Bank, and made a donation, Parker says.

For those who would like assurances that the money they donate gets to the people it's supposed to help, Parker urges supporters to make a gift directly to the Maryland Food Bank via his page at <https://fooddrive.mdfoodbank.org/drive/patrick-parker/> or Facebook.

CFPB Finds Percentage of Borrowers with \$20K in Student Debt Doubled Over Last Decade Record Student Debt Spurring Employers to Offer Student Loan Repayment Benefits

Nearly half of student loan borrowers leave school owing at least \$20,000—double the share of borrowers a decade ago, according to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The bureau also found that more borrowers are taking out student loans later in life, and fewer borrowers are paying down their student debt in five years.

Record student debt and associated borrower stress is spurring more employers to offer student loan repayment benefits to their employees, according to a separate CFPB report released on Aug. 16.

"The Bureau's research shows that people are taking on more student debt later in life, and having a tougher time paying it back," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray.

Student loans are used to pay for college, trade school, or graduate education. The loans can be funded by the federal government or privately through banks and other lenders. The student loan market has grown rapidly in the last decade, with about 44 million Americans currently owing money. The combined total of outstanding federal and private student loan debt now exceeds \$1.4 trillion — the vast majority of which are federal loans. Student loans are usually "serviced" by third parties. These servicers are a critical link between borrowers and lenders. They manage borrowers' accounts, process monthly payments, and communicate directly with borrowers.

Borrowers Taking on More Debt

Based on an analysis of over one million anonymized student loan borrowers' credit reports, the bureau looked at groups of borrowers who began repaying loans from 2002 to 2014. The Bureau analyzed each group's repayment experience through 2016. Through this analysis, the Bureau identified key changes in the way consumers borrow and repay student debt. Specifically, the bureau found:

- **More than 40 percent of student loan borrowers leave school owing \$20,000 or more:** The percentage of borrowers owing \$50,000 stands at 16 percent.
- **Half of student loan borrowers are older than 34 when they start repayment.** The study also found the percentage of consumers beginning repayment under the age of 25 has decreased from 30 percent to 15 percent.
- **30 percent of borrowers are not paying down their loan balances after five years in repayment:** The percentage of borrowers who are not paying down their loan balances has nearly doubled, increasing from 16 percent in 2008 to 30 percent in 2016. This means that even if borrowers are making payments, those payments are not enough to cover the interest on their loans. Therefore, the amount of principal is the same and the overall amount of debt is the same or more, depending on how much interest has accrued. The share of borrowers who have fully repaid their loans five years into repayment has fallen nearly 20 percent over the last 10 years from 50 percent to 41 percent.
- **More than 60 percent of borrowers not reducing their balances are delinquent.** Income-driven repayment plans can allow borrowers to make small or zero-dollar payments and still remain current on

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of focus. "I've asked HR to cast a wider net to make sure teachers are reflective of all school districts," the superintendent said.

On the first day of school on Sept 5, White, along with Gov. Larry Hogan, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, Maryland Schools Superintendent Karen Salmon, school board members and elected officials visited schools, including Woodbridge Elementary School in Catonsville, Franklin Middle School in Reisterstown and Woodlawn High School. White made additional visits on Sept. 6 and 7 to other schools around the county.

What else is new this year? Baltimore County's first dual high school and college graduation magnet program launches at Woodlawn High School. The Early College

Program provides students the opportunity to graduate with a high school diploma and associate of arts degree from the Community College of Baltimore County or with up to 60 credits toward a bachelor's degree.

After successfully testing into the program, students will take classes at Woodlawn High and CCBC, and earn credits throughout their four years of high school. College credits are tuition free and students won't have to pay for books, fees and transportation. For additional support, the inaugural class of 90 ninth-graders students will be part of the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) college-readiness program.

Milford Mill Academy, which offers 10 magnet programs, is adding another for fine arts and performing arts. The new program includes acting, literary arts, vocal music, instrumental music (band, string and piano) and design and production. The current programs include cosmetology, construction management and automotive service technology.

