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At an opioid strategy town hall held at CCBC-Catonsville in July, Joshua Scharfstein of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health moderated a session that included the workgroup. Seated from the left are John Chessare, president and CEO of Greater Baltimore Medical Center; Sunik Khushalani, medical director for adult services at Sheppard Pratt Health System; Dawn O'Neill, vice president of population health at St. Agnes Hospital; Michelle Spencer, associate director of the Bloomberg American Health Initiative JHBSPH, and Christopher Welsh, medical director of outpatient addiction treatment services at University of Maryland School of Medicine. Photo: JJanet Anderson

Tackling Public Health Enemy No. 1

County accelerates effort to address opioid addiction and overdose

With Baltimore County experiencing the second-highest number of deaths related to opioid addiction, county officials are turning to a workgroup of experts and health care professionals, and increasing their public engagement and education and awareness in order to address the crisis.

According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, Maryland ranks in the top five states in the nation for opioid-involved drug deaths.

In Baltimore County, last year 352 people died of opioids, which include heroin, prescription painkillers such as oxycodone, morphine and methadone. Only Baltimore City, with 814 fatal overdoses, surpasses the county; Anne Arundel County, Prince George's and Harford counties follow.

In the first quarter of this year,

fewer people are dying when compared to the same period last year—data that offers hope that interventions are beginning to take root. Still, the numbers present a grim situation that prompted Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski to call for an opioid strategy public town hall, which was held on July 10 at Community College of Baltimore County's Catonsville campus, and in June at CCBC in Dundalk.

A presentation at the town hall revealed interesting demographics about the opioid users. When it comes to race, the highest percentage of opioid users and deaths are among white males, according to data from the Maryland Department of Health: 73 percent of the drug-intoxication deaths were of whites, 24 percent were African American, and 2 percent were Hispanic. Overall, 74 percent of those

who died were male.

The statistics by gender were just as compelling. Comparing the general population to opioid related deaths by age, nearly 40 percent of the county population is between 30 and 59 years old. Yet almost three-quarters of those who died of a drug-related overdose fell in that age range. Less than 2 percent of the deaths were of people younger than 20 years old.

From a graph that attributes data from the Police Department, most of the overdoses appeared to take place in the southwest and eastern sectors of the county.

"Heroin has been a mainstay of drug addiction since the '60s," says Gregory Branch, director of health and human services for Baltimore County. "What's new at this particular time is the number of deaths secondary to opioid overdose,"

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

Student Loans are Burying Our Young People. What's the Answer?

We all agree that in order for this state and this country to be successful, we need an educated workforce, which attracts jobs and builds a more stable economy. My question is: Should we saddle our young people and next generation with so much education debt just so that we can achieve that goal?

It has been projected that by 2020, 65 percent of jobs will require some type of postsecondary education. As parents, we always want what's best for our children, and acquiring a quality education is part of the American dream. So high school students and parents go above and beyond, many times without regard to their financial sensibilities, to get their student a college degree in order to increase their potential to a high-paying job and all that comes with it.

I certainly can understand how parents and students end up owing tens of thousands of dollars for a college education, room and board and related expenses. But they don't necessary guarantee you that high-paying job.

In 2006, college student loan debt in the United States was \$517 billion. This year, there are 44 million borrowers, averaging \$39,000 per borrower, who collectively owe \$1.5 trillion in student loans, according to College Board. For new college graduates, their education debt will be the second largest expense they incur in their lifetime, second only to the purchase of a home.

Who's responsibility should it be to pay for this debt? Our public colleges and universities are funded in part by our state and local governments. We, as taxpayers, pick up the tab for that.

It's interesting to note that in 1980 to 2018, according to the College Board, public colleges in the U.S. averaged an increase in college tuition of 213 percent. At private colleges, tuition increased 129 percent increase. Why the difference? Because of the last recession, states have been putting less money into their university systems, which means the student has to pick up more of the cost. Private colleges were always collecting tuition, and supplemented their operating costs with alumni support and endowments. College costs have been increasing significantly for decades outpacing inflation and far outpacing family income. During that same time period, our wages have only increased by 67 percent.

Remember the subprime real estate loans, when you had a lot of people borrowing money without the means to pay it back? Student loans are beginning to look a lot like that wild lend-and-spend subprime loan period during the Great Recession. Even during the recession, student loans

continued to balloon. We have to be careful not to fall, or be enticed into the same trap. That situation just about destroyed our economy and damaged a lot of people and households. Some haven't recovered. We stand to damage a couple of generations of young people by saddling them with debt that keeps them out of the economy of buying homes, products, big-ticket items and much-needed services.

You think it's a wonderful thing that someone is going to lend you money to go to college. These schools are lending money to young people, many of them not sufficiently mature and who don't have jobs. The government is co-signing the loan for the banks and lenders. These financial institutions are not afraid to lend to you they can't lose because the government is paying the loan if you default.

As many as 40 percent of the borrowers in the U.S. could default on their loans by 2023.

