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Staff leadership of the Baltimore County Board of Directors transitions with the appointment of Darryl Williams as the new superintendent. Williams begins a four-year tenure on July 1. Verletta White is expected to remain with the system.

Change at the Helm of BCPS

Montgomery County School Executive Appointed New BCPS Superintendent

Without any advance notice or mention on its agenda, the Baltimore County Board of Education voted at its May 21 meeting to appoint a permanent superintendent to lead the 114,000-student school district. Board members selected Darryl Williams, an area associate superintendent with Montgomery County Public Schools, over the interim superintendent Verletta White by an 8-4 decision.

Many were surprised by the action, as the selection was to be made in June, according to the board's public timeline. But minutes into the meeting, after the usual allotted time set aside for elected officials, stakeholders and randomly selected members of the public to make comments, Lisa Mack, who represents District 1 (Catonsville and parts of Windsor Mill and Woodlawn) made a resolution that the board would name Williams to a four-year term.

A native Washingtonian, Williams began his education

career as a math teacher in the District of Columbia. He's spent 24 years with Montgomery County Public Schools as a teacher before serving as assistant principal, principal, community superintendent, and associate superintendent. In his current role as the area associate superintendent of schools, Williams supports and manages eight high school principals, two specialty school principals, 15 middle school principals, and 44 elementary school principals, according to the board's statement.

"I will focus on the needs of our students and staff and work to maintain a positive and effective learning environment for all," Williams said in a statement. "We have to continue to move our district in a positive direction and listen to stakeholders and students about our successes and areas of improvement and make necessary changes. Our students come first and our work as a unified

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

What is Our Goal and Vision For Employing Our Young People?

As a young boy growing up in a poor neighborhood of Baltimore City, I still had the ability to earn a few dollars by doing a variety of odd jobs. I delivered newspapers, shined shoes and helped the local milkman deliver bottles of Cloverland milk.

As I was driving through the city the other week, I once again observed the squeegee boys at the corner cleaning the windshields of passing vehicles. At that time, it hit me: How are young people supposed to earn money and learn a work ethic without having employment?

Yes, there are a few internships available and openings for entry-level jobs at fast-food facilities, but the opportunities for legitimate side hustles for teens are gone. Newspapers are disappearing. Very few people shine shoes except at the airport. And automation is replacing many jobs.

Economic opportunity and social mobility have defined us in this country. It's said that where you start in life doesn't determine where you should finish. But without the necessary support and programs, that value seems to be disappearing.

Today, oftentimes the zip code that you're born in does indeed determine your destiny. That's why as a society we should have a vested interest in helping our teens and young adults.

In a free society, inequality isn't unavoidable. Not everyone will rise to the same level. Some people will be distinguishable by their skills and ambitions. But as a television commercial promotes: talent is spread equally around the world, but opportunity is not.

It's not that young people lack talent and ambition; they lack opportunity. That means no jobs, no work ethic or experience, no money, and a future that's potentially off to a diminished start.

As news reports tell us daily, people leave countries in South and Central America and other parts of the world to come to the United States seeking work and opportunities. Families are leaving other jurisdictions like Baltimore to come to Baltimore County, Howard County and other areas for what they believe will be a better opportunity.

So, what's our goal and vision for employing our young people?

At one of the town halls with County Executive Johnny Olszewski, one parent, who was a teacher at Milford Mill Academy, asked what the county was doing to provide jobs for our teens? The response was short on details, but in my opinion, appeared to be on the right track. Stacy Rodgers, county administrative officer, said the county was looking at public-private partnerships.

Across the country, young people ages 16 to 24 are experiencing unemployment rates that are double the national average. Maryland's

youth unemployment is three times that of the adults. There are lots of hidden costs to youth unemployment. When young people are not working they're not contributing to Social Security and our tax base, which spurs our economy when they spend money. Idle teens and young adults may have the motivation to commit crimes and mischief.

To every society and government, no matter where you are in the world, the most dangerous thing you can have are unemployed young males. Governments around the world have already identified an unemployment number they can't afford to reach because the widespread joblessness (and hopelessness) will cause people to rise up in chaos and crime.

Did you know that the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics conducts interviews every month of 60,000 households? The agency defines a person as being unemployed if he or she doesn't have a job despite having looked for one for four weeks in a row. Labor and Statistics considers an unemployment rate of 12 percent to be alarming and dangerous. The United States has gone above 10 percent twice in 70 years. But Baltimore City, which now has an overall 4.9 percent unemployment, is experiencing a 16.2 percent unemployment rate among people 16 to 24 years old. How do you think that number impacting crime?

In Baltimore County, the overall unemployment rate is 3.5 percent, and the youth rate is lower than the city's.

You've heard the arguments in support of robust funding for jobs and education over incarceration before. Some \$300 million each year is spent on incarcerated people each year in the U.S.? That's about \$37,000 per prisoner. If these inmates had jobs making \$37,000 a year, would they be in jail? A good number of them may not be. If governments have the money to support prisons, why is it not a priority to provide adequate funding to create sustainable jobs and have job training?

