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## 'Blind Audition' Winner on The Voice Got Music Training at Milford Mill Academy

Davon Fleming talks about his inspired musical journey as he looks forward to the 'battle rounds'.

Davon Fleming, "The Voice" contestant whose earthy, jazz inspired rendition of Amy Winehouse's Me & Mr. Jones at the Oct. 2 NBC singing competition's 'blind audition,' got all four coaches to spin their red chairs around and hit the red buzzer signaling their desire to have the Baltimore resident on their team, would love to win the competition, but more importantly, wants to inspire people to dream, succeed and prosper.

"I had a lot of faith," a grateful and exuberant Fleming told *The Northwest Voice* a few days after he secured a spot on Jennifer Hudson's team. "You have to have confidence for competitions like this. It's like a master class of life. You're learning. I came to the competition not looking for validation. But here I am. It's the most I've been vulnerable and transparent and authentic."

And to what does he give a lot of credit for his early training? The instruction and support he received at Milford Mill Academy.

Fleming, 26, grew up in Park Heights, attended Pimlico Middle School and graduated from Northwestern High School. But Northwestern didn't have a choir and he was looking to satisfy an itch to sing. He had heard the highly talented Milford Mill



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**From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown**

# How Will an Elected School Board Impact our Education System?

There is a BCPS announcement in this issue of the *Northwest Voice* that invites interested persons to apply to serve on the School Board Nominating Commission. The role of this commission is to submit a list of nominees from which the Governor can appoint four at-large members to the Baltimore County Board of Education. It is part of a change coming next year, that will make the school board a hybrid of elected and appointed members, effective December 2018. This change is the result of legislation that passed the Maryland General Assembly during the 2014 and 2017 sessions.

For years, all 12 members of the Board of Education have been appointed, and was comprised of one member representing each of the seven councilmanic districts, four members at large and a student member. It used to be that people would submit their recommendations for board members directly to the Governor, but now they will go through the commission.

To remind you what the school board does: By law, it is authorized, with the advice of the County Superintendent, to set the educational policies of the county school system on school policy, school budget and school property. The board also hires the school superintendent.

Initially, the prospect of an elected school board seemed like a great idea to me. And I was surprised to find out that 95 percent of school boards in the country have elected school boards, according to the National School Board Association.

Now what gives me pause is how the concept of democracy might work here.

Most of us consider it a good thing for people to decide what is best for their government, their state and their community by having elections. Indeed, the majority should rule. It is a time tested concept that has worked in countless situations.

My question: Is democracy good for everything? Democracy is about choosing leaders who will make decisions on our behalf. The community should have the right to decide what's good for our schools. We, as voters, should elect people to represent us so, hopefully, our voices and positions are being heard.

But what if majority gets it wrong or we send the wrong people to office?

It will be interesting to see what type of direction the hybrid board will take. People say an appointed school board may not be as responsive to the people. In elections, you can put chose not to re-elect. Because constituents did not put board members in their positions, they can't take remove them. The wrong people can do a lot of damage.

As we know, not nearly enough of us participate in the election process. But when those who do participate make the wrong decisions, we suffer.

One good example is 45 miles away in the White House. Donald Trump was elected and now we have to live with some decisions that generally are viewed as counterproductive to the American way.

Certainly, politics are part of just about everything we do. Knowing what I know about politics, we are politicizing the school system by having elected school board members. Like with any election, we will have to pay attention to the people who are running for a number of reasons.

What kind of expertise will people bring to the board? How will the candidates' attitudes, motivations and decisions shape our children's future? Plus, how do we ensure racial diversity and gender diversity? You may recall that the *Northwest Voice* published an article about the lack of diversity on the school board, especially when compared with the diversity of county residents, and why diversity matters.

With financing a critical component of a campaign, which candidates will have the money to wage a competitive race? Who will be able to best promote themselves? Who will be persuaded by special and outside interests? How active will special interests be in putting their representatives on the board? How active will the community be in the political process?

I believe the most effective board member will be the one who is a selfless advocate for education, children and public schools. It's about our children and our future.

This is how the elections for school board members will work, according to the Board of Elections: The board is supposed to be non partisan and can't be on any other candidate's ballot, such as for Governor, County Executive, Senate or the House of Delegates. Candidates can run in the primary and the top two vote getters in the primary will compete in the general election.

If only one candidate files from a district, there won't be a need for a run in the primary. If more than one person runs, the Board of Election creates a separate ballot that is handed out just for the school board election. If more than two candidates run in a councilmanic district, the election board will select the top two winners from the district and hold a runoff in the general election.

If no one files to run, the governor gets to appoint the member in that district.

The primary election is in June. More than ever, we need to educated and informed about any and

all candidates who wish to run for the school. (By the way, nobody has filed to run for school board in any district.)

Anyone interested in running for the school board should contact the Board of Elections for more details. There is a \$25 filing fee and the deadline to file is 9 p.m. on Feb. 27.

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## Residents Look to New Uses For Pikesville Armory to Revitalize Community, Businesses

Back in the day, Pikesville Armory was the place for dances, weddings, bar mitzvahs and other special events, and at one time a political forum for U.S. presidential candidates was hosted there.

The now-vacant military complex of buildings and old stables situated on 14 acres at 610 Reisterstown Road has transitioned from the possession of Maryland National Guard to state surplus—a designation that makes it available to be acquired through a special process. Local organizations and residents want a say in how the Armory will be redeveloped.

Former county councilman Mel Mintz and former attorney and state delegate Howard Needle are leading the charge as co-founders of 1000 Friends of Pikesville, a group of 1,030-plus stakeholders founded three years ago to see a bold revitalization plan for the Reisterstown Road commercial district come to fruition. They want more involvement from the county.

Recognizing that the Armory will serve as a spark and creative anchor for revitalizing the area, 1000 Friends of Pikesville met Sept. 6 to get an update on future development use of the 14-acre property. District 11 legislators Sen. Bobby Zirkin and Delegates Dan Morhaim, Dana Stein and Shelly Hettleman, along with Councilwoman Vicki Almond, in whose district the Armory is located, spoke at the standing room only meeting held at Pikesville Library.

Last November the group delivered to county officials a 100-page report that promoted ideas such as turning the Armory into an arts center, Mintz reported. 1000 Friends members are looking for a financial and motivational boost from the county to fund and conduct a fabric study and to explore options, he said.

Mintz noted that the vision is especially enticing since the county is the only jurisdiction without an arts district. Appendices in the report



**Howard Needle, co-founder of 1000 Friends of Pikesville, presents a vision to redevelop the Pikesville Armory.**

support the viability for an arts center, he said.