To let you know how serious Uncle Sam is about getting his money back, you should be aware that just about all debts can be discharged in bankruptcy if a person can show an inability to pay the debt. But there are two types of debt that can not—student loans and IRS taxes. That's why you have seniors having money taken out their retirement and Social Security checks because of unpaid student loans. More than 3 million senior citizens in the U.S. are still paying student loans.

Many students, and their parents, feel the pressure to go away to a four-year college, but community colleges and two-year colleges and trade school are also options. Parents should have that long conversation with them about how tuition, room and board will be paid.

Students must remember that these are loans and mom and dad are also on the hook. Sadly, 90 percent of private student loan debt now has an adult co-signer, according to College Board. By the way, experts advise parents not to dip into their retirement funds to pay for college.

Baltimore County Public Schools should take a look at requiring young people, when they are in high school, to take a financial literacy course. In addition to helping them understand the impact of interest rates, credit card debt, etc., this class should include important lessons about the pros and cons of buying a college education that fits their personality, academic goals and pocketbook.

I applaud programs such as College Promise. Baltimore County is giving recent high school graduates an opportunity to go to the Community College of Baltimore County free. The tuition is paid after all other scholarships and grants are applied. Parents and students should certainly

consider this, as it will save money if the student transfers to a four-year college, and give them the opportunity to be more academically prepared.

It's our responsibility to make sure our future generations get the best start.

The bottom line is be prepared and be smart when it comes to funding an education.

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It's Official — Sears at Security Square Mall to Close in October

After years of instability and rumors that the end was imminent, Sears at Security Square Mall will shut its doors in late October.

The Woodlawn store located at 6601 Security Boulevard had escaped the chopping block last year, but appeared on the company's latest list of closures, which identified 21 Sears and five Kmart stores that would cease operations. Liquidation sales at these stores are expected to begin on Aug. 15. The Sears Auto Centers at the shuttering stores will close in late August.

Signs of decline have been noticeable. In recent years, the Woodlawn Sears closed its top level—which at one time housed its children's clothing department, bedding and appliances—and transferred much of that inventory to the main level. The store also shut off some of its entrances and shortened its operating hours. Fewer associates are around to assist the dwindling number of shoppers looking to buy apparel, housewares, and lawn and garden equipment.

The demise of the Woodlawn Sears, an original mall anchor, puts the future of Security Square Mall in question. It leaves Macy's as the only major anchor, along with Burlington.

The community is anxious to see development plans for the mall to move forward.

Set the Captives Free, a non-denominational church in Woodlawn, acquired the long-vacant 160,000-square-foot space in the south end of the mall (formerly Seoul Plaza and that at one time housed J.C. Penney) to open the O.W.E. Center for outreach, worship and education services. Eventually, the center will house a sanctuary, county offices and a 24-hour day care center.

Once a dominant retailer, Sears began streamlining operations due to lagging sales. Last year, it announced more than 250 Sears and Kmart closings that would take effect in October, November and December, as well as a restructuring plan. Earlier this year in February, Sears emerged from bankruptcy under then-owner Sears Holdings. During the transition to a new owner, Transform Co., the "old Sears" and "new Sears" tussled over payment and debt issues.

In an Aug. 6 statement, the Transform Co. called its decision the "right course" to close 21 Sears and five Kmart stores in late October and accelerate expanding a smaller-store format.

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PHOTO: JANET ANDERSON

Sears is expected to close at the Security Square Mall on Oct. 27. Liquidation sales will begin later this month.

Liquidation Sales Begin in August

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Transform attributed the latest round of store closings and challenges it faced returning stores to sustainable levels of productivity, to “differences with Sears Holdings over our purchase agreement and a generally weak retail environment.” The challenges, Transform states, “have unfortunately affected our performance and limited our strategic choices.”

Eligible associates will be offered severance. The Woodlawn Sears is the only store to close in Maryland in this latest announcement. This will leave the White Marsh Mall location as the only Baltimore County store. There are seven other full stores in Maryland, as well as the Hometown brand stores and outlets.

Transform will continue to evaluate stores but stated it cannot rule out additional closures.

Hobby Lobby Coming to Owings Mills, Bed Bath & Beyond Leaving the Area



Housewares retailer Bed Bath & Beyond will close its Owings Mills location due to an expiring lease.

Changes are coming to the shopping area in the 10200 block of Reisterstown Road. Hobby Lobby will occupy the former Toys R Us and Babies R Us site that closed last

year near Owings Mills Boulevard.

The Oklahoma-based arts and crafts retailer has signed a lease for the space and projects a 2020 opening. Owings Mills will be Hobby

Lobby’s first store in the county.

Next door, a yellow banner on the Bed Bath & Beyond announces that the store is closing. The housewares retailer, which is a go-to for housewarmings and wedding registries, had reported that it would close at least 40 stores and open 15 new stores.

In a statement, a spokesperson would only say, “Our lease term is ending for our Owings Mills location,” and referred customers to stores in Towson and Westminster, and website.