Principal Kyria Joseph says she is excited to grow the program this year, and dance students will learn in a newly completed dance studio. "We look forward to growing this program this year," Joseph said. School representatives are visiting middle schools in the area to make sure people know about our magnet programs."

At one bus stop in Windsor Mill, eight-year-old Jayla Stephens says she is looking forward to returning to Dogwood Elementary as a third-grader. "I'm looking forward to having fun and seeing my new teachers," she said.

Her mother, Lesley Stephens, says she likes the school and finds the teachers supportive, but is looking for better communication with parents.

Kerry Grant, whose 8-year-old son has been attending Dogwood Elementary since kindergarten, agrees that quicker communication to all parents at same time is needed, particularly in emergency situations such as early dismissals. "I'm hoping for a good school year. I like the school. They have great teachers."

Public School Students Return to School for the 2017-18 Year

For some, preparing for the first day of school meant getting a hair cut, new clothes, and picking up school supplies. Pictured below is a young student getting his hair cut at a Security Square Mall barbershop and third-grader Jayla Stephens, who beamed in a denim dress and gold sequined flats. Police officers help distribute book bags to students at the sixth annual Back to School Event at Randallstown Community Center. Kevin Liles for a Better Baltimore Foundation sponsored the event.

Interim Superintendent Verletta White's first-day visits included stops at Woodbridge Elementary School (principal Lori Phelps), Woodlawn High School (principal Georgina Aye) and Franklin Middle School (principal Brian Schiffer). Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, District 44 Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Delegates Charles Sydnor and Pat Young and District 10 Delegates Ben Brooks and Adrienne Jones were among the elected officials who greeted parents, students and teachers.

Preparing for School



Woodbridge Elementary School



Woodlawn High School



Franklin Middle School



BCPS Interim Superintendent: 'Good is Not Good Enough'

After a stop at Randallstown Community Center, one of three locations in the county where book bags and school supplies were being distributed as part of the Kevin Lyles Back to School Foundation event, Interim Superintendent Verletta White shared her vision with an audience at Randallstown Public Library that braved driving rain to hear her.

NAACP Randallstown Branch #7032 organized the Aug. 29 event as part of its education initiative. In remarks by NAACP President Ray Moseley and Cheryl Pasteur, chair of the education committee, they pledged support of White's initiatives.

White, a graduate of Woodlawn High School and Towson University, began her career in elementary education. The mother of two teenage girls, she sees her job as the highest level of service to children and families. Her priorities are literacy, school climate, and recruiting and maintaining high quality teachers and high quality instruction pre-

kindergarten through high school so students won't have to take remedial courses in college.

Here are excerpts of what else White said.

21st Century Literacy

"When you think about what our children are up against today, they need to be able to read, write and behave in social acceptable ways. They have to understand 21st century literacy, take in the information, analyze it, synthesize it, make some decisions, and act on it. That's what makes them employable and truly career ready. It's not enough to make sure our kids walk across the stage. Good isn't good enough."

Discipline

"School climate is more than just about behavior. The best way to prevent problematic behavior is through quality teaching and restoration. We have to build our children up, instead of tearing them down. We have to celebrate them when they do well. When they cross



After speaking at an NAACP meeting at Randallstown Library, Verletta White chatted with community members.

the line over and over again, we have to bring parents into the conversation and say, 'What's your part?' I promise

you I'm going to make sure teachers must do their part too."

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Technology

“STAT is more than about issuing laptops. It’s a tool that our kids need to learn how to use and that helps our teachers. I’m not planning to roll it back. I want to make sure it’s about the teaching and learning, and not the device.”

Teacher Recruitment

“I want to make sure we’re recruiting and maintaining high quality teachers who understand children and who have the will to connect with the kids and the skill. I’ve asked our HR folks to cast a wider net to make sure teaching staff is reflective of the school district, and that means pulling from all of our schools [not just Towson University]. Sometimes our African-American teachers believe they won’t get hired here.”