Needle, the group's president, said, "The most important property is the Armory. It has potential for being the gem, the magnet to bring Pikesville to life and to support shops and restaurants."

He shared his vision for the Armory becoming a multiuse facility

for the community with a stage for performances, basketball and soccer courts, classrooms and workspace for arts on the second and third floors, and open space for special occasions. Needle also proposed a new library, senior center, military museum and veteran housing. The millions that

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## Bill Withdrawn That Would Have Banned Certain UniverSoul Performances

Legislation that would have impacted performances of the African-American themed UniverSoul Circus in Baltimore County, was withdrawn days after Councilman Julian Jones began organizing community members to protest what he called an "extreme bill."

Councilwoman Cathy Bevins introduced Bill 56-17, which would have made it unlawful to cause the performance or display of wild or exotic animals in a traveling animal act for exhibition, entertainment or amusement whether or not a fee is charged. Violators would be punished for up to a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment up to 90 days in jail for each animal.

Jones pointed out that the bill, as written, would also prohibit Maryland Zoomobile and National Aquarian educational visits to local schools.

"This radical legislation is an attempt by animal extremists to impose their extreme views about animals on the general public and in this instance, our community," Jones said.

Jones urged community members to contact members of the council to voice their opposition and plan to testify at the September meeting and work sessions. The Rally to Save the Circus and

Zoo was set for Sept. 18 in front of the historic Courthouse, where County Council meetings are held. On the day of the planned protest, Jones announced that the bill was being withdrawn and asked community members to stand down. The bill was removed from the agenda of the council's Sept. 26 work session and Oct. 2 meeting.

UniverSoul Circus first hit the scene in 1994 and has set up its red and yellow tents at Security Square Mall in Woodlawn for the past 15 years. Attendance has significantly increased since 2015, with more than 54,000 attending this year.

There were no bills for final reading or vote at the Sept. 18 meeting.

Legislation passed at the Oct. 2 meeting authorizing an award of state and/or federal funds for a Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Navigator Program, opioid intervention team and to be used for protocol development and pilot implementation of health care provider outreach by the Baltimore County Overdose Fatality Review team.

An advertisement for ComForCare Home Care. It features a grid of six photographs of diverse senior citizens (three men and three women) in various settings. To the right of the photos is the ComForCare logo, which includes a blue heart with the letters 'cfc' inside. Below the logo is the tagline 'Live your best life possible.' A bulleted list of services follows, each preceded by a blue heart icon. At the bottom, there is a phone number '1-410-922-6262' and a website 'www.ComForCare.com/Baltimore-Carroll.com'. Small text at the very bottom provides licensing information.
 

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Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz launched his campaign for governor on Sept. 18, pledging to be accountable for progress and “results that matter,” with regard to education, jobs and revitalization of communities.

## Kamenetz Announces Democratic Nomination Bid for Governor

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz officially threw his hat in the ring for the Democratic nomination for Maryland governor.

At his Sept. 18 announcement in Towson, Kamenetz walked on stage alongside his wife Jill and sons Dylan and Karson to Tom Petty’s “I Won’t Back Down.”

Kamenetz told an enthusiastic crowd of community, religious and union leaders, elected officials, and other supporters that Maryland deserves bold leadership and experience that will bring results that matter, and that he was the one to deliver.

Calling himself a “tell it like it is” type of guy, Kamenetz insisted, “I am the best Democrat in the race to take on Larry Hogan and take back our state from the likes of Donald Trump, Paul Ryan and Jeff Sessions.”

The former Baltimore City prosecutor criticized the Governor for not taking a long-term vision of the state and remaining silent against Trump’s “harmful policies and shameful rhetoric.” Kamenetz said he will fight to protect the religious, social and immigration freedoms of residents.

Kamenetz also pledged to create jobs, revitalize communities, protect the rights of workers, also provide access to better transportation and get relevant skills training.

A four-term Baltimore County councilman first elected in 1994, Kamenetz touted the county’s \$1.3 billion investment in school construction over the past six years. That plan featured construction of 16 new schools and 15 additions including Lyons Mill Elementary School in Owings Mills, Catonsville Elementary School and Westowne Elementary School in Catonsville, and the \$50 million renovation of Pikesville Middle School.

With graduation rates having risen to nearly 90 percent and the graduation gap closed between African-Americans and whites, Kamenetz pledged to build upon what he called his legacy as a fierce advocate for public education and to be the “Education Governor.”

After the demise of the steel mills at Sparrows Point, Kamenetz said he looks forward to some 17,000 new generation of jobs that businesses such as FedEx and Under Armour will bring.

Others who have announced their gubernatorial candidacy so far include Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker, former NAACP president Ben Jealous, Maryland State Senator Richard Madaleno, former State Department official Alec Ross, attorney Jim Shea and former State Department official Krishanti Vignarajah. Alfred Redmer, Maryland Insurance Commissioner, is running for the Republican nomination for Governor.



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# Interested in Serving on the School Board Nominating Commission?

Following the 2014 and 2017 sessions of the Maryland General Assembly, the law concerning the composition and selection of the Board of Education of Baltimore County changed. Beginning in 2018, the school board will include both appointed and elected members, rather than the current 12-member fully appointed body.

In addition to seven elected members and one appointed student member, the Governor, in consultation with the County Executive, will appoint four at-large members from a list of nominees submitted by the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission, also created by the new laws.

Of the commission's 19 members, the Governor will appoint one commission member from each of the county's eight legislative districts. In addition, the County Executive will appoint one commission member from the county at-large. Finally, each of 10 organizations specified in the laws will name one commission member.

Those organizations include: Teachers Association of Baltimore County; Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce; PTA Council of Baltimore County, Inc.; Towson University; The League of Women Voters of Baltimore County; Baltimore County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; the Baltimore County Public Schools' Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee; Baltimore County Student Councils; Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees; and Education Support Personnel of Baltimore County.

Individuals seeking appointment to the commission should contact the Office of the Governor, Office of the County Executive, or one of the 10 identified organizations below to express their interest in the appointment. The Governor, County Executive and organizations noted below will name members of the School Board Nominating Commission by early November 2017.

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# Body Worn Camera Implementation Completed On Time and Within Budget

Baltimore County has completed equipping all uniformed police officers with body-worn cameras by its expedited Sept. 30 timeline and within budget, county officials announced.

