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County Executive John Olszewski and District 2 Councilman Izzy Patoka listen to community members' comments at the town hall held Jan. 24 at Fort Garrison Elementary School in Owings Mills.

County Executive Presents Bleak Fiscal Picture at Town Halls

Baltimore County anticipates serious money problems for the upcoming fiscal year. That was the bleak message County Executive Johnny Olszewski delivered to community members in a series of town halls organized to share information with and get input from constituents.

At the District 4 town hall on Jan. 23 at Randallstown Community Center, hundreds attended to hear from Olszewski, who ran a grassroots campaign on education, as well as a commitment to transparency, accountability. He also advocated for community engagement in government and the budget process.

Impressed by the packed, standing-room only auditorium, Councilman Julian Jones told the audience, "To have people engaged in the county is how we get to a better Baltimore

County, and get a better community. Those things only happen by your civic engagement."

After welcoming attendees at the District 2 town hall at Fort Garrison Elementary School in Pikesville, Councilman Izzy Patoka, a former county employee, thanked the "community warriors" for taking the time to attend the meeting and Olszewski for "wasting no time to get started."

After some 30 years of forgoing increases in property taxes and 26 years of keeping income taxes level, it appears the county's dim fiscal outlook for fiscal year 2020, which runs July 2019 through August 2020, might require officials to give serious consideration to tax hikes.

Using note cards and a series of PowerPoint slides with charts and

graphs, Olszewski took attendees through the basics of where the county gets its revenue and how monies are spent. The county is projected to bring in \$3.6 billion this fiscal year, he said. But for fiscal 2020, without additional revenue the county won't have the money to pay its bills and for needed services.

"Even if we met our legal and contractual obligations, we have an \$81 million gap between what we're projecting to have in revenues and what our required expenditures are for next year," Olszewski said at the Randallstown meeting.

"Without the significant cuts or revenues, the only way we bridge those gaps is to drain the balance of our fund balance, which we can't do

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

Why There Is Still a Need to Recognize Black History Month

It's my belief that if only African-Americans participate in the Black History Month observance, much of the significance would be lost.

Every year, around this time, the debate about whether Black History Month is necessary comes up. Does it bring us together or does it divide us? Why, with a melting pot of Americans, do we single out one group and dedicate a month to learn about this group? Those are the questions people want to know.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a historian and Harvard-educated scholar, established the first observance of black history in 1926. He was frustrated that the accomplishments and contributions of blacks were neglected and ignored. At that time, the observance was called Negro History Week. Woodson chose the second week in February to coincide with Frederick Douglass' birthday on Feb. 14 and Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 12.

The idea of founding this observance was that race relations would improve if blacks could teach others about their contributions to the country and do away with the oppressive myths.

It would be decades later when in 1976, President Gerald Ford declared February as Black History Month as a national observance. Over the years, people recognize the month in a number of traditional and creative ways, such as essay contests, special showings of documentaries and cultural celebrations.

And, did you know that Black History Month is not just celebrated in the U.S. It is celebrated in Canada, Ireland and the Netherlands?

The reason for Black History Month is that for hundreds of years, African-Americans had a history, but it was a history that was downplayed, erased and replaced by history that focused on Caucasians. A people has to have a history. You have to know where you've come from and where you are to get to where you're going.

Knowing that their forefathers were accomplished inventors, artists, builders and scientists, like Benjamin Banneker, inspires a child to want to become a scientist because he or she can envision themselves in that role. When young blacks only see themselves sports players and entertainers, then they aspire to be basketball and football players, rap artists and Beyonce.

For a long time, in our schools we were only taught European and American history...that whites built America, made the scientific discoveries and were the leaders in the world. When you look back in time, lots of groups contributed to building this country. Omission is not a good thing.

I reflect back to my years growing up as a young man in West Baltimore in the '50s and '60s. From my perspective, I saw all whites were rich. I got this from the fact that I believed they owned everything from the major businesses down to the corner stores. On TV, they lived in big houses and drove nice cars. Back in those days, you didn't mail a bill payment to a store, a man knocked on the door to collect the money. So, I saw all money flowing to Caucasians.

When you only see what you see it is easy to come up with the false and misleading narratives.

I chuckle and smile when people say we don't need Black History Month, and some say that

if you have black history month, you should have white history month. White history in America has always been taught here and not always accurately.

People were choosing to bury the facts. They were not interested in inspiring people to improve in society.

In 1967, my world changed. That was when I enrolled in Baltimore City College. At that time, the all-male high school was about 70 percent white. I took an American history class and it was taught by Samuel Banks, an African-American teacher who became nationally known for his passion and expertise in black history.

When you think about a teacher who had an impact on you, for me, that would be Dr. Banks. He was the man who, as they say, "woke" me. For the first time, I began to learn about the contributions of blacks. For all intents and purposes, U.S. history class in many schools was about the U.S. fight for independence, the Civil War, slavery and expansion to the west. If not for Dr. Banks, I would not have learned at such early age how important black people were to the building of this country.

He talked about slavery but he pointed out the leaders in the slave rebellion, such as Nat Turner. When we talked about Reconstruction, he made it known that there were black senators sitting in Washington in the 1800s. As you can expect, there was push back. Students complained. Their parents objected. They asked why all the teachings about blacks in an American history class.

I'll never forget Dr. Banks' response. He said, "There is no American history without black people."

As important as it is for black

people to know the history, it is important for all people, especially our students, to know the contributions of others for making this country what it is today. You value people differently when you know their contributions.

For sure, I would like to experience a time when there would be no need for a Black History Month because we would teach accurately about

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Second Public Input Session on Budget Set For Feb. 12

Interim Superintendent Verletta White presented the Baltimore County Public Schools budget at the Board of Education’s January meeting, and it received positive response for its inclusion of the needs and priorities stakeholders have been requesting. Those requests included teacher raises, resources for social workers, and technology.

Focusing on “people for our people,” White’s proposal on Jan. 8 included funding for 31 bus attendants and three routing assistants to address issues with student pick-up delays and a shortage of transportation staff. She also included \$39 million for step increases and cost-of-living adjustments for teachers and staff (teachers are upset that those monies have since been scaled back under the new budget). Hiring more than 77 new teachers is also recommended.

Other recommended staff are 18 school counselors, social workers, mentors and psychologists, as well as patrol officers, health support. Staff needed also included positions for special education and English as a Second Language (ESOL).

The budget proposal scaled back the use of the oft-debated technology but proposed Chromebooks for elementary schools.