Members of the audience, which included parents, teachers, community association leaders and elected officials, asked questions about how they can



In her remarks, Verletta White thanked elected officials for their support of school renovation and construction and education. She is shown with NAACP President Ray Moseley, Del. Ben Brooks, Councilman Julian Jones, Sen. Bobby Zirkin and Del. Dana Stein.

support local schools, how BCPS can leverage the presence of the FBI, Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services federal government facilities for career paths in cybersecurity and others, testing and the prekindergarten program.

NAACP is working to get a technology school on the west side of the county and to increase the number of African-American and minority teachers in the system. Moseley said NAACP representatives visit schools, such as Morgan State University and Coppin University, to encourage students to consider Baltimore County school system.



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Court of Special Appeals Affirms 100-Year Sentence in 2004 Randallstown High Shooting

Some may recall the shocking news report in 2004, where a name calling incident escalated into a fight, then a horrific shooting at Randallstown High School. One of the students involved, Matthew McCullough, left the school earlier in the day and returned with a companion. They shared a handgun and shot 12 times into a crowd that had gathered after a charity basketball game at the school. In the end, four students were seriously wounded, including William Thomas, who was paralyzed from the waist down.

McCullough was 17 at the time, but his age did not shield him from the harsh consequences of his actions. In November 2004, he was charged with four counts of first degree assault—one for each victim—and convicted. The Baltimore County Circuit Court judge sentenced the teenager to the maximum 25 years for each victim, to be served consecutively.

His attorneys filed an appeal to Maryland's second highest court, the Court of Special Appeals, arguing that four consecutive 25-year sentences

imposed against a juvenile for nonhomicide crimes constitute cruel and unusual punishment.

On Aug. 31, 13 years after the initial sentence, the Court of Special Appeals affirmed the Circuit Court's ruling of the 100-year sentence.

The Court of Special Appeals wrote that appellant McCullough's sentences "are not excessively disproportionate to the crimes he committed, under traditional proportionality review."

The decision also stated: "The sentencing court found that these sentences—the maximum permitted by statute—were warranted by the particularly heinous nature of the crimes. It noted that the gravity of the offenses was severe and the potential for much greater harm was high. The crime instilled fear in the community at large and had long-lasting repercussions for the victims and their families and friends.

"The sentences imposed were not egregious and do not give rise to an inference of gross disproportionality.

"Because the appellant's 100-year aggregate sentence does not fall within the categorical bar imposed by *Graham v. Florida*, 560 U.S. 48 (2010) and because the sentences are not otherwise unconstitutionally excessive relative to the crimes committed, they are not illegal as cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment or Article 25 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights. The circuit court did not err by denying the appellant's motion to correct illegal sentence."

James Johnston, director of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender's Youth Resentencing Project, is McCullough's attorney. His office reportedly will file an appeal.

The older accomplice, Tyrone Brown, with whom McCullough shared a handgun, was sentenced to 30 years for attempted second-degree murder and a consecutive 20-year term for a handgun charge.

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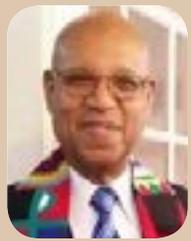
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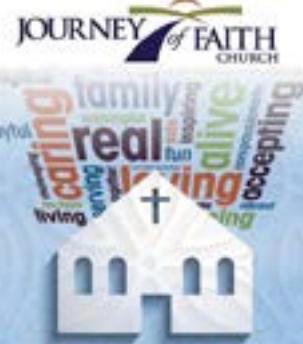
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Crime in Northwest Area: Hit and Run, Fatal Stabbing

Read a roundup of Baltimore County Police Department reports on some of the local incidences of crime.