There is no information about when the store will close and what will open in the vacant space. However, Ollie’s Bargain Outlet, which has a location on Liberty Road in Randallstown, had expressed in some Bed Bath & Beyond stores. The discounter opened a store in March in the former Towson space.

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Celebrating National Night Out to Deter Crime

Baltimore County joined communities across the country to participate in the 36th year of National Night Out on Aug. 6. The annual campaign promotes unity and strengthens partnerships between law enforcement, citizens and communities to create safer neighborhoods.

Families, community and business leaders, elected officials, police officers, firefighters, other emergency personnel, and even McGruff the crime dog turned out at the various gatherings—most of them hosted by community associations— to enjoy an evening of information, camaraderie and fun. Citizens are asked to leave their porch lights on every night, but particularly on National Night Out, to deter crime.

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REISTERSTOWN

One of the largest National Night Out events is held at Chartley Shopping Center in Reisterstown. The evening featured 40 displays on safety, home security, emergency preparedness, health and environment. There were also special characters, free snacks, war re-enactors, and demonstrations for karate and high voltage safety.



PIKESVILLE

The Valleybrook Improvement Association National Night Out event attracted some 300 people, says president Ariel Singletary. Activities included kiddie dance and Frisbee contests, sing along and pizza party. At the Pahls Farm event, neighbors enjoyed hot dogs and other refreshments, information and family activities and a CPR demonstration.



RANDALLSTOWN

The Liberty Road Business Association outing brought together neighborhood groups at the Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company in Randallstown. The event featured music, pizza and face painting.

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New Police Chief Hyatt Shares Her Priorities

Baltimore City Police Department data indicates that crime in the county last year was down by 4.5 percent overall compared to 2017. But reports of homicide, shootings and other major crime in the northwest and southwest areas are weighing on communities.

News of homicides in local bars, residences and on the street, or reports of auto thefts, robberies and



Baltimore County Police Chief Melissa Hyatt greets customers at Panera Bread in Windsor Mill as part of her first Chief in the Community initiative.

home invasions also are making residents anxious and feeling helpless. Newly appointed Police Chief

Melissa Hyatt, who grew up in Randallstown, has been on the job since June. The county's first woman chief, she replaces Terrence Sheridan, who retired. Previously a colonel with the Baltimore City Police Department and vice president of security at Johns Hopkins, Hyatt brings 22 years of law enforcement experience to the job. She almost immediately began looking for ways to engage with the community since being sworn in.

She has heard from residents at three town halls in July, including one at the Randallstown Community Center. Citizens express appreciation for the service of law enforcement, but some are bringing up the same complaints — uneven response from 911 operators, aggressive police officers and an insensitivity to citizens of color and different cultures.

Hyatt is also visiting police community relations councils and neighborhood forums to meet residents. At the District 2 Police Community Relations Council in Pikesville, she shared her priorities: community engagement, holding the police force accountable with strong supervision, officer wellness, and more advanced training.

"I want to ensure that our supervisors are making sure their officers are doing what they need to do," she said. "When the agency

needs to be held accountable, I want to make sure we do it the right way."

Recognizing the stress and exhaustion that comes with police work, Hyatt said she will make sure the department's 1,900 sworn officers have the tools they need to keep them safe and healthy. "That helps them have good family lives at home and come back ready to come in and work and to serve you the best ways possible," she said.

With regard to training, Hyatt said she values advanced de-escalation training and training to interact with different categories of citizens, such as those with intellectual and development disabilities.

"We will continue to look for more opportunity to make sure officers are as prepared as possible," Hyatt said.

As part of her new Chief in the Community initiative, where she is stopping by locations around various communities to meet and greet neighbors, Hyatt and her team stopped by Panera Bread on Security Boulevard in Windsor Mill on July 26.

Customers, some stopping in for lunch from local businesses such as Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, Social Security Administration and car dealerships, enjoyed meeting Hyatt and members of the Towson central and Woodlawn District 4 command staff.

"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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Classes Begins Sept. 3. Parents and Students, Get Ready to Launch



Baltimore County Public Schools students return to class on Tuesday, Sept. 3, after Labor Day. With the long, hazy, and at times lazy days of summer coming to an end, now is the time for students and parents to think about how they will ease back into the school routine.

Here are some tips culled from various education resources to help with the transition.

Re-establish the school routine. Get them back into a sleep routine to snatch back the zzzs. This will reduce the potential for added stress on school days. Set up a regular bedtime and morning time routine. If 6 a.m. is the wake-up time, begin setting the alarm for that time a week or two before school starts, and start having breakfast and lunch at the time the student would eat those meals during the school year. Plan a few outside activities where your child will have to leave and come home around the same time they would if they were in school.

Get organized. What is your plan? Who will make healthful lunches? Are your transportation arrangements clear? Who will take the kids to the bus stop or pick them up from their after-school activities? Have you completed the required forms, and put important dates on your calendars? If you've received information from your child's school, be sure to review them so there are no surprises.