PHOTO: KENNY BROWN

Interim Superintendent Verletta White, shown with County Executive Johnny Olszewski after the county’s inauguration in December, is revising the school budget for fiscal year 2020 after Olszewski announced the county was projecting a \$81 million budget deficit.

Days later Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski released information that with a projected county budget deficit of \$82 million, the

county would not be able to fund some of what was in the proposed education budget. White had to go back to the drawing board to adjust her budget and focus on a maintenance of effort, which is basically level funding.

And in a Jan. 31 press release, the Board of Education made clear it is still considering the FY2020 BCPS operating budget. No proposal has been approved by the Board of Education, and members may vote to modify the budget before final approval, the statement from board chair Kathleen Causey said.

“The Board of Education is committed to supporting our dedicated professionals who positively impact our students every day. The operating budget is very much a work in progress,” stated Causey.

An initial proposed operating and capital budget request of \$2.38 billion was presented to the board on Jan. 8. That request reflects an increase of 33.6 percent over the FY2019 adjusted budget. It exceeds the maintenance of effort level by 11.2 percent or \$91.2 million.

Given the county’s identification of the revenue deficit, board leadership requested information that preserves newly proposed staffing levels,

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Revised Budget Under Discussion

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while reducing expenditures to align spending more closely to maintenance of effort levels of recent prior years, according to Causey. The collaborative exchange of ideas and data between the Superintendent and the Board of Education reflects the decision-making process.

The board held a work session on the budget on Feb. 5. Several speakers asked White to forgo a budget that promotes a maintenance of effort, and instead return to her original budget proposal.

The board will hold an additional public hearing on the proposed

FY2020 operating budget at on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. (snow date Wednesday, Feb. 13) to seek additional community input. The board is expected to vote on the proposed operating budget request on Feb. 19.

Sign-up for those members of the public wishing to speak at the Feb. 12 public hearing begins at 6 p.m. at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles Street, Building E, Towson, Maryland 21204. Each speaker will be allotted three minutes and can bring a written copy of any remarks or to provide any remarks to the Board by email at boe@bcps.org.

Board of Education to Begin Superintendent Search

The Baltimore County Board of Education will begin its search for the next superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools, the board announced.

To facilitate the search process and identification of potential candidates, the board will retain the services of an executive search firm. The specific firm has not yet been determined.

“I am pleased that the board has taken this next step to responsibly deliver on our most important commitment on behalf of the more than 113,000 students and over 18,000 employees we serve,” board chair Kathleen Causey said in a statement. Causey said the search will be “full and fair.”

“The Board believes strongly that the search process must be as transparent as possible and include input from the public and from

stakeholders and our intention is to engage a firm whose search process is aligned with these goals to identify and retain the services of the best candidate available,” added board vice chair Julie Henn, who Causey appointed to head the board’s ad hoc superintendent search committee.

The contract of Verletta White, interim superintendent, expires on June 30, 2019. The board is required, by law, to hire a permanent superintendent before July 1, 2019.

The previous board, in two votes, voted to make White the permanent superintendent, but Karen Salmon, the state superintendent, overturned its decision.



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Who Will Be The Next Police Chief?

The Search Is in Progress.

County Executive Johnny Olszewski has convened a panel that will interview top candidates to be the county's next chief of police.

To ensure communities have input in the process, the county executive stated he has included three community representatives on the panel. Additionally, the county will hold two policing town halls on the east and west side. The town hall for the west side will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.

County officials say dozens of applications have been received since Olszewski opened the search for the chief to succeed Terry Sheridan. Sheridan, who served in the post from 1996 to 2007 and returned in

January 2017 after Jim Johnson retired under pressure, announced soon after Olszewski was elected and began assembly his cabinet that he would retire in June.

The eight-member search panel will interview up to 10 candidates and advise Olszewski on the strength of each candidate. Olszewski will select and interview finalists based on the panel's recommendations.

The panelists include: Drew Vetter, deputy county administrative officer; Olszewski's press secretary T.J. Smith, also a former police spokesperson for the Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City police departments; Cathy Bevins, councilwoman for District 5; Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger;

attorney Dorothy Lennig, director of the Marjorie Cook Legal Clinic at House of Ruth Maryland; and three community representatives. Those representatives are Chase resident Wayne Brooks, Randallstown resident Valerie Fraling and Dundalk resident Crystal Francis.

Olszewski said the police chief, who will lead more than 1,800 officers, must gain the trust and respect of diverse communities. "We will select a chief who possesses the qualities that our communities want to see in the next leader of our law enforcement efforts, and one who shares my commitment to transparency and accountability," Olszewski said.

The county will not release names

of applicants during the search process, and the process is on track to have a new chief in place by June.

The Baltimore County Police Department has been criticized for its handling of police-involved shootings. Police fatally shot Korryn Gaines, a 22-year-old mother of two, in her Randallstown apartment in August 2016; a disturbed man who answered the door of his Pikesville apartment wielding a knife; and Tawon Boyd, a 21-year-old who police say appeared to be on drugs and was punched in the face by an officer during an encounter with police.

Residents can send written comments regarding the police chief search to policechiefsearch@baltimorecountymd.gov.

"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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The Northwest Chamber of Commerce board of directors named a slate of members to become directors for this year.

The 2019 executive committee is comprised of Gwendolyn Joseph-Lewis, chair; Dennis Klein, vice chair; Sally Shapiro-Gold, director; Jeffrey Quinn, treasurer; Kathleen Dorsey, secretary; Jim O'Haire, past chair;

Elected to three-year terms on the board are Samuel Marx, Howard Long, Krystal Tighe, Moire Riley, Jeannine Jawha, Richard Teitelman, Binal Patel, Kristopher Koslowski and Angie Lohmeyer.

Board members who will serve for two years are Brendan Schreiber and Maisha Robinson. Bonnie Link and Gina Franke will serve as one-year directors.

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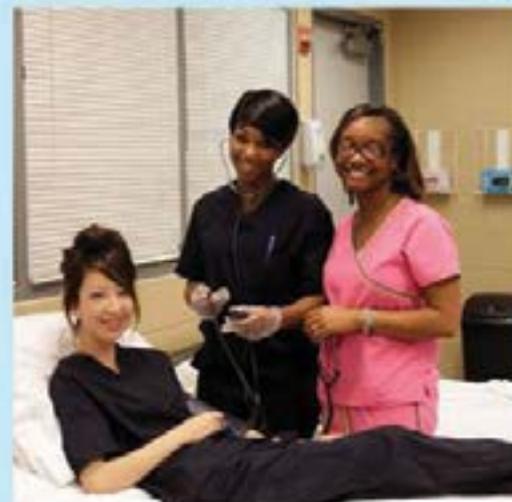
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Councilman Julian Jones greets constituents at District 4 town hall held Jan. 23 at Randallstown Community Center. Community members asked questions about roads, schools and other issues of interest at the meeting. Speakers lined up to ask questions at the District 2 town hall.