Police Searching for Car Involved In Hit And Run Collision

Baltimore County Police are requesting the public's assistance in locating a car and driver who failed to remain at the scene of a collision. On Aug. 20, at 10:30 p.m., a 46-year-old man was getting out of his car into his wheelchair when he was struck by another car traveling westbound on Church Lane, near Hilmar Road, 21244. After hitting the victim, the driver of the other car fled the area. The hit and run victim was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment.

Investigators believe the hit and run vehicle is described as a dark colored 2004 through 2006 Lexus ES330 four-door sedan, missing the front passenger side amber light lens and light assembly. The suspect car may also have damage on the front passenger side corner and scuff marks on the front passenger side tire.

If anyone has information about this hit and run crash, please call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020.

Suspect Charged in Fatal Stabbing

Police have charged Daniel Degoto with first-

degree murder for the Aug. 19 fatal stabbing that took place in the 7800 block of Liberty Road. He is being held at the Baltimore County Detention Center on denied bail status.

The victim was Raphael Happy-Ikenwilo, 53, of Baltimore, 21206. Detectives determined that the suspect dropped off his wife in the parking lot of the location and saw the victim getting out of his car. The suspect rammed his car into the victim and the victim's car, and stabbed him multiple times. The victim's wife was not injured in the collision. The suspect then stabbed the victim numerous times and drove from the area. Afterwards Degoto turned himself into authorities at the Howard County Detention Center.

Police-Involved Fatal Shooting at Catonsville Giant Ruled Justified

The Baltimore County State Attorney's Office has ruled the police-involved shooting of an unarmed man at the Catonsville Giant justified.

Police Officer First Class McCain killed Christopher Clapp, 35, in his car in front of the Giant at Rolling Road and Baltimore National Pike in the wee hours of Aug. 1 after Clapp allegedly

shoplifted merchandise from the grocery store.

Robin Coffey, deputy state's attorney, wrote in an Aug. 11 letter to the Baltimore County Police Department's homicide division that after reviewing the circumstances, which included a statement from the officer, statements from eye witnesses, and video surveillance, "no further action will be taken by this office."

The letter noted: "When Officer McCain attempted to arrest Christopher Clapp for shoplifting, McCain had to reach into the Clapp car to affect the arrest. At this point, Mr. Clapp accelerated the car and began dragging Officer McCain. Officer McCain repeatedly ordered Mr. Clapp to stop the car. At this point, Officer McCain was reasonably in fear that he would continually be dragged by the car or run over by the car. Officer McCain was justified in shooting Mr. Clapp to save his own life."

McCain is a 16-year police veteran with a prior shooting in 2006 that did not result in a fatality. He works in Parkville Precinct 8 and was off duty working secondary employment as security at Giant. McCain was in uniform, and had his service weapon but no body camera.

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Owings Mills Man Sentenced for Laundering Money From Victims of Internet Dating Scam

Olufemi Williams of Owings Mills has been sentenced to four years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for conspiracy to commit money laundering arising from a scheme to defraud vulnerable victims of millions of dollars. Williams was also ordered to forfeit and pay restitution of more than \$375,000. Williams previously pleaded guilty to the charge in February.

Acting United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Stephen Schenning and Special Agent in Charge Gordon Johnson of the FBI announced the sentence.

According to court documents, Williams searched online dating websites to initiate romantic relationships with vulnerable male and female individuals in Maryland and around the country. He phoned, emailed, texted and used Internet chat messenger services and then used false stories and promises to convince the victims to provide money to the conspirators, including fake hospital bills, plane trips to visit the victims, problems with overseas businesses and foreign taxes.

Williams and other conspirators opened bank accounts, called “drop accounts,” in order to receive millions of dollars from the victims. The victims provided money, either depositing money directly into drop accounts controlled by the defendant, or by wire transfers sent to the conspirators. Williams and his co-conspirators dispersed money received from the victims by transferring funds to other accounts controlled by the conspirators, by obtaining cashier’s checks, and by writing checks to individuals or entities, in order to conceal the nature, source, and control of those assets.