Deployment of the audio visual recording devices began in July 2016, with 10 officers from each of the 10 precincts receiving a camera the first day the program took effect, and then 10 officers a week for the next 15 weeks were trained and equipped with a camera. Initially, the second phase was to begin in July 2017 and deploy cameras to 1,285 officers, with 1,435 of the 1,900 officers on the police force to be trained by the end of December.

However, last October, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announced he was accelerating full implementation of the body camera program by 14 months by increasing overtime funds necessary to speed up officer training.

The announcement came two months after the Aug. 1, 2016 fatal police shooting of Korryn Gaines, a 22-year-old mother of two in her Randallstown apartment with her young son present. Police said none of the officers directly involved in the situation was wearing a camera. A month later, a 21-year-old man died after a fight with police in Middle River. A police shooting in December of a Pikesville man at his home was recorded by two officers wearing body cameras. That footage was released to the public. Other recordings of police-involved shootings and confrontations have been withheld.

According to the policy, officers



**At the launch of the body worn camera program in July 2016, officers demonstrated different versions of body worn cameras at a press conference.**

are to test the devices before they begin their shifts and report any malfunctions. The officers are to notify individuals when they are being recorded, and activate the cameras for enforcement or investigative activity, such as traffic stops, searches, pursuits, arrests, field interviews, stop and frisk situations, and other activities of a potentially confrontational nature. They must also record emergency vehicle operations and custodial transports.

Officers may use their department issued body worn cameras while working authorized secondary employment in uniform. The Precinct 8 officer working a side job at Giant Foods in Catonsville fatally shot a suspected shoplifter on Aug. 1 while he was driving away in his vehicle. He was not wearing a camera.

Kamenetz applauded the program as a "valuable tool in strengthening the relationship of trust and understanding with the community." He stated, "By objectively capturing the actions of officers in the field, they improve transparency and help reduce complaints against officers and facilitate more efficient, effective

prosecutions."

Police Chief Terrence Sheridan said in a statement, "The body-worn camera program has already proven helpful in a number of arrests and prosecutions."

The first five years of the program will cost \$7.1 million for equipment, maintenance and storage. The annual cost is estimated at \$1.6 million, including ongoing officer training and the cost of hiring at least 21 additional full-time personnel to manage the program.

So far, the county has processed more than 250,000 recordings, including 45,000 hours of video, and has transferred more than 79,000 files to the States Attorney's Office (67,000 videos and 11,800 photographs).

Body camera video is treated the same as any other public record, subject to release under the Maryland Public Information Act and other relevant laws, according to county officials. Video footage of incidents also assists in resolving investigations by insurance companies, attorneys, the Motor Vehicle Administration and others through the Maryland Public Information Act.

## Bill Obriecht, Owner of Calico Cat in Woodlawn, Dies

Bill Obriecht, a longtime Woodlawn resident who owned Calico Cat with his wife, died on Sept. 13 from complications of cancer. He was 85.

Obriecht was active in the community and participated in activities at the Woodlawn Senior Center, which was located a block from the Calico Cat art gallery of jewelry, painted eggs, pottery and unique gifts. He and his wife of 62 years, Bruni, announced in February that age and health issues were forcing their retirement from the business. They closed the store in July after 49 years.

Delores Douglass, an emeritus board member of the Woodlawn Senior Center, said, "For many years, Bill was considered the 'Mayor' of Woodlawn Village. Bill was a charter board member of the Security Woodlawn Business Association, led annual stream clean-ups, maintained flower barrels and was fully committed to any task that promoted the Woodlawn Village area. He will be missed."

His family posted on Facebook that Obriecht's life was "well spent in devotion to his family and public service. He will be remembered for his unceasing concern for the well-being of others in the community."

A gathering to remember Obriecht was held on Sept. 30 at Emory Church in Upperco.

**"For many years, Bill was considered the 'Mayor' of Woodlawn Village.**

In addition to his wife, Obriecht is survived by his children Richard, Alex and Christine; grandchildren Nikolas, Christa, Ben and Arie; great grandchildren Eli, Shepard, Oliver and Finnegan; and brother Jim Obriecht.

Donations may be made to Assateague Island National Seashore, where the family spent memorable times, in care of: Deborah Darden, Superintendent-Assateague Island National Seashore, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD 21811.

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# District 44 Races Heat Up With Multiple Challengers

Incumbents representing District 44, which includes Catonsville, Windsor Mill and parts of Woodlawn, will get a strong challenge from candidates for Maryland Senate and House of Delegates.

Aaron Barnett, a Woodlawn community leader, vice president of the Woodlawn Recreation Council and a longshoreman who lost the election for District 44B delegate by 34 votes in 2014, announced his candidacy on Oct. 2 at the Woodlawn Community Center with a large group of family, community residents and union supporters.

After an introduction by his son, who highlighted his community service, including mentoring at Woodlawn High School, visits to senior centers and facilities and sponsoring a gospel festival and picnic at Woodlawn Memorial Park



**Aaron Barnett, who is making another run for the House of Delegates, said it was his mother who ingrained in him the value of community service. He has served as an officer in Rising Sun Baptist Church, PTA and Powhatan Community Association.**

with his own money, Barnett took the podium.

Barnett compared himself to a salmon swimming upstream and pledged to put people over politics. He stated that giving back to the community was ingrained in him by his mother, who he said wielded stiff discipline when needed. He also recalled his roots at Woodlawn High School and urged more attention for education starting at the pre-kindergarten level. "We must have champions for our cause fighting in Annapolis."

Noting that a larger Woodlawn Senior Center is needed, Barnett believes his work on the Randallstown Community Center Advisory Committee will come in handy with that initiative.

Aisha Khan, a small businesswoman, is also running for the House of Delegates. At her campaign launch on Sept. 24, said, "It's time for Asian Americans like me to come forward and make a change."

She presented a platform that aims to improve



**Aisha Khan introduced herself as a mother, wife and small businessperson at her official campaign launch for the House of Delegates.**

schools and student knowledge, protect Medicare and other retirement benefits for seniors, and work to get a community center around the Rolling Road Security area. She also supports raising the minimum wage, supporting small businesses and promoting new businesses.

"I promise to listen and act on your needs, and present them at the state level. I will be loyal to you and be a champion for you," Khan said. She said she was proud to see Christians, Hindus, Muslims, Jewish and so many other religions, and different shades of America in her audience, but that "it's time to go beyond color and religious lines."

McCaskill, a Tender Tots child care provider for more than 20 years and resident of Windsor Mill, announced her run for the Senate on Sept. 9 at the Karate Family Center in Catonsville.