Photos: George White

Expectations for Accountability Shared at Community Town Halls

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by law. He compared to dipping into a family's savings and 401k to pay for everyday living expenses. He did not mention taxes, but as a candidate, Olszewski said tax increases would be considered as a last resort.

The biggest investment is education, with almost half of the budget going toward schools. He laid out the challenges facing \$1.6 billion Schools for our Future program, launched in 2011 to install central AC,

alleviate overcrowding, and build new schools and additions.

That forecast doesn't include new high schools, teacher pay raises, expansion of pre-kindergarten, and hiring more social workers, counselors and psychologists, Olszewski said.

And, the county would have to push out by four additional years school construction projects. Projects, such as the renovation to Scott Branch or a new Deer Park Elementary, would be delayed. Olszewski said he has called on state lawmakers, including Speaker Pro Tem Adrienne Jones, who chairs the House capital budget subcommittee, to explore ways to increase that spending.

The state contributes roughly \$40 million a year to fund county capital construction. To stay on an accelerated timeline, which was to be completed by fiscal 2021, the county was paying its portion of the funds and the state's portion, which it expected to be reimbursed for.

"We don't have the bonding capacity to pay for both sides," Olszewski said, "but we want to stay on that pace." To do that, the state would have to contribute \$100 million a year for the next five years, he said.

Retiree health and life insurance, and pension benefits for teachers, firefighters police officers are at risk. In the past few years, county has not been funding "at the level it should or

hardly at all," Olszewski said, leaving just \$385 million in assets to pay long-term obligations. The county is on the hook for \$2 billion in liabilities. It's funded at 19 percent when most standards recommend 50 percent.

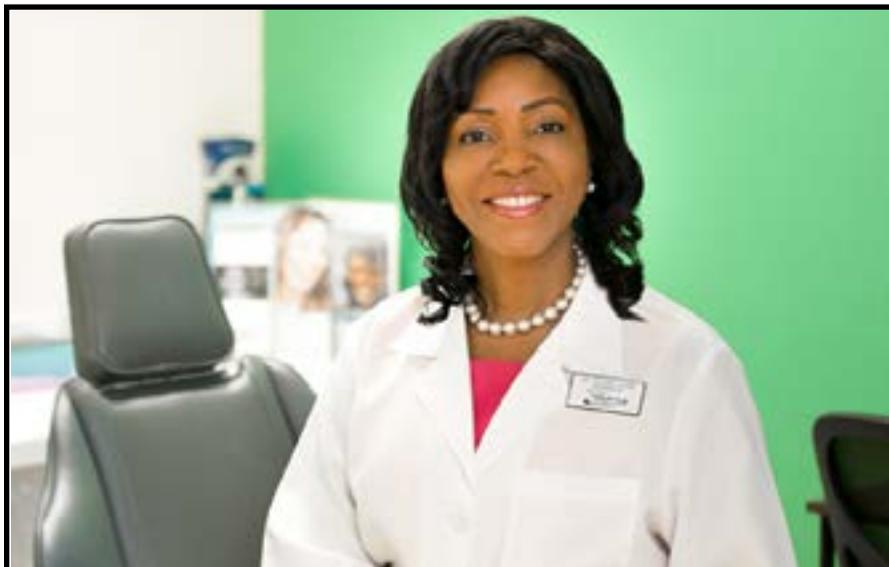
Money is also needed for other county priorities, such as to upgrade 911, and fund a community college center, sidewalks and road resurfacing, water and sewerage infrastructure, and resources for opioid addiction.

To address his efforts for transparency and accountability, Olszewski has said he would establish an Office of Ethics and Accountability to investigate complaints of waste and fraud. He also plans to create a performance management system, similar to Baltimore City's Citistat program, to track outcomes.

He has instructed department heads to eliminate redundant practices and review programs. "As hard as it might be, we have to eliminate some programs that aren't critical to our mission or that aren't achieving their purposes."

Olszewski established a blue-ribbon commission on fiscal sustainability on Dec. 3, his first day in office, then announced the seven members he is tasking with studying the budget process and suggesting changes to improve transparency. The commission will issue recommendations by Feb. 19, in time to be considered as part of the

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Dr. Clark began her career almost 30 years ago, specializing in the correction of spaced and crowded teeth, and also jaw malformations and dysfunctions. She credits her success to her parents: Her father, a railroad engineer, and her mother, a construction pioneer, always stressed the importance of higher education.

A U.S. Army veteran and recipient of several awards, Dr. Clark mentors young adults in dentistry and serves on the advisory boards for Maryland State Medicaid and Women's Giving Circle in Howard County.



A speaker shares his concerns at the District 4 town Hall.

fiscal 2020 budget cycle.

On April 15 will introduce budget to council will review and approve by end of May. Encouraged community members to send ideas to ideas@baltimorecountymd.gov.

After Olszewski's 30-minute presentation, community members took to the mics to ask him about sidewalks, affordable prescription drugs and other issues of interest.

Know the Signs of the No. 1 Killer, Heart Disease

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in both men and women, and about 610,000 people die each year of heart disease in the United States. February is American Heart Month, and the American Heart Association encourages you to pay attention to the warning signs of heart disease and stroke.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 735,000 Americans have a heart attack each year. A heart attack, also called a myocardial infarction, occurs when a part of the heart muscle doesn't receive enough blood flow. The more time that passes without treatment to restore blood flow, the greater the damage to the heart muscle.

Coronary artery disease (CAD) is the most common form of a heart attack. CAD is caused by plaque buildup in the walls of the arteries that supply blood to the heart and other parts of the body.

High blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking are key risk factors for heart disease. About 47

percent of Americans have at least one of these risk factors, according to the CDC.

Several other medical conditions and lifestyle choices can also put people at a higher risk for heart disease, including diabetes, overweight and obesity, poor diet, physical inactivity and excessive alcohol use.

Don't wait to get help if you experience any of these heart attack warning signs. Some heart attacks are sudden and intense. But most start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Pay attention to your body and call 911 if you experience:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes – or it may go away and then return. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

• Shortness of breath. This can occur with or without chest discomfort.