Several co-defendants were previously convicted at trial or pleaded guilty.

Police Department Tips to Keep Your Home, Car, and Possessions Safe

Baltimore County Police warn residents that leaving your car running while you are in the house is an ideal way for an opportunistic criminal to steal a vehicle. Police offer these safety tips to keep your car, home and possessions safe.

Make it a habit to look out your windows if you wake up during the night, and even routinely during the day. Report any suspicious activity or people that you see in your neighborhood by calling 9-1-1 immediately.

- Keep your vehicle doors locked
- Never leave anything valuable in plain view
- Do not leave backpacks, bags, valuables, or bundles of clothing inside a car overnight
- Never leave the keys to the car inside the vehicle
- Never store keys to another vehicle or your home inside your car
- Store vehicle keys on a hook in a cupboard or closet so that they are out of sight
- Never leave valuables in front of a window (open or closed) where they can be easily seen
- Close window blinds and drapes at night and when away from your home
- Keep doors and windows locked, even when home or out in the yard
- Use security bars in sliding-glass doors and in windows

For more information on things you can do to keep yourself, your home, and your possessions safe, visit the Police Department’s blog at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/yoursafety/index.html

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Traffic Management Programs: Red Light and Speed Cameras

Red light cameras

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Baltimore County's "Red Light Camera" program is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to help police officers enforce laws requiring motorists to stop.

Cameras are in place at the following locations:

- Goucher Boulevard (northbound and southbound) at Putty Hill Ave.
- Reisterstown Road at Straw Hat Road (northbound)
- Liberty Road (eastbound) at Washington Ave.
- Belair Road at Dunfield Rd. (southbound)
- Baltimore National Pike (westbound) at Ingleside Ave.
- Dulaney Valley Road (northbound) at Seminary Ave.
- Loch Raven Boulevard at Loch Hill Rd. (southbound)
- Rossville Boulevard (eastbound) at Yellow Brick Rd.

- Wise Avenue at Church Road (eastbound)
- Bosley Avenue (southbound) at Allegheny Ave.
- Baltimore National Pike (eastbound) at Nuwood Drive (westbound)
- Security Boulevard (eastbound and westbound) at Whitehead Ct.
- York Road (northbound) at Scott Adam Rd.

Violators will receive citations that carry a \$75 fine. A judge has the authority to increase the fine to \$100 and to impose court costs.

No license points are assigned. Vehicle insurance providers are not notified of speed camera citations. You may pay online, in person or by mail.

Details about how to pay or appeal are included on each violation notice. Vehicle owners may contest red light camera citations in Maryland District Court.

Speed Camera Locations

Baltimore County uses speed cameras to encourage motorists to slow down in school zones where traffic data and citizen complaints show that speeding is a problem.

Speed cameras are installed or in the process of being installed at the following schools:

Elementary Schools

- Catonsville Elementary, 100 block of Bloomsbury Ave.
- Church Lane Elementary, 8600 block of Allenswood Rd.
- Deer Park Elementary, 9800 block of Lyons Rd.
- Dogwood Elementary, 7200 block of Dogwood Rd.
- Fort Garrison Elementary, 3300 block of Woodvalley Drive
- Johnnycake Elementary, 5900 block of Craigmont Rd.
- Owings Mills Elementary, 10800 block of Reisterstown Rd.
- Reisterstown Elementary, 200 block of Walgrove Rd.
- Wellwood International, 2900 block of Smith Ave.
- Westchester Elementary, 2300 block of Old Frederick Rd.
- Winand Elementary, 8300 block of Scotts Level Rd.
- Woodmoor Elementary, 3000 block of Essex Rd.



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- Deer Park Middle, 9800 block of Winands Rd.
- Old Court Middle, 4600 block of Old Court Rd.
- Pikesville Middle, 7700 block of Seven Mile Lane
- Southwest Academy, 6100 block of Johnnycake Rd.
- Windsor Mill Middle, 8200 block of Windsor Mill Rd.
- Woodlawn Middle, 3000 block of Essex Rd.