She said she's running "not because I'm cute," but because there is work to be done.

While she says she has never felt comfortable "bragging about all the things she's done," McCaskill said she has organized back to school drives, provided emergency child care, and worked with a transitional women's shelter to provide free child care services.



**Aletheia McCaskill is running for Senate for District 44 on a platform for education, earned sick leave and a higher minimum wage.**

A child care regional union leader with SEIU Local 500, McCaskill has worked with the union and Maryland Working Families on initiatives such as women's economic security fair scheduling, earned sick leave and raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

She said the district deserves a senator who will fight for cleaner streets, and more alternatives to the birth-to-prison pipeline and to find and bring "good home-grown" jobs. She said she wants to continue the fight for "common sense economic and justice" legislation like minimum wage and earned sick leave.

George White, a retired veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Army, former educator

and photographer, threw his hat in the ring for Baltimore County Central Committee. White is also a volunteer at the Baltimore Humane Society in Reisterstown Maryland. He also volunteers with the Panera Bread End of Day Dough Nation, making deliveries three days a week to homeless shelters and churches.

"I would like to be the glue and the conduit that connects the community with our leaders," White said. He pointed out that Central Committee members are the "worker bees" in the trenches for the people and the party. His experience working different positions in multiple elections since the age of 12, and as a poll captain for the past six elections demonstrates his commitment, White said.

Incumbents Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Delegates Charles Sydnor and Pat Young have filed to run for another term in July, and will run as a team.

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**Kevin Glover charged with murder.**



**Scott Nawrozki charged with sexual abuse of a minor.**

## Crime Report: Shootings, Sexual Abuse, Homicide

Read a roundup of police reports on some of the incidences of crime in the northwest area.

### Gwynn Oak Shooting Leaves Man Injured

Police are investigating a Sept. 18 shooting that has left a 23-year-old man injured in Gwynn Oak. The victim was inside the vestibule area of an apartment building in the 5900 block of Franklin Avenue when he was shot multiple times by an unknown suspect. The victim was taken to an area hospital for treatment. Police believe that the victim was the intended target of the shooting.

Anyone with information on this shooting or the suspect is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020. The Baltimore County Violent Crimes Unit continues to investigate at this time.

Metro Crime Stoppers is offering a reward. Anonymous tips can be sent to Metro Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-866-7LOCKUP, text message (text "MCS" plus your message to "CRIMES" (274637), or online at

[www.metrocrimestoppers.org](http://www.metrocrimestoppers.org).

### Milford Mill Academy Teacher Charged With Sexual Abuse

Scott Nawrozki, 54, of Fallston in Harford County, has been charged with sexual abuse of a minor and other sexual and child abuse offenses.

The investigation began when a juvenile student disclosed sexual activity with a teacher at Milford Mill Academy, Police say. The victim told officials that several incidents occurred on and off of school property in May and June.

The victim described sexual encounters inside the teacher's classroom and in the area of the Liberty Reservoir during school hours. The victim also told investigators that both sent suggestive photographs to each other during the time period.

If anyone has information about additional victims or information about this case, call the Baltimore

County Police Department's Crimes Against Children Unit at 410-853-3650.

Nawrozki is currently being held on denied bail status.

### Police Make Arrest in Reisterstown Double Shooting

Police have charged Omar Hamilton of Reisterstown with the Feb. 4 shooting death of Larry Lynch.

Police believe that Hamilton and another still unidentified suspect shot and killed Lynch during an attempted home-invasion robbery. Lynch defended himself, shooting Hamilton, but the other suspect fled the scene and was not apprehended.

Hamilton is charged with first-degree murder and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony. He is held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

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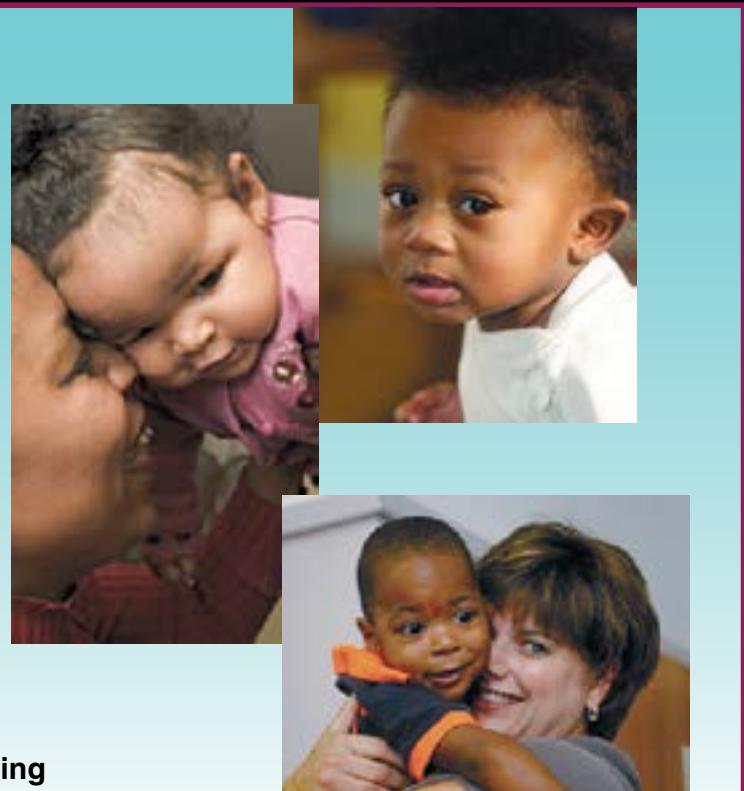
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Community members enjoyed refreshments and good company at Woodlawn Library's 40th birthday celebration featuring the Carl Grubbs Ensemble.

## Woodlawn Library Celebrates 40 Years with Jazz and Juggling

Baltimore County Public Library's Woodlawn branch celebrated 40 years of serving the community with a Jazz in the Library after-hours event featuring The Carl Grubbs Ensemble on Oct. 6. County Council members Vicki Almond and Julian Jones, and Margaret Stokes, who was representing Council Chair Tom Quirk, delivered remarks; Almond presented staff with a citation.

The following day, families enjoyed science demonstrations with magic, juggling and comedy. The staff then kicked off the 40th birthday party with face painting, crafts, birthday cake and an appearance by mascot Sneaks the Cat.

Opened in 1977, renovated in

1990 and expanded in 2005, the Woodlawn Library ranks among the most visited locations in the county's library system. In fiscal year 2017, the branch had more than 337,580 visits and hosted 606 programs with 26,959 attendees. The branch features one of the county's two Storyville locations. More than 55,830 people used the 31 computers and Wi-Fi there.