• Other signs. Other possible signs include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

Again, call 911 if you experience these signs.

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Who Deserves a Nomination for Woman of the Year?

In its 37th year of honoring women for their outstanding contributions, the Baltimore County Commission for Women is accepting nominations for its 2019 Woman of the Year and Young Woman of the Year awards. In addition, one woman who has made a powerful impact on the community

through her volunteer efforts will be chosen as the 2019 "Woman Making a Difference."

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, Feb. 19. Awards will be presented in March.

Female residents of Baltimore County who have made significant,

unique and lasting contributions to their community, workplace or school to further the interest of women and families are eligible for the awards. Nominees for the Young Woman of the Year must be a high school senior in Baltimore County. Previous winners and elected officials are not

eligible to be nominated.

Questions or requests for nomination forms may be directed to Carmen Christiana at 410-887-2450. Nomination forms are also available online at baltimorecountymd.gov/nominate.

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Apply to Become a Student Member on the School Board

Applications for the 2019-2020 student member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County are being accepted, and prospective students have until Friday, Feb. 15, to get their names and materials in for consideration.

Students must be nominated by their high school principal, and each high school principal is encouraged to nominate two students who are currently enrolled in grades 10 or 11 and in good academic standing.

The student board member is expected to be knowledgeable about Board of Education responsibilities and mission and vision of the school system. The student representative must be able to effectively communicate the student point of view as well, and to be aware of current issues impacting public education. The application packet has been sent to high school student council advisors, and the application information can also be found online at bcps.org/students/bcsc/smob.html.

Completed applications and required attachments should be emailed to Nora Murray in the Office of Family and Community Engagement at cmurray2@bcps.org. All items must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15.

The new student members will replace Haleemat Adekoya, a Milford Mill Academy senior, at the end of the school year.

To view the Baltimore County Board of Education meetings online, visit bcps.org/video/LiveStream.html

County's Second Public Charter School Coming to Woodlawn

The space previously occupied by John Paul Regional School that closed last year will become the site of the county's newest public charter school.

After initially being denied approval by Baltimore County Public Schools, Watershed Public Charter School (WPCS) has been granted a conditional charter from the Maryland State Board of Education. Watershed, which describes itself as an environmental arts charter school, will open in temporary space at 6946 Dogwood Rd. in Woodlawn. The school will start with 176 kindergarteners and first-, second- and third-graders, said executive director Jessie Lehson. The school plans to add another grade each year until it reaches a projected full enrollment of about 400 students. Admission is open to any county resident and selected via lottery.

The WPCS board, a grassroots group of educators, parents and local professionals, came up with the concept bringing the experiential K-8 school to the county in the fall. Parents interested in learning more about the school can visit an information table at Woodlawn Library on Friday, Feb. 8, and Monday, Feb. 11, at Owings Mills Library, at 5:15 p.m.

The curriculum will offer traditional core subjects but will center on the environment. Each grade will have 22 students, and students will take advantage of a stream, wooded space, outdoor classroom and micro working farm that are located on the 10-acre property.

"Counting tadpoles, graphing water sample results, writing speeches, and creating posters are just a glimpse of how our students could use these same standards in ways that will make coming to school a pleasure," Lehson said.

Officials say they have designed a curriculum based on well-established research that emphasizes the benefits of hands-on learning, integrated subject



Watershed Public Charter School, located in Woodlawn, is Baltimore County's second public charter school. It will enroll about 170 students this fall at the former John Paul Regional School in Woodlawn.
Photo: Janet Anderson

that incorporate the outdoors. The school cites studies that state young children should engage in at least 60 minutes and up to several hours of unstructured physical activity each day, and that they should not be sedentary for more than 60 minutes at a time except when sleeping.

Baltimore County Public Schools initially denied Watershed its request for a charter and WPCS appealed to the Maryland Board of Education. At the time, Watershed officials had not secured a location and did not adequately address financial concerns about the renovation. County board members had also complained in May 2018 that they had insufficient time to review Watershed's request.

Baltimore County's first public charter school opened in 2012 and closed four years later.



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Legislative Session 2019 Convenes



Photos: George White

Taking a break in the House chamber on Jan. 9 are Delegates Charles Sydnor III, Dana Stein, Pat Young and Kriselda Valderrama. The Baltimore County delegation hosted a town hall to get community members' input into the legislative agenda. Del. Adrienne Jones was elected speaker pro tem for the 16th year and chairs the House of Delegates' capital budget subcommittee.

Delegates and Senators returned to Annapolis on Jan. 9 to convene the 439th session of the Maryland General Assembly, with 43 new delegates and 17 new senators joining the returning lawmakers. Legislators will review and debate thousands of bills, the state of Maryland's \$46.6 billion budget proposal for 2020 fiscal year, as well as the state capital budget for construction.

While much of the first day was ceremonial and celebratory, legislators have been getting down to business on bills that are expected to focus on the affordability of prescription drugs, equitable education funding and the legalization of marijuana. A lot of the priorities are in line with what constituents advocated for at a Baltimore County legislative town hall held Jan. 2.

On the governor's agenda is legislation to create an independent Office of the State Education Inspector General that will be charged with investigating complaints of "unethical, unprofessional, improper or illegal" conduct in the local school systems, and a student debt relief act that will allow Marylanders to deduct all of the interest paid on their student loans from their state income tax.

Lawmakers in the northwest area retained key leadership roles and/or were appointed to new positions in addition to their committee assignments. For the 16th consecutive year, Del. Adrienne Jones has been elected to serve as speaker pro tem for the House of Delegates. She is the first

African-American woman to serve in this position and is the longest serving speaker pro tem in Maryland history.

Among the House leadership are Delegates Ben Brooks of District 10, and Charles Sydnor III and Pat Young of District 44B, all of whom are deputy majority whips. Committee chairs include Sen. Bobby Zirkin, who remains chair of Judicial Proceedings, and Sen. Delores Kelley, chair of the influential Senate Finance Committee. Last year Kelley was vice chair of Judicial Proceedings. Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam is the new vice chair of Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Leading the county's legislators are Pat Young, chair of the 23-member delegation, and Kelly, who chairs the senate side. Make sure you stay in the know, to know when bills are introduced and amended, when hearings on those bills are scheduled to go before a committee and when they go up for a vote, and how your representatives are addressing issues important to you.

