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Dozens of observers watch as the Board of Elections tallied thousands of provisional and absent votes at their offices in Hunt Valley. Director Katie Brown (center) reviews the ballots with other officials. In the end, the election board declared Johnny Olszewski Jr. (inset) the winner. He is shown after the final count.

Olszewski Wins in County Executive Democratic Primary

Almond, Brochin lose by slim margin in hard fought race

In a surprising but appropriate finale to a County Executive race that many could not call during the 2018 Primary Election campaign, Johnny Olszewski Jr. was declared the Democratic nominee by 17 votes.

On Election Day, the race was too close to call as just over 1,000 votes separated Councilwoman Vicki Almond, Sen. Jim Brochin and Olszewski.

Over the days the Baltimore County Election Board tallied the absentee and provisional ballots, Olszewski's lead tightened then strunk from 346 to nine votes. The nail-biter resulted in Olszewski, 35, picking up nine more votes.

In the end, with Brochin's petition for a recount, the final count was 26,842 for Almond, 27,803 for Brochin and

27,820 for Olszewski. The fourth Democratic candidate, Kevin Marron, collected just 2,136 votes.

After the board completed its recount at its Hunt Valley office, a relieved but elated Olszewski held a late-evening press conference in front of the County Courthouse. He thanked supporters "for believing in us."

"It certainly affirms that every vote counts," he said, with his wife Marisa at his side. His platform is to "improve our schools and have a government that's more accessible and transparent and that puts our communities first." After what he called a long, arduous campaign,

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

The Power of the County Executive Seat Has Shifted to the East

Now that all the ballots have been tallied in the race for Baltimore County Executive, we now know the Democratic and Republican nominees who will compete in the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

We congratulate winners Johnny Olszewski Jr. and Al Redmer Jr., who came out on top after very competitive, hard fought races. Both Olszewski a former legislator who represented Dundalk, and Redmer, the state insurance commissioner from Middle River, are from the east side.

The other candidates, who also waged impressive campaigns, were Democrats Councilwoman Vicki Almond of Reisterstown and Sen. Jim Brochin, who represented the Towson, Lutherville/Cockeysville area; Republican Pat McDonough, who represents Baltimore and Harford counties, is from Middle River. That makes Almond from the west side, Brochin from the north and McDonough from the east.

The east side of the county—Dundalk (the county's largest community), Middle River and Essex—may very well get the 'spoils.'

Politically, Baltimore is like three counties in one, and certain parts of the county are quick to put party affiliation aside to vote for their favorite son. The east side has high Democratic registration but they will vote Republican. The northern part of the county, in areas such as Towson, Hunt Valley and Cockeysville, is more conservative and has high Republican registration. And the west side is heavily Democratic and consistently votes that way.

It's not by accident that all three of the Democratic candidates spent so much of their time in communities like Catonsville, Randallstown, Woodlawn and Reisterstown. They understood that for a Democrat to be elected to the county seat, he or she needs strong support from the west side.

As I have shared in a previous column, the eastside Baltimore County political machine ruled the heavily Democratic political arena. County voters elected the first county executive in 1956 and elected 11 from the east side of the county until 1974, when the east side machine began to feud within itself. That dissension created an opening for a guy from the Randallstown/Pikesville by the name Ted Venetoulis (1974 to 1978), but the power shifted back to the east side until 1994.

For the past quarter century, Baltimore County executives have hailed from the west side of county. Think Rep. Dutch Ruppberger (1994 to 2002), Jim Smith (2002 to 2010) and Kevin Kamenetz (2010 to 2018). What raised the influence of the west side was the Jewish and black migration from Baltimore City.

With this election, we are seeing a geographic political shift again.

Baltimore County is the third most populous county in the state and is overwhelmingly Democrat. According to the State Board of Elections, there are 306,969 registered Democrats and 142,029 Republicans, and over 56,000 independents. But when it comes to voting, county residents seem to lean conservative on economic and social matters.

As you may recall, in the Governor's race, Larry Hogan defeated Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown, the Democratic nominee who also was African American, with 59 percent of the vote from Baltimore County. How will county residents vote in November's election with Ben Jealous, former head of NAACP, as the Democratic nominee?

No matter what happens, we know that the Baltimore County Executive will be from the east side. What will that mean for the west side? Support for the candidates was split: You had Senators Delores Kelley and Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Delegates Charles Sydnor III and Pat Young supporting Johnny O. Delegates Ben Brooks and Adrienne Jones, Councilman Julian Jones and many community leaders behind Vicki Almond, and former Del. Emmett Burns and community leader Aaron Barnett supporting Jim Brochin.

The question is what did we ask of the candidates? What was asked of Olszewski for the community—not for personal but for the greater good? A revitalized Liberty Road corridor and Woodlawn community? A greater effort to bring more national chains and businesses? A larger Woodlawn Senior Center? More community space? More affordable programs for teens?

Our MO has been to throw our support behind someone because we like them and fail to negotiate for anything. Many of us, after the fact, try to remind candidates how we supported them and make our ask after they are in office. It's like buying a car, signing the paperwork and then asking the salesperson how much does it cost. We don't have a plan.

As the General Election comes closer, we expect that Olszewski and Al Redmer will come back to the communities. Be sure to ask what kind of commitments they are willing to make.

Now that both Dems and Republicans can vote for either candidate in the General Election, will the east side vote for Olszewski? Johnny O still needs the west side, and African-Americans and westside Democrats are still a loyal voting bloc.

I remind you to vote your interests. A new day is coming. If we don't organize, get our priorities straight, and make it known what we expect from the next county executive, we could find ourselves

in a second- or third-tier position.

All elected officials must come together to see their party candidate become county executive. Whether Democrat or Republican, the most important question is who will be better for our schools, our neighborhoods and our seniors? What is the staff going to look like around these guys? Will it be reflective of the county, especially the west?

Be ready to find out.

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Right-sizing Public High School Enrollment

Woodlawn severely underenrolled, Catonsville significantly overcapacity

Among Baltimore County public high schools, there is a wide variance between the number of students certain schools can accommodate and the number of students who are actually enrolled. This may be because of growth in a community, popularity of magnet programs or construction of a new school nearby. It may also be due to the academic decline of a school.

Baltimore County Public Schools faces a projected shortfall of 1,700 seats for its student population by 2023.

According to BCPS, enrollment is expected to peak in the next 10 years. Certain high schools, such as Catonsville, Lansdowne, New Town, Owings Mills and Pikesville are projected to be at overcapacity. (Catonsville, Towson and Perry Hall would be the most significantly overcrowded.) Conversely, Milford, Woodlawn, Western School of Technology and Randallstown are expected to be undercapacity.



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At a public information session at Carver High School on July 12, parents and stakeholders review proposals to reduce projected overcrowding at Baltimore County high schools over the next 10 years.

The school system has hired a consultant to do a high school capacity study and is holding focus groups and public information sessions in July. They are also conducting an online survey to get the stakeholders’ feedback on how to address the situation. At the meetings, parents and community members reviewed seven proposals summarized on large posters. The options included moving students to other schools through redistricting, building new schools and additions, and creating or expanding existing magnet programs.

Consultants are recommending seven strategies as potential solutions. In a July 12 presentation at Carver Technology High School, Anirban Basu of Sage Policy Group explained why certain solutions to the problem may not be as simple as they seem.

“If Catonsville is overcrowded and Woodlawn is underenrolled,

why don’t we move some Catonsville students to Woodlawn and be done with it?” Basu stated rhetorically. “But when we subjected this to some stakeholders, they are not that keen on that as a solution.” There has also been discussion about adjusting feeder patterns.

In one option, the system would use existing seats of schools projected to have less enrollment than the state rated capacity (SRC) and change the boundaries of 11 schools including Catonsville, Lansdowne, Owings Mill, Pikesville and Randallstown.

