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At a meeting held at Liberty Senior Center in Randallstown to address the high cost of prescription drugs, Max Highstein takes issue with a plan to move state of Maryland retirees 65 and older from the state's prescription drug plan to Medicare Part D.

Runaway Cost of Prescription Drugs

Seniors, retirees insist on a solution as they struggle to pay the skyrocketing costs.

Whether it is to manage chronic conditions such as high cholesterol and diabetes, control pain or treat cancer, taking prescription drugs is a part of many people's health care routine. As the cost of medications that are life-saving or designed to improve quality of life continues to spiral upward at alarming rates, elected officials, nonprofits and others are seeking ways to control the costs. Seniors, families and other individuals are demanding that the issue be a priority.

Health Care For All, a Baltimore based nonprofit focused on public health issues, hosted meetings on Aug. 13 at the Liberty Senior Center

in Randallstown and Aug. 14 at Reisterstown Senior Center to discuss prescription drug affordability in Maryland. The topic attracted a capacity attendance of predominately seniors looking for information about how to deal with the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs. Some said they would go bankrupt, would not be able to afford college, or pay for basic necessities.

Vincent DeMarco, president of Health Care for All, organized the meetings. Sen. Delores Kelley, Del. Adrienne Jones, Del. Ben Brooks and Tammy Bresnahan of AARP attended the one in Randallstown. Attorney General Brian Frosh attended the

Reisterstown meeting, along with Jones and Brooks.

As part of the organization's Maryland Citizens Health Initiative, DeMarco advocates for establishing a state drug cost commission to make prescription drug more affordable and pharmaceutical companies accountable.

"They charge whatever they want, gouge us and they have to answer to nobody," he told the audience, many of them on fixed incomes. "This drug cost commission will say to them, 'You have to justify why you are charging so much, and if you can't

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

Why the Flight of Supermarkets from Liberty Road?

In recent years, major supermarkets have left Baltimore County. More specifically, some of our communities in the northwest, such as those in Woodlawn, Randallstown and Reisterstown, have seen their local supermarkets go dark. For the most part, when they closed—which has been for a variety of reasons—another supermarket did not fill the void.

When a supermarket leaves a community, it has a negative compounding effect particularly when it comes to access to healthier food options and stability.

My question is this: Why are supermarkets disinclined to put stores in areas that have predominately minority residents? Is there such a thing as supermarket redlining?

Why are supermarkets leaving the Liberty Road corridor? The Aug. 16 closing of Giant on Milford Mill (see story on page 12) and Liberty roads represents the second Giant to leave Liberty Road, and roughly the fourth grocery store to close in recent years. (When Giant closes two stores on Liberty Road—one closed on Offutt Road in 2007—we have to assume that they don't foresee a consequence. In other words, they have nothing to lose.)

In 2016, Food Lion left from the Marriottsville Shopping Center in Randallstown. Before that, Super Pride left Woodmoor Shopping Center in 2000.

Others have left the area. Mars left Rolling Road in Windsor Mill. The only major supermarket that was replaced with another was Super Fresh, when it closed on Security Boulevard. After years of vacancy, Weis opened a location there.

We've seen this pattern in Baltimore City. (Now I get it. Supermarkets are businesses. They exist to provide products and services, and to make money. If they are not making money that is another story to explore.

Food retailers are facing cost increases from landlords and competition from online food markets and delivery services offering lower prices and more convenient shopping.

Big-box stores like Walmart and Target have entered the game with one-stop shopping. And, let's not forget the membership bulk food stores like Sams Club, Costco and BJ's, which have large food sections.

For sure, independent grocers that sell Asian, African, Caribbean and other international goods, provide great offerings and have their place in the industry and community. But a full-service grocer with a bakery, pharmacy and maybe a flower shop is definitely more preferable.

When you compare Liberty Road and Reisterstown Road—I begin to wonder why those two main corridors look so different. Demographic data as of 2016 on population, race, percentage of the largest ethnic group, and household median income show this:

- Randallstown, population 35,725 (82 percent black, 29,391), income \$77,643
- Woodlawn, population 39,685 (53 percent black, 23,782), \$64,052
- Pikesville, population 33,625 (73 percent white, 24,813), income \$79,225
- Owings Mills, population 33,332 (53 percent black, 17,430), income \$70,130
- Reisterstown, population 27,401 (48 percent white, 13,292), income \$64,653

As communities become browner and begin to lose major retailers, such as supermarkets, I have to wonder what's driving this trend?

Losing a supermarket can truly devastate a community. When it is inconvenient for thousands of consumers, including our seniors and those without transportation, to travel further for necessities like fresh food, you begin to upset the balance of a thriving stable community.

When a supermarket is not replaced with another grocery store, you begin to see more "dollar stores." You also might get a Walgreens, CVS, 7-11 and convenience stores that stock pricier options like processed foods, which we know are not very healthy. You lose access to fresh vegetables and fruits, and fresh meats. We don't need seniors and people depending on convenience stores for their meals.

Let's not forget the domino effect a shuttered supermarket has on nearby businesses that benefit from the daily traffic it brings to the area.

First-quality businesses and national and regional chains move away, eventually people move away and the community goes into downward spiral. Then the tenant mix changes as landlords just seek to fill the space with whomever can pay.

Back to my original question: Why do supermarkets leave certain neighborhoods and not others if the population and household income are similar? What goes into the decision? Does what the community look like come into play?

As a community, are you supporting your local supermarket or are you taking your money to other communities to spend it? If the store is not what you believe it should be, such as one with quality service, quality food products and a quality environment, what are you going to do about it? Will you organize as a community association, local business, fraternity, NAACP, or concerned

neighbors, and press the manager or corporate office for a solution or some sort of improvement? Have you taken the issue up with your elected officials, community liaison or local government?

To the elected officials: I know you might say that this type of issue is not your area of responsibility. But you represent the community and live in the

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Left, Sen. Jim Brochin, a Cockeysville Democrat who represents Baltimore County District 42, is endorsing Gov. Larry Hogan over Democratic nominee Ben Jealous. Announcing their support for Jealous were: Del. Clarence Lam, Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Del. Charles Sydnor III, U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes and Susie Turnbull, Jealous' running mate.

Locking up Support for the Governor's Race

With Baltimore County deemed a jurisdiction that will help decide who will be Maryland's next Governor, elected officials are choosing sides in the gubernatorial race between Republican Gov. Larry Hogan and Democratic nominee Ben Jealous.

The General Election takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Sen. Jim Brochin, who lost his bid to become the next Baltimore County Executive and has described himself during the campaign as "the real Democrat," announced at an Aug. 8

press conference in Towson that he was supporting Hogan in his re-election bid.

Earlier in the day, Jealous, a capital investor and former NAACP national president, held a press conference to counter Brochin's scheduled endorsement. He stood with supporters and outlined his platform advocating Medicare for all, universal pre-kindergarten, and ending the student debt crisis.

Present were Del. Clarence Lam and Del. Eric Ebersole of District 12, Del. Charles Sydnor III and Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam of District 44, U.S. Congressman John Sarbanes, newly elected Maryland State Teachers Association president Cheryl Bost, and Jealous' running mate and former Democratic Party chair Susie Turnbull. While not present, it was noted that Baltimore County Executive Don Mohler, Del. Pat Young and Councilwoman Vicki Almond were also supporting Jealous.

In the television ads that aired in his unsuccessful campaign, Brochin, a conservative Democrat, touted himself as "the real Democratic." The four-term legislator who will not be part of the General Assembly when it convenes in January, called Hogan "by far the best governor" he's served with. Hogan has stated that

dozens of his endorsements are from Democratic representatives, most of them former elected officials.

When reporters asked Brochin if he was endorsing or supporting John Olszewski Jr. as the Democratic nominee for County Executive, Brochin did not directly answer the question or state that he was.