Shop together. Make sure you and your student are on the same page with regard to required school supplies and clothing. Allow them to pick out their own lunch box and book bag. If you need help, take advantage of retail sales, coupons and back-to-school drives for supplies and book bags that churches, nonprofits and businesses may be holding. Most office supply stores are selling notebooks, crayons and rulers for as little as 25 cents each. BCPSFest, the school system's free outdoor festival, will take place Saturday, Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower parking lot at Boscov's at White Marsh Mall, 8200 Perry Hall Blvd., 21286. The Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools is sponsoring the festival, which will feature vendors, information tables, and entertainment from school bands and choirs.

the family safety plan and rules if he or she must be home alone for a period of time.

Reduce screen time. Wind back television watching and play on video games. In between camps and vacations, some children have enjoyed many more opportunities to watch TV and play video games. Turn off the electronics, reduce time on digital devices, and encourage them to start reading more books, and playing puzzles and board games.

Focus on health. Does your child need a physical checkup, including a vision and hearing test? Maryland law requires that all children have the appropriate immunizations before they can be registered for school. BCPS advises that if you are unsure about what vaccinations are required and suspect your child may need one, consult with your family physician prior to the first day of school. Also, be sure to obtain documentation showing that all immunizations are up to date.

Identify a homework station. Have you identified a place for your students to do their homework assignments? If the corner desk in the den has been turned into a crafts table, now is the time to revert it to a homework area. Make sure it is well-lit, tidy and away from distractions.

Plan for emergencies. Line up back-up support, such as relatives, an afterschool program or sitter as a contingency for unanticipated occurrences. You never know when schools will open late or dismiss early, and you can be prepared. Also, make sure your child knows

Communicate. Most important, check in with your child to see how he or she is feeling. Is she excited, anxious or nonchalant? Discuss your expectations for the school year. Also, begin or renew the conversations about school activities and grades, as well as things like e-cigarettes, bullying and school safety.

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Inaugural Academic Scholarship Created in Kamenetz's Name Goes to a Randallstown High Graduate

A scholarship established in the memory of Kevin Kamenetz, the two-term Baltimore County Executive who died suddenly last year, is being awarded to a Randallstown student.

Ndeh Tadzong, a 2019 graduate of Randallstown High, will begin studies at the University of Maryland Baltimore County as the first winner of the Kevin Kamenetz Scholarship Award. The four-year \$44,000 scholarship was announced during an Aug. 8 student awards ceremony of Central Scholarship at the American Visionary Arts Museum.

Tadzong was selected from a pool of 90 applicants from Baltimore County Public Schools.

The 17-year-old plans to study mechanical engineering and pursue a career as a doctor.

Tadzong's academic career included boarding school in Cameroon, West Africa. He returned to Baltimore County in 2016 after war broke out there.

In his scholarship essay, Tadzong wrote, "My ancestors worked very hard to ensure that the next generation had access to opportunities that they themselves were not able to have. If not for them, I would not be where I am today. They worked hard to invest in my future so I work hard so I can invest in the future as well."

The endowed scholarship of \$915,000 was established by the Committee for Kamenetz in close consultation with the family — wife Jill Kamenetz, and sons Karson and Dylan. Each year, one Baltimore



Ndeh Tadzong (second from left) earned the first four-year Kevin Kamenetz Scholarship Award, for \$44,000. He is flanked on the left by his mother, Nicole Tadzong, and on the right by Jill Kamenetz, wife of the late county executive Kevin Kamenetz, and his father Fru Tadzong. BCPS photo

County public high school student will be selected to receive the scholarship.

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HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME WITH OUTDOOR CONCERTS

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TWILIGHT THURSDAYS AT FOUNDRY ROW, OWINGS MILLS. Couples, families and residents are taking advantage of the free live-music festivals in the area this summer, such as Twilight Thursdays every Thursday through Aug. 29 at Foundry Row, 10100 Reisterstown Rd. in Owings Mills from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



LIBERTY ROAD LIVE! AT DREAMLIFE MINISTRIES, RANDALLSTOWN. Maryland jazz and soul vocalist Karen Linette was among those who entertained at Liberty Road Live!, which the Liberty Road Business Association hosted on Fridays on the DreamLife Ministries parking lot in Randallstown. The last show was Aug. 2.



MUSIC ON MAIN STREET AT FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, REISTERSTOWN. Music on Main Street takes place on Fridays at 7 to 10 p.m. through Sept. 6 at Franklin Middle School, 10 Cockeysville Rd. in Reisterstown. The near 100-degree heat didn't keep families away from hearing the Misspent Youth pop/rock band last month.



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FREDERICK ROAD FRIDAYS AT LURMAN WOODLAND THEATRE, CATONSVILLE. In Catonsville, Frederick Road Fridays are held every Friday through Aug. 30 at 15 Mellor Ave. in Catonsville from 7 to 10 p.m. A variety of bands are playing different genres of music at the outdoor Lurman Woodland Theatre in Catonsville from 6 to 8 p.m. on most Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer. Photo: Lurman Facebook

Meetings and Events

Mark your calendars for the following events and activities.