Another scenario uses existing seats aggressively, meaning excess capacity in southwest would be used and there would be fewer capital projects. That would probably imply that some kids at Catonsville would have to move to a different school, Basu said. “The taxpayers would be happy with this, but certain families would not.” There would

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be 17 boundary changes or moves to magnet schools for all the schools in the northwest and southwest except for Franklin and Milford Mill.

In the third scenario, BCPS would build new additions and schools to accommodate the overcrowding.

Under scenario No. 4, the system would add 700 magnet seats and move magnet programs around from schools with overcapacity to those with less capacity. Schools impacted would be Catonsville, Pikesville, Randallstown, Western and Woodlawn.

Another scenario proposes boundary changes for 11 schools, including Catonsville, Milford, Pikesville and Woodlawn to aim for the state's priority capacity of 1,700 seats.

In the sixth option, more than 2,900 magnet seats would be added through replacement schools. This would be an expensive scenario because schools would need the physical plant necessary to support them, for example a band magnet program would need a music room. Western Tech would be impacted.

The final scenario is based on fiscal 2019 capital plan and proposes \$617 million in new schools.

With all scenarios, in the end Woodlawn would still be significantly underenrolled.

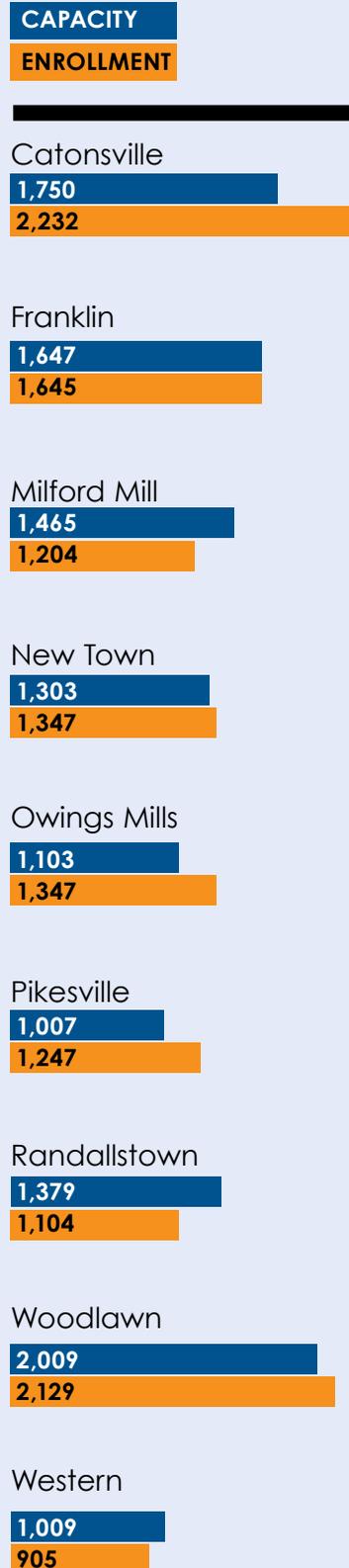
A second round of public info sessions will be held in September, and parents and stakeholders are encouraged to participate to make sure their views are shared.

The consultants will modify their initial recommendations based on citizens' input, and present their final recommendations to the board in November.

You can take the survey by July 29 at www.surveymonkey.com/r/bcps-hs-study, or email your comments, which will become public record, to highschoolstudy@bcps.org

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More Increases on Tap as Water Bills Rise an Average 13.9 Percent

When you look at your next quarterly water bill, you will once again notice higher rates.

Water and sewer service charges increase July 1 by an average of 13.9 percent, Baltimore County officials announced on June 28. Actual rates will vary, with some customers paying more, and in some cases, some paying less.

Water and sewer bills for Baltimore County residents have increased each year for the past three years—roughly 15 percent in July 2015, 12 percent in July 2016 and 8 percent in July 2017, and the hikes will continue. After the current 13.9 percent hike, rates will go up 10 percent each year through 2023, according to an executive order signed by County Executive Don Mohler, who was appointed to finish the term of the Kevin Kamenetz until the new executive takes office in January 2019.

“I recognize that any time

government raises a specific charge, it rightly comes under scrutiny,” said Mohler. “I am absolutely convinced that Baltimore County has no choice but to increase water and sewer rates immediately to pay for critical improvements to the water and sewer infrastructure across the county that will prevent water main breaks and raw sewage from pouring into the Chesapeake Bay and leaking into homes.”

The annual increases are necessary due to an aging infrastructure and to maintain required funding levels, according to Mohler, but the increases should level off to approximately 6 percent.

In order to minimize the financial impact of these rate increases, the county will provide credits for any property owner whose home is assessed by the Maryland State Department of Assessment and Taxation at \$250,000 or less, which



Baltimore County residents are incurring their fourth increase in water rates in as many years and will pay higher rates through 2023.

is 125 percent of the county’s median housing price. With the credit, nearly 80 percent of residential property owners will see an increase of no more than \$100 for the combined sewer service charge and water distribution charge.

The public water system, called the Metropolitan District, is an extension of the Baltimore City system that draws water from county reservoirs, treats the water, and then returns it to county residents at cost. The system is required to be financially self-

supporting.

County residents pay an annual fee for sewerage based on water usage (“water in, water out”); a flat annual rate for water distribution based on meter size; and quarterly for metered water usage. Most county residents get their quarterly water bill from the City of Baltimore and make payment to the Director of Finance. The sewage and water distribution charges appear on an individual’s property tax bill in July.

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What Else You Need to Know About Water, Sewer Charges

The water and sewer rates are charged by the Metropolitan District Fund, which is a self-sustaining fund that is not part of the county’s operating or capital budget. The Metropolitan District was created in 1924 under the county’s jurisdiction to supply water and to provide sewerage and drainage systems to county residents living within certain areas.

The city’s water rates are increasing by 6 percent for county property owners beginning July 1, 2018.

Baltimore City has been working to address the issue of incorrect water meter readings. While the new electronic meters appear to be generating accurate readings, Baltimore County officials say, some property owners may see increased bills in large part due to the fact that they have actually been undercharged for years. For example, in some cases, the old meter readings often reported low or no water consumption in a home. The new meters are expected to alleviate that issue in the future.

A water distribution charge is a fixed rate placed on every property having a connection with the Metropolitan District’s water and sewer system. The charge pays the expenses of constructing water supply, sewage systems, as well as operating and other expenses such as principal and interest on bonds. Four of these charges appear on county property tax bills, which arrive approximately July 1.

Free Lunch for Young People at Local Libraries, Public Schools

Yes, there is a such thing as free lunch. Baltimore County Public Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provides meals to all children (ages 18 and under) free of charge and without applications or registration.

Through Aug. 24, lunches are being provided Monday through Friday at area branches of the Baltimore County Public Library. Locations convenient to the northwest include:

- Arbutus Library, 855 Sulphur Spring Rd., 21227, at 12 p.m.
- Randallstown Library, 8604 Liberty Rd., 21133 at 12 p.m.
- Reisterstown Library, 21 Cockeys Mill Rd., 21136 at 12 p.m.
- Woodlawn Library, 1811 Woodlawn Drive,

21207 at 12:30 p.m.

From Monday, July 9, to Friday, Aug. 3, both breakfast and lunch will be served at many county schools. Breakfast will consist of a cereal bar, a breakfast bar, or a muffin served with fruit or juice, and milk. For lunch, the program offers a deli sandwich, fruit or vegetable, juice or frozen treat, and milk. These schools include:

- Chadwick Elementary, 1918 Winder Rd., 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- Church Lane Elementary, 3820 Fernside Rd., 9:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- Deer Park Elementary, 9809 Lyons Mill Rd., 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- Edmondson Heights Elementary, 1600 Langford Rd., 9:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- Featherbed Lane Elementary, 6700

Richardson Rd., 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.