When do you start teaching people the skills and work ethic? You do that when they're young. Business will say we can't afford to hire these young people. Isn't a private public partnership a win-win for everybody.

We set up young people, especially young men, where they believe that if they can't make it in a capitalist society the way society wants them to, then they must pursue other options, such as drugs and crime. Desperate people do desperate things.

Did you know that there is a Community College of Baltimore County site at 3637 Offutt Rd. in Randallstown? Also housed there is the Career Center at Liberty—which is open from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on a bus line—

has services for job seekers? Hopefully, the agency will more aggressively promote their services so that they reach their intended audience.

By the way, kudos to the Security Woodlawn Business Association, which had a very successful job fair in May at Woodlawn High School! We all must do what we can to keep our youth active, engaged and working.

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Keith Dorsey Retires

Owings Mills Resident Looks Back on 35 Years in Office as Budget Director

In a selfless cost-saving move early in his professional career, a young Keith Dorsey eliminated his position as vice president of financial operations for a minority-owned nonprofit so the firm could be more profitable.

Unemployed and newly engaged, Dorsey looked to Baltimore County government for a job. A fellow University of Maryland Baltimore County alum, Del. Adrienne Jones (now Speaker of the House), who worked for the county at the time, told him about an open administrative analyst position.

Dorsey applied for and in 1983 got the job, which launched a 35-year tenure that spanned eight county executives, intermittent economic highs and lows, and multiple decisions that impacted just about every county employee

and member of the public.

Last month, Dorsey retired as director of budget and finance—a position he's held for the past 12 years.

An Owings Mills resident, Dorsey was one of a handful of directors County Executive John Olszewski Jr. retained when he took office last year. In his role, Dorsey oversaw hundreds of employees in 12 divisions which in addition to finance, included 911 system, property management, the county's fleet of vehicles.

Dorsey was a regular presence at County Council meetings reporting on new programs, contracts and other fiscal matters. He was administrator for the employee retirement system and the chief purchasing officer. He projected the fiscal

outlook and estimated revenues. He formulated the county budget, recommending what should and should not be funded. And, oversight of the minority business and women's business enterprise programs also fell under his jurisdiction.

"All paychecks for employees, retirement and health care insurance, property damage in terms of police actions, and of course, formulating the budget, came under me," Dorsey said in an interview on his last day as he was packing up his Towson office.

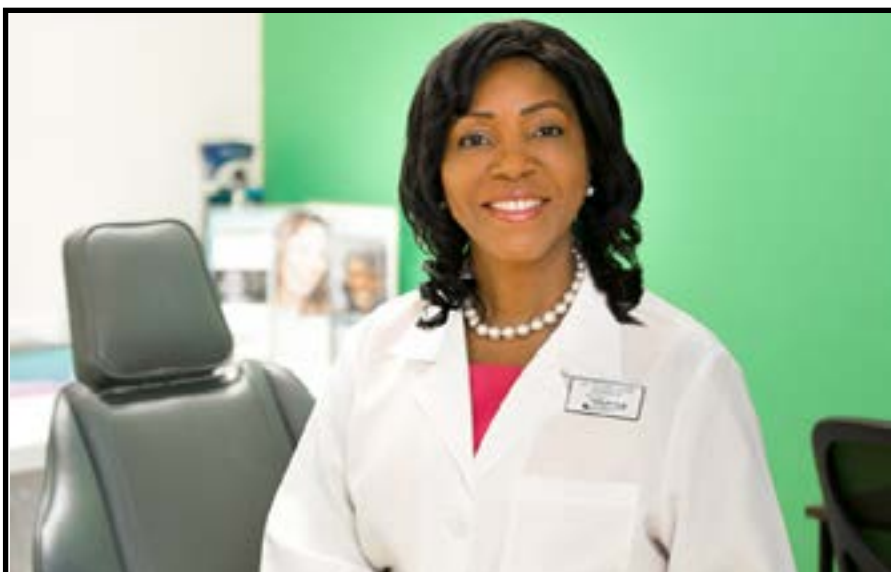
He never asked for a promotion and never requested a raise, Dorsey said. "I worked my best. I took on any assignment given to me and as a result, people saw that I could and was willing to take responsibility.



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Family, friends and colleagues, including former county executive Donald Hutchinson, honored Keith Dorsey's years of service at a retirement dinner held at Oregon Ridge.

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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.

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People began to rely on me.”

On May 2, family, friends and colleagues honored him for his decades of service at a retirement dinner held at Oregon Ridge. Edward Blades, formerly Dorsey’s deputy, will serve as acting director.

Going through the recession in the early 1990s and having to face layoffs during that period of time helped develop the county’s future

strategy. “We took it personally that good people who worked hard were losing their jobs. We didn’t want to go through layoffs again, and that’s one of the things that [former county administrative officer] Fred Holman and I sort of made a commitment to our staff back then,” he said.

When good, hardworking people had to be laid off, that meant that government failed.

So we try to always keep that in mind that you know terms of we have an obligation to the public. You have an obligation to co-workers and when we took that attitude when the county had to go through some difficult times in terms of having the funds like post-retirement and health care, employees work together to realize we’d rather all work together.”