During their Primary Election campaigns, Jealous, as well as Olszewski, both ran on progressive-leaning platforms. Olszewski, a former state delegate representing Dundalk, was not present at the press conference, nor was he announced as a Jealous supporter.

In the 2014 General Election, Baltimore County, which has twice as many registered Democratic voters than Republicans, supported Hogan over Democrat Anthony Brown and are credited with delivering Hogan the victory. Brown was serving as lieutenant governor at the time and if elected, would have become the state's first African-American governor. Brown has since won a seat in Congress.

Jealous will become the first African-American governor if he unseats Hogan in the General Election on Nov. 6. Jealous' campaign is counting on new registered voters to propel him to the State House in Annapolis.

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Working Toward More Affordable Prescription Drugs

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justify it, we're going to make sure Marylanders only pay a reasonable amount."

Despite the powerful pharmaceutical lobby, the General Assembly passed legislation that sought to regulate excessive increases of generic and off-patent drugs and permit the Attorney General to sue manufacturers to prohibit price gouging. But in July, a federal appeals court ruled that the state law was unconstitutional. Earlier this year, a bill that would have authorized a drug cost commission failed to advance, but will be re-introduced next year, DeMarco said.

Ruth Goldstein, a registered nurse who has been retired about five years and on Medicare for the past year, is upset that pharmaceuticals can set any price they want. Health care is her biggest expense and about 20 percent of her budget. She takes a statin to control high cholesterol.

"The choice that they give you is no choice at all: You pay for the drug or you do not take the drug and possibly die prematurely because you couldn't afford the drug," the Pikesville resident says.

Goldstein, 65, calls it "criminal to hold people's lives hostage for the profits of these pharmaceutical corporations. It's all about greed" at the expense of ordinary people.

The ultimate solution, she believes, is some kind

of universal health care, but it will take a while to get there.

The toll the high cost of medications take isn't just on seniors. Goldstein says her 30-year-old daughter, who has a pre-existing condition, would be bankrupted if she didn't have the Affordable Care Act.

While meeting speakers shared info about discounts available for certain prescription drugs, some seniors found the information misleading. "It's a scam for pharmaceuticals to advertise discounts for Repatha," says Goldstein. "I can't get Repatha for \$5. I've gone through the process. My insurance covers Repatha [which is to reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke in adults with heart disease] and the copay is \$424."

State Retirees Upset About Their Drug Coverage

Attendees took the opportunity to chastise state legislators for a vote taken in 2011 on pension reform for Maryland state employees. The change, which takes effect Jan. 1, drops state retirees 65 and older from the more affordable state of Maryland prescription drug plan and requires them to enroll in Medicare Part D for prescription drug coverage.

Linda Day, president of Maryland Classified Employees Association (MCEA), which represents



Retiree Ruth Goldstein decries pharmaceutical company discount plans that require an individual to have no insurance at all before he or she can take advantage of the discount.

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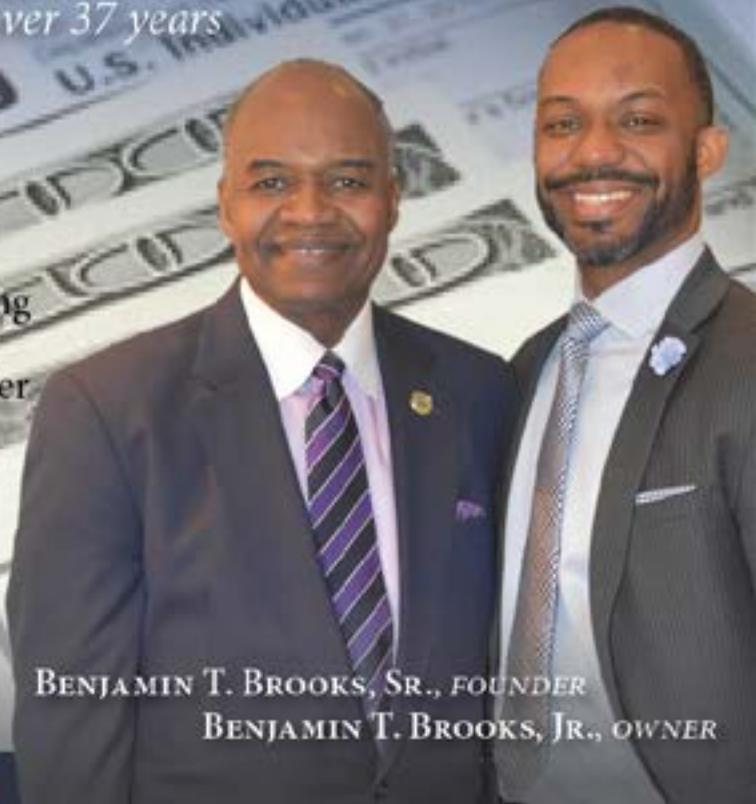
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State Retirees Upset That New Law Moves Them into Medicare for Rx

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more than 1,500 retirees, said people are angry that the state reneged on the retirement and benefits package it has offered for decades, which many employees accepted in lieu of higher salaries. "People are frantic about the uncertainty and that they will lose their savings and everything they've accumulated. It's not right," says Day, who retired as a social worker with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services.

Retirees were reminded of the action when they received a letter in the mail last month from the state Department of Budget and Management about the change. Day called a meeting and invited legislators and retirees to the meeting held in July at the union's Woodlawn headquarters. Brooks, who was not in the General Assembly in 2011, was the only legislator to appear and face a packed room of upset retirees.

Originally, the state action was to

be effective July 1, 2019, but legislators voted to align the effective date with the Jan. 1, 2019 date Congress voted to close the "donut hole" gap in coverage. Open enrollment for state employees and retirees takes place in October and the effective date for coverage begins Jan. 1. Day is scheduled to meet Sen. Mike Miller and Michael Busch on Aug. 28. Before open enrollment begins in October, she would like the General Assembly to reverse the change or grandfather current retirees where they can keep the state plan.

What's Driving the High Cost of Prescriptions?

The United States spends about \$1,443 per person on pharmaceuticals, compared to the average of \$749. Americans pay more for drugs, particularly specialty drugs, than other high-income companies. For example, Humira, a drug for rheumatoid arthritis, costs about



From left: Vincent DeMarco, president of Health Care For All, Del. Ben Brooks (at podium), Sen. Delores Kelley and Del. Adrienne Jones participated in an Aug. 13 meeting at Liberty Senior Center to address the rising cost of prescription drugs.

\$32,028 in the U.S. and less than \$15,000 in the UK. Harvoni, for Hepatitis C, costs \$96,342 in the U.S. compared to less than \$70,000 in other countries.

DeMarco pointed out that while many pharmaceutical companies claim that research and development are driving the high costs, studies reveal that in many cases their advertising budgets are far greater than the research spending. A hand-out distributed at the meeting noted that in 2015 Johnson & Johnson, which manufactures the blood thinner Xarelto, spent the most, \$17.5 billion on advertising and \$8.2 billion on research; Pfizer's research spending was \$6.6 billion compared to \$11.4 billion for advertising. Its products include Lyrica for fibromyalgia, the statin Lipitor, used to lower blood cholesterol and Celebrex.

Research from the Institute for Health and Socio-Economic Policy supports that contention. Out of the top 100 pharmaceutical companies in 2015, 89 of them spent more on marketing and sales than on research and development, with most of them targeting physicians to prescribe the drugs to their patients. Those companies, on average, spend a little more than 8 percent of their revenues

on R&D.

Inadequate competition among pharmaceutical companies are blamed for driving the high cost.