- Glyndon Elementary, 445 Glyndon Drive, 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- Hebbville Elementary, 3335 Washington Ave., 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- Millbrook Elementary, 4300 Crest Heights Rd., 9:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- Owings Mill Elementary, 10824 Reisterstown Rd., 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- Randallstown Elementary, 9013 Liberty Rd., 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.

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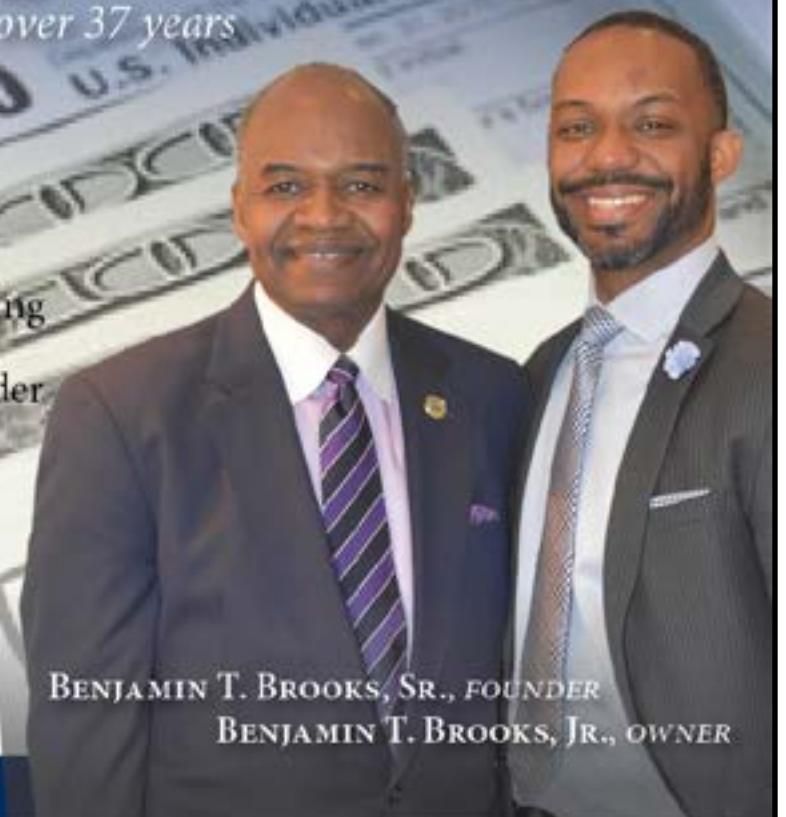
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Healthy Summer: Tips About Ticks, Sunscreen, Swimming

With the joy of summer comes an increased risk of a few health hazards and annoyances. The Centers for Disease Control offers these tips about Lyme Disease, sunscreen use and water safety.

Tick Bites

Recently a 5-year-old became paralyzed from a tick bite. What should you do if you're bitten? Grasp the tick's mouthparts against the skin, using pointed tweezers. Once you have removed the tick, wash the wound site and your hands with soap and water. Do not squeeze or crush the body of the tick; this may force infected body fluids from the tick into the skin. Do not apply substances such as petroleum jelly, nail polish, or a lighted match to the tick while it is attached. They may agitate the tick and force more infected fluid into the skin.

Observe the bite site over the next two weeks for any signs of an expanding red rash. Tick attachment

time is important; removing ticks within 36 hours of attachment reduces the risk of infection.

If you spend a lot of time outdoors you should be aware that if you're bitten by a tick, you can get Lyme Disease and other conditions. But only 2 percent of tick bites result in Lyme disease. People treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stages of Lyme disease usually recover rapidly and completely.

In 2015, 95 percent of confirmed Lyme disease cases were reported from 14 states, including Maryland and 10 other states on the northeast coast, according to the Centers for Disease Control. About 300,000 people are diagnosed with Lyme disease, but just 30,000 reported by state health departments.

Sunscreen

Each year, nearly 5 million Americans are treated for skin cancer at a cost of about \$8.1 billion. Yet most skin cancers can be prevented by avoiding

too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun or indoor tanning. Sunscreen use is particularly low among men, non-Hispanic blacks, people with less sun-sensitive skin, and people with lower incomes.

When used the right way, sunscreen can help prevent skin cancer and prevent or delay aging of the skin caused by sun exposure. Limit the amount of direct sunlight you receive between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and wear sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15.

The American Academy of Dermatology recommends that you use broad-spectrum protection against UVA and UVB rays with an SPF of 30 or higher and that is water resistance. Be sure to check the expiration date. This will protect against sunburn, early skin aging and skin cancer. To protect your skin, also seek shade, especially when the sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., wear a long-sleeved shirt, pants and wide brimmed hat and sunglasses, and get your vitamin D through a healthy diet.

Water Safety

Most community pools are open and when school is out many families head to the beach. It's important to know how to be safe while you're in the water. The American Red Cross offers these swimming safety tips you should be aware of before you head out to the pool or beach.

Most are common-sense but often ignored, such as to swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards, do not swim alone and never leave a young child unattended. Other tips include:

Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.

- Make sure everyone in your family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and learn-to-swim courses.
- If you have a pool, secure it with appropriate barriers. Many children who drown in home pools were out of sight for less than five minutes and in the care of one or both parents at the time.
- Avoid distractions when supervising children around water.
- If a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.
- Have appropriate equipment, such as reaching or throwing equipment, a cell phone, life jackets and a first aid kit.

Know how and when to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number. You can enroll in Red Cross home pool safety, water safety and first aid and CPR/AED course at redcross.org.

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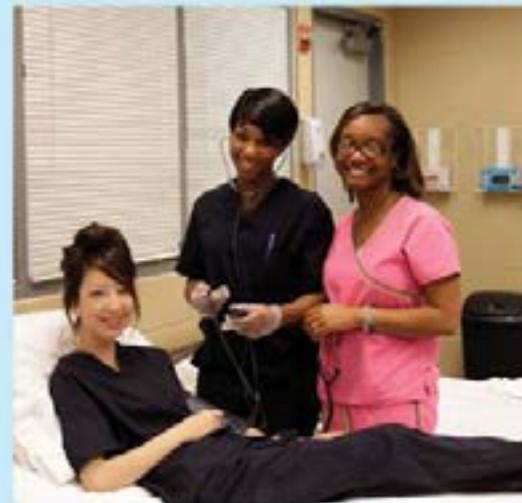
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It's Olszewski vs. Redmer in the General Election

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Olszewski said, "We look forward to moving forward with all of you to building an even better Baltimore County."

A former state delegate who represented Dundalk District 6 for two terms in the Maryland General Assembly, Olszewski was not viewed by many as a frontrunner, but ran a steady, energetic campaign that was supported by progressives.

Olszewski will compete against Alfred Redmer Jr., who currently works as Maryland Insurance Commissioner. In the Republican Primary, Redmer of Middle River defeated Del. Pat McDonough, who represents District 7, Baltimore and Harford counties.

Larry Young, longtime host of the WOLB 1010AM morning radio talk show in Woodlawn, held a political forum for the county candidates, at which they all appeared. Recognizing similar campaign styles between

Almond and Olszewski, Young said he expected them to be the frontrunners. Brochin exceeded his expectations but he was not surprised that Olszewski pulled off the win. Very importantly, Young said, Olszewski had the same message in all communities. "The voter in Dundalk and the voter in Owings Mills should be about the caring and sharing about what's good for Baltimore County."

Maryland General Assembly

Unlike in Baltimore City, where Democratic voters rejected the re-election campaigns of several prominent and influential veteran legislators, county voters cast their ballots for the incumbents in Districts 10, 11, 12 and 44B.

Sen. Delores Kelley defeated attorney Rob Johnson in the District 10 race for Senate. Johnson, who worked as a community liaison for Kelley, says he decided to take on his

mentor at the urging of community members. Some observers believe the attack pieces mailed to voters' homes by a SEIU union PAC hurt Johnson. In forums and other campaign pieces, he declined to directly criticize his former mentor.