High Schools

- Catonsville High, 400 block of South Rolling Rd. and 500 block of South Rolling Rd.
- Milford Mill Academy, 3800 block of Washington Ave.
- Woodlawn High, 1800 block of Woodlawn Drive

Private Schools

- Bais Yaakov, 6300 block of Smith Ave.
- Garrison Forest School, 300 block of Garrison Forest Rd.
- Mt. DeSales Academy, 700 block of Academy Rd.

Cameras may be added or moved at the discretion of the police chief based on a review of traffic data, citizen complaints and a location's accident history. All speed camera zones are marked with signage.

Baltimore County's speed cameras operate Monday through Friday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Speed cameras remain in use during these hours throughout the summer months and on other weekdays when school is not in session.

After a speed camera has been in place for 30 days, citations will be issued to motorists traveling at least 12 mph over the speed limit. The fine is \$40; no license points are assigned because these are civil violations. Vehicle insurance providers are not notified of speed camera citations.

You may pay online, in person or by mail, or you can contest your ticket in court. The options are included on the violation notice.

Maryland law requires that revenue from speed camera fines be used for public safety programs.

For a complete list of school camera locations, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/speedcameras/index.html

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September is Recovery Month

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playing necessary efforts and initiatives to improve the lives of our residents."

If you or someone you love is in need of help, the following services are available in various locations throughout the Baltimore County:

- Outpatient treatment
- Intensive outpatient treatment
- Walk-in assessments
- Medication-assisted treatment
- Recovery support services
- Family support and education
- Overdose response training

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District 4 Community Picnic

Councilman Julian Jones held his fifth annual community picnic on Sunday, Aug. 20, at Northwest Regional Park in Owings Mill. Dozens, including community members, business leaders and elected officials, such as Del. Adrienne Jones, turned out to groove with Panama band, saxophonist Isaac Parham, and other entertainers. Families also enjoyed face painting, camaraderie and information exhibits.



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Tips For Healthy Eye Care

Eighty-five percent who wear contact lenses report at least one habit that increases the chance of an eye infection, according to a Centers for Disease Control report.

Eye infections can lead to serious problems, including blindness. All contact lens wearers can help prevent serious eye infections by correctly wearing and caring for their contact lenses.

These are the first CDC data on the wear and care habits of the estimated 3 million U.S. adolescents ages 12 to 17 years who use contact lenses.

What risks are people taking? The new CDC report found that 85 percent of adolescents (ages 12-17), 81 percent of young adults (ages 18-24), and 87 percent of adults (ages 25 and older) reported a habit that increases their chance of an eye infection and could threaten their vision.

Adolescents most frequently reported these risky habits:

- Not visiting an eye doctor at least once a year (44 percent)
- Sleeping or napping while wearing lenses (30 percent)

- Swimming while wearing lenses (27 percent)

The most frequently reported risky habits among young adults and adults were: not replacing lenses as often as prescribed (52 and 45 percent, respectively); not regularly replacing storage cases (41 and 42 percent); sleeping while wearing lenses (33 and 33 percent); and swimming while wearing lenses (28 and 33 percent).

Wearing contact lenses can increase your chances of getting a severe eye infection caused by germs commonly found in water. It is important for people who wear contact lenses to properly clean their lenses and regularly visit an eye care provider to keep their eyes healthy.

Remember:

- Replace your contact lens case regularly.
- Don't sleep or nap while wearing contact lenses.
- Don't swim or shower while wearing contact lenses.