"The Woodlawn Branch staff is passionate about providing excellent customer service and building long-term relationships with members of the community," said branch manager Zeke White. "There is no better way to celebrate a 40th anniversary than with our valued customers and community partners."

## Northwest Hospital Earns Performance Citation

Northwest Hospital has been recognized by Premier Inc., a health care improvement company, with a Citation of Merit for the 2017 QUEST Award for High-Value Healthcare for providing outstanding patient care.

The hospital, located in Randallstown, received the citation for achieving a top performance threshold in four of six focus areas, which include patient and family engagement, safety, and cost and

efficiency.

"At Northwest Hospital, we are on a quest to be the best, including being a leader in patient safety and quality. This achievement reflects the commitment of everyone on our team to provide our patients with the highest quality care," says Brian White, executive vice president of LifeBridge Health responsible for Northwest and Sinai hospitals. "

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## Scenes From Around Town



The annual Dogfest Walkathon and Festival held Sept. 16 at the Baltimore Human Society in Reisterstown attracted lots of volunteers, dogs and other pets, and community members.



Bryen Glass, president of the 3030 Social Club, held a Gwynn Oak Food Festival at Woodlawn Memorial Park, which attracted families, vendors and fun.

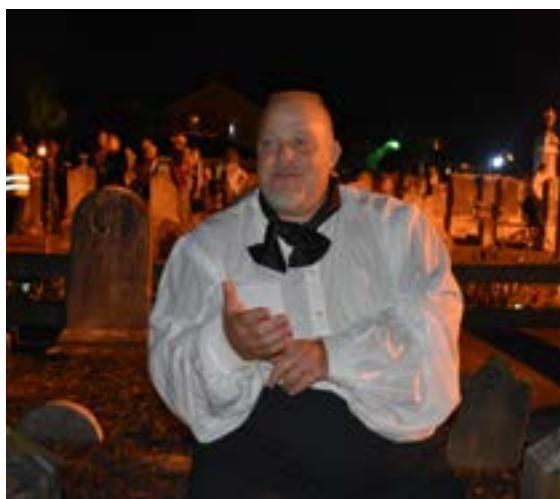


Members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and Del. Charles Sydnor III, Councilman Julian Jones and Del. Pat Young (not pictured) volunteered at the District 10 and District 44 Expungement Clinic held at Morning Star Baptist Church in Catonsville. The clinic is one of many the Legal Aid Society have organized in the area. Dozens of people showed up to get their criminal records removed from public records.



Baltimore County legislators Ben Brooks of District 10, Shelly Hettleman of District 11 and Eric Ebersole of District 12 took a tour of Job Corps at Woodstock. They learned about some of the vocations that young people ages 16 through 24 can take advantage of as part of the free education and career training program.

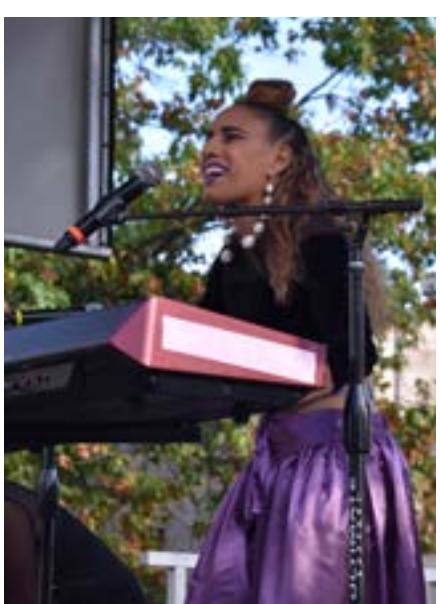
### A Toast to the Ghosts



The Baltimore Public Library hosted A Toast to the Ghosts at Reisterstown Library. The outdoor event featured ghost stories around a fire pit, guided tours through the historic Reisterstown Community Cemetery (est. 1764) by a John Reister impersonator, live music and food. An impersonator of Edgar Allan Poe, who at one time applied to be headmaster of Franklin Academy, circulated through the crowd. Several event-goers dressed like Poe also.

Photos by George White and Kenny Brown

# Baltimore Co. African-American Cultural Festival



Families, couples and other attendees enjoyed a plethora of performances, vendors selling their crafts, and information exhibits at the 21st annual Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival held Sept. 16 in Towson. Entertainment included the popular singing group After 7 (top right), pianist and songwriter Kayla Waters (bottom left) and vocalist L.A. Young of Owings Mills (above). Del. Adrienne Jones and members of the festival's board handed out scholarships to deserving students (bottom right).

Photos by Kenny Brown



## Commission Established to Study Pikesville Armory Development

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**"Will we lack the boldness and the strength to change the attitude in Towson that says, 'We can't spend the necessary money to be creative and bold and invest in our future? We can't afford not to do it.' "**

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can be gained from selling the library and senior center could help fund the project, Needle said.

"But we need a study to make sure it's a go."

In April, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and Vicki Almond announced that the Department of Planning would undertake a three-phase study of the Pikesville commercial district to develop recommendations for revitalizing the area.

Almond, who has a say in zoning for the property, said "It's not my intention to build houses," and she will "do what I can to make sure the county buys the Armory."

Nancy Surosky, a representative from Kamenetz's office, said he has been interested in acquiring the Armory but the process is "complicated."

Suggestions from attendees included a sculpture garden, art gallery and community center. They also expressed concern about the lack of quality restaurants and businesses on the Reisterstown corridor. Someone also asked for a commitment that the property won't become a strip shopping center.

Gloria Askin, an artist who makes jewelry and prints and who has lived in Pikesville since 1950, is hopeful. She called the art gallery a "brilliant

idea." Askin said, "Where art goes, business and success follows."

### Commission on Future Use of the Pikesville Armory

Gov. Larry Hogan signed an executive order on Sept. 5 establishing a Commission on the Future Use of the Pikesville Armory to review potential ways to utilize this important site. Zirkin will chair the 15-member commission.

The executive order authorizes that the commission's membership will include representatives from 1000 Friends of Pikesville, Pikesville Chamber of Commerce, Greater Pikesville Recreation Council, and Councilwoman Almond and surrounding community associations. The Governor will appoint three additional members.

The commission will explore options such as enhancing the arts, recreational opportunities and other ideas, Zirkin said. He intends to hold meetings around Pikesville which will be open and accessible to the general public for creative suggestions.