Go to the Maryland General Assembly website at www.mgaleg.maryland.gov. Click around on the various tabs and links, e.g. "legislators" to find the contact info for the Senators and Delegates and what bills they are introducing and co-sponsoring; "committees," to find out when the various committees are meeting; and "home" for the summary and status of the bills.

Your State Legislators

Four districts cover the northwest Baltimore County area: District 10, which covers Reisterstown, Owings Mills, Randallstown and Woodlawn; District 11, which covers Owings Mills and Pikesville; and District 44B, which covers Windsor Mill, Woodlawn and Catonsville. Parts of Catonsville also fall in District 12. You can reach your Senator and Delegates in Annapolis toll free at 1-800-492-7122.

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A Love Story: Berdetta and George White

Pikesville Couple That Met Online 20 Years Ago 'Still On Our Honeymoon'

At any number of community meetings and events in the northwest area, the tall gregarious photographer with multiple cameras around his neck setting up for video for his Facebook page or the *Northwest Voice* is George White. His just-as-pleasant wife, friend and soulmate is Berdetta, also known as Bert.

A fun, busy couple, the Whites are active in their church, community and Primerica business. This year, they celebrate 19 years together and 16 years of marriage that began in 2000, when they connected on the popular dating site at the time, Black Singles. In her profile, Bert described herself as a “winner,” God-centered and who loved to dance and travel. George’s profile description was “peer to peer” and he looking for someone who was fun to be around. They both were in search of intellectual banter.

After exchanging emails and phone numbers, the two arranged to meet at the City-Poly football game at Ravens Stadium. After more dates, spontaneous get-togethers and long conversations that sometimes lasted until the wee hours of the morning, the two were convinced they were deeply compatible and good for a committed relationship. Two years later, George proposed to Bert on his 50th birthday, so the occasion would be memorable. The engagement ring came on Valentine’s Day the following year, and they married in August 2003.

Bert recalls the wedding as one of the best days of her life. More than 250 invited guests gathered at Westminster Hall in Baltimore. The day was made more special with a black and white theme. They planned the details together, designed their own invitations and created the program. Instead of usual toasters and place mats, guests donated to their 11-night Caribbean cruise.

Bert likes quiet time, loves to read two books a week and gets immersed in details. George, 67, describes himself as “no nonsense” person who just needs the big picture with the facts and loves the outdoors. Together, they have three children and three grandchildren.

They attribute their loving, drama free relationship to the fact that they met when they were older. Bert, 70, knows they can clear the air by cooking one of George’s favorites, potatoes with gravy, or taking a leisurely drive for ice cream. “Our home is our sanctuary,” she says.

But as much as they may be considered opposites, they are equally yoked in their faith, family and activities. Both retired teachers, they love to hand-dance, pop their own popcorn and watch a movie on Friday date nights (everyone knows there will be no babysitting and surprise visits on that day). Both are elders at Lochearn Presbyterian Church, George is the treasurer, and both are into community service. They like spontaneity and thrive on helping people in need.

Spontaneity also helps, such as when George packed her a bag, picked Bert up from work, and drove to Atlanta for the weekend to visit a girlfriend, escaping to the mountains in Pennsylvania, or leaving a military ball at the Armory in the city still dressed in their tuxedo and gown to get a drink at a Fells Point bar.

“We do things as a couple,” says George. “We pray together every morning. I pray on the odd-numbered days and Bert prays on the even-numbered days. That keeps us tight as a couple.”

They also distribute an email prayer Monday through Friday called Prayer Warriors, which began 10 years ago with eight people and has grown to more than 1,000 people. On Sundays, they send Facebook friends the Married Couples prayer.

Over the years, both have had robust careers. Bert taught elementary school in Baltimore City, online master’s program at Coppin State College and classes Johns Hopkins University; George taught computer classes. At Fortis School in Woodlawn, Bert taught psychology and English and George technology in classrooms next door to each other. Bert occasionally substitute-teaches at Sudbrook Middle School, a short walk from their Pikesville home.

Well known in local community and political circles as a dependable, committed volunteer, George was appointed last year as an associate member of the Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee for District 44B. A 22-year veteran of the Air Force and Army National Guard, he supports veterans’ causes. Every day, George picks up end-of-day bread from the Owings Mills Panera Bread and delivers it to homeless shelters, such as the Westside Shelter in Catonsville for men.

Both he and Bert lead a ministry, Connecting the Dots, that links people to needed services. Both have a life insurance license and Bert also has licenses for investments, long-term health care and cosmetology. Both enjoy learning. They took a genealogy class together last month, and plan to take a grant writing class.

3 Questions with Bert and George:

What advice would you give to couples?

Always introduce your George: When you go somewhere with your spouse, always introduce your wife first. If you’re going out, ask if she wants

to go. Let her say no. We know what irritates each other and how to make each other happy after a bad day. Call home a couple times a day to check.

What do you do to keep the flame burning?

Bert: We will dance at home, using a CD from our wedding, from Whitney Houston to Elkton John. Some of the songs are “We’re going all the way,” “On the wings of love” and “We both deserve each other’s love” by Jeffrey Osborne.

George: We keep each other in the loop of different things of what’s going on. We pray together daily. That locks that bond in before I got out the door.

How do you handle arguments?

Bert: We don’t have arguments. We might disagree. The issue is ‘does it matter. If it doesn’t move on. If I’m upset, we talk about it, and resolve it. That’s it.

George: It’s just as easy to say I’m sorry than to hold stuff.

And for the record, Bert says, “We still have intimate time together. We’re still on our honeymoon.”



Chyler Sydnor, 10, Wins \$5,000 Prize for Woodbridge Elementary

Chyler Sydnor, a Grade 5 student at Woodbridge Elementary School in Catonsville, earned a \$5,000 prize for her school in BGE's Natural Gas Safety Hero comic strip challenge.

"I am glad that I entered the art contest. I was surprised that I won \$5,000 for Woodbridge and a pizza party and backpacks for my classmates," said Chyler, daughter of Del. Charles Sydnor III. "It was my first time winning an art contest. I am grateful to everyone that voted for me and want to say thank you."

Her cartoon was selected for one of five \$5,000 prizes from a pool of more than 100 entries. To accompany her comic strip, Chyler, 10, wrote the following safety message for Captain Mercaptan, the gas safety hero:

Always be wise when it comes to a gas leak.

Use your nose, ears, and eyes.

Do not worry or fret, no need to fear, find a safe place to wait, then call BGE, and they will be there.