The county’s \$3.7 billion budget

for fiscal year 2020 was the last one he’ll formulate. It would be the first budget in three decades to increase income taxes and one that include a controversial cellphone and cable TV tax, Dorsey said it is a “very good budget” and was necessary to get the county back on solid ground. “There’s still work to be done in terms of some of the out-years in that we still have to look at how we going to resolve some other issues that are going to come up.” He referred to challenges imposed on local governments from the Kirwan Commission’s recommendations for billions in education funding statewide and the minimum wage on other pay scales.

Also, because the county has changed, so has funding needs. For example, years ago police only had vests that protected the front; one of the animal services division’s primary tasks was to give out cages for crabbing and animal welfare was not an issue; and firefighters fought fires without the breathing apparatus they have today. Additionally, the school system didn’t focus on issues that are front and center today, like special education, IEPs and ESOL.

Now that he’s not bound to working 70 to 85 hours a week, Dorsey says he will spend more time with his wife, Yolanda, and mother. As director of Christian education at Colonial Baptist Church in Randallstown, he plans to dedicate more time to working in the church.

He also dabbled in politics, and he says he was the first black elected to any office in Baltimore County in 1982 to Democratic Central Committee on a ticket with a majority white district. (Dorsey points out that his sister, Linda Dorsey-Walker, was elected in a majority white district without being on a ticket.)

Why did he stay with the county so long? “If you’re a steward (a manager of resources and funds), you have to be faithful,” Dorsey said. “That’s what motivated me. I wanted to please God, I wanted to have the respect of my family in terms of providing for them.”

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New Chadwick Elementary Will Relieve Overcrowding in Area



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Baltimore County Public Schools representatives, elected officials and students break ground for a replacement school for Chadwick Elementary, which is expected to open for students in the 2020-21 school year.

Baltimore County Public Schools representatives, county officials, and students ceremonially broke ground at Chadwick Elementary School in Windsor Mill on June 6.

The ceremony kicked off the \$45.1 million replacement-school project for Chadwick, conceived under the previous administration's Schools for Our Future construction program. It is expected to be complete in time for the 2020-2021 school year. Constructed in 1966, the existing building is 50,235 square feet with an enrollment of 649 students—about 240 overcapacity. There are nine portable classrooms and a modular addition.

The new 99,616-square-foot school will have a planned capacity of about 735 seats. The school is to relieve overcrowding at the nearby Johnnycake and Dogwood elementary schools.

Among those delivering remarks were Chadwick principal Kate Miller, Interim Superintendent Verletta White, school board member Makeda Scott, and Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski Jr. Also present were school board member Cheryl Pasteur, Councilmen Tom Quick and Julian Jones, and Del. Charles Sydnor.

Calling Chadwick a "school of champions," Scott said the replacement school will be a "home away from home for each of the hundreds of Chadwick students."

She added, "By standing up for students, we are being present and offering our support and belief in a better future and in each child as an agent of that future."

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The Community Honors Speaker Adrienne Jones

The District 10 community held a reception on May 22 at Martin's West to honor one of their longtime state representatives, Del. Adrienne Jones, who was elected Speaker of the House last month. Over 200 guests turned out to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, jazz music and camaraderie at the event, which was a community recognition affair and not a fundraiser. Pictured from top: Members of the planning committee, flanking Jones (center) included Democratic Central Committee members George White and Danyell Smith, Del. Ben Brooks, Kelly Carter, owner of Grind and Wine, community activist Charles Young, DCC member Danny Blount, and Kenny Brown, publisher of the *Northwest Voice*. Cadets of the Milford Mill Academy JROTC program, shown with Major Singleton and principal Kyria Joseph, participated in the ceremony. Elected officials, including U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings and U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin, state senators and delegates, and county representatives were recognized on stage.



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George White Named At-Large Member of State Central Committee

Community leader and Lohearn resident George White was sworn in as a member-at-large of the Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee for District 44B. Previous to his appointment in June, White served as an associate member, which does not have voting power.

In response to his May 21 selection over several candidates for the at-large position, White quoted Proverbs 16:9: “We can make our plans but the Lord determines our steps.”

In his first try for political office last year, White, an Air Force and Army veteran and retired educator, ran unsuccessfully for election to the Central Committee. However, he remained active supporting elected officials, participating in political activities, and attending community forums. He was later selected as an associate member for District 44B. When the member at large slot became open, he applied and won.

“As the member at large, I will continuously go out into the community on a regular basis—not only during the election year, but the years leading up to an election,” White said. “I will register voters, and excite, motivate, organize and educate the community and the party in such a way as to ensure a strong turnout on election day.”

White and his wife Berdetta volunteer regularly for their church. Also, as part of Panera Bread’s Day-End Dough-Nation program, White picks up unsold bread and baked goods and delivers them to

homeless shelters and nonprofits serving those in need. White can be seen at multiple community and government events taking photos and videotaping for the *Northwest Voice*.



George White was sworn in as a Democratic Central Committee member-at-large at the party’s Towson headquarters.

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team will positively impact the lives of the students in BCPS,” he said.