Save the date for the Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, in Towson.

Annual Free Community Picnic

Councilman Julian Jones is hosting his 10th community picnic on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Northwest Regional Park, 4515 Deer Park Rd. in Owings Mills. There will be live music, a children's corner and family entertainment. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Outdoor Movie Night Series

Families can enjoy movies at Metro Centre on the grass next to the library plaza on Friday, Aug. 16 and Aug. 30, at 8:30 p.m. Metro Center is located at 10309 Grand Central Ave. in Owings Mills. Upcoming movies are Despicable Me and Coco.

Meet and Greet for New BCPS Superintendent

The Randallstown and Baltimore County branches of the NAACP, Baltimore County Alliance of Black School Educators, and Northwest Voice are hosting a meet and greet for Darryl Williams, new superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools. The event will take place on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive, 21133.

Reisterstown Festival

The Reisterstown Recreation Council will host its 33rd annual Reisterstown Festival on Saturday, Sept. 7, and Sunday, Sept. 8, at Hannah More Park, 12035 Reisterstown Rd., 21133. The parade begins Saturday at 9 a.m. and other entertainment, including live music, family fun area and classic car show. A tribute to

Sly and the Family Stone will be held on Saturday at 8 p.m. Live band entertainment ends at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Catonsville Arts & Crafts Festival

Greater Catonsville Chamber of Commerce's 46th Arts & Crafts Festival will be held Sunday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a new location, Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville campus, lot 6.

School Board

Upcoming meetings of the Board of Education will be held at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson on Tuesday, Aug. 6 and 20, and Sept. 10 and 24, at 6:30 p.m. The capital budget work session will be held on Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

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County Council

Upcoming meetings of the County will be held 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5 and Aug. 16, and Tuesday, Sept. 3; the work sessions are on Aug. 27 and Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse. For more information, including on the agendas and instructions to watch the meeting online, visit www.councilbaltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil.

Police Community Relations Council

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. 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. Starting in September, the meetings will be held at the Franklin precinct while the library undergoes renovation. 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.

Former Marine Earns Top Honor For Work With Milford Athletes

Gary Green, who volunteers at Milford Mill Academy as an academic advisor for student athletes, was among the Baltimore County Public Schools Volunteers of the Year honored during a gala breakfast earlier this summer.

The award was renamed 2019 John and Marilyn Ryan Volunteers of the Year this year in honor of two education activists who have volunteered their time and talents to BCPS and its schools since the late 1960s.

Under Green's leadership and direct assistance, grade point averages for more than 130 student-athletes have improved, according to BCPS. A former Marine, Green also serves as unofficial historian for the school's athletic department and volunteers with the school's Marine Corps JROTC program as a leader and mentor. This year Green was able to help nurture 15 seniors who are receiving athletic scholarships because they met the academic criteria to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

BCPS honored 59 outstanding school volunteers during the event, all of whom were nominated by their schools for exemplary work in support of students and staff. Among the three other finalists recognized during the ceremony was Lee Densky, a volunteer at Fort Garrison Elementary School. Densky

spearheaded weekly instruction of the Stock Market Game at the school, bringing his business acumen and wisdom to the task of introducing high-level financial literacy to youngsters. His teams of students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 compiled two stock portfolios



Cary Green is the BCPS Volunteer of the Year

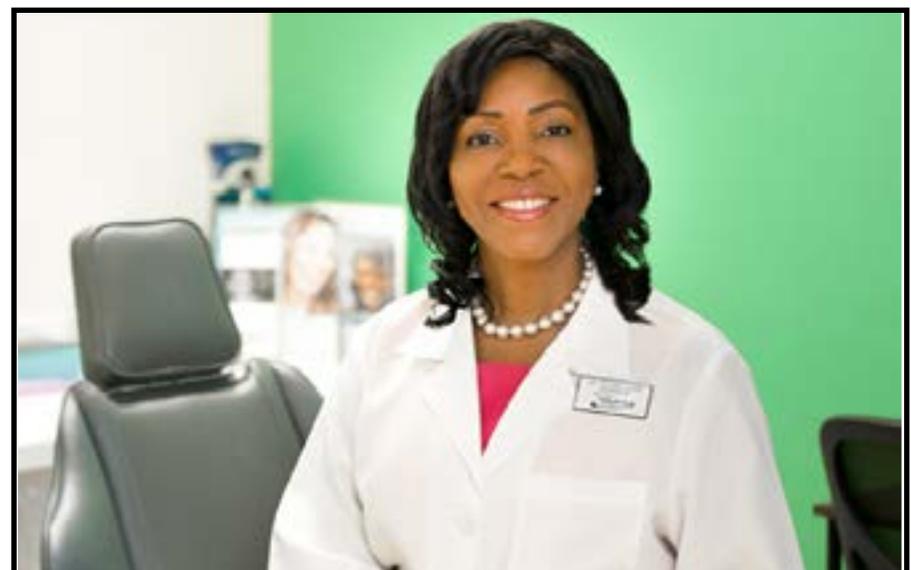
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Craig Linthicum, a Recreation and Parks icon, is flanked on the left by Ray Banks and Aaron Barnett; and on the right by Barry Williams, Del. Ben Brooks and Jack Milani.