Kelley, will go up against Stephanie Boston, a Democrat-turned-Republican who has lost to the senator in two previous elections. Boston, a state worker, ran unopposed in the Primary.

Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam of District 44 roundly put away Aletheia McCaskill, a day care operator and union activist, who had the support of the SEIU1199 union. Nathan-Pulliam captured 67 percent of the vote and will compete in the General Election against Baltimore City resident Victor Clark Jr.

Sen. Bobby Zirkin of District 11 turned back a challenge by Sheldon Laskin, a progressive also supported by SEIU, as well as The Wire creator David Simon.

In closely watched races for the House of Delegates, incumbents Ben Brooks, Jay Jalisi and Adrienne Jones won in District 10.

In District 11, former delegate Jon Cardin won the seat left open with the retirement of Del. Dan Morhaim and will join incumbents Shelley Hettleman and Dana Stein.

Jessica Feldmark won the District 12 seat left open when Clarence Lam decided to run for the Senate seat that Sen. Edward Kasemeyer is vacating. Feldmark will join incumbents Eric Ebersole and Terri Hill.

District 44B voters returned Charles Sydnor III and Pat Young to the House. Challenges by Woodlawn community leader Aaron Barnett, who lose in 2014 by 34 votes, and Aisha Khan, fell short.

Larry Young, who represented the city for 10 years in the Senate, said, "I compliment Baltimore County. You held on to your veterans. That will be a great benefit when the legislative session starts."

Governor's Race

Many believed the race would have been closer between Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker and former NAACP president Ben Jealous, who captured more than 39 percent

of the vote statewide to Baker's 29 percent.

Young said, "Ben campaigned more in the city and county. I've noticed in the last couple of elections that Baltimore is unique. They want to see you and touch you more. Ben old-fashioned-campaigned him and the votes came in favor of Ben."

Young also said that with Baker's running mate, Elizabeth Embry, having been a candidate for Baltimore City mayor, some believe winning the lieutenant governor seat would give her an advantage in any future Mayor's race.

"Putting Embry on the ticket brought about some concerns," Young said. "Folks who wanted to be supportive of Rushern got hesitant. If Embry were to run for mayor again, it would create a problem for anyone else who wanted to run for mayor. They didn't want to give her a chance to be lieutenant governor."

Martin O'Malley's endorsement also hurt Baker's chances, Young said. "Rushern misread the political leaves. It sent a message in the city that he underestimated the incarceration of many African-American men [under O'Malley's policies when he was mayor]."

However, Young, said, "I can understand what Ben would like to bring to our state. I'm not so sure that Maryland is ready just yet," Young said. "He's going to have to find a way to level down a little bit on his agenda. I do think he wants to be extremely positive."

Other races

For the first time, Baltimore County voters elected representatives to serve on the school board, which starting in December will be a hybrid of elected and appointed positions. The top two vote-getters in each councilmanic district will compete in the General Election.

The winners in the Primary are Matt Gresick and Lisa Mack in District 1, and Kathleen White and Makeda Scott in District 4. Cheryl Pasteur and Barry Glasser were the only candidates in District 2 and will square off in November.

See pages 14, 15 and 16 for other election results.

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Less Than 1 in 4 Voted in Primary Election

Randallstown Community Center the Top Early Voting Site

Political observers were giddy about turnout during first days of early voting for the 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election. As many as 50 percent more people than the 2016 election were heading to the polls. But in the end, Maryland's voter turnout was a little more than 23 percent for early voting and Election Day, according to the State Board of Elections. Baltimore County's overall turnout at the polls was slightly better, with 23.45 percent

Baltimore County was off to a good start during the eight-day early voting period, which ran June 14 through June 21. Out of the top five jurisdictions, the county had one of the highest percentages of early-voters—7.13 percent or 36,019 voters. Only Kent and Talbot counties, which have a significantly smaller number of eligible voters, did better.

Once again, the Randallstown Community

Center shined. It was the No. 1 early-voting site in Baltimore County, and the busiest site in the state for most of the eight days. When the early voting polls closed at 8 p.m. on June 21, more than 6,800 people early-voted at Randallstown Community Center, according to the State Board of Elections. That total represented the second-highest number of people in the state behind a voting center in Prince George's County.



Randallstown Community Center was the top early-voting site in Baltimore County and No. 2 in the state for the Primary Election, with more than 6,800 people coming through that polling site.

However, most voters preferred casting their ballots on Election Day, June 26—more than 82,400 in the county and more than 223,900 statewide.

Voter Turnout Among the Top 5 Jurisdictions

Below are the State Board of Election's unofficial results of voter turnout, which do not include provisional or absentee voters.

	Eligible Voters	Early Voting	Election Day	Total Turnout
Prince George's	527,539	41,060 / 7.78%	91,771 / 17.4%	25.18%
Baltimore City	333,364	22,365 / 6.71%	57,711 / 17.31%	24.02%
Baltimore County	505,062	36,019 / 7.13%	82,404 / 16.32%	23.45%
Montgomery	643,892	36,240 / 5.63%	108,086 / 16.79%	22.41%
Anne Arundel	347,033	21,184 / 6.10%	58,302 / 16.8%	22.9%
Maryland	3,597,135	609,648 / 16.95%	223,926 / 6.23%	23.17%

Source: State Board of Elections



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Police at Precinct 8 – Parkville recently received a phone call from a confused man who stated he was calling to discuss his outstanding federal taxes owed to the Internal Revenue Service. The equally confused officer who answered the phone obtained more details and recognized the man had been a victim of a telephone scam.

The officer determined that the victim was calling back the phone number that was displayed on his caller ID after hanging up on the scammer. The victim had just conversed with the scammer, who he described as a man with a foreign accent advising the victim had outstanding taxes that needed to be paid. The scammer instructed the victim to purchase Google and other brand name gift cards for the payment.

When the victim questioned him, the caller became irate and began to use profanity, at which time the victim hung up the phone. The victim then attempted to call back the number on his caller ID and reached the Parkville Precinct.

Residents should be aware that there are many apps available that allow a user to change the number displayed on another person's caller ID when receiving a call or text. That's because it isn't illegal under

most circumstances. (The Maryland General Assembly passed legislation that takes effect in October to make caller ID spoofing illegal.)

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Under the Truth in Caller ID Act: "FCC rules prohibit any person or entity from transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongly obtain anything of value. If no harm is intended or caused, spoofing is not illegal."

Fortunately, there are also call-blocker apps and unmasking apps available to help protect you from these types of scams. The best protection, however, is to become educated about spoofing scams and share that information with vulnerable citizens, the elderly and young adults.