Williams earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Hampton University, his masters degree in educational administration from American University, and doctor

of education from the University of Maryland, College Park.

The school board took the initial vote in closed session before the public portion of the meeting. Board chair Kathleen Causey read a lengthy press release after the vote and posted

it that evening on the board’s website.

At the start of the meeting, without realizing that a vote would be taken that evening, Del. Charles Sydnor and Councilman Julian Jones were among those who spoke in favor of White. They praised her for leading the school system in the best interest of the students. Del. Robin Grammer of District 6 (Dundalk and Essex) spoke against White’s leadership. Grammer later posted comments on Facebook viewed as a racist reference to lynching.

Later that evening, White, who was not present at the board meeting, issued the following statement: “Serving the children of Baltimore County has been the greatest honor of my professional life. I am grateful to have worked with dedicated educators, staff, and community members for the past 24 years. While I am disappointed in the Board’s final decision, I am appreciative of their consideration.

“I would like to congratulate Dr. Darryl L. Williams on his appointment. In the coming months, I will work closely with him to ensure a smooth transition and to continue supporting the school system that I love so dearly,” White’s statement continued.

Causey and Julie Henn, board vice chair and chair of the ad hoc selection committee, had both publicly opposed White’s appointment. They were among those who voted for Williams (against Verletta White).

The vote blocked White from becoming the permanent superintendent after serving two one-year terms in an interim capacity.

The previous school board had appointed White twice but State Schools Superintendent Karen Salmon denied her the appointment twice, after Henn, former board member Ann Miller, and others encouraged the public to contact Salmon and urge Salmon not to confirm White the post.

In addition to Causey and Henn, those voting for Williams were Haleemat Adekoya, Russell Kuehn, John Offerman, Lisa Mack, Rodney McMillion, Lilly Rowe; and those against (for White) were Roger Hayden, Moalie Jose, Cheryl Pasteur and Makeda Scott.

Board members say they are disappointed that White did not get the position, but they will work to support the new superintendent.

Opportunities for the public to meet Williams will be announced.

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- Safeguard your home and property against con artists.
- Lock all doors and windows, even when you are outside working in the yard. Burglars shun good locks and lights.
- Establish neighborhood awareness by keeping a watchful eye to spot criminals and alert police to any unusual activity in your community.
- Keep the windows of your vehicle-closed and convertible tops up so you do not entice thieves.
- If you have a bike, lawn mower or other equipment, engrave it or lock it.
- Beware of deception burglaries and home improvement scams, which typically increase during the warmer months. Typically these are criminals who are on the move, and may pose as a family member or neighbor. The elderly are the most likely targets since they tend to be trusting and very concerned about their property and their neighborhood.

Free Lunch for Youth at Local Libraries, Schools

Yes, there is a such thing as free lunch—and breakfast.

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

Lunch will be provided Monday through Friday at area library branches from Thursday, June 20, through Friday, Aug. 23.

Library locations convenient to the northwest include:

- Arbutus Library, 855 Sulphur Spring Rd., 21227, at 12 p.m.
- Randallstown Library, 8604 Liberty Rd., 21133 at 12 p.m.
- Woodlawn Library, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 21207 at 12:30 p.m.

Both breakfast and lunch will be served at select schools from Monday, July 8, through Friday, Aug. 2. Those convenient for northwest area students include:

- Bedford Elementary, 7407 Dorman Dr., breakfast 8:30 a.m. and lunch, 12 p.m.
- Church Lane Elementary, 3820 Fernside Rd.,

9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

- Dogwood Elementary, 7215 Dogwood Rd., 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Edmondson Heights Elementary, 1600 Langford Rd., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Hebbville Elementary, 3335 Washington Ave., 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- Hernwood Elementary, 9919 Marriottsville Rd., 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Milbrook Elementary, 4300 Crest Heights Rd., 9:15 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- Powhatan Elementary, 3300 Kelox Rd., 8:45 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- Reisterstown Elementary, 223 Walgrove Rd., 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Winfield Elementary, 8300 Carlson Lane, 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- Woodholme Elementary, 300 Mount Wilson Lane, 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.

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Workgroup, Public Meetings to Tackle the Opioid Epidemic

Baltimore County is experiencing the second highest number of overdose deaths in the state, according to the Maryland Department of Health. Last year, 348 people died from opioid-related overdoses, compared with 323 in 2017.

To combat the issue, County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr. announced plans to convene a workgroup of experts to come up with strategies to address the crisis.

He also will host public meetings for the public to weigh in on. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 6 p.m. at the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville campus, Center for the Arts Lounge, 800 S. Rolling Rd.

County officials and members of the working group will share information about the opioid crisis and hear from county residents, including family members and individuals with lived experience with addiction, about their thoughts and ideas for steps the county can take to save lives.

Water Bills to Increase—Again

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

According to county spokesperson T.J. Smith, rates should increase an average 4 percent effective July 1.

He referenced the executive order signed by previous County Executive Don Mohler last year, which recommended that rates will go up 10 percent each year through 2023 to fund aging infrastructure and to maintain required funding levels. Eventually the rate increases should level off to approximately 6 percent, Mohler stated in June 2018.