According to AARP, four of the top 10 prescription drugs in the United States have increased in price by more than 100 percent since 2011. The annual retail cost of widely-used specialty prescription drug therapies in 2013 averaged \$53,384 annually. This is more than the median US household income (\$52,250) for the same time period, twice as much as the median income for Medicare beneficiaries (\$23,500), and almost three and a half times higher than the average Social Security, according to the AARP report.

Organizations like Health Care for All and AARP believe Medicare should be allowed to negotiate lower prescription drug prices, particularly for high-priced brand-name drugs; increase competition and price transparency, and expedite getting generic drugs to market.

Jones, House of Delegates speaker pro tem, urged seniors to attend a joint hearing that will be held in Annapolis on Sept. 13 where state representatives will talk about prescription drug affordability. Jones will provide buses.

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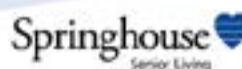
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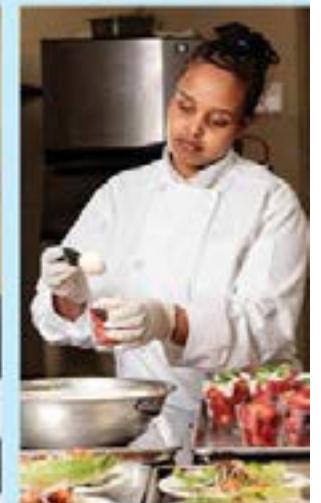
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IRS Advises: Avoid End-of-Year Surprise Tax Bill

Tax season is six months out, but the Internal Revenue Service is urging taxpayers, particularly those who work in a sharing economy, such as driving services, home rentals and housecleaning chores, to perform a paycheck checkup now to avoid an unexpected tax bill when they file their return next year.

Many people working in the sharing economy are employees, in which case their employers should be withholding taxes from their wages. Many others are not working as employees, so they need to make sure they pay their taxes either through withholding from other jobs they may have, or through estimated taxes.

Either way, because of the far-reaching tax changes taking effect this year, the IRS urges taxpayers to perform a paycheck checkup now. The easiest way for most employees to check their withholding is through the withholding calculator available on irs.gov/individuals/irs-withholding-calculator.

The U.S. tax system operates on a pay-as-you-go basis, so taxes must be paid as income is received rather than at the end of the year. This includes anyone involved in the sharing economy.

People who participate in the sharing economy but do not have an employer, usually need to make

quarterly estimated tax payments to cover their tax obligation. In this case Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax, and the worksheet in Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals, can help people check their withholding and figure their payments correctly. IRS Direct Pay is the fastest and easiest way to pay.

In recent years, the IRS has seen the number of taxpayers who paid the estimated tax penalty jump from 7.2 million in 2010 to 10 million in 2015, an increase of nearly 40 percent. Using the withholding calculator or Publication 505 and following the recommended steps can help avoid this underpayment penalty.

For more information, you can search for Sharing Economy Tax Center at irs.gov for answers to tax questions and forms for the sharing economy.

Are You Withholding Enough?

Are you having the right amount of tax withholding following major changes in the tax law?

A summertime check on tax withholding is critical for millions of taxpayers who haven't reviewed their tax situation. Recent reports note that many taxpayers could see their refund amounts change when they file their 2018 taxes in early 2019.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, passed in December 2017, made significant changes, which will affect 2018 tax returns that people file in 2019. These changes make checking withholding

amounts even more important. These tax law changes include:

- Increased standard deduction
- Eliminated personal exemptions
- Increased Child Tax Credit
- Limited or discontinued certain deductions
- Changed the tax rates and brackets

Checking and adjusting withholding now can prevent an unexpected tax bill and penalties next year at tax time. It can also help taxpayers avoid a large refund if they'd prefer to have their money in their paychecks throughout the year.

Taxpayers who should check their withholding include those who:

- Are a two-income family.
- Have two or more jobs at the same time or only work part of the year.
- Claim credits like the Child Tax Credit.
- Have dependents age 17 or older.
- Itemized deductions in 2017.
- Have high income or a complex tax return.
- Had a large tax refund or tax bill for 2017.

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The Met at Metro Centre, a luxury apartment project that is part of the Owings Mills development, is slated to open next spring.

Second Apartment Building Under Construction at Metro Centre

Construction has started on a new seven-story apartment building in the Metro Centre in Owings Mills, bringing the total number of apartments clustered there to 350.

The 114-unit building of one- and two-bedroom apartments, called The Met at Metro Centre, is part of the transit-oriented development offering residents access to the Baltimore Metro on site and a walkable neighborhood around the transportation hub. It's also near Interstate 795.

The Met is projected to open in spring 2019, according to developer David S. Brown Enterprises.

The Metro Centre continues to open restaurants, such as Suyo Spot, which features Nigerian cuisine, and host community activities and events, such as a farmers market, free outdoor movie nights and food-truck and wine festivals.

The Owings Mills branch of the public library and Community College of Baltimore County are part of the development. A 225-room hotel and more retail businesses are in the plan.

New Restaurant to Open in Owings Mills

The long shuttered Famous Dave's barbecue restaurant in Owings Mills is getting a new tenant.

Jose Tequilas Mexican Grill and Cantina will open this fall at the former barbecue restaurant site at Owings Mills Square. The family eatery, with four locations in Virginia, is making its first foray into Maryland, with Mexican fare and drinks.



Famous Daves barbecue site will become a Mexican restaurant.



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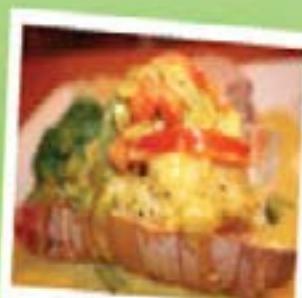
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RiteAid Closes its Windsor Mill Location in Consolidation Move

In a move that was unexpected to customers, RiteAid at Boulevard Place Shopping Center in the 6600 block of Security Boulevard in Windsor Mill liquidated its toiletries, household items and other merchandise, sold its shelving and racks, and closed its doors in July.

One shopper who had stopped by to pick up a birthday card was surprised by the locked doors.

A sign on the building directs customers to pick up their prescriptions at a nearby Walgreens location. The website states: "Your store likely changed ownership as part of the sale of select Rite Aid stores to Walgreens."

Walgreens announced in June 2017 that it would purchase 2,186 stores, three distribution centers and related inventory from Rite Aid as

part of a \$4.38 billion deal. Since then, Walgreens stated it would close nearly 600 Rite Aid stores, targeting those in close proximity to a Walgreens location. There are roughly 130 RiteAid stores in Maryland.

Albertson, a grocery retailer that owns Safeway, and RiteAid were to merge but that deal was called off earlier this month.

It is unclear which RiteAid stores will close and when. Nearby RiteAid locations are at Meadowpark Shopping Center on Security Boulevard in Woodlawn and at Ingleside Shopping Center in Catonsville. Walgreens stores are located at Rolling and Dogwood roads in Windsor Mill, Rolling and Liberty roads in Randallstown, and on Reisterstown Road in Pikesville.

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Radio One Talk Show Host Larry Young Hits 20-Year Anniversary

Larry Young, host of WOLB's Larry Young Morning Talk Show on 1010 AM, was honored for 20 years of service and his ranking on *Talkers Magazine's* Top 100 list of talk show hosts in the country. Young's show, which features round-table discussions about current news, political, health, business and family issues, and airs from 6 to 10 a.m. weekdays, is #41. The station, located in Woodlawn and owned by Radio, also is now transmitting on a higher frequency on FM. Elected officials recognized Young with citations.



WOLB talk show host Larry Young celebrates 20 years of service at the Radio One station with former Sen. Nathaniel Oaks of Baltimore City, Del. Adrienne Jones, Councilman Julian Jones, Del. Ben Brooks and a WOLB staffer.