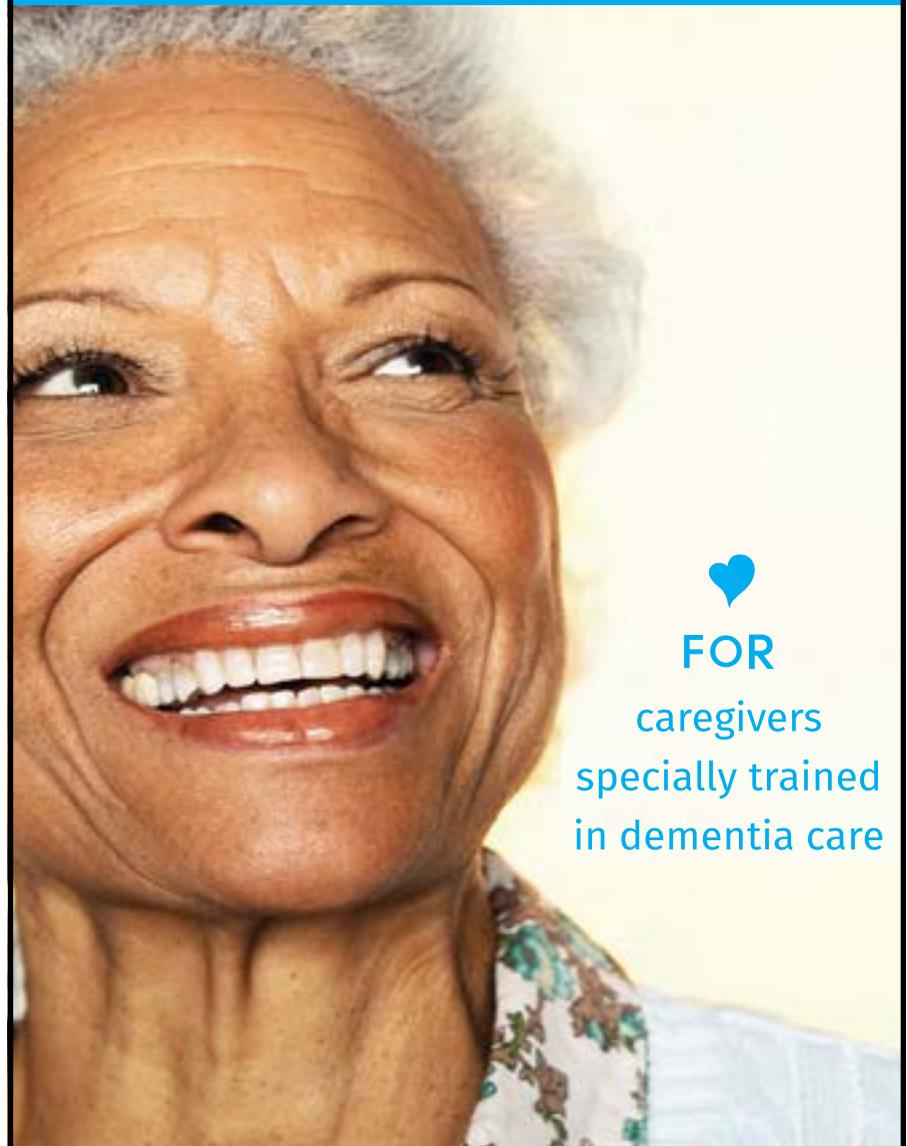
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Primary Election Results

The State Election Board results for the Primary Election includes the votes from the early voting period, Election Day, absentee and provisional votes, and the percentage of vote the candidate captured. A 100 percent total means the candidate ran unopposed. The data is for votes cast by Baltimore County voters.

Name	Early Voting	Election Day	Abs./Prov	Total	%
GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
Republican					
Larry Hogan, Boyd Rutherford ✓	7,731	23,474	1,128	32,333	100
Democratic					
Ben Jealous and Susan Turnbull ✓	11,247	21,571	1,288	34,106	41.4
Rushern Baker, Elizabeth Embry	5,323	8,661	592	14,576	17.7
Jim Shea, Brandon Scott	3,936	8,817	559	13,312	16.2
Valerie Ervin, Marisol Johnson*	1,292	3,237	268	4,798	5.8
Rich Madaleno, Luwanda Jenkins	1,054	1,994	161	3,209	3.9
Alec Ross and Julie C. Verratti	579	1,342	84	2,005	2.4
Krish Vignaraiah, Sharon Blake	2,083	5,373	315	7,771	9.4
*Votes cast for Kevin Kemenetz, Governor and Valerie Ervin, Lt. Governor are and Marisol Johnson, Lt. Governor reported as votes cast for Valerie Ervin, Governor					
COUNTY EXECUTIVE					
Republican					
Al Redmer Jr. ✓	4,276	13,272	510	18,058	55.5
Pat McDonogh	3,492	10,424	570	14,487	44.5
Democratic					
John Olszewski Jr. ✓	8,005	18,861	954	27,820	32.9
Jim Brochin	8,837	17,676	1,290	27,803	32.9
Vicki Almond	9,499	16,280	1,063	26,842	31.7
Kevin Marron	538	1,502	96	2,136	2.5
DISTRICT 10					
SENATE					
Republican					
Stephanie Boston ✓	475	985	52	1,152	100
Democratic					
Delores Kelley ✓	4,558	5,657	294	10,509	66.3
Rob Johnson	1,501	1,895	80	3,476	21.9
Lawrence Williams	742	1,078	41	1,861	11.7
HOUSE OF DELEGATES					
Republican					
George Harman ✓	354	752	32	1,138	31.5
Brian Marcos ✓	302	640	27	969	26.8
Matthew Kaliszak ✓	277	595	28	900	24.9
Michael Brown	199	392	16	607	16.8
Democratic					
Adrienne Jones ✓	4,955	5,752	298	11,005	28.4
Jay Jalisi ✓	4,795	5,753	242	10,790	27.8
Ben Brooks	4,242	5,109	236	9,587	24.7
Laura Lipscomb	1,835	2,600	153	4,588	11.8

Name	Early Voting
Nathaniel Costley Sr.	892
Jordan Porompyae	402
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE	
Delores Kelley ✓	4,982
Jay Jalisi ✓	4,811
Pat Kelly ✓	3,534
Danny Blount ✓	2,437
Danyell Smith ✓	2,343
Charlee Childs	1,906
Morgan Dowell	1,729
George "Tip Top" Williams	1,360
Frederick Strickland	1,176
Franklin Blatt	1,137
Al Apatira	948
DISTRICT 11	
SENATE	
Republican	
George Harman ✓	354
Democratic	
Bobby Zirkin ✓	3,574
Sheldon Laskin	1,441
HOUSE OF DELEGATES	
Republican	
Jonathan Porter ✓	613
Democratic	
Shelly Hettleman ✓	3,550
Dana Stein ✓	3,210
Jon Cardin ✓	3,076
Amy Blank	1,760
Linda Dorsey-Walker	1,069
Kate Skovron	353
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE	
Linda Dorsey-Walker ✓	2,477
Tracey Miller	2,322
Dana Vickers Shelley	2,127
Noel Levy	1,846
Jon Herbst	1,670
Brenda Hatcher-Savoy	1,580
Veronika Beaver	1,495
Jasmyne Birch	1,418
James Peak III	589
DISTRICT 12	
SENATE	
Republican	
Joseph Hooe ✓	702
Democratic	
Clarence Lam ✓	3,358
Mary Kay Sigaty	996

ng	Election Day	Abs./Prov	Total	%
	1,060	52	1,914	4.9%
	472	29	903	2.3%
	6,119	287	11,388	19.1%
	5,874	259	10,944	18.3%
	4,177	196	7,907	13.3%
	2,733	130	5,300	8.9%
	2,818	132	5,293	8.9%
	2,175	111	4,192	7.0%
	2,192	102	4,023	6.7%
	1,716	89	3,165	5.3%
	1,442	85	2,703	4.5%
	1,349	77	2,563	4.3%
	1,193	38	2,179	3.7
	752	32	1,138	31.5%
	7,364	525	11,461	70.2%
	3,173	262	4,876	29.8%
	2,076	113	2,802	100%
	7,065	543	11,158	26.8%
	6,178	505	9,893	23.6%
	6,258	496	9,830	23.6%
	4,205	287	6,252	15.0%
	2,126	543	11,158	8.0%
	792	55	1,200	2.9%
	4,715	360	7,552	15.8%
	4,279	339	6,940	14.5%
	3,894	278	6,299	13.2%
	3,507	296	5,649	11.8%
	3,411	242	5,323	11.1%
	3,131	213	4,924	10.3%
	3,076	232	4,803	10.0%
	2,924	194	4,536	9.5%
	1,186	74	1,849	3.9%
	2,247	119	3,068	100%
	5,885	415	9,658	72.6%
	2,470	185	3,651	27.4%