Water and sewer bills for Baltimore County residents have increased each year for the past four years—roughly 15 percent in July 2015 and 12 percent in July 2016, 8 percent in July 2017, and 13.9 percent last year.

Any property owner whose home is assessed by the Maryland State Department of Assessment and Taxation at \$250,000 or less, which is 125 percent of the county's median housing price, will get credits to minimize the impact.

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Baltimore County residents are incurring their fifth increase in water rates in as many years and are set to pay higher rates through 2023.

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

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

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Pasteur Appointed to Kirwin Commission Workgroup



Cheryl Pasteur

Pikesville resident Cheryl Pasteur has been named to serve on the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, or Kirwin

Commission. Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. and House Speaker Adrienne Jones announced that Pasteur, a member of the Baltimore County Board of Education, will serve on the 13-member Blueprint for Maryland's Future Funding Formula Workgroup, which will recommend new public school funding formulas for the 2020 legislative session.

A 36-year educator in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, Pasteur was elected to the school board in November and represents District 2 in the northwest region. She also serves

on the legislative committee for the Maryland Association of Boards of Education.

Pasteur has taught at both Morgan State University and the University of Pittsburgh. In the county, she has been a classroom English teacher, an English department chair, specialist in the Equity Office, and assistant principal at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, Sudbrook Middle Magnet, and Randallstown High School. She has served as principal at Old Court Middle School, now known as the Northwest Academy of Health Sciences, and Randallstown High School, from where she retired in 2012.

"Cheryl brings to this distinguished panel both instructional knowledge and a practical understanding of how funding impacts our schools," said BCPS Interim Superintendent Verletta White. "Her perspective is always squarely focused on how best to support children and meet their needs."



Visitors at last year's Catonsville Farmers Market check out some plants.

Time to Hit the Farmers Markets For Produce, Flowers, More

With spring comes the bloom of flowers and the opening of local farmers markets. As shoppers await the full complement of in-season produce, they are taking advantage of a diverse selection of offerings from farmers markets in Catonsville, Owings Mills, Pikesville and Reisterstown. Most will sell vegetables, fruit, wines, breads, fresh-cut flowers and plants, and accept vouchers from the Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

You can take advantage of the local farmers markets during weekday and weekend times.

Liberty Road Business Association will open its farmers market on Wednesday, June 19, from noon to 5 p.m. at Liberty Court Shopping Center,

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Meetings and Events

Mark your calendars for the following events and activities.

Variety of Activities at Public Libraries

Check your local library for activities, book readings and cultural events for adults, teens and young children. For example, a career coach will review resumes at the Pikesville Library from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9. And there will be a credit repair and education presentation at the Woodlawn branch on Thursday, July 18, from 7 to 8 p.m., and a Drone Academy for teens on Monday, July 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Owings Mills branch. Registration for this event begins on July 22 at 1 p.m. Visit bcpl.info for more details.

Outdoor Concert Series

Step out for the free music festivals in the area this summer. Enjoy: Twilight Thursdays every Thursday (except July 4) through Aug. 29 at Foundry Row, 10100 Reisterstown Rd. in Owings Mills from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Frederick Road Fridays are held every Friday through Aug. 30 at 15 Mellor Ave. in Catonsville from 7 to 10 p.m. Liberty Road Live! will be held on Fridays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 4100 Deer Park Rd. in Randallstown. Music on Main Street takes place Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. at Franklin Middle School, 10 Cockeysville Rd. in Reisterstown. A variety of bands will play

different genres of music at the outdoor Lurman Woodland Theatre at 614 Hilltop Rd. in Catonsville from 6 to 8 p.m. on most Saturdays and Sundays through the summer. Phone 887-278-0961.

School Board

Upcoming meetings of the Board of Education will be held at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson on Tuesday, June 11, July 9, and Aug. 6 and 20 at 6:30 p.m.

County Council

Upcoming meetings of the County Council will be held 6 p.m. on Monday, June 3, July 1 and Aug. 5; the work sessions are on Tuesday, June 25 and July 30 at 2 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse. 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 the month at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 7401 Park Heights Ave. in Pikesville, 21208. Contact Jerry Dantoni at j.dantoni@verizon.net. The precinct number is 410-887-6775.

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Reisterstown Library to Undergo Reno

Baltimore County Public Library's Reisterstown Branch is expected to close to the public in September for up to a year to undergo extensive and much-needed renovations. The project will cost \$3.7 million.

Amenities and features of the renovated space will include an enclosed central courtyard, expanded teen space, additional seating and tables, new shelving and furnishings, a new meeting room and restrooms, a quiet study room, redesigned children's room, a new central stairway leading to the second floor and a history room with a digitization lab for photos and historic documents.

Outside, original bricks and

mortar will be repaired, original windows restored, sidewalks replaced, and the parking lot and driveway resurfaced.

As a community anchor for residents and regular destination for kids after school, Library Director Paula Miller said, "This renovation will allow us to provide transformative experiences and user-friendly spaces that make a positive difference in the lives of our customers."

Customers who typically use the Reisterstown library can visit the nearby Owings Mills, Randallstown and Pikesville branches.