Physical education teacher Don Garmer sponsored Chyler for the contest. Woodbridge principal Lori Phelps credits Garmer's "vote vote vote campaign" for helping Sydnor's entry attract such a high number of votes.



Chyler Sydnor is pictured with (from left) teacher Don Garner, principal Lori Phelps, parents Myra and Charles Sydnor and BGE representative Pellegrinni. Her comic strip for a natural energy contest won \$5,000 for Woodbridge Elementary School.

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Owings Mills Teen Wins \$50,000 in Jeopardy Tournament

Emma Arnold, a home-schooled student from Owings Mills, achieved something many of us only dream of—becoming a game-show contestant and winning thousands of dollars. The 17-year-old took home \$50,000 as the second-place winner in the Jeopardy Teen Tournament finals.

“It was a great, unusual experience,” Arnold says. “Meeting [host] Alex Trebek was definitely a highlight for me. He’s a really nice guy. He can be so funny and on-point spontaneously. It was also interesting meeting the other teens that got chosen.”

To beat out hundreds of hopefuls across the country, Arnold’s audition began after a computer randomly picks from among the top scorers of an online test. She then played a mock Jeopardy round in Washington, D.C., so producers could evaluate her on-camera presence, and a personality test. The good news came in July that she had earned a spot on the show, and competed in three episodes in November.

She had no expectations going into the competition. “I wanted to have fun and make the most of it,” Arnold says. Although she “knows things a lot of weird things about a lot of stuff,” Arnold says she did well in the Shakespeare and art categories.

Arnold’s \$46,500 after-tax winnings will help fund her college education. She plans to study the classics, such as ancient



District 4 Councilman Julian Jones presented an award of recognition to Emma Arnold, whose second-place finish in the Jeopardy Teen Tournament.

PHOTO: KENNY BROWN

Mediterranean studies.

In her free time, Arnold relaxes at the rink figure skating and works part-time teaching young children as an assistant figure skating coach at Reisterstown Sportsplex.

Can anything top winning on Jeopardy? “The day I get my Ph.D. or the day I get my first book published,” Arnold says. “I will be very happy.”

Westowne Registrations for Early Childhood Classes

Westowne Elementary, whose building was recently replaced and is located at 401 Harlem Lane in Catonsville, will be accepting applications for preschool, prekindergarten and kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you reside in the Westowne’s zoned area and have a student eligible for any of these programs, contact the school office at 443-809-0854 to get more information and to schedule a time to provide your documents.

Preschool 3-year-olds must be born between Sept. 2, 2015 and Sept. 1, 2016. The student’s date of birth for pre-kindergarten must be between Sept. 2, 2014 and Sept. 1, 2015; and date of birth for kindergarten must be Sept. 2, 2013 and Sept. 8, 2014.

Those providing registration documents between Feb. 1 and March 31 will be eligible for the April screenings. Visit the website at tinyurl.com/y7zsfz29/.



PHOTO: BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Baltimore County Police Department has outfitted officers with new uniforms and began changing over its fleet of vehicles to the Ford Police Interceptor Utility model.

New Look, New Ride for County Police

Baltimore County began changing police uniforms and vehicles last month, county officials announced.

Officers will now wear baseball caps with the police logo and dark blue, rip-stop, cargo-style trousers. They will continue to wear the current uniform shirts, however the body armor vest will be worn over their uniform shirt. The vest is designed so that officers can attach, carry and more quickly access items that are currently worn on their police belt, as well as medical equipment such as latex gloves and a tourniquet.

Officers have been outfitted with the new uniform in all precincts across the county, says Police Department spokesperson Cpl. Shawn Vinson.

Over the next year, the department will convert 252 vehicles in its police fleet to a new Ford Police Interceptor Utility, modeled after the Ford Explorer but designed for police use, following the end of production of the Ford Interceptor sedan. The existing fleet of Ford Interceptor sedans will be re-purposed or sold at auction.

The first 50 new Police Interceptor

Utility vehicles have been purchased at a cost of approximately \$2.6 million and have been put into service starting last month.

Purchase of the SUVs began under the administration of Kevin Kamenetz. The SUVs are being purchased at staggered times. The expected completion date is May 2020.

All members of the agency will complete a driver training course using the new Police Interceptor Utility, including practicing routine and high-risk traffic stops.

Each Police Interceptor Utility is equipped with additional safety features, such as all-wheel drive. The new SUVs will also have backup cameras, which none of the previous vehicles had, says Vinson. There will not be dash cameras in the SUVs.

The department began converting to the sedan, modeled after the Taurus, in December 2013 when the Ford Motor Company discontinued manufacturing the Crown Victoria.

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Free Essay Writing Clinic

The Randallstown Branch and the Youth Council Branch of the NAACP are hosting a free college essay writing clinic for high school and college students from 3 to 4 p.m. on Feb. 10 and Feb. 24 at the Randallstown Library, 8604 Liberty Rd., Randallstown 21133. Gain the skills needed to write effective essays for scholarships and college admissions. Contact RandallstownNAACPYouth@gmail.com with questions. Space limited to 25 people for each session.

District 44 Legislative Reception

Join your elected officials and fellow community members for the District 44 Legislative Night on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Lowe House Office Building, Room 170 & 180, 6 Bladen St. in Annapolis, 21401. For bus transportation information and other details call 410-841-3612

Teen Job Fair

The Woodlawn, Randallstown and Owings Mills branches of the Baltimore County Public Library will hold their fourth annual Teen Jobs Fair on Saturday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Woodlawn High School, 1801 Woodlawn Drive. Businesses will be on hand. For more information, contact 410-887-1336 or woodlawn@bcpl.net.

Entrepreneur Academy

Learn everything you need to know about starting and running your small business at an Entrepreneur Academy introductory session on Saturday, March 9, 9:30 a.m., at the Woodlawn Public Library, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 21207. Learn more about the free workshops that are designed to help you develop and launch your business. Register at bit.ly/EntreAcad. Space is limited.

Pikesville Speaker Series

The Friends of the Pikesville Library's speaker series take place on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Pikesville Library, 1301 Reisterstown Rd., 21208. On Feb. 20, Debbie Phelps, executive director of the Education Foundation of Baltimore County, will speak. Contact RuthGoldstein@comcast.net for the full schedule.



The Life of Black Cosmetics Mogul

"The Sara Spencer Washington," an award-winning short documentary about the life of a noted black businesswoman, philanthropist and political activist, will screen at Pikesville Public Library, 1301 Reisterstown Rd., on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The filmmaker, Baltimore native Royston Scott, will be on hand for a Q&A session after the screening.