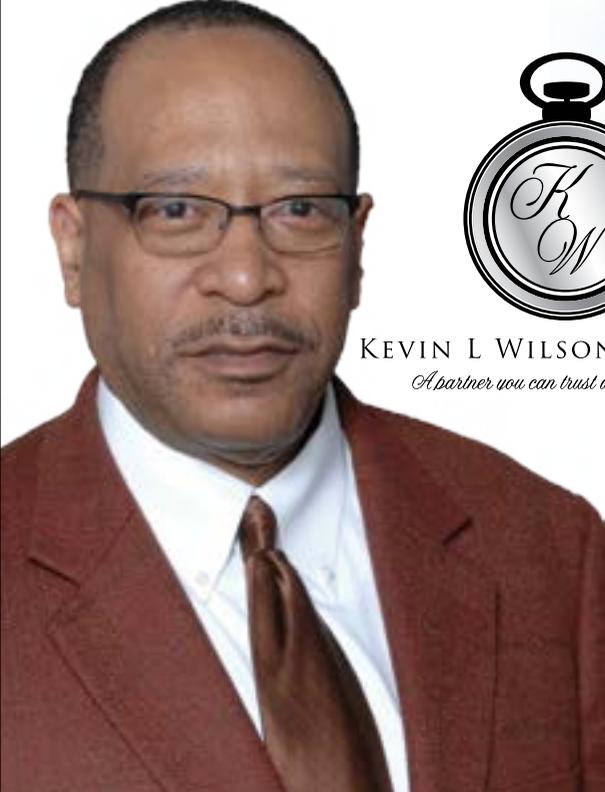
—Centers for Disease Control

Student Loan Repayment Benefits *continued from page 12*

their loans. These affordable payments may not decrease their loan balance but can help them avoid delinquency. Despite increases in the availability of these plans, 60 percent of borrowers who are not paying down their balances five years into repayment are delinquent on their loans. Among these borrowers, those with less than \$20,000 in student loans are even more likely to be in poor standing, with 75 percent delinquent on at least one of their loans.

- **More information on this key finding can be found in the Bureau's explainer blog:** <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/too-many-student-loan-borrowers-struggling-not-enough-benefiting-affordable-repayment-options/> This new report, titled "CFPB Data Point: Student Loan Repayment," is available at: http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/201708_cfpb_data-point_student-loan-repayment.pdf

The CFPB provides a Repay Student Debt tool, which helps borrowers get unbiased tips on how to navigate student loan repayment, along with other sample letters they can send to their student loan servicers. More information is available at: consumerfinance.gov/students.





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No Room for Hate

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What DACA does for these Dreamers, who are between 6 and 26 years old, is allow them to get a Social Security card. This meant they could apply for jobs. It also means that they are paying taxes. They can apply for drivers license, which gave them more freedom and more work opportunities.

DACA distinguishes between the deserving and undeserving immigrants. If you have a criminal past, you're not going to get protection. You can say these young people have to be practically squeaky clean.

What DACA doesn't do is provide a pathway to citizenship or permanent protection. The Dreamers have to reapply for the program every two years.

This is why elections are so important, because of issues like this. People had faith the government would do right by them. Now the government has info on them and knows where they are. Imagine the uncertainty and anxiety.

On Aug. 31, I attended the No Room for Hate in 21228 rally. I was very impressed with the crowd, and I'd say that 75 percent were whites from the Catonsville area showing their support. The speakers were from all races and ethnicities and shared their journeys and experiences with discrimination. Their overriding theme was that when people stay quiet and don't speak up about wrongs and injustices, it keeps us from being what we are supposed to be.

When I see these actions against vulnerable people and people of color in America and when you look at American history, it reminds me of what took place a month ago of in Charlottesville, when some of the protesters insisted that America is a white man's country.

As we know, this is a country created by immigrants from all over the world. America is for all people, not just certain people. Until we are honest about that, the problems will fester. It's bothersome when some of us know what is right, see things being done wrong and choose not to speak to it or do anything about it.

What are we going to do about the threat of families being torn apart and young people being rounded up and sent out of the country? That's punishment of our children and families. We are playing with young people's lives to make a political point. That is not American.