Music Festivals Entertain With the Sounds of Summer

One of the signs of summer are the free outdoor music festivals that take place around the county. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and plan to enjoy the live bands playing a variety of music genres, positive camaraderie with community members and business partners and food. Below is a sampling of upcoming concert series in the northwest.

Liberty Road Live! will be held on Fridays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 4100 Deer Park Rd. in Randallstown. The Liberty Road Business Association is hosting the concert series. There will be vendors on hand to sale their wares and provide information. Go to lrba.biz for updates.

Twilight Thursdays on the Row will be held at Foundry Row in Owings Mills, 10100 Reisterstown Rd., through August from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be live bands, a beer and wine garden, and kids' activities. There will be no concert on July 4. You can find the line-up

of entertainment of the 11 concerts at www.visitfoundryrow.com.

In Catonsville, Frederick Road Fridays returns and continues through Aug. 29. The concerts will be held at 15 Mellor Ave. from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Fridays. Proceeds from various vendor tables benefit nonprofit organizations. The Greater Catonsville Chamber is organizing the family fun event. Watch for schedule changes and cancellations on the chamber's Facebook page. For the concert lineup and other details on Frederick Road Fridays, visit <http://catonsville.org/events/frederickroad-fridays.php>.

The Reisterstown Improvement Association is once again hosting Music on Main Street, which kicks off Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. and continues weekly through Sept. 6. In its fifth year, the festival will be held at Franklin Middle School, 120 Main St., in Reisterstown. Check out the schedule of bands reet at reisterstownimprovement.com or reisterstown.com.



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Police Athletic League Centers a Good Alternative to Costly Camps

If you're looking for activities to keep your child busy this summer, consider the Police Athletic Centers, operated by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. PAL centers are free school and summer drop-in programs for registered PAL members between the ages of eight to 17.

Of the nine PAL center locations, three are convenient to residents in the northwest area—at Scotts Branch, Winfield and Woodmoor elementary schools. Programs are supervised by PAL coordinators and PAL leaders, and includes police and community volunteers. A registration form may be obtained at your local PAL center and must be signed by a parent or guardian.

The "Choosing PAL to be G.R.E.A.T." (Gang Resistance Education and Training) summer camp will only be held at the Winfield PAL Center, and on July 15, 22 and 29. Participants must be between the ages of eight and 13.

Barry Williams, the county's director of recreation and parks, called the PAL

programs the most affordable, as most of the camps that are operating through the recreational councils have a fee attached to them.

Last year, students visited Scotts Branch 13,881 times, Winfield 6,959 times and Woodmoor 34,507 times, Williams said.

The county's Recreation and Parks summer camps take place at various local schools. Some are free, such as the PAL centers. Others cost up to \$900 for a full day of activities during the summer. Other county programs focus on nature and therapeutic recreation.

The two PAL centers to be funding in next year's budget will be located at McCormick Elementary and Martin Boulevard Elementary, according to county spokesperson T.J. Smith.

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Email: palwinfield@

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Summer Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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8604 Liberty Rd. in Randallstown. The market will be set up near the Randallstown Library.

The Pikesville Farmers Market is being held every Tuesday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Pomona Square, 1700 Reisterstown Rd. The market will be open through October. Contact the Pikesville Chamber of Commerce at info@pomchamber.org for details.

Catonsville Sundays Farmers Market takes place on Sundays through November from 9 a.m. to 12:30, rain or shine, at the Shops at Mellor parking lot, 15 Mellor Ave. This year is the market's tenth season. For a list of the vendors, visit the Greater Catonsville Chamber of Commerce at catonsville.org/chamber-events/

The "original" Catonsville Farmers Market is open Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christian Temple, 5820 Edmonson Ave. It is a "producer only" market, which means the products you are buying are grown, made or

prepared by the vendor. Get weekly updates on vendors and what is available at catonsvillefarmersmarket.com.

The Owings Mills Farmers Market is being held at the Jewish Community Center, 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave., on Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon through November. Phone 410-206-8165 for more information.

The Reisterstown Improvement Association is hosting the Reisterstown Farmers Market on Sundays through October from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Franklin Middle School, 120 Main Street. A flea market will also be held on the first Sundays. For information, call 410-526-3980.

The Woodlawn Farmers Market will run July through September on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the parking lot of Woodlawn AMF Bowling Lanes, 6410 Security Blvd. Call 410-944-5239 for more information.

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Crime in Northwest Area Includes Homicide, Fatal Accidents

Read a roundup of Baltimore County Police Department reports on some of the incidences of crime and accidents taking place in the area.

Man Shot During Home Invasion Robbery

The Baltimore County Police Violent Crimes Unit is investigating an early-morning shooting on June 1 at a home on Stirrup Court in Pikesville.

Several suspects entered the home and confronted the victim at gunpoint. During the robbery, the victim was shot. Police are still searching for several suspects and believe that the victim, a 22-year-old male, was targeted.