History Presentation on Baltimore County Churches

Local historian/author Louis S. Diggs will present on several historic African-American churches Saturday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Diggs-Johnson Museum, 2426 Offutt Rd. in Granite, 21163. The churches that will be featured in this presentation are: Union Bethel AME Church in Randallstown, Cowdensville AME Church in Arbutus, Gough United Methodist Church in East Towson, and Shiloh Baptist Church in Edgemere. Persons interested in attending must send an e-mail request to louisdiggs2@verizon.net or sruthstew@verizon.net, indicating the number of tickets desired and a request for a parking permit. Children are welcome.

School Board

Upcoming meetings of the Board of Education will be held at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson on Tuesday, Feb. 19, and March 5 and 19, at 6:30 p.m. A public hearing on the operating budget will be held on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit bcps.org/board

County Council

Upcoming meetings of the County Council will be held 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, and March 4 and 18, at 6 p.m., the work sessions are on Tuesday, Feb. 12 and 26, and

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March 12 at 2 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, 400 Washington Ave. in Towson. For more information, including on the agendas and instructions to watch the meeting online, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil.

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. On the even-numbered months, the meetings will be held at the Franklin Precinct, 606 Nicodemus Rd. in Reisterstown, 21136. On the odd-numbered

months, the location is at the Reisterstown Library, 21 Cockeys Mill Rd., 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.

Got a free community event to promote? Please send at least 60 days in advance. Send it to the Northwest Voice at nwvoicenews.com/contact-us/news. We will promote church community events, but not church ministry activities on the calendar.

Signs of Stroke, *continued from page 9*

The signs of a stroke in women, which also require immediate medical attention are:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing or blurred vision in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause



Be sure to stay regular on your annual check-ups, and exercise, avoid smoking and reduce your risks for heart disease.

BCPL Seeks Employers for Teen Job Fair

Do you have a business in the Greater Baltimore area and are looking to hire teens for entry-level jobs?

The Woodlawn, Randallstown and Owings Mills branches of the Baltimore County Public Library invites you to their fourth annual Teen Jobs Fair on Saturday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Woodlawn High School.

You will be able to support young people, give back to the community and save time on recruitment. Space is limited. RSVP to 410-887-1336 or woodlawn@bcpl.net.

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Crime in Northwest Area Includes Shootings, Burglaries, Robberies

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.

Crash Kills Motorcycle Rider

A passenger on a motorcycle was killed in a Feb. 5 crash on Winters Lane in Catonsville.

The motorcycle was traveling northbound on Winters Lane when a Jeep Liberty traveling southbound attempted to make a left turn onto Edmondson Avenue in front of the motorcycle, which struck the passenger side of the Jeep. The rider, identified as John Yoon, 27, of Catonsville, was transported to the Shock Trauma Center, where he later died.

The Baltimore County Police Crash Investigation Team is continuing the investigation into this crash.

Man Found Dead in Catonsville House Fire

Baltimore County Police have identified the man found dead following a small house fire in Catonsville as Francisco Cabezas, 34. His last known address is in the Gaithersburg area.

Fire crews were dispatched to the 400 block of Commonwealth Avenue in Catonsville on Jan. 22.

Investigators said the house appeared to be vacant and the victim was living in the attic space, using a fire to keep warm.

Officer-involved Crash Kills Pedestrian

The officer involved in a Jan. 18 crash that killed pedestrian on a skateboard is identified as Officer D. Roussey of the Woodlawn Precinct. The pedestrian was Brandon Williams, 31, of Woodlawn.

Roussey, who was not injured, remains on duty while Police continue to investigate the incident.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the officer was enroute to a call for service, traveling southbound on Whitehead Road in Woodlawn around 3:50 a.m., when he struck the pedestrian, who was traveling northbound in the southbound lane of Whitehead Road on a skateboard.

Police Charge Suspect in Hit and Run

The suspect in a deliberate hit-and-run crash in Lochearn on Jan. 17 was arrested and charged with assault and other related criminal and vehicular charges.

William Brown Jr., 24, of Catonsville, was arrested at his home that day following multiple calls to 9-1-1 regarding a crash at Patterson and Wildwood Avenue reporting that the drivers of the vehicles were fighting. Brown, the driver of

the suspect vehicle, fled the scene before police arrived.

The investigation revealed that Brown was following the victim in a Cavalier eastbound on Wildwood Avenue. When the victim's Impala stopped at the intersection at Patterson Avenue, Brown rear-ended the car, pushing it into the intersection where it was struck by another vehicle and ultimately ran into a home.

Police say Brown began an argument and physical altercation with the driver before getting back into his vehicle and attempting to strike the driver with before fleeing the scene.

Three occupants of the Impala were taken to an area hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the third vehicle was not injured and did remain at the scene. Brown was taken to the Baltimore County Detention Center.

Police Investigate Jan. 11 Homicide

Baltimore County Police received a call for gunshots being heard in the 7100 block of Bogley Road in Windsor Mill on Jan. 11. When officers arrived, they found a victim lying next to a

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NAACP Randallstown Branch #7032 invites you to **Meet and Greet**

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7:00 pm-8:00 pm (Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.)

Randallstown Community Center

3505 Resource Drive, Randallstown, MD 21133

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on the NAACP, Randallstown Branch, we can be contacted by email at randallstownnaacp@gmail.com or by phone at (443) 675-7203. Follow us: @NAACP_7032 on Twitter or @randallstownnaacp on Instagram.

Our website is randallstownnaacp.yolasite.com.

General Branch meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at CCBC-Randallstown Center

Crime in Northwest Area

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vehicle suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim has been identified as Charles Price Jr., 43, of Windsor Mill. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

If anyone has information about this murder, call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020.

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

Police Investigating Carjacking Ending in Fatal Pedestrian Crash

The officer involved in the Jan. 6 fatal crash during a carjacking and subsequent pursuit is Police Officer First Class Corbin. Corbin is a five-year veteran of the force assigned to the Woodlawn Precinct.

he incident involved the carjacking of a pizza delivery driver in Windsor Mill by three suspects. A Baltimore County officer saw the car on Liberty Road at Essex Road and attempted to stop the car, but the suspects fled. During the pursuit, the suspects jumped out of the car on Northern Parkway at Highgate Drive. One suspect was struck in the roadway by one of the pursuing police vehicles and pronounced dead at the scene.