Name	Early Voting	Election Day	Abs./Prov	Total	%
HOUSE OF DELEGATES					
Republican					
Melanie Harris ✓	627	1,994	103	2,724	35.0%
Bob Cockey ✓	593	1,877	98	2,568	33.0%
Michael Russell ✓	569	1,829	90	2488	32.0%
Democratic					
Terri Hill ✓	3,502	5,980	438	9,920	29.9%
Eric Ebersole ✓	3,313	5,616	397	9,326	28.1%
Jessica Feldmark ✓	2,390	4,405	309	7,104	21.4%
Dario Broccolino	603	1,190	103	1,896	5.7%
Malcolm Heflin	226	613	53	892	2.7%
Jonathan Bratt	194	556	43	793	2.4%
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE					
Tara Ebersole ✓	961	1,958	181	3,100	26.4%
Sam Moxley ✓	940	1,898	174	3,012	25.6%
Pauline Rada ✓	892	1,786	165	2,843	24.2%
Robert Benjamin ✓	861	1,781	166	2,808	23.9%
DISTRICT 44					
SENATE					
Republican					
Victor Clark Jr. ✓	206	778	32	1,076	100%
Democratic					
Shirley Nathan-Pulliam ✓	3,494	6,388	335	10,217	67.3%
Aletheia McCaskill	1,700	3,084	171	4,955	32.7%
HOUSE OF DELEGATES-44B					
Democratic					
Charles Sydnor III ✓	2,180	3,336	127	5,643	28.6%
Pat Young ✓	1,844	3,114	144	5,102	25.9%
Aisha Khan	1,202	2,783	125	4,110	20.8%
Aaron Barnett	1,545	1,887	78	3,510	17.8%
Bishop Barry Chapman	466	841	49	1,356	6.9%
There are no Republican candidates.					
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE					
Charles Sydnor III ✓	2,612	3,970	147	6,729	19.0%
Aisha Khan ✓	2,241	4,157	168	6,566	18.5%
Sheila Ruth ✓	2,001	3,262	163	5,426	15.3%
Bishop Barry Chapman ✓	1,412	2,113	93	3,618	10.2%
Jackie Graves	1,318	2,000	110	3,429	9.7%
Raymond Briggs	1,043	2,011	61	3,115	8.8%
George White	962	1,402	42	2,406	6.8%
Nayna Philipsen	643	1,244	55	1,942	5.5%
Chris Burk	458	785	43	1,286	3.6%
Brian Huffman	372	566	25	963	2.7%

Primary Election Results

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Name	Early Voting	Election Day	Abs./Prov	Total	%
COUNTY COUNCIL					
DISTRICT 1					
Republican					
Pete Melcavage ✓	206	778	32	1,076	100%
Democratic					
Tom Quirk ✓	2,184	4,232	258	6,674	56.7%
Sheila Ruth	1,466	3,412	209	5,087	43.3%
DISTRICT 2					
Republican					
Michael Lee ✓	550	1,643	76	2,269	100%
Democratic					
Izzy Patoka ✓	2,738	5,717	408	8,863	56.5%
Rick Yaffe	2,037	3,812	264	6,113	39.0%
Harlan Zinn	197	466	44	707	4.5%
DISTRICT 4					
Democratic					
Julian Jones Jr. ✓	6,005	6,767	306	13,078	76.9%
Derrick Burnett Sr.	1,551	2,289	88	3,928	23.1%
There are no Republican candidates.					

Name	Early Voting	Election Day	Abs./Prov	Total	%
BOARD OF EDUCATION					
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DISTRICT 1					
Matt Gresick ✓	1,086	2,719	112	3,917	28.0%
Lisa Mack ✓	1,077	2,244	163	3,484	24.9%
Deborah Cason	866	1,832	103	2,801	20.0%
Pete Fitzpatrick	612	1,479	81	2,172	15.5%
Richard Young	503	1,067	64	1,634	11.7%
DISTRICT 2					
There were no results for District 2 since there were just two candidates--- Cheryl Pasteur and Anthony Glasser.					
DISTRICT 4					
Kathleen White ✓	2,349	2,817	106	5,272	30.6%
Makeda Scott ✓	1,720	2,225	86	4,031	23.4%
Regina Smith	1,591	1,900	83	3,574	20.7%
Tara Huffman	868	1,256	70	21,94	12.7%
Austrese Thornton	449	633	32	1,114	6.5%
Gaston Horne	407	611	37	1,055	6.1%

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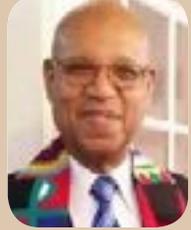
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Mellor Ave. parking lot on Sundays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the Christian Temple at 5820 Edmondson Ave. in Catonsville on Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Markets are also being held in the parking lots behind 360 Main St. in Reisterstown on Sundays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pomona Square at 1700 Reisterstown Rd. in Pikesville on Tuesdays 2 to 6 p.m., and Owings Mills Public Library at 10302 Grand Central Ave. on Thursdays 2 to 6 p.m. The Liberty Road Farmers Market is being held at Marriottsville Shopping Center, 9820 Liberty Rd. in Randallstown, Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

For more assistance, call the statewide toll-free number at 1-844-627-5465.

Jemicy School Musical Earns Theatre Awards

Jemicy's Upper School spring musical, Little Women: The Broadway Musical, made history when it received a record nine nominations for the 2018 Baltimore Theatre Awards.

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Find Refuge at a Cooling Center to Beat the Heat

With temps frequently rising to the 90s this summer, you can find relief from the heat at one of several Baltimore County cooling centers.

During the months of May through September, the Baltimore County Public Library has 19 convenient branches that are also open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Residents can cool off while reading a book or enjoying scheduled events at a branch in their community. For more information and the location nearest you, visit the library website at bcpl.info.

Baltimore County senior centers are also open to the general public, regardless of age, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents who visit these locations to get relief from the heat can watch TV, read a book or sit and relax. For information on the 20 senior centers, call the Department of Aging Senior Center Information and Assistance line at 410-887-2594 or visit <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers/centers.html>.



Convenient senior centers are located in Catonsville at 501 N. Rolling Rd., Randallstown at 3525 Resource Drive, Pikesville at 1301 Reisterstown Rd., Reisterstown at 12035 Reisterstown Rd. and Woodlawn at 2120 Gwynn Oak Ave.

Other cooling places include community centers, churches and malls.

Hot Weather Reminders

Baltimore County officials remind residents that the combination of high temperatures, humidity and poor air quality constitute a threat, especially to certain groups of people: older adults, children, and people with respiratory or other health problems. Below are some tips to help you and your family get relief from the heat and stay safe.

- Never leave a child or pet in an unattended car.
- Check on elderly or chronically ill family members, friends and neighbors to make sure they are okay.
- Visit a cooling center in Baltimore County or consider visiting family, friends or an air-conditioned public building.
- Stay hydrated with water or fruit juices.
- Keep your home cool by preparing foods that require minimal cooking.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing, a hat and sunglasses when outdoors.
- Use sunscreen and reapply often when spending time in the pool or sweating excessively.
- Limit outdoor activity when the temperatures and humidity are extremely high.
- Make sure you take care of your pets by providing plenty of water and appropriate shelter.
- Take time to prepare or reevaluate your emergency preparedness kit. Make sure you have enough water to last you at least three days, a flashlight and a battery-powered radio.

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Q&A With Verletta White, Interim Superintendent for Baltimore County Public Schools



The following are excerpts from an interview with Verletta White in June.

What did you learn from your recent listening tours held around Baltimore County?

We had rich discussions at each of our listening and learning tours this past spring and also in the fall. [Parents and other stakeholders] gave me some insight and feedback not only of what we've done over the past five years, but in looking ahead. They've confirmed for us that we're on the right track, especially as it pertains to literacy and school climate

They agree with my focus on career and technology education programs. I've been saying that our students need to graduate not only with the diploma, but also with the resume. They want them to have beyond-the-basics and industry credentials, proficiency in the second language and college credits under their belt. They also agreed with my emphasis on thought skills.