Info Sessions Scheduled for Medical Front Office Training

Eligible Baltimore County residents between 18 and 24 years of age can take advantage of a medical front office training opportunity at no cost.

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To be eligible, you have to live in Baltimore County and be 18 to 24 years old, have acceptable math and reading assessments scores and an interest in health care, meet certain income requirements, and have a high school diploma or GED.

Information and assessment sessions will be held on Aug. 28, Aug. 29 and Aug. 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community College of Baltimore County's Owings Mills campus, 10300 Grand Central Ave., in Room 509B. You should the session that is most convenient; do not bring children.

For more information, call the LEAP (Learn. Earn. Achieve. Progress) line at 443-840- 5671 or email cte@ccbcmd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In the July issue, some of the Primary Election results were incorrectly reported. Sen. Bobby Zirkin will not have an opponent in the General Election. Winners in the District 10 House of Delegates race were Ben Brooks, Jay Jalisi and Adrienne Jones. Elected to the Democratic Central Committee for District 10 were: Linda Dorsey-Walker, Tracey Miller, Dana Vickers Shelley, Noel Levy and Jon Herbst.



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Another Grocery Store Bites the Dust

On Aug. 16, the Giant at Milford Mill and Liberty roads shuts its doors after decades in business. In the closing days, meats, perishable items other merchandise were discounted and store shelves were bare, but there were no long lines and glaring going out of business signs.

As a black and white sign at the entrance announced the closing and word spread among the community, local residents expressed disappointment that the pharmacy and supermarket, which opened in 1959, is the latest in a series of grocery store closings in the area.

Shoppers who were stocking up on groceries and picking up their prescriptions say they will miss the store, which was part of their daily and weekly routines.

Rockridge resident Roland Diggs says he's been shopping at the Milford Mill location for 22 years. He lamented the closing and that he'll have to travel further. Diggs says he'll

most likely shop at the Old Court Shopping Center in Pikesville.

Hayden Smith says he appreciated the courtesy of the employees. A resident of Randallstown, Smith says he's purchased his groceries at the Milford Mill Giant for more than 55 years. He also shopped at the Old Court Giant before it closed years ago.

Having the store in her neighborhood was a great convenience, says Maggie. "It was my favorite store and I shopped here once a day. I'm not sure where I will shop now," she says while loading bags into the truck of her car.

Reportedly, according to Giant representatives, it was not feasible to continue to invest in the 59-year-old supermarket. The store's roughly 80 employees will be transferred to other locations. The building is up for lease.

In recent years, the Food Lion in Randallstown and Mars in Reisterstown and Windsor Mill have closed.



Store shelves at the Giant in the 3600 block of Milford Mill Road were being emptied in the final days of its 59 years of existence. Photos: Kenny Brown



Roland Diggs says he's shopped at the Milford Mill Giant for 22 years. Longtime Randallstown resident Hayden A. Smith, who says he valued the service and considerate employees, patronized the Giant for more than 55 years. Now that the store, which is close to her home will close, Maggie says she will shop at another area supermarket.

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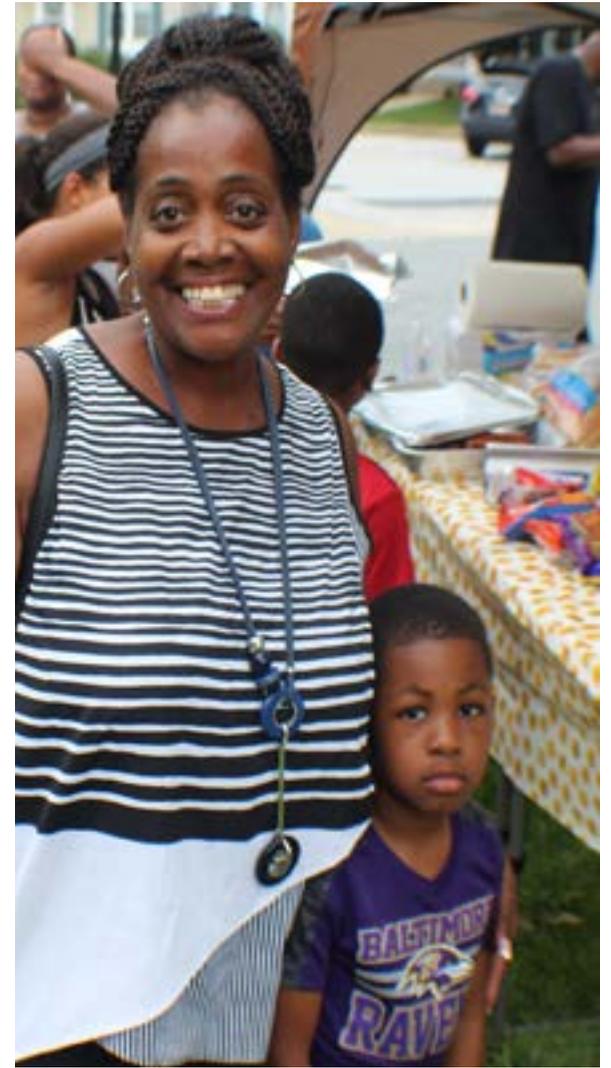
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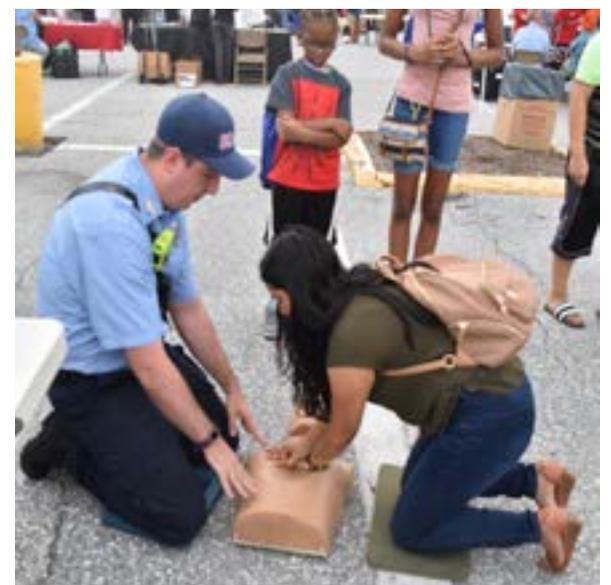
Community associations, emergency personnel and law enforcement came together on Aug. 7 for the 35th year of cookouts, parades, outdoor movies and other gatherings held around the county to recognize National Night Out (NNO). The event's goal is to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer from criminal activity. Among the local associations the Baltimore County Police Department says sponsored NNO events were: Oella Community Association, Paradise Community Association, Westchester Community Association, Liberty Manor, Stoneybrook, Graystone, Gwynn Oak, Deerfield, Orchard Glen, Fairbrook Community Association, Westview Park, West Edmondale, Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Hilltop, Parkview Trails, Catonsville Manor, Liberty Road Business Association, Twelve Trees, New Town Community Association, Chartley Homeowners Association, Country Club Estates Community Association, Park Place Citizens on Patrol, Valleybrook Improvement Association, Queen Anne Village HOA, Villa Nova HOA, Forest Garden COP, Cedar Gardens HOA, The Residences @ Pomona, Creekside at Quarry Lake HOA, Colonial Village HOA, Willow Glen South Community Association, Pahls Crossing HOA, Ole Mill Estates HOA and Williamsburg HOA.



Valleybrook Improvement Association of Pikesville hosted a cookout at Winand Elementary School that was attended by dozens of families, police officers, emergency personnel and McGruff the Crime Dog. Airuel Singletary is president.



Top left and above: Pahls Crossing Homeowners Association distributed school supplies, provided refreshments and enjoyed neighbors' camaraderie at its event.