Woodlawn Names Street in Honor of Craig Linthicum For Mentoring, Work in Recreation and Parks

Back in the day, the Department of Recreation and Sports was known primarily for league play and competitive but fun sports tournaments for kids and adults. Social clubs, haunted houses, movie nights and art contests were also among the popular activities the county offered for families to connect and be entertained.

In Woodlawn, the man responsible for coordinating these programs and events was Craig Linthicum, a well-respected, resourceful, good-with-people supervisor within the department.

On May 10, old friends, associates and former players came together on the sidewalk, not far from the white building that housed Linthicum’s office, to honor his impact on the community during his 30-plus years of service with the department. People he mentored and worked with described him as someone who insisted that every decision the department staff made with children as the priority.

Speaker after speaker reminisced—some with tears— about Linthicum’s fair, inclusive and caring leadership, activities such as skating on the pond at Woodlawn Cemetery, and treasured relationships with elected officials, local businesses and families.

“Anybody who came up through

Woodlawn Rec and Parks knew Craig because he was involved with every program,” said Jack Milani, a friend who served as a commissioner during Linthicum’s tenure. “We, in the sports world, thought we were closest to him, but I found out all the programs felt that way because he would visit the garden clubs, the seniors, and he’d go to the ballet recitals and the Betsy Ross doll club. He made sure there was something for everyone.”

When HFCA, an agency that is now Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, was considering relocating out of Woodlawn, many federal employees who played in Linthicum’s leagues objected and shared how vested they were in the area because of the games and camaraderie.

Aaron Barnett, president of Powhatan Community Association and vice president of the Recreation Council, told how Linthicum picked him up for youth football practice, and although recruited to play for other programs, decided to stay in Woodlawn because of Linthicum.

Del. Ben Brooks of District 10 shared how his son, Ben Jr., played in sports programs under Linthicum.

On Facebook, Woodlawn native Ken Barrick recalled that Linthicum gave him his first job in 1981 as a 14-year-old. “The number of lives he

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A crowd of well wishers gathered in Woodlawn to honor Craig Linthicum (seated, center) for his contributions to the community and Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks.

touched during his decades of service is truly immeasurable," Barrick wrote.

Ray Banks, goodwill ambassador to the Negro Baseball League Museum, says Linthicum appointed him the Monday night men's softball commissioner in Woodlawn. One

recollection etched in Banks' memory is Linthicum's encouragement and approval for his Dr. J's All Stars slow-pitch softball team to compete in the all-black world tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1986.

"He was our leader and mentor.

You'll find nobody who has anything negative to say about him. Nobody."

The long-awaited highlight of the evening was when Barry Williams, Director of Recreation and Parks who first met Linthicum when Williams was a principal at Randallstown High

School, pulled away a cover on a blue and white street sign that revealed the name, Craig Linthicum Way. The sign is posted in the 2100 block of Gwynn Oak Drive at the end of the driveway that leads to the Woodlawn Senior Center and the recreation building.

The dedication event came together quickly out of a conversation of Banks and Milani, who also owns Monaghan's Pub. Both longtime friends and associates of Linthicum's, they wanted to honor him. Banks came up with the idea to have a road named after Linthicum. He and Milani set the plan in motion, contacting representatives from the offices of the County Council, Council Executive and others to cut through the red tape and expedite the process.

"God put it in my heart to do something for a man that touched all of us," says Banks. As the dedication ended, with Linthicum thanking everyone, a light drizzle dissipated. Then a rainbow appeared.

"He was a wonderful person who touched everyone's heart," Banks said.



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Join an Older Adult for a Meal for No Senior Eats Alone Day

As part of its initiative to reduce social isolation, the Baltimore County Department of Aging is asking residents to participate in No Senior Eats Alone Day on Thursday, Sept. 12, or any day during the week of Sept. 9 -15. Department officials say the goal is to help make older adults feel valued and connected, establish better eating habits and improve nutrition and health.

In a video message, Dayna Brown, the department's deputy director, encouraged people to share a meal with an older adult neighbor or friend by signing up to eat a specially prepared meal at one of the county's 20 senior centers, which include Catonsville, Randallstown, Reisterstown, Pikesville and Woodlawn.

The centers will be serving chicken cordon bleu, yellow rice pilaf, buttered broccoli florets, roll, milk, juice and blueberry crisp. (Kosher meals are available at specific sites.) Attendees must contact the center and register by Sept. 3. Times vary by



location.

People can also take advantage of discounts at a local restaurant, or host a luncheon at place of worship or senior housing facility.

Businesses and organizations that are offering free events open to the public in conjunction with No Senior Eats Alone Day include Atrium Village and the local libraries. Lunch starts at 11 a.m. at Atrium Village, 4730 Atrium Court in Owings Mills. Call 410-363-0330 to RSVP by Sept.