The victim was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Anyone who has information should call police 410-307-2020. Callers may remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward when tips are submitted through Metro Crime Stoppers. Phone 1-866-7LOCKUP, provide a web tip at metrocrimestoppers.org or text to the mobile app at P3TIPS.

block of Coleridge Road, 21229, for a shooting around 10:15 p.m. when a man was struck several times in both the upper and lower body, suffering life-threatening wounds. He was transported to an area hospital for treatment. The suspect(s) fled the area prior to arrival.

Anyone with information on this shooting, or who may have seen or heard anything in the area at that time, is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020. Callers may remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward when tips are submitted through Metro Crime Stoppers. Phone 1-866-7LOCKUP, provide a web tip at metrocrimestoppers.org or text to the mobile app at P3TIPS.

Man Shot in Woodlawn During Attempted Robbery

Just after midnight on May 12, Police responded to the unit-block of Malus Court, 21207, for a shooting.

The victim, a 31-year-old man, told police that he was approached by an unknown suspect who attempted to rob and steal his car. During the attempt, the suspect shot the victim and fled. The man was taken to a local hospital with a non-life threatening injury.

Anyone with information about this crime, should call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020.

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Randallstown Apartment Fire Displaces Residents, Injures 6

At least 40 people were displaced and six people, including a firefighter, were injured in an early morning, two-alarm apartment fire in Randallstown on May 29. They were transported to local hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

Crews with about 30 pieces of equipment were dispatched to the 3400 block of Barry Paul Rd. at around 2:15 a.m., where personnel found the apartment building fully involved, with fire through the roof. Crews knocked out the fire about 75 minutes later.

The cause remains under investigation by Police Department fire investigators.

Woodlawn Shooting Injures Man

Detectives from the Baltimore County Police Violent Crimes Unit are investigating a shooting that seriously injured a man in the Woodlawn Precinct last night.

Police were called to the 900

Man Charged With Murder After Stabbing Victim Dies

A man found lying in the roadway on Vargis Circle in Milford Mill with multiple stab wounds to the upper body last month has died. He is identified as 20-year-old Quaye Deondre Bayton of Owings Mills.

Detectives from the Baltimore

County Police Violent Crimes Unit have charged 19-year-old Ahmaud Lawrence Bundy of Windsor Mill with first- and second-degree murder in Bayton's death. Bundy is held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center pending trial.

Witnesses heard two men arguing on May 3 before Bayton was found with life-threatening injuries.

Motorcyclist Killed in Crash in Windsor Mill

Baltimore County Police are investigating a crash that killed a 22-year-old motorcyclist in Gwynn Oak on June 1. The victim was identified as Sidney Anthony Green of Windsor Mill.

That evening, county police responded to a crash involving a motorcycle and an SUV on Liberty Road at Sedgemoor Road.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a Suzuki GSX-R600 motorcycle was traveling eastbound on Liberty Road approaching the intersection of Sedgemoor Road. At the same time, a Nissan Murano was attempting to make a left turn onto Sedgemoor Road. In the midst of that turn, the motorcycle struck the right front fender of the Nissan Murano.

The operator of the motorcycle was pronounced dead at the scene. The occupants of the other vehicle were taken to a local hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

Teenager Killed in Owings Mills Crash Involving Another Teen

A 19-year-old and his dog were killed in a May 24 crash on Dolfield Boulevard in Owings Mills. The victim was identified as Zachary Pierce Friedlander of Reisterstown.

The preliminary investigation indicates that a Honda Accord being driven by an 18-year-old struck Friedlander's Hyundai, which was turning left onto Mill Centre Drive from Dolfield Boulevard, and pushed it into a light pole. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. A black labrador that was inside also died at the scene.

The other driver was taken to an area hospital in serious condition.

Rap Artist From Randallstown Facing Federal Indictment for Wire Fraud Conspiracy



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A federal grand jury has indicted Chad Arrington, aka Chad Focus, of Randallstown, on federal charges of conspiracy, wire fraud, and aggravated

identity theft in connection with allegations that he used a company credit card to make over \$4.1 million in unauthorized purchases. The indictment was returned on May 29, officials of the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland and FBI announced.

Arrington, 31, was employed as a search engine optimization specialist

from approximately 2011 to August 2018. In that role, he was responsible for promoting and marketing a company's services online, and had its credit card to cover related business expenses.

The indictment alleges that from at least January 2015 through August 2018, Arrington and four co-conspirators used the credit card for fraudulent purchases, including to promote the Chad Focus brand and to make unauthorized purchases that benefitted each co-conspirator personally. According to the indictment, Arrington used the credit card to make over \$1.5 million in unauthorized purchases from entities and accounts controlled by two of the co-conspirators, who

in turn, kicked back hundreds of thousands of dollars to Arrington.

According to the indictment, Arrington and the co-conspirators took steps to conceal the scheme. Arrington also forged his supervisor's signature, then sent the false payment authorizations to other employees to ultimately pay off the outstanding balance of the credit card.

If convicted, Arrington faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for the wire fraud conspiracy and for each of two counts of wire fraud; and a mandatory minimum of two years in prison, consecutive to any other sentence, for each of four counts of aggravated identity theft.