Left: Stephanie Boston (right), Republican candidate for Senate in District 10, greets a family at the Chartley Homeowners Association National Night Out event in Reisterstown. Right: A Baltimore County emergency medical technician demonstrates CPR compression.

Around the Community

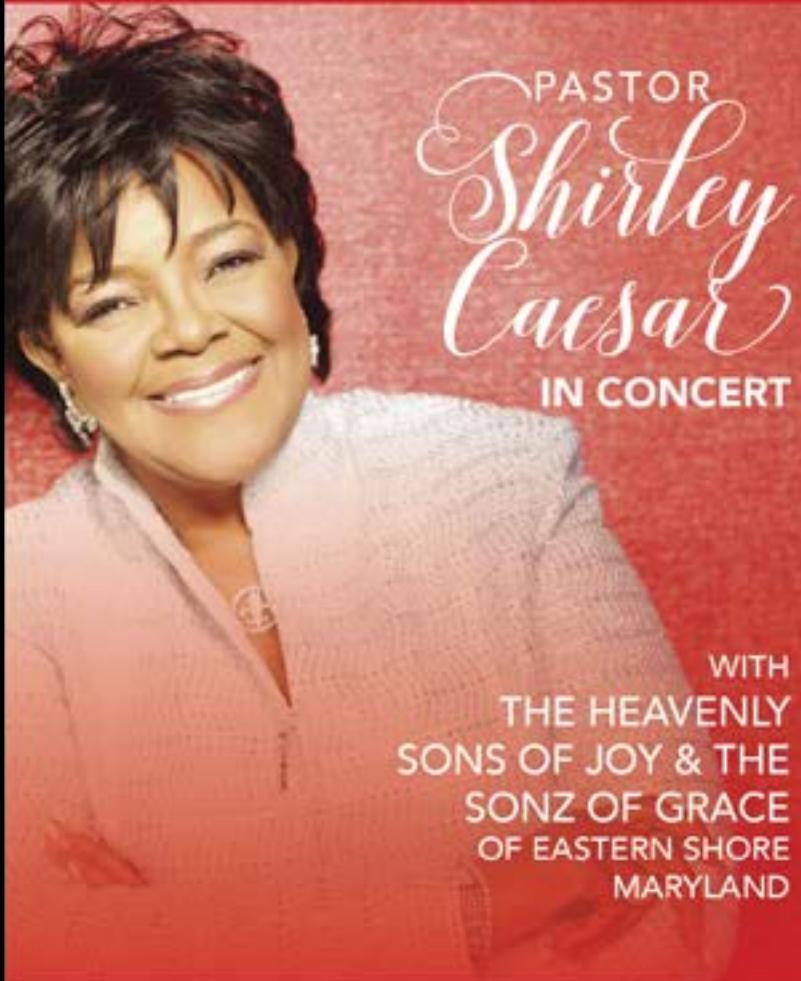


People around the northwest participated in a variety of activities in their communities. Left: Families enjoyed food, games and other activities at the Northwest Academy of Health Sciences held its Back to School Bash in Pikesville. Below: A Woodlawn resident takes time to fish near the Woodlands golf course in Windsor Mill.



Attending crab feasts in Maryland is a rite of summer. Left: Greek organizations gathered for their crab feast at Northwest Regional Park in Owings Mills. Right: Kathleen Dorsey, chief operating officer of the Northwest Chamber of Commerce, with guests at held its annual crab feast at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reisterstown.

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Construction is being finalized for the Sept. 20 opening of Costco at the former site of Owings Mills Mall.

Costco Will Open at Former Owings Mills Mall on Sept. 20

The first of the retailers to anchor the new Mill Station shopping venue in Owings Mills is set to open next month. Costco will hold its grand opening on Sept. 20 at 8 a.m.

In preparation for its debut in the northwest, Costco is sending mailers to local residents inviting them to take advantage of special-offer memberships. Representatives also attended the crab feast of the Northwest Chamber of Commerce to sign up attendees for memberships. A trailer near the construction site directs potential new hires to a toll free number to complete job applications.

Construction on the 640,000-square-foot Mill Station began earlier this year on the site of the demolished Owings Mills Mall. The 48,000-square-foot store will include a gas station, food station, deli, bakery, garden center, optical department and photo center.

Thirty-One Probationary Firefighters Receive Assignments

Thirty-one Probationary Firefighters have been assigned to fire stations throughout the County following graduation from BCoFD's Fire-Rescue Academy.

Graduation ceremonies for the 111th Recruit Class were held July 31 at Loch Raven High School.

These new Fire Department members will spend the next two years as Probationary Firefighters. They will continue their training in the field as they apply the skills learned in the classroom.

The following is a list of the new members and their assignments include nine who will work at northwest area stations.

- PFF Robert Carr - Station 18/Randallstown
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- PFF Katherine Garroway - Station 3/Woodlawn
- PFF Adam Gribble - Station 18/Randallstown
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- PFF Jason Hammonds - Station 13/Westview
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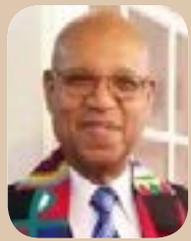
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PUBLISHER'S COLUMN

Why the Flight of Supermarkets from Liberty Road?

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community. Why not use the influence and access you have to decision-makers for the greater good? I can't believe that these businesses would not take your call if you reached out. One person by himself or herself won't get much change. It doesn't help to operate in a silo; it's more essential to bring the power of numbers together to advocate for the community. Everybody thinks developers are bad people, but they have relationships with these businesses. Can we work together for a solution?

Again, we cannot stay silent, sit still and just complain while our communities go down. There is a process and this doesn't happen by accident or overnight.

Consider placing the issue on your community meeting agendas and let's get the conversation started for a plan of action to revitalize our communities with more quality food stores and businesses.

Elected officials, Baltimore County representatives, please be ready to assist.

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- Wegmans, 10100 Reisterstown Rd., Owings Mills
- Safeway, 10335 Reisterstown Rd., Owings Mills
- Giant, 9934 Reisterstown Rd., Owings Mills
- Giant, 9730 Groff Mills Rd., Owings Mills (New Town)
- Aldi, 9616 Reisterstown Rd., Owings Mills
- Aldi, 11716 Reisterstown Rd., Reisterstown
- Giant, 3757 Old Court Rd., Pikesville
- Weis Markets, 9551 Lakeside Rd., Owings Mills
- Weis Markets, 10 Village Center, Reisterstown
- Seasons, 1630 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville

LIBERTY ROAD CORRIDOR

- Aldi, 8608 Liberty Road, Randallstown
 - Shoppers, 8212 Liberty Road, Randallstown
 - Food Lion, 8505 Liberty Road, Randallstown
- (none east of the beltway in Baltimore County)*