3. Baltimore County Public Library locations in Catonsville and Woodlawn will serve a meal for adults ages 60 and older from noon to 1 p.m. Call 410-887-0238 to register by Sept. 11.

According to the Department of Aging, sharing meals together improves health, happiness and social connection. When older adults share a meal, the connection can: increase life expectancy, improve mental health and cognitive status, decrease high blood pressure and cholesterol, and lower feelings of depression and loneliness.

New Speed Cameras Installed in Owings Mills

The Baltimore County Police Department activated two new speed camera locations on July 26 in the school zone for Lyons Mill Elementary School, 9400 block of Lyons Mill Rd. Both are in eastbound and westbound directions.

For the first 30 days, motorists exceeding the speed limit by at least 12 mph will receive warnings rather than citations.

In compliance with state law, the county's speed cameras operate Monday through Friday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., including during the summer months and on weekdays when school is not in session. All speed camera zones are marked with signage.

The cameras were installed as a result of citizen complaints.



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Now-closed Owings Mills and Towson Pain Clinic Implicated in Charge For Conspiring To Distribute Oxycodone, Fentanyl, Methadone

William Soyke, a Hanover, Pennsylvania, man who worked as a physician assistant at a pain management office in Owings Mills and Towson, has pleaded guilty to federal drug charges for conspiracy to distribute and dispense oxycodone, fentanyl, methadone and alprazolam outside the scope of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose.

"Opioid overdoses are killing thousands of Marylanders each year, and opioid addiction is fueled by health care providers who prescribe drugs for people without a legitimate medical need," said U.S. Attorney Robert Hur in a statement.

"Doctors and other medical professionals who irresponsibly write opioid prescriptions are acting like street-corner drug pushers," Hur added. "State and federal authorities are continuing to look at ways to shut down 'pain clinics' that are really just fronts for criminals who divert pharmaceutical drugs and hook a new generation of addicts. We are determined to reduce the number of opioid overdose deaths in Maryland."

According to Soyke's plea agreement, he served as a physician assistant at Rosen Hoffberg Rehabilitation and Pain Management, P.A., from 2011 until the business closed in February 2018. During his time there, Soyke, 66, was able to observe and treat patients of both doctors Norman Rosen and Howard Hoffberg, who had hired him and who usually worked at the Towson and Owings Mills offices, respectively.

Soyke admitted that he believed that the Rosen and Hoffberg prescribed excessive levels of opioids, and both doctors overruled his attempts to lower patients' dosages. Nevertheless, he wrote the prescriptions he thought patients had no legitimate need for them.

Soyke also admitted that in several instances he engaged in sexual, physical contact with female patients who were attempting to get prescriptions.

He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. He is scheduled for sentencing in October.

Residential Treatment Facility to Open in Owings Mills

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and that is coming from the fentanyl.”

At the meeting, members of the workgroup County Executive John Olszewski appointed to lead the effort shared their thoughts.

One strategy the county is considering is a Seattle-based program called Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD). One of the town hall presenters was Steven Olson, a Baltimore City police lieutenant and Owings Mills resident, who lost a younger brother to heroin addiction and heads the city’s program. LEAD encourages police officers to refer non-violent drug offenders to a case manager to assist the abuser with treatment and other support services instead of making a drug arrests.

The county is accelerating its interventions with evidence based practices, Branch says. “We have seen a decrease in the number of deaths in Baltimore County preliminarily for the first quarter of 2019, and I believe that’s because of the amount of Narcan [the brand name for Naloxone, a lifesaving prescription drug that reverses opioid overdose] on the street at this point in time.”

The county, and most other jurisdictions, offers two-hour trainings for persons wishing to learn how to use the medication in case of emergency. More than 1,360 people took the training last year.

The county is taking an approach called R.E.A.C.H., which promotes recovery, education, assessment, collaboration and help to address substance use and opioid overdose deaths.

“It’s very complicated, but we’re trying to provide all of these wraparound services,” Branch says.

Access to people who have lived the experience is important, Branch says. “I have a lot of peer recovery counselors who are out on the street,” who meet with clients, provide one-on-one naxolone trainings and assist with securing services and resources.

There are six methadone clinics in the county, including clinics in Pikesville and Woodlawn, and multiple medication assisted treatment (MAT) providers around the county. There is also a walk-in assessment clinic at Liberty Family Resources Center, as well as in the detention center.

This fall, a residential facility, first announced in May 2018 under the administration of the late Kevin Kamenetz, will open on the former site of Rosewood Center in Owings Mills. It will treat initially up to 30 beds, then expand to 70 patients in the county-owned Richards Building. It will be open 24 hours, 365 days a week.

Branch says, “Right now we have zero beds in Baltimore County. We’ve been sending our people

to other jurisdictions.”

Branch says, “I’m hopeful that the number of people dying from the opioid epidemic will start to decrease. But that does not correlate with the number of people who are addicted.”