Kudos to County Executive Kevin Kamenetz for making sure Baltimore County stands with the Dreamers. Where are our state, County Council and congressional elected officials? What's the plan of action? Let's come together for the good of our young neighbors—regardless of their status.



District 2 Councilman Tom Quirk and District 1 Councilwoman Vicki Almond were among the elected officials, faith and community leaders and residents who turned out for the No Room for Hate peace and unity vigil and rally held at Immanuel United Methodist Church of Christ in Catonsville. Speakers shared their journeys overcoming discrimination and in support of unity for all people.

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.



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WOODLAWN, 21207					
Kincheloe Ave	Traditional	4	3	\$229,000	\$229,900
8 Monnery Ct	Colonial	3	2 ½	\$199,000	\$210,000
3504 Sedgemoor Rd	Split Level	3	2	\$239,900	\$238,000
6304 Mount Alto Ave	Cape Cod	4	3	\$244,800	\$237,000
3602 Cedar Dr	Rancher	3	2	\$229,900	\$234,900
WINDSOR MILLS, 21244					
7806 Selgrave Rd	Split Level	3	1 ½	\$145,000	\$145,000
3503 Milford Mill Rd	Split Level	4	2	\$219,900	\$219,900
3312 Blazing Star Cir	Colonial	4	2 ½	\$444,900	\$425,000
3438 Abbie Pl	Rancher	3	2	\$219,900	\$219,900
8106 Subet Rd	Cape Cod	4	2 ½	\$234,900	\$232,000
CATONSVILLE, 21228					
4 Catonridge Ct	Split Foyer	3	2	\$331,000	\$322,000
7519 Inwood Ave	Rancher	3	2	\$289,900	\$279,000
626 Wallerson Rd	Split Level	3	2 ½	\$324,900	\$340,000
215 Newburg Ave	Cape Cod	3	3	\$354,990	\$350,000
3 Old Dominion Ct	Colonial	3	2 (2) ½	\$409,999	\$400,000
RANDALLSTOWN, 21133					
3719 Valley Hill Dr	Colonial	3	1 ½	\$140,600	\$151,824
3937 Nemo Rd	Split Level	3	2 ½	\$100,000	\$183,000
8929 Allenswood Rd	Rancher	4	3	\$239,000	\$239,000
2 Burr Oak Ct	Rancher	4	2 ½	\$360,000	\$360,000
9329 Edway Cir	Split Level	5	2 ½	\$269,000	\$272,000
PIKESVILLE, 21208					
7801 Greenspring Ave	Rancher	3	2½	\$270,900	\$270,900
14 Green Heather Ct	Rancher	5	3 (2) ½	\$625,000	\$555,500
610 Kahn Dr	Split Level	3	2	\$235,000	\$235,000
8100 Streamwood Dr	Split Foyer	4	3 ½	\$299,900	\$300,000
8002 Brynmor Ct #601	Contemporary	2	2 ½	\$425,000	\$425,000
OWINGS MILLS, 21117					
2213 Millridge Dr	Contemporary	4	3 ½	\$679,000	\$717,950
9441 Ballard Green Dr #113E	Contemporary	3	2 (2) ½	\$299,900	\$316,475
1221 Berans Rd	Colonial	4	4	\$635,000	\$600,000
9923 Middle Mill Dr #25	Rancher	4	3	\$289,900	\$290,000
3103 Huntmaster Way	Split Level	4	2 ½	\$315,000	\$305,000
REISTERSTOWN, 21136					
8 Falling Water Ct	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$485,000	\$476,500
13009 Heil Manor Dr	Rancher	4	4 ½	\$680,000	\$672,500
502 Deacon Brook Cir	Split Foyer	4	2	\$232,000	\$235,000
810 Ironstone Ct	Colonial	5	6 ½	\$629,000	\$600,000
13818 Hanover Pike	Cape Cod	3	3	\$249,900	\$250,000



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