The commission must present its recommendations to the Governor no later than Oct. 1, 2018.

Zirkin said in a statement, "I am certain that we will emerge with a product that is exciting to the community."



Pikesville Armory, located at 610 Reisterstown Rd., is the state's second oldest armory and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. Community leaders and elected officials believe finding new uses for it will drive Pikesville's economic redevelopment and cultural revitalization.

# Faith and Worship



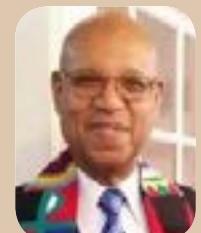
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# Meetings and Events

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## Flu Vaccination Clinics

The Baltimore County Department of Health will host its annual Super Saturday flu vaccination clinics on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the seven locations around the county, including at: Pikesville Middle School, 7701 Seven

Mile Lane, Pikesville 21208, and Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive, Randallstown 21133. Everyone six months and older is encouraged to get a free flu shot (injectable only) during this one-day clinic.

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## Pre-budget Hearing at Northwest Area Education Advisory Council Meeting

A pre-budget hearing for the Baltimore County Public Schools fiscal year 2019 operating and 2020 capital budgets will be held at the monthly meeting of the Northwest Area Education Advisory Council on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in the New Town High School auditorium, 4931 New Town Blvd., Owings Mills, 21117. Parents, students and residents are invited and public comment is welcomed. The November Advisory Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m. at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School on grading and reporting. (These dates and locations reflect a correction from the September issue.) The contact is Clifford Collins, [cjacobi23@aol.com](mailto:cjacobi23@aol.com).

## Financial Literacy: Money Matters Workshop

Del. Ben Brooks will host a Financial Literacy: Money Matters Workshop for students and parents on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Owings Mills Public Library, 10302 Grand Central Ave. in Owings Mills.

## Southwest Area Pre-budget Meeting

A BCPS pre-budget hearing will be held on Monday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m. at Johnnycake Elementary School library, 5910 Craigmont Rd. in Catonsville. The contact is Frank Curran, [fccurran@gmail.com](mailto:fccurran@gmail.com).

## Citizen Input Meeting on the Capital Improvement Program

The Baltimore County Planning Board, in conjunction with county agencies, has scheduled its annual citizen input meeting on the Capital Improvement Program For Fiscal Years 2019 to 2024 for Thursday, Oct. 19, at 5 p.m., in the Jefferson Building, Room 104, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue in Towson. Citizens are invited to share their concerns about the county's plan to fund the construction of roads, parks, schools and other public facilities. Written comments are also accepted until Oct. 26, and should be emailed to Jessie Bialek at [jbialek@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:jbialek@baltimorecountymd.gov).

## Read for Life Workshops

Parents are invited to explore literacy development for preschool and prekindergarten children through a series of six free workshops taught by current or retired BCPS teachers. The workshops will be held on Mondays, Oct. 16 through Nov. 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Campfield Early Learning Center, 6834 Alter St., 21207. To register, email Rai Cary at [rcary@bcps.org](mailto:rcary@bcps.org) or call 443-809-4496.

## CCBC Awareness Fair

Community organizations will represent health and human services focusing on mental health services and family support resources at an awareness fair on Monday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Community College of Baltimore County, Student Services Center, 800 S. Rolling Rd., 21228. No registration is required.

## Woodlawn Senior Center Veteran's Day Celebration

Major General Linda Singh of the Maryland National Guard will be the guest speaker at a Veteran's Day Celebration on Thursday, Nov. 9, at noon at Woodlawn Senior Center, 2120 Gwynn Oak Ave., 21207. Singh will honor the veterans and share her experiences in the

National Guard. Lunch will be served. To assist us in our planning for the event, please RSVP to Doris Douglass, dmdouglass@comcast.net.

#### **Are You At Risk For Diabetes?**

Take advantage of a diabetes prevention program the Baltimore County Department of Health is offering for anyone identified as pre-diabetes and

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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, Oct. 10 and 24 and Nov. 7 and 21, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.bcps.org/board](http://www.bcps.org/board).

#### **County Council**

Upcoming meetings of the County Council will be held 6 p.m. on

Monday, Oct. 16 and Nov. 6 (work session Oct. 10 and 31 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).

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:bvsharpless@hotmail.com). The precinct station number is 410-887-69855

**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](mailto:j.dantoni@verizon.net). The precinct contact number is 410-887-6775.

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# Data Breaches: What's the Difference Between Credit Monitoring and Credit Freezing?

The Equifax breach has affected 143 million Americans, and at least half of Maryland's population, if not more. Many consumers are wondering what they should do to protect from further damage in light of this massive data breach from the credit reporting agency. While Equifax is offering a free credit monitoring service to consumers affected, many are wondering if that will help. Check out the Maryland General Attorney's Office guide on what the biggest differences are between credit monitoring and credit freezing, and what steps you should take to protect your identity.

## **What is credit monitoring?**

Generally, credit monitoring services alert you of any changes in your credit report. This can be a useful service for quickly detecting unauthorized activity, which is often

a sign of identity theft. Many credit monitoring services also offer some form of identity theft insurance or victim assistance. One thing to keep in mind: credit monitoring services can still allow access to your credit files by both legitimate creditors and fraudulent imposters.

## **Will credit monitoring keep me safe from identity theft?**

It could. Monitoring your credit reports can alert you to an identity thief attempting to open new accounts, such as credit cards, in your name. Often you are alerted before the account is actually opened.

## **If I sign up for credit monitoring, am I still at risk?**

Credit monitoring may not protect you from many common forms of identity theft. Monitoring your credit reports will not protect your existing

financial accounts from fraud. You may also still be vulnerable for other common forms of fraud, such as tax-related identity theft.

## **What should I keep in mind if I sign up for credit monitoring?**

Treat credit monitoring services with the same importance that you'd treat other financial or insurance products: read the fine print, ask questions and shop around.

## **I found out that my information was compromised. What's the best strategy to protect myself?**

A credit freeze — at all three credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Transunion and Experian — is the best way to prevent identity thieves from opening new accounts in your name. A credit freeze blocks access to your credit files and is extremely effective in preventing fraudulent accounts from being created. In Maryland, placing a credit freeze is free effective Oct. 1, 2017.

## **How long does a credit freeze last?**

Credit freezes last until you remove them.

[www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov)

## **What else do I need to know about credit freezes?**

You will receive a PIN code to unfreeze your credit report. It's important to keep track of the PIN codes for when you need to lift or remove your credit freeze.