They talked about stability in the organization. They want to see smaller class sizes, and a continued emphasis on school climate and school safety, especially in light of recent events.

They want to make sure that our facilities are safe, but they also want to make sure that we're emphasizing accountability when it comes to student and parent accountability for student behavior. Those are some of the common factors that each of our parents want regardless of the level elementary middle or high school.

Effective in December, the Board of Education will be made up of appointed and elected members. How difficult or challenging will it be to work with this new hybrid school board?

I think that change always brings new opportunities. My philosophy is to build a strong relationship with each board member so that we can do what's in the best interests of our 113,000 students. I think we can always start where we share common ground. So whether they are appointed via the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission or if they had to run a campaign, they raised their hand and became board members because they care about kids. So that's always our starting point. When I'm working with adults who care about kids, it's not going to be a hard transition.

What is the status of the career and technical program in the northwest area?

The Northwest Area Career Technology Task Force is a wonderfully diverse group of about 60 representatives from many different industries and higher education, as well as our schools and our central office leaders for coming together to look at opportunities. I'm going to work with Workforce and Economic Development to determine where they could be gaps that exists between our current academic programming and our economic and workforce demands.

We're planning to ensure that what students, particularly students who live in the northwest area, learn in school actually prepares them for the careers that currently exist in the northwest area and those that are up and coming. We're just grateful for the work of Cheryl Pasteur and Arnie, who really helped to spearhead this effort to see what are those

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opportunities that exist or may exist. We're looking at the industries that exist in northwest area, such as health care, and we would provide additional classes.

Is there anything else you'd like to share with regard to what BCPS is doing or your vision?

I'm just excited about the work that we've done this year, especially with our literacy focus across the disciplines. It has resonated throughout our schools and in our communities, as well. Sometimes people see it as the back-to-basics approach but you know literacy is the foundation of every single thing that we do — reading, writing, listening, speaking, thinking across the disciplines so that students are engaging in that technical knowledge and they're able to comprehend, move through, and an act upon that information across the disciplines.

SROs for Carver High, Deer Park Middle School Honored for Keeping Schools Safe, Orderly

School resources officers Lee Brown of George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology and Jon Gill of Deer Park Middle Magnet School were honored recently for their service. Baltimore County Public Schools, in collaboration with the county Police Department, recognized them as the middle and high school SROs of the Year.

Officer First Class Brown has been an SRO for nine years, two of them at Carver Center. In addition to monitoring the building, mentoring youth, and responding to conflicts, BCPS notes, Brown has offered classroom presentations on bullying, robbery prevention, DUI/DWI consequences, and drug trends/awareness.

Brown involves himself fully in the life of the school, participating in open house events for freshman and the annual back to school night for all students. He is a presence at basketball games, dances, fashion shows, proms, and graduation. This school year, Brown played a key role in ensuring that student walkouts (in response to school shootings around the nation) were safe.

Officer First Class Jonathan Gill has a daunting task as the SRO at Deer Park Middle because of the school's size—1,300 students, 100 staff members, a 75,000-square-foot building and seven acres of property.



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Lee Brown, school resource officer for Carver Center for Arts and Technology, and Jonathan Gill, SRO for Deer Park Middle Magnet School, were surprised with recognition as Baltimore County Public Schools' School Resource Officers of the Year.

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St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center is hosting a homebuying workshop on Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Catonsville Public Library, 1100 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, 21228. The workshop will cover topics regarding the lending process, how

to select a realtor and what you need to do to prepare for buying a home. This workshop is the first step in accessing both county and city down payment and closing cost assistance grant programs. Registration is required and begins Aug. 3. Visit St. Ambrose's website at www.stambros.org/pages/homeownership.html

Training to Prevent an Overdose Death

The Baltimore County Department of Health is offering a free, two-hour training on how to recognize, prevent and respond to an opioid overdose by using

intranasal naloxone—a prescription medication that is used to reverse an overdose. A training will be held Wednesday, July 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Randallstown Library, 8605 Liberty Rd. in Randallstown, 21133. This training is held in conjunction with the Cultivating Compassion in a Crisis: Opioid Epidemic Updates and Town Hall. Due to limited seating, preregistration is required at baltimorecountymd.gov/odresponse or call 410-887-3828.

Baltimore County Public Library

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

Free Summer Concert Series

Plan to enjoy the area's free concerts: Twilight Thursdays at Foundry Row on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Foundry Row, 10100 Reisterstown Rd. in Owings Mills. Catonsville First Fridays takes place at 15 Mellor Ave. from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Music on Main Street, Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m., and Franklin Middle School, 120 Main St. in Reisterstown, 21136. Liberty Road Live! will be held every Friday through Aug. 3, with an exception of Saturday, July 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the 4100 block of Deer Park Road in Randallstown.

Windsor Mill Flea Market

Journey of Faith will hold a flea market on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 7902 Lliberty Rd. in Windsor Mill. Vendors are needed. Call 410-655-5250 or journey7902@verizon.net. There is a vendor fee.

National Night Out in Reisterstown

The Chartley Homeowners, Country Club Estates and Reisterstown Improvement Associations will host National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 7, in the Chartley Park Shopping Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event is designed to heighten crime awareness, generate support for local anticrime programs and strengthen police-community partnerships.

The Reisterstown program does much more. There will be more than 40 displays on safety, home security, emergency preparedness, health, environment and community activities. There also will be a children's area complete with games, crafts and stories by the Reisterstown Branch Library.

Free snacks from Chick-Fil-A and Mission BBQ for the first 500 attendees. Free drinks, cotton candy and snow balls. Free raffle tickets and a chance to win a boys or girls youth bicycle and helmet.

Take your picture with a mascot. Shake paws with the library Cat, McGruff of local police fame, the Chick-Fil-A COW and high-five the Oriole Bird.

School Board

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

County Council

Upcoming meetings of the County Council will be held 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 6 and the work session is on Tuesday, July 31, at 2 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, 400 Washington Ave. in Towson.

"A long time ago, I heard an old sage say, 'Justice is the most sincere expression of love.' I truly believed it; it made sense and was easy for me to believe because I love justice. However, after witnessing justice denied to victims of police brutality on so many occasions across this country, I'm starting to wonder like Tina Turner, 'What's love got to do with it.' How can you protect something you're afraid of?"

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For more information, including on the agendas and instructions to watch the meeting online, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil.

Police Community Relations Council

These councils consist of community leaders, interested citizens and representatives of the local business community, which meet to resolve issues of concern and provide an open forum. The forums begin at 7 p.m. Information is subject to change, and meetings may not be held in some summer months, so call to verify the date, location and time.

- **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.

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- **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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Beyond providing a security presence, Gill is best known for building relationships with students, staff, and administrators. He teaches D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), coaches the girls' basketball team (undefeated with a 12-0 record this year), and mentors the boys' basketball team.

Gill hosts daily lunch bunches with students to discuss their views and personal concerns. He is an active supporter of the school's PTA. Beyond the school, for the past nine years, Gill has led the Police Explorer Post at Precinct 2, mentoring young people interested in law enforcement careers.

SROs are Baltimore County police officers stationed at every BCPS middle and high school to ensure the maintenance of safe and orderly learning environments.

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Suspect Charged in Stony Barr Road Shooting

Baltimore County Police have charged Brandon Brown, 33, of Windsor Mill, in connection with a July 7 shooting on Stony Barr Road.

Detectives believe that Brown targeted the 25-year-old victim, who was shot as he drove past Brown on Stony Barr Road in Windsor Mill after dropping a friend off at their residence nearby. The victim, a 25-year-old man, drove himself to an area hospital for treatment. He is expected to survive his injury.

Brown has been charged with attempted first degree murder and first degree assault.

July 4 Shooting in Woodlawn

Police continue to investigate an early morning July 4th shooting in Woodlawn.