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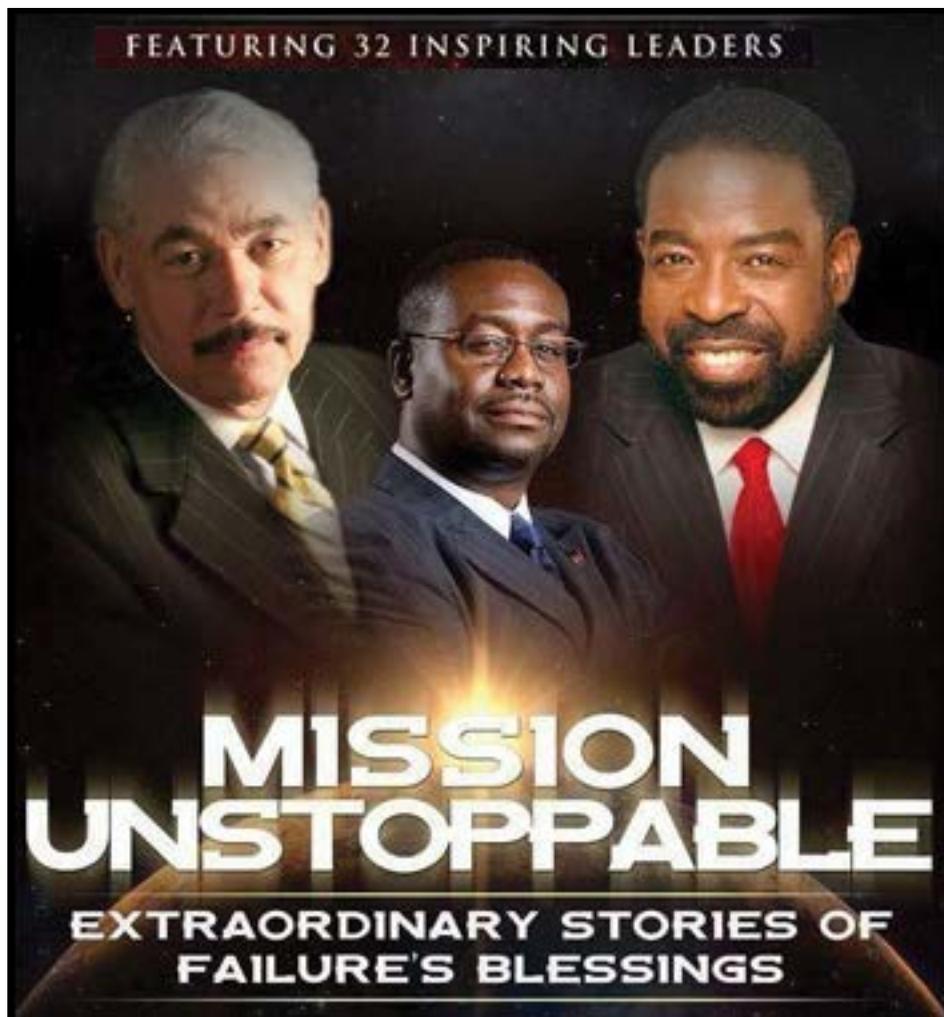
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Back-to-school immunization clinics— No appointment necessary

To assist parents in getting their students immunized before the start of the 2018-2019 school year, the Baltimore County Department of Health will provide immunization clinics for children up to age 18 who are eligible under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. No appointments are necessary.

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

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

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

Gregory Wm. Branch, director of the Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services,

said, "There is no need for any of our students to be out of compliance or excluded from school due to missing immunizations. We are making plenty of opportunities available for students to get their vaccines before schools starts."

Several clinics will be held during the months of August and September. Parents and guardians must bring a copy of their child's immunization record to the visit when the child is seen.

Clinics will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at county health centers, including those convenient to northwest area residents:

- Monday, Aug. 20 – Woodlawn Health Center, 1811 Woodlawn Drive in Woodlawn
- Friday, Aug. 24 – Liberty Family Resource Center, 3525 Resources Drive in Randallstown
- Tuesday, Aug. 28 – Hannah More Health Center, 12035 Reisterstown Rd. in Reisterstown

On weekdays Aug. 27 through Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Hannah More, Liberty and Woodlawn health center locations will accept walk-ins for school immunizations.

—Baltimore County Health Department

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The True Power of Baltimore County Resides With its People

The *Northwest Voice* noted in its recent column (July 2018) that this will be the first election in a generation where both candidates for Baltimore County Executive are from the east side of the county, highlighting a potential political shift.

As the Democratic nominee, I want to take this opportunity to reaffirm that our campaign has never been about building a better east side or building a better west side, but about building a better Baltimore County—for all of us.

Now, in my travels from community meeting to community meeting, and from door to door, I continue to see that the challenges our

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The pedestrian bridge that gives Woodlawn High School students and others a safe path from Dogwood Road to Woodlawn Drive is just about complete.

Final Construction Being Done on Woodlawn Pedestrian Bridge

Construction of the popular pedestrian bridge along a walking path that connects Dogwood Road to Woodlawn High School is nearing completion, as the school year is set to begin on Sept. 4.

The original span, which crossed Dead Run, was closed in August 2014 because of serious deterioration and then taken down in September of that year, according to Baltimore County. Community members complained that removing the bridge presented a safety hazard for students and residents who used it as a shortcut to the high school and public library on Woodlawn Drive. Without the bridge, many were

forced to walk on Dogwood Road as vehicles whiz by.

Construction of the new bridge began this spring at an estimated cost of \$400,000. The original footbridge, constructed in 1973, was a 52-foot long, single-span steel-frame structure. The replacement is of similar length and is fabricated primarily of aluminum, making it more resistant to winter salting, which shortened the service life of the original span.

The bridge will be accessible to people in wheelchairs, and has been designed to include a concrete deck and approach embankments, which are compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Families Expected to Spend More For Back to School Shopping

With the start of school just weeks away, students and parents are heading to malls and going online to do their back-to-school shopping. From purchasing school supplies to apparel and electronics, families are getting their students ready for the upcoming academic year.

According to the National Retail Federation's annual survey, total spending for K-8 school and college combined is projected to be \$82.8 billion, lower than last year's \$83.6 billion.

Other highlights of the survey:

Back to School

Families with children in elementary through high school plan to spend an average \$684.79 each, for a total of \$27.5 billion—a drop of \$2 billion from last year.

According to the survey, back-to-school shoppers will spend the most on clothing—an average of \$236.90. They will also plan to spend \$187.10 on electronics, such as computers, calculators and phones, \$138.66 on shoes and \$122.13 on school supplies.

The NRF found that the biggest change from last year was the drop in electronics spending. "Items like laptops, tablets and smartphones are now an everyday part of household life and aren't necessarily a purchase parents save for the start of the school year, resulting in the slight decrease in spending for this category," says Mark Matthews, the organization's vice president for research.

College Spending

Families with young people heading to college as well as college and graduate students purchasing for themselves plan to spend an average of \$942.17 each, down from last year's \$969.88. Total spending is expected to be \$55.3 billion. That's an all-time high in the history of the survey, up from last year's previous record of \$54.1 billion.

Unlike back-to-schoolers, the survey found, college students will spend the most on electronics, \$229.21. They will also spend, on average \$153.32 on clothing, \$102.82 on food, \$109.29 on dorm/apartment furnishings, \$83.41 on shoes, \$78.70 on personal care items, \$69.46 on school supplies, \$62.61 on gift cards and \$53.34 on branded gear.

The survey of 7,320 consumers asked about both back-to-school and back-to-college plans and was conducted June 29 through July 8, with a margin of error of plus or minus 1.2 percentage points.

How Do College Students Spend Their Money?

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- ▼ \$53.34 collegiate branded gear

Note: Green arrow represents a higher average amount than last year; red for lower average.

Source: National Retail Association

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Randallstown Man Sentenced to 13 Years for Conspiracy to Distribute Heroin and Fentanyl

Anthony Wynn, 48, of Randallstown, has been sentenced to 13 years in prison for conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute heroin and fentanyl.

According to Wynn's plea agreement, in connection with an investigation into drug trafficking and the laundering of drug proceeds through Maryland casinos, Homeland Security investigators discovered that Wynn had placed into and cashed out more than \$1 million at the casinos from 2016 to 2017, although he only reported earnings of \$30,000 in 2016.

According to investigators, Wynn received packages containing drugs from an animal hospital in Pikesville. He stored the drugs and other contraband in a storage unit in Windsor Mill, his home in Randallstown, and in a Pikesville barbershop. Wynn also shipped

several packages to a co-conspirator in California, including one that contained \$244,040 in drug proceeds.