Consumers should be aware that there are fees to temporarily "thaw" or lift the freeze for a credit report if the consumer needs to apply for credit, rent an apartment, or engage in another transaction in which the credit report needs to be reviewed. The fee for temporarily thawing a credit report is \$5 for each credit bureau, but creditors generally only need to review one bureau's report.

Consumers who are actively seeking credit to buy a new home or car may want to wait before placing a freeze on their credit reports. Both credit freezes and

temporary thaws are free for victims of identity theft who have a police report.

## **Should I sign up for the free credit monitoring? Or, should I freeze my credit?**

Yes – as long as you understand the risks and limitations of credit monitoring. Pairing credit freezes with free monitoring can be a good strategy to both prevent and check for identity theft.

The Office of Attorney General recommends consumers take the following steps:

- Check your credit reports from all three of the major credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Reports can be obtained for FREE by visiting [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). Unrecognizable accounts or activity could indicate identity theft.
- Place a credit freeze on your files. A credit freeze makes it harder for someone to open a new account in your name. Keep in mind that credit freezes must be obtained from each of the credit reporting agencies. A credit freeze won't prevent a thief from making charges to your existing accounts, such as debit and credit cards. Parents or guardians of minor children may also place a credit freeze on behalf of their child. For more information on how to obtain a credit freeze, please visit [www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/IdentityTheft/freezing.aspx](http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/IdentityTheft/freezing.aspx)
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## Pikesville VFD Receives More Than \$24,000 Worth of Life-Saving Equipment

Continuing its mission of supporting hometown heroes, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation celebrated its contribution of more than \$63,000 worth of life-saving equipment grants to Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department and three other local first responder organizations.

The event, held Oct. 5, at the Garrison Forest Firehouse Subs restaurant in Owings Mills, featured a donation ceremony, as well as live demonstrations from receiving organizations, explaining the importance of the equipment and how it will be used to save lives.

The Pikesville VFD received a variety of stabilization equipment, including Res-Q-Jack car kits, struts, add-on jacks and extensions. The department responds to between 40

and 50 vehicle extractions each year, with 10 to 15 percent requiring strut stabilization. The equipment will be utilized during motor vehicle accidents, allowing firefighters to safely extricate victims and provide life-saving assistance.

"It feels great to be able to give back to those who put their lives on the line everyday to protect us," said Meghan Vargas of the Firehouse Subs Foundation Development. "People don't realize first responders often lack the funds needed to purchase new equipment."

Three other north Maryland fire companies each received chest compression systems.

Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors.



**The Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department received a variety of stabilization equipment used in vehicular accidents from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. Shown in the front are Camille Hammond, Firehouse Subs franchisee, with Scott Goldstein and John Berryman of the Pikesville Fire Department. Councilwoman Vicki Almond and Tony Baysmore, representative for the County Executive, are flanked by others, including fire department personnel.**

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## Minority-owned and small businesses invited to Meet the Primes

Leaders of Small and Minority Business Enterprises are invited to the ninth annual Meet the Primes event on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to noon at Maryland State Fairgrounds, Exhibition Hall, 2200 York Rd. in Timonium, 21093. The event is being hosted by Baltimore County Public Schools and Baltimore County government and agencies, along with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council.

At this free business-to-business networking event, minority and small business subcontractors can connect with prime bidders and forge new partnerships. More than 100 exhibitors will be present including prime bidders on solicitations from BCPS and other local and state agencies. Representatives from government agencies will offer information on business opportunities for both

bidders and subcontractors. Business representatives are encouraged to bring their statements of capabilities and business cards.

Registration is encouraged and will be open through Oct. 15. Walk-ins are welcome. Registration for one-on-one meetings between small business owners and government agencies and/or a prime company also will begin on Monday, Oct. 9, 2017. The intent of the five-minute one-on-one meetings is to provide small business owners with exclusive time to discuss products and services with procurement officials, buyers, and decision makers. Those interested should review the one-on-one meeting schedule on the registration at [www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-the-primes-2017-registration-32669827333](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-the-primes-2017-registration-32669827333) and make requests via email at [events@mwmca.org](mailto:events@mwmca.org).

## Crime Report

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### Police Solve March Windsor Mill Homicide

Kevin Tyrone Glover, 37, of West Baltimore, has been indicted in the March 17 shooting death of Bernie Slater.

Video surveillance obtained by detectives depicts Glover approaching a vehicle on the parking lot of the Windsor Inn on Windsor Mill Road and speaking with someone in the vehicle, whom police believe Glover collaborated with in the murder of Slater. Glover is later seen approaching the driver's side of Slater's vehicle, shooting him, and then fleeing the scene with his collaborator. Slater is seen exiting his vehicle and crossing Windsor Mill Drive where he collapses to the ground in front of the Windsor Inn.

Glover is charged with first-degree murder and other offenses. He is currently in the custody for a violation of probation stemming from a prior conviction for a 2015 DUI offense.



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## Dream 4 It Benefit Awards Scholarships to Local Residents

At its 10th annual benefit concert, the Dream 4 It Foundation honored eight 2017 scholars for their educational success and six community leaders for their inspiration.

College freshmen receiving scholarships totaling \$18,300 at the Gordon Center for Recording Arts in Owings Mills held on Aug. 25 included Regina Wren, a Woodstock resident and student at Temple University; Desmond Oliver, a Randallstown resident and Reginald Combs Scholar who attends University of Maryland Baltimore County, and Bishop Graham, a Windsor Mill resident who earned the Perseverance Award and is studying at University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

The six honorees included Keion Carpenter, a former NFL player and Woodlawn High School graduate recognized posthumously for his community service, and former Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent S. Dallas Dance.

Anthony Brown, a local minister and accomplished recording artist, is the foundation's president. Since its founding in 2008, the foundation has raised \$123,000 and supported over 60 students.



**Dream It Foundation** honored eight college freshmen with \$18,300 in scholarship recipients and recognized six community leaders at its annual benefit concert, including on the far right Teresa Harris, mother of Keion Carpenter, Desmond Oliver, Rev. William Harris, father of Carpenter, and Dr. Anthony Brown. Also pictured are other honorees and scholars, from left: Matt Stevens, Van Brooks, Laura Adeniyi, Ava Fields and Lauren Groome.

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## Baltimore County Students Get \$1.5 Million in Scholarship Offers

Maryland's graduating class of 2017 received more than \$1.32 billion in college scholarship offers, according to the results of a new Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) survey. This amount surpasses the class of 2015's record total, which fell just short of \$1.32 billion.