Officers were called to Northwest Hospital just after midnight for a walk-in gunshot wound victim. The man, 27, reported he was walking around Edmondson Heights Elementary School in the 1600

block of Langford Road with his girlfriend when they heard what sounded like fireworks. A few minutes later the victim realized he'd been struck in the upper body by a bullet. He is expected to survive his injury.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020.

Catonsville Woman Arrested For Multiple Crimes Related to Pursuit

Baltimore County Police have arrested a 54-year-old Catonsville woman following a lengthy pursuit across multiple jurisdictions.

The pursuit began on June 28 when Tonya Jeanette Cobbs-Fox got into her vehicle and drove across her lawn in the 600 block of Crosby Road, fleeing officers attempting to serve multiple warrants for her arrest.

Sheriff's deputies followed Cobbs-Fox onto Route 85 and into the City of Frederick. After a fire-deflation device stopped her vehicle on a parking lot, deputies confronted her. Police say that after she was seen reaching under her seat and into her shirt, deputies used a less lethal

impact device to get into her car. Cobbs-Fox was found to be concealing a canister of pepper spray in her bra, and a large knife and "hatchet" type weapon under her driver's seat.

Baltimore County is charging Cobbs-Fox with a number of traffic offenses related to the pursuit. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office will seek charges pertaining to traffic related violations and the weapons violations.

Earlier in the month, Cobbs-Fox was involved in two

separate incidences with a neighbor where she allegedly threatened to kill the neighbor and burn down the house, and one in which she damaged the neighbor's vehicles.

She faces burglary, arson, assault and a number of traffic related charges and remains in custody.

Investigation Continues for Randallstown Shooting

Detectives continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding a June 28 shooting in the 8500 block of Glen Michael Lane in Randallstown.

Police responded to a call of shots fired and found a 34-year-old man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to the upper body. The man was transported to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival and remains outstanding, however, police believe the victim was targeted by the suspect.

Detectives from the Baltimore County Police Violent Crimes Unit continue to investigate this shooting. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020.

Anonymous tips can be sent to Metro Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-866-7LOCKUP, by texting "MCS" plus your message to "CRIMES" (274637) or online at www.metrocrimestoppers.org.

Man Charged in Reisterstown Domestic-Related Shooting

Police have charged Dominique Jones, 26, of no fixed address, with various counts of attempted murder, assault, and associated firearms charges following a domestic related shooting on June 12 in the 400 block of Shirley Manor Road in Reisterstown.

Jones had stopped by a woman's home uninvited and got into an argument with a man who was already there. The argument escalated when Jones produced a gun, shooting the victim, and then fleeing the location. The victim, 37, is expected to survive his injuries.

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Men Indicted on Charges Relating to Dark Web Drug Distribution and Money Laundering

A federal grand jury has indicted Ryan Farace, age 34, of Reisterstown, and Robert Swain, age 34, of Freeland, on charges related to a scheme to manufacture and distribute alprazolam tablets, which are typically sold under the brand name "Xanax."

The indictment alleges that Farace distributed the drugs through sales on the dark web in exchange for Bitcoin, and that Farace and Swain laundered the drug proceeds through financial transactions designed to conceal the source and ownership of the illegal funds.

From no later than November 2013 through June 2017, the six-count indictment states, Farace purchased narcotics manufacturing equipment, including pill presses and counterfeit "Xanax" pill molds.

The indictment also alleges that Farace solicited orders for the pills on dark web marketplaces and sold them directly to buyers in exchange for Bitcoin. He allegedly communicated with his customers through encrypted electronic messages and shipped the pill orders through the U.S. Postal Service.

Postage for these packages was often paid using pre-paid debit cards obtained in the names of,

and with the personal identifying information of, other people. Between May 2016 and January 2017, Farace distributed and possessed with the intent to distribute more than 6,900 alprazolam pills.

To date, law enforcement has seized assets from the defendants and their co-conspirators valued at over \$22 million at the time of the seizures, including approximately \$17 million in Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, \$2.5 million in computer equipment and more than \$1.5 million in cash.

The case is part of a nationwide operation targeting vendors of illicit goods on the darknet. Farace and Swain face lengthy prison terms.

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PRIMARY ELECTION



Candidates Rob Johnson, Danny Blount and Del. Ben Brooks chat with a voter during early voting at the Randallstown Community Center.



Representatives from the county executive campaigns observed the election board's tabulation of votes.

Photos by Kenneth



Johnny Olszewski Jr., shown with his father, former Baltimore County councilman John Olszewski Sr. at the Historic Courthouse in Towson after the Board of Elections declared him the official Democratic nominee for County Executive.

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 Rollins, 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
WOODLAWN, 21207					
3628 FOREST GARDEN AVE	Split Level	4	3	\$229,900	\$ 229,000
2116 STREAMWAY CT	Colonial	3	2 ½	\$222,300	\$216,700
6720 LAUREL DR	Cape Cod	3	3	\$219,800	\$215,000
6716 BROMPTON RD	Split Level	4	3	\$259,990	\$254,000
3702 LOCHEARN DR	Cape Cod	4	2 ½	\$249,900	\$265,000
WINDSOR MILLS, 21244					
33 RHONDA CT	Traditional	4	3	\$329,900	\$325,000
2836 RIDGE RD	Cape Cod	4	2 ½	\$299,900	\$288,000
12 GREENBRUSH CT	Colonial	3	2 ½	\$235,000	\$226,900
8009 PARKS LN	Rancher	4	3	\$234,900	\$245,000
7522 BETTYS WAY	Colonial	5	3 ½	\$374,900	\$390,000
CATONSVILLE, 21228					
5 HOLMEHURST AVE	Colonial	4	2	\$339,000	\$320,000
319 WAVELAND RD	Cape Cod	4	3	\$310,000	\$325,000
10 HILLTOP PL	Split Level	4	2 ½	\$389,900	\$392,400
7 STONE SPRING CT	Colonial	5	3 ½	\$649,000	\$649,000
1203 BRANDFORD RD	Cape Cod	4	2	\$339,900	\$333,000
RANDALLSTOWN, 21133					
3906 GRIERSON RD	Colonial	4	2 ½	\$245,000	\$239,000
3011 EDRICH WAY	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$510,000	\$485,000
8602 WOODSPRING RD	Rancher	3	2 ½	\$249,000	\$235,000
8401 CHURCH LN	Split Level	3	2	\$269,800	\$270,000
9141 SUNSET RIDGE RD	Colonial	5	2 ½	\$334,900	\$336,150
PIKESVILLE, 21208					
3522 BARTON OAKS RD	Split Level	6	3	\$829,000	\$775,000
3404 SLADE AVE	Split Level	5	3 ½	\$659,000	\$649,000
4 HALCYON CT	Rancher	4	4 ½	\$699,000	\$615,000
4207 CHASTETREE CT	Villa	3	3	\$450,000	\$435,000
8227 BRATTLE RD	Split Level	4	2 ½	\$269,900	\$285,000
OWINGS MILLS, 21117					
904 HUDDERSFIELD CT	Colonial	4	2 ½	\$374,000	\$370,000
8 TROUT LILY CT	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$339,000	\$330,000
14 CHAMPIONSHIP CT #6G7	Contemporary	3	3 ½	\$259,900	\$250,000
12137 WOODSYDE CT	Colonial	5	4 ½	\$725,000	\$675,000
819 QUEENS PARK DR	Colonial	5	3 ½	\$539,900	\$530,000
REISTERSTOWN, 21136					
23 ESTHER ANN WAY	Colonial	4	4 ½	\$675,000	\$675,000
12120 GORES MILL RD	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$599,000	\$586,000
320 ESTATE RD	Split Level	4	2 ½	\$264,900	\$264,900
818 IVYDALE AVE	Rancher	4	3	\$249,995	\$240,000
14 CARAWAY RD	Colonial	4	2 ½	\$257,500	\$240,000

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