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Franklin High Teacher Earns National Honor for Law-Related Education

Chris Lambert, an attorney-turned social studies teacher and mock trial coach at Franklin High School, will be honored by the American Lawyers Alliance as one of three 2019 Law-Related Education High School Teachers of the Year. The award comes with a \$1,500 prize.



Chris Lambert

Lambert teaches American government courses and a trial advocacy course at Franklin High. Along with fellow social studies teacher Emma DiSciullo and coach Patricia McHugh Lambert, he leads the Franklin Academy of Law.

“Three years ago,” Lambert said, “Pat McCusker, principal of Franklin High, challenged us to provide more opportunities for law-related education for our students. With his help, we formed the Franklin Academy of Law to support the law-related activities of our students and enrich the law-related offerings at the school.”

Approximately 30 students are active in the Franklin Academy of Law, which is not a magnet or career and technol-

ogy education program, but an extracurricular activity through which students prepare for and compete in mock trial and moot court competitions.

Participants have competed in the Maryland Invitational Moot Court Tournament as well as moot court tournaments at Duke University, Princeton University, and the Providence Foundation of Law & Leadership Moot Court Tournament in Denver, Colorado. Franklin students have won the Maryland Moot Court championship three times, and earned team and individual awards in the other competitions.

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					
6818 Real Princess Ln	Colonial	3 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$245,000	\$218,000
2102 Sunbriar Ln	Rancher	4 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$229,000	\$221,000
6005 Gwynn Oak Ave	Rancher	3 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$226,000	\$226,000
6014 Prince George St	Split Level	3 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$279,990	\$267,500
6008 Charles Street	Split Level	5 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$270,000	\$270,000
WINDSOR MILLS, 21244					
7377 Maury Rd	Colonial	3 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$235,000	\$235,000
6 Spring Heath Ct	Colonial	4 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$475,000	\$475,000
3639 Eitemiller Rd	Rancher	4 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$289,000	\$285,000
1742 Gordon Ave	Colonial	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$379,900	\$380,000
7409 Castlemoor Rd	Cape Cod	4 Bedrm	4 Bath	\$329,900	\$329,900
CATONSVILLE, 21228					
1 Trotting Horse Ct	Colonial	5 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$699,000	\$699,000
18 Glenwood Ave	Bungalow	3 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$360,000	\$360,000
6445 Clifton Forge Cir	Colonial	4 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$374,900	\$381,150
311 Montrose Ave	Rancher	3 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$492,000	\$510,000
13 Shady Hill Ct	Colonial	3 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$255,000	\$250,000
322 Lee Drive	Rancher	2 Bedrm	1 1/2 Bath	\$329,000	\$320,000
RANDALLSTOWN, 21133					
8817 Meadow Heights Rd	Split Level	4 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$287,900	\$288,000
9801 Tolworth Cir	Rancher	5 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$284,900	\$284,900
4230 Huntshire Rd	Traditional	4 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$255,000	\$245,000
8819 Church Ln	Colonial	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$339,900	\$347,000
7 Cassandra Ct	Cape Cod	5 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$309,000	\$300,000
PIKESVILLE, 21208					
7419 Rockridge Rd	Rancher	4 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$259,000	\$265,000
1330 Harden Ln	Rancher	5 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$309,900	\$309,000
3223 Midfield Rd	Rancher	6 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$579,000	\$575,000
216 Glenn Ellen Cir	Villa	2 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$349,900	\$345,000
4002 Balmoral Cir	Colonial	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$270,000	\$265,000
OWINGS MILLS, 21117					
7 Richards Green Ct	Colonial	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$357,500	\$357,500
9835 Sherwood Farm Rd	Colonial	3 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$249,000	\$249,000
12217 Faulkner Dr	Colonial	4 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$579,900	\$579,900
9362 Paragon Way	Colonial	3 Bedrm	2 (2) 1/2 Bath	\$305,000	\$298,000
5 Saddlestone Ct	Colonial	4 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$348,000	\$345,000
REISTERSTOWN, 21136					
18 Bosley Ln	Split Level	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$319,900	\$323,000
308 Church Rd	Other	3 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$294,500	\$294,500
824 Lindellen Ave	Rancher	3 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$260,000	\$261,000
39 Hunting Horn Cir	Colonial	4 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$364,900	\$357,000
5309 Weywood Dr	Cape Cod	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$435,000	\$420,000



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Celebrating Iftar With the Local Muslim Community

In recognition of Ramadan, the Greater Baltimore Muslim Council held its Iftar dinner program on May 15 at Paradise in Woodlawn. Several community leaders, elected officials and government representatives attended to enjoy the community meal eaten after sundown to break the fast of Ramadan. Ramadan is a religious observance of Muslims that features prayer and purifying the soul. They not only refrain from food and drink, but from evil thoughts and actions. The Islamic Society of Baltimore is located in Catonsville.

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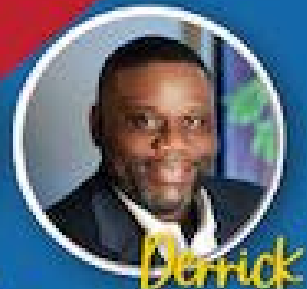
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