The survey found that 18,206 Maryland graduates received scholarship offers last year, which accounted for about one-third of the graduating class of 56,702 students.

Montgomery County received the highest total scholarship amount for its graduates, falling just under the \$3.51 million mark with 4,161 students who received at least one scholarship offer. Anne Arundel County followed, with just over \$1.56 million in scholarships and 1,579 students receiving at least one offer. Baltimore County was a close third, with just under \$1.54 million in scholarships and 2,116 students receiving at least one scholarship offer.

For more than a decade, MSDE has collected and analyzed data on college and university scholarship offers received by graduates. The total dollar amount of these offers has risen significantly since 2007 when Maryland graduates received less than \$500 million total in scholarship offers.

## Windsor Mill, Woodmoor and New Town to Receive Federal Grants for BCPS Magnet Programs

Baltimore County Public Schools has been awarded a \$15 million federal grant over five years to develop five new magnet programs and to significantly revise an existing one.

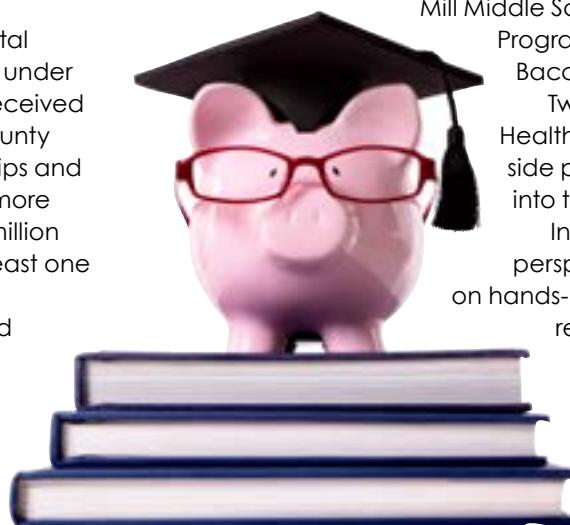
Three magnet programs on the west side of the county will create a K-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) magnet pathway with a thematic focus on global studies. They are: New Town High School for an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program and Diploma Program; Windsor Mill Middle School for an International Baccalaureate Middle Years

Program; and Woodmoor Elementary School for an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.

Two programs on the east side of the county will create a Health Science pathway for Grades 6—12. One additional east side program will create an IB pathway for Grades 6—12 leading into the existing IB program at Kenwood High School.

International baccalaureate programs introduce a global perspective to instruction across the subject areas with a focus on hands-on, project-based learning experiences that support future-ready skills and knowledge.

BCPS is one of 32 school systems to receive this competitive award from the Magnet Schools Assistance Program, which is part of the U.S. Department of Education. The Magnet Schools Assistance Program provides grants to eligible local educational agencies to establish and operate magnet schools.



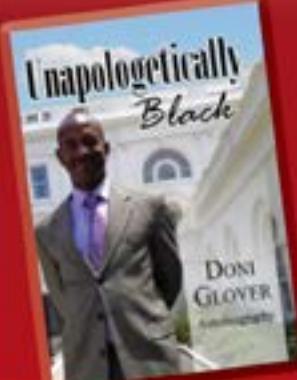
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## The Voice's Davon Fleming

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Concert Chorale perform around town ("I didn't know they could sing like that!" he says). So after meeting then director Thaddeus Price, Fleming scooted out of work study a little early to hop a bus for Milford's after-school choir rehearsals and get classical training. "Mr. Price saw enough in me and taught me how to read music and other musical elements."

Fleming grew up in a Christian household with five siblings, including his twin, Tavon, and a cousin who his mother raised—all of them with musical talents. His parents made their priorities clear: God first, education second and music third. He remembers as a young boy watching his mother sing in church. "The feeling drew me in and I started to build a relationship with God and music."

Over the years, music has always been a passion and a career. During his high school days, he worked at the Harborplace Fudgery, where employees sing to customers while stirring the fudge. He interned in Baltimore City's Law Department and had a short tenure at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Still intent on keeping his hands in music, Fleming served as artistic director for a youth outreach program, Partners in Progress, in which he participated as a teen. Currently, he serves as a worship leader at Beth-El Temple Church of Christ, and assists with the music arrangements for the choir.

It was his work on BET's Sunday Best with internationally known gospel entertainers such as Kirk Franklin, Mary Mary, Kim Burrell and the Clark Sisters, that Fleming says catapulted his career. "That was my introduction to the world," he says. "I did a lot of traveling, vocal arranging for artists and a lot of studio work."

His journey to The Voice began with a reluctant decision to attend the open-call auditions held in Baltimore in February. Fleming was weary from a recent trip to Italy and Switzerland for a performance with the local Serenity Singers, and from singing on the backup choir for Grammy nominee Chrisette Michelle's performance at the presidential inauguration in January. But fortunately, he beat out thousands at the audition, got the red card for a return tryout, and eventually made it to Los Angeles, accompanied by his mom, Dorothy Ellen, and a friend, Pherron Fowler. The two could be seen backstage giving high fives to each other and Voice host Carson Daly with their shoes, in response to Hudson throwing her shoe on the stage impressed by Flemings' performance.

What's it like behind the scenes of The Voice? Fleming could not share details, but says he appreciates that the coaches are respectful, personable and genuine. He is relishing the moments and enjoying the big stage. "With The Voice, I am able to touch so many platforms from gospel to rock to country. There are so many people from different walks of life that I can touch."

"It feels so amazing. I have the opportunity to use this platform to be an inspiration to people. You can be what you want to be and do what you want to do."

Fleming is in Baltimore until it is time to return to Los Angeles for the battle rounds, which pits blind audition winners against each other. He'll be ready to rock the house for Team Jennifer. "No matter how big I get or how far I go I will be the same funny kid from Baltimore. I struggle like you." But, he says, "I'm going to represent home."

—Janet Anderson

## 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>					
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
<b>WINDSOR MILLS, 21244</b>					
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
<b>CATONSVILLE, 21228</b>					
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
<b>RANDALLSTOWN, 21133</b>					
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
<b>PIKESVILLE, 21208</b>					
7801 Greenspring Ave	Rancher	3	2 ½	\$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
<b>OWINGS MILLS, 21117</b>					
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
<b>REISTERSTOWN, 21134</b>					
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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Coughs - Colds - Flu - Fever  
Nausea - Infections - Earaches  
Pink Eye - Broken Bones - Bites  
Cuts - Burns - Sprains  
Sore Throats - Fractures & most  
*Non Life Threatening Conditions*

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