Wynn was arrested in June 2017 after a traffic stop and search. HSI investigators observed him talking on a cell phone while driving and informed a Baltimore County patrol officer who conducted a traffic stop of his vehicle. During that stop, a Maryland Transportation Authority police officer's canine scan recovered a one-kilogram heroin brick and \$11,620 in cash. After he was arrested, law enforcement searched Wynn and recovered a digital scale and two \$500 casino chips.

Investigators also recovered fentanyl and heroin from a storage unit, gift cards totaling \$5,575 and \$16,602 in cash from Wynn's residence, and \$951 in cash and a digital scale from the barbershop.

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families face in Randallstown are not so different from the challenges we see in Rocky Point.

As County Executive, I want to provide a world-class education in every zip code through expanding school infrastructure, universal prekindergarten and tuition-free community college. I want to strengthen our education-to-employment pipeline by connecting students with the training and apprenticeships they need for long, fulfilling careers. And I want to create a government that can better respond to the unique needs of every neighborhood by directly incorporating communities into the development process.

That begins with building a team that reflects the rich diversity of our county. I remain committed to recruiting a cabinet whose experiences will differ from and complement my own.

We will set more aggressive diversity goals, starting by increasing

our own minority and women-owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) goals from 15 percent to 20 percent.

We'll expand our small business assistance programs so that Baltimore County supports our homegrown entrepreneurs. We'll conduct a pay equity study and we'll double-down on ending housing discrimination.

Over the coming months, I will continue speaking to our neighbors, families and communities to share our vision and to ask them directly about what they want from their government. In this regard, I couldn't agree more with the *Northwest Voice*: be sure to ask both my opponent and myself what commitments we're willing to make.

Lastly, remember this: the true power of Baltimore County will reside, as it always has, with its people.

—John "Johnny O" Olszewski Jr.
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Meetings and Events

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History Lecture Series

Local historian and author Louis S. Diggs and the Friends of Historical Cherry Hill AUMP, Inc., will begin a lecture series on his books and research. On Saturday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Diggs-Johnson Museum, 2426 Offut Rd. in Granite, 21163. Diggs will speak on his first two books, "It All Started on Winters Lane," and "Holding On To Their Heritage." Admission to the lecture is free; however, if you are interested in attending, you must request the number of admission tickets you would like and a parking permit. For ticket and parking info, contact louisdiggs2@verizon.net.

Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival

The 22th annual African American Cultural Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, at 9 a.m. at the Courts Plaza in Towson. Live performances will begin at noon. Watch for details at aaculturalfestival.com.



History Bus Tour

As a prelude to the African-American Festival, there will be a free bus tour on Saturday, Sept. 8, to the historic African-American communities of Piney Grove United Methodist Church in Boring and St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Bond Avenue in Reisterstown. The tour will also visit Baltimore County cemeteries where African-American veterans of the Civil War through the Korean War are laid to rest.

The tour will include a free light luncheon. The bus will depart from the rear parking lot of Union Bethel AME Church, 8615 Church Lane,

Randallstown, 21133 at 9:30 a.m. and will return at around 2:30 p.m. Tour guides will include historian and author Louis S. Diggs, Elizabeth Diggs, Sandi Simms and Frances Cockey. For bus reservations, e-mail your request to louisdiggs2@verizon.net or Carole Tilghman at ctilghman5@gmail.com. You will be notified by e-mail if you do have a seat.

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 7902 Liberty Rd. in Windsor Mill. Vendors are needed. Space is \$25. Contact 410-655-5250 or journey7902@verizon.net for information.

Outdoor Concert to Benefit Homeless Families

The Night of Peace family shelter will hosts its fifth annual outdoor concert on Sunday, Sept. 16, 3 to 7 p.m. on the grounds of Salem United Methodist Church, 7509 Windsor Mill Rd., 21244. Enjoy live music, special guest performances, food, face painting, spoken word and other activities. Bring your lawn chair or blanket for an afternoon of family fun. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. The first 100 to partner with the organization will receive a free shirt. For information about sponsorships, performing or other details, contact info@nightofpeace.org or 443-864-8224.

Annual Community Picnic and Awards Ceremony

Join Councilman Julian Jones at his annual free community picnic and awards ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 7 p.m. in Northwest Regional Park, 4515 Deer Park Rd. in Owings Mills, 21117. There will be live music, a children's corner and entertainment for the family.

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.

School Board

Upcoming meetings of the Board of Education will be held at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson on Tuesday, Aug. 21 (capital budget work session), and Sept. 11 and 25 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 Tuesday, Sept. 4, and Monday, Sept. 17 and the work session is on Tuesday, Aug. 28, and Sept. 11 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.

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.

- **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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Crime in Northwest Area Includes Shootings, Attempted Robbery, Police Arrest

Read a roundup of Baltimore County Police reports on some of the incidences of crime taking place in the area. Be aware of crimes and the alleged suspects' methods of operation.

Owings Mills Shooting Investigated as Attempted Robbery

Police are investigating a shooting in the 300 block of Pleasant Ridge Drive in Owings Mills as an attempted robbery that left one man injured.

Police say the 21-year-old victim was shot when he fought with a gunman who approached him when he arrived at his apartment door. The unidentified suspect fled the scene. The victim was transported to an area hospital with a non-life-threatening injury.

The investigation will determine a motive but preliminarily Police believe it was an attempted robbery. Anyone with information on this crime or suspect is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020.

Police Investigate Call for Home Invasion with Shooting on Lesada Drive

Police were dispatched to the 7400 block of Lesada Drive in Windsor Mill on Aug. 4 at approximately 11:23 p.m. when a woman reported seeing masked suspects enter her apartment complex.

According to Police, the woman

was leaving the laundry room with another man when three men wearing all dark clothing and ski masks entered the vestibule; two of whom were brandishing handguns. The woman ran back into the laundry room and hid, calling 911 after hearing a gunshot.

The suspects confronted the man, 34, and one struck him in the head, causing the gun to fire. The man suffered a laceration to his face. The suspects also fled.

Police are still investigating to determine a motive for this assault. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Woodlawn Precinct at 410-887-1340.

Officer Responding to Home Invasion Strikes, Kills Pedestrian on Liberty Road

In route to the Lesada Drive incident, a Woodlawn precinct officer struck and killed a pedestrian, 71-year-old Robert Louis Mayo of Baltimore, on Liberty Road at 11:32 p.m.

According to the Police Department's preliminary investigation, the officer was traveling eastbound on Liberty Road in emergency status and took steps

to bypass traffic that had backed up on Liberty Road, about two blocks west of Rolling Road. Police say the officer struck Mayo when he crossed Liberty Road and entered into the center turn lane in front of the police vehicle. Police point out that Mayo was not using a crosswalk to cross Liberty Road. After being struck by the police vehicle, Mayo was thrown into the westbound traffic lane where he was struck a second time by another vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police say body worn camera footage supports the department's initial findings. The footage is not expected to be released publicly due to the graphic nature of the video. The officer's name will be released at a later date.



Burglary and Shooting in Catonsville

Police have identified the suspect in the Aug. 1 burglary and shooting on

Aldershot Road in Catonsville as 55-year-old Everett William Johnson with no fixed address. He faces

charges on attempted first-degree murder and assault, and is being denied bail.

Police have linked the suspect to a number of other recent burglaries in the area, including at least two other burglaries on Aldershot Road earlier in the day.

Officers were initially called to the 600 block of Aldershot Road around 5:55 p.m. for a burglary report at a different home, and around 7 p.m. began investigating an attempted burglary at still another home on Aldershot Road. At 7:55 p.m. officers were called back to Aldershot Road for a burglary in progress, which was soon upgraded to a shooting.

The homeowner returned home to find her front door open, with items broken or moved. She encountered the suspect and retrieved a revolver, calling 911 to report an intruder in the house. During an altercation with the suspect, the gun was fired a number of times, striking the homeowner once. The suspect was able to get control of the gun, taking it with him as he fled.