Police charged Taron Kelly, 16, of 21206, as an adult. He faces several charges including armed robbery, armed carjacking and motor vehicle theft, and is being held without bail at the Baltimore County Department of Corrections.

The third suspect is still being sought by police.

Publisher's Column

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everyone who has contributed to making America what she is today. I'd also like to see where people of all races and cultures who built the country be part of the history, part of history books and stories and part of our teachings.

But until that time, let's take the month of February, and focus on it so that every community, every school and every student learns about the contributions of important blacks.

To all the students who participate in activities, competitions such as Black Saga, and make an extra effort to learn about blacks and other cultures, you will be enriched by this history.

America is a country that has been built by many people from many races and cultures and no one group owns her story

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 | | | | | |
| 7019 YATARUBA DR | Rancher | 3 Bedrm | 2 Bath | \$239,000 | \$242,000 |
| 2603 LARCHMONT DR. | Cape Cod | 4 Bedrm | 3 Bath | \$229,900 | \$232,000 |
| 6724 ALTER ST. | Rancher | 5 Bedrm | 3 Bath | \$255,000 | \$250,000 |
| 3720 MARMON AVE. | A-FRAME | 5 Bedrm | 3 ½ Bath | \$299,900 | \$292,000 |
| 7126 MINNA ROAD | Split Level | 4 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$165,000 | \$150,000 |
| WINDSOR MILLS, 21244 | | | | | |
| 3681 KIRK LANE | Colonial | 3 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$258,000 | \$258,000 |
| 3433 LYNNE HAVEN DR. | Split Level | 3 Bedrm | 2 Bath | \$254,900 | \$253,000 |
| 3113 NORTHMONT ROAD | Rancher | 3 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$235,000 | \$235,000 |
| 1700 LOMAX ROAD | Colonial | 4 Bedrm | 3 ½ Bath | \$284,900 | \$290,000 |
| 8023 PINK AZALEA CT. | Colonial | 4 Bedrm | 3 ½ Bath | \$425,000 | \$425,000 |
| CATONSVILLE, 21228 | | | | | |
| 203 N. BEECHWOOD AVE. | Victorian | 5 Bedrm | 3 Bath | \$565,000 | \$575,000 |
| 6018 BLACK FRIARS CIR. | Rancher | 3 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$249,999 | \$248,000 |
| 500 INGLESIDE AVE. | Colonial | 4 Bedrm | 3 ½ Bath | \$365,000 | \$360,000 |
| 358 GREENLOW RD. | Traditional | 3 Bedrm | 2 Bath | \$264,900 | \$267,500 |
| 814 BOBBY RD. | Rancher | 3 Bedrm | 1 ½ Bath | \$219,000 | \$220,900 |
| 322 Lee Drive | Rancher | 2 Bedrm | 1 ½ Bath | \$329,000 | \$320,000 |
| RANDALLSTOWN, 21133 | | | | | |
| 4302 STAR CIR | Traditional | 3 Bedrm | 3 ½ Bath | \$220,000 | \$220,000 |
| 3837 FERNSIDE RD. | Rancher | 4 Bedrm | 2 Bath | \$270,900 | \$270,900 |
| 4225 HUNSINGER CT. | Farmhouse | 4 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$450,000 | \$459,000 |
| 3614 RUSTY ROCK RD. | Rancher | 4 Bedrm | 2 Bath | \$254,900 | \$257,900 |
| 17 SUNRISE CT. | Colonial | 5 Bedrm | 3 ½ Bath | \$345,000 | \$348,000 |
| PIKESVILLE, 21208 | | | | | |
| 7104 PAHLS FARM WAY | Colonial | 2 bedrm | 2 Bath | \$180,000 | \$182,000 |
| 1307 CHURCH HILL DR. | Contemporary | 3 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$250,000 | \$260,500 |
| 4530 TAPSCOTT RD. | Rancher | 3 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$166,400 | \$192,000 |
| 6 HARROW CT. | Rancher | 4 Bedrm | 4 Bath | \$679,000 | \$676,000 |
| 7029 ALDEN RD. | Colonial | 4 Bedrm | 3 ½ Bath | \$269,900 | \$250,000 |
| OWINGS MILLS, 21117 | | | | | |
| 5 ALEXANDER CT. | Colonial | 3 Bedrm | 1 ½ Bath | \$183,000 | \$185,000 |
| 4559 HIDDEN STREAM CT. | Colonial | 4 Bedrm | 3 Bath | \$269,900 | \$278,000 |
| 4713 WAINWRIGHT CIR. | Colonial | 3 Bedrm | 3 Bath | \$244,900 | \$242,000 |
| 275 CEDARMERE CIR. | Colonial | 4 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$329,000 | \$325,000 |
| 1 TROUT LILY CT. | Colonial | 3 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$299,900 | \$299,900 |
| REISTERSTOWN, 21136 | | | | | |
| 112 GLYNDON DR. | Colonial | 4 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$225,000 | \$219,500 |
| 1 SHELTON CT. | Traditional | 3 Bedrm | 2 ½ Bath | \$235,000 | \$235,000 |
| 18 SUNDAY CT. | Colonial | 4 Bedrm | 3 Bath | \$385,500 | \$385,000 |
| 6120 GLEN FALLS | Colonial | 6 Bedrm | 4 ½ Bath | \$569,900 | \$561,000 |
| 5 BRIARWOOD FARM CT. | Colonial | 4 Bedrm | 3 ½ Bath | \$779,000 | \$740,000 |

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Reisterstown Road Electric Reliability Upgrade Project

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION IN PIKESVILLE

BGE is continuing a project beneath Reisterstown Road (MD 140) to ensure continued reliability of the electric delivery system.

Brief Project Details

- Initial work will begin mid-February 2019 and is slated for completion in April 2019
- This operation is continuous; 24 hours per day/7 days per week
- No electricity service interruption is anticipated as a result of this work

Traffic Modifications during Construction

- No left-turn onto Hooks Lane from MD 140
- Reduced northbound travel lanes (towards Owings Mills) to two lanes from the exit of I-695 to Woodholme Center Circle

To access Hooks Lane during construction

- Turn left onto the ramp for I-695 East towards Towson
- Take Exit 21, Park Heights Avenue/Stevenson Road
- Make a Left turn onto Park Heights Avenue
- Make a Left turn to access Hooks Lane



For more information, please contact Tim Cooke at 443-603-3730 or email BGEPProject@BGE.com and reference Reisterstown Road Electric Reliability Upgrade in the subject line.