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Police Warn of a Different Kind of Extortion Scam

Over the last few months a number of people in the county have received emails that threaten to expose the recipient for bogus Internet usage.

Here's how it works: In an email, the criminal tells the victim that he or she knows a lot about the victim. The criminal says malware, like a RAT (Remote Access Tool), was set up on the victim's computer to film the target watching porn, and provided proof.

The extortionist claims that he or she has hacked your account. The hacker is counting on the victim to believe him or her because hacking is widespread. In some instances, they even posted a partial password the victim may have used. Oftentimes these passwords are from old hacks that had an email associated with the account the password came from.

Upon reading it, take notice that the grammar and the language used often has mistakes because these scammers are not from the United States. Like so many scams, it is most likely a foreign actor preying on unsuspecting victims.

The scammer claims to have the victim on video watching various sites, but people know where they've been on the Internet. Some victims

who have received this email don't have video cams on their computers. That would be the first clue that this is bogus. Even if you do have a camera, you know where you have visited. (This is why you should cover the camera when not using it.)

The criminal goes on to threaten the victim with exposure on social network sites, those on the email list, and any other contact list they may use. The scammer suggests the victim pay him or her in cash or Bitcoin, a digital form of currency, to stop the video from going out.

These scare tactics are extortion and the criminal is hoping that victims will panic—though they've done nothing wrong—and pay the demand. Remember, with the Internet, you could be getting a message from someone next door or halfway around the world.

Don't pay the demand. Don't follow up with the hacker. If you've received one of these and did not lose money, report it to IC3.gov or if you have sent money, call 410-887- 222 to make a report if you live in Baltimore County.

—Baltimore County Police Department



The Baltimore County Police Department urges residents to ignore the demands of Internet scammers.

Police Investigating Graffiti Incidents in Lochearn Area

Members of Lochearn Presbyterian Church found Nazi swastikas and obscenities painted on the day care building located in the 3800 block of Patterson Avenue in July. George White, a congregation member, said it took six coats of paint to cover the marks.

Days later, on Aug. 9, it was discovered that at least 15 vehicles in the 3700 block of Sylvan Drive and the 3600 block of Lochearn Drive were spray-painted with black paint, some with obscenities and some with images of swastikas. One resident's storm door was also spray painted, as well as the brick face of another resident's home. Police in the

Pikesville precinct are investigating them as bias incidents.

Based on residential surveillance images, police believe the suspect was in the area from approximately 11:30 p.m. through 12:30 a.m. Images obtained by police thus far depict the suspect as a person in dark pants and a dark colored hooded sweatshirt carrying a book bag.

Anyone in the area having similar damage who was not previously contacted by police should call 911. Anyone who may have surveillance images of the incident or any information is also asked to contact police at the Pikesville precinct by calling 410-887-1279.



PHOTO: GEORGE WHITE

Vandals spray-painted Lochearn Presbyterian Church's ENIGMA Day Care building and more than 15 vehicles with swastikas and obscenities in Lochearn.

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Crime in Northwest

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Officers were able to apprehend him and recover the gun. At that time officers discovered that the suspect had an open warrant for a burglary he committed nearby in July. The victim is expected to recover from her physical injuries.



County Police Release Details of Baltimore Police Officer Arrest

On July 24, Baltimore County police officers were in the area of the 1600 block of Forrest Park Avenue in Woodlawn, when they observed a man later identified as Spencer Moore driving a silver Lexus.

Officers saw Moore get out of his car and walk up to a white Chevrolet pickup truck in the same parking lot. Moore handed an object to the truck driver, later identified as Keon

Bennett. Officers immediately recognized this as a narcotics transaction, and detained them both.

A subsequent search of the Moore's vehicle revealed three pill bottles containing over 100 Oxycodone pills—two of them without a label. Officers located marijuana on Bennett and oxycodone inside the truck. Police arrested both men at the scene.

County officers learned that Spencer is an officer with the Baltimore City Police Department. He has been charged with possession with the intent to distribute a narcotic, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and obtaining a prescription by fraud. He is being held without bail.

Bennett was being held on \$50,000 on similar charges. Baltimore Police worked in coordination with county officers during this investigation.

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					
3508 WOODMOOR RD	Cape Cod	3 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$224,900	\$229,960
3813 SOUTHERN CROSS DR	Cape Cod	4 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$249,990	\$251,000
3120 ESSEX RD	Rancher	3 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$259,000	\$259,000
5938 CHARLES ST	Split Level	3 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$258,900	\$242,000
6912 REAL PRINCESS LN	Colonial	4 Bedrm	3 ½ Bath	\$344,500	\$344,500
WINDSOR MILLS, 21244					
7383 GRANITE WOODS CT	Colonial	3 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$235,000	\$160,000
1924 BROOKDALE RD	Colonial	3 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$249,900	\$250,000
3735 CORONADO RD W	Rancher	3 Bedrm	1 Bath	\$214,900	\$215,000
7 WOODSHIRE CT	Traditional	4 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$247,500	\$260,000
3306 SOUTHGREEN RD	Split Level	4 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$249,900	\$249,900
CATONSVILLE, 21228					
342 STAFFORD DR	Split Level	4 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$349,900	\$349,000
1412 WOODCLIFF AVE	Rancher	4 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$339,000	\$339,750
5962 IVY LEAGUE DR	Other	4 Bedrm	3 ½ Bath	\$399,800	\$405,000
550 REST AVE	Colonial	4 Bedrm	3 ½ Bath	\$399,000	\$395,000
504 SEMINOLE AVE	Split Level	4 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$499,900	\$490,000
RANDALLSTOWN, 21133					
4203 HUNTSIRE RD	Colonial	3 Bedrm	3 ½ Bath	\$210,600	\$210,000
8517 LUCERNE RD	Colonial	4 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$310,900	\$315,000
5 DAJOBE CT	Split Level	3 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$252,000	\$252,000
8405 DOWNEY DALE DR	Split Level	3 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$264,900	\$264,900
9319 MIGAN RD	Colonial	5 Bedrm	3 ½ Bath	\$549,549	\$549,000
PIKESVILLE, 21208					
8111 ANITA RD	Rancher	4 bedrm	2 ½ bath	\$375,000	\$406,000
5 LYDIA CT	Split Level	4 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$270,000	\$270,000
706 SUSBROOK RD	Cape Cod	3 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$217,500	\$217,500
3 MOONSPUN CT	Colonial	5 Bedrm	3 ½ Bath	\$549,500	\$525,000
8252 STREAMWOOD DR	Rancher	5 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$243,000	\$250,000
OWINGS MILLS, 21117					
8 BOXRIDGE CT	Traditional	4 Bedrm	2 (2) ½ Bath	\$399,900	\$400,000
9969 SHERWOOD FARM RD	Colonial	3 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$254,900	\$255,000
9607 WATTS RD	Colonial	4 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$374,900	\$380,000
815 CRYSTAL PALACE CT	Colonial	5 Bedrm	4 ½ Bath	\$554,900	\$550,000
203 TIMBER GROVE RD	Rancher	4 Bedrm	1 ½ Bath	\$259,900	\$259,000
REISTERSTOWN, 21136					
348 CHAMBORLEY DR	Colonial	4 Bedrm	3 ½ Bath	\$554,900	\$515,000
231 TEAPOT CT #231	Villa	3 Bedrm	2 (2)½ Bath	\$399,000	\$381,000
130 CHESTNUT HILL LN	Split Level	4 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$279,900	\$275,000
624 BOND AVE	Cape Cod	3 Bedrm	2 ½ Bath	\$374,900	\$330,000
15 WORTHINGTON HILL DR	Rancher	4 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$429,000	\$427,300



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