“Opioid addiction is a disease and we’re going to treat it like a disease,” Branch says.

What you should know:

- Maryland’s Good Samaritan Law protects people assisting in an emergency overdose situation from arrest, as well as prosecution for certain crimes, such as possession of a drug.
- Maryland’s Statewide Standing Order allows that anyone can get naloxone without a prescription.

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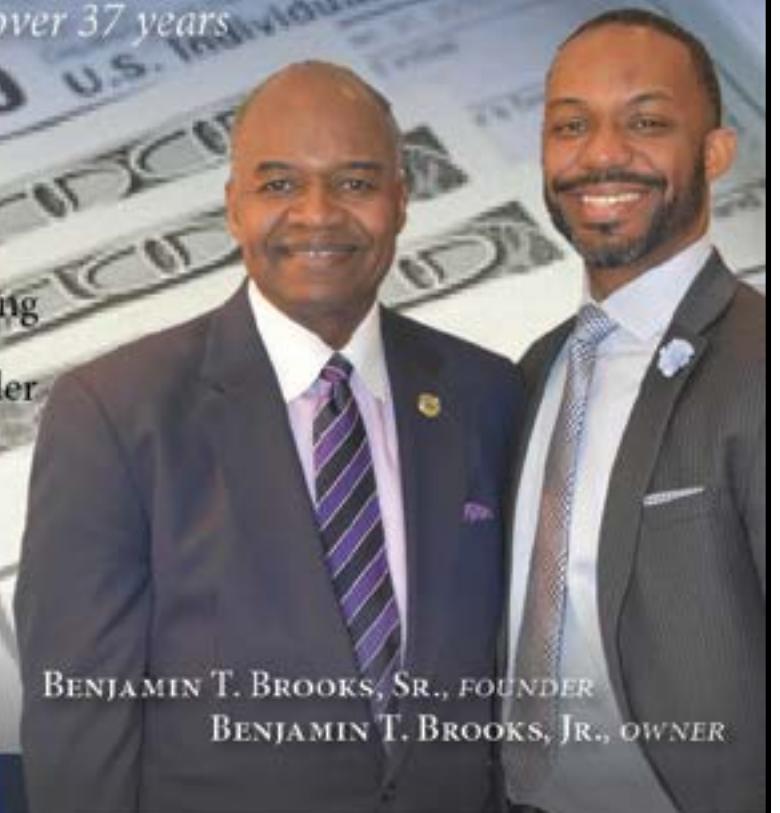
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Crime in the Northwest Area: Fatal Shootings, Homicide, Police Impersonation

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

Police Investigate Fatal Shooting in Randallstown

Officers responded to the 3900 block of Shenton Road on Aug. 4 for an assault call. When they arrived the man was suffering an apparent gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Baltimore County Police Homicide Unit is continuing the investigation into this incident but believe this victim was targeted. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020. Callers may remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward when submitting tips through Metro Crime Stoppers.

Man Injured in Liberty Road Shooting

Baltimore County Police continue to investigate a shooting in the 9900

block of Liberty Road on July 26.

Police were dispatched around 9:25 p.m. after the victim, 25, suffered a gunshot wound while outside of his home. He was taken to an area hospital and is expected to survive his wound. The suspect fled the scene.

Detectives are investigating the possibility that the victim was targeted. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020. Callers may remain anonymous.

Randallstown Man Charged with Murder at Comfort Inn in Parkville

Baltimore County Police have charged Deonte James Griffin, 26, of Randallstown with first-degree murder for the July 18 homicide at the Comfort Inn on Loch Raven

Boulevard.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the victim, a 30-year-old man from Lenhartsville, Pennsylvania, was summoned to a room at the hotel by a third man to help calm the suspect, who was in an agitated state. The suspect produced a handgun, and the third man ran from the room, calling 911 and reporting hearing shots fired.

Griffin initially fled the scene but was later located in the area and taken into custody.

Lochearn Man Charged with Impersonating Police



A road rage incident turned into an arrest for impersonating a police officer on a Walmart parking lot in Catonsville on July 25.

Gregory Sumter, 57, of Kathydale Road, was arrested after police were called to the 6200 block of Baltimore National Pike for a weapons incident. What started as a road rage incident in the parking lot escalated when Sumter produced a badge and gun, identifying himself as a police officer.

The victim honked her horn at Sumter when she attempted to enter the parking lot but Sumter's truck was blocking the access road. She eventually drove around his truck and parked her car on the parking lot. Sumter followed her and stopped behind her vehicle, blocking her egress. He identified himself as an officer and produced a silver badge, then threatened the victim and her children, displaying a handgun.

An officer working uniformed secondary employment at Walmart spoke with Sumter, who denied the allegations, but witnesses confirmed the victim's account of events.

He was arrested and also

charged with first-degree assault and carrying a loaded handgun in a vehicle.

Fatal Shooting in Golden Dragon Parking Lot

One man is dead, another injured, following a disturbance that led to a shooting outside Golden Dragon Bar and Grill in Windsor Mill.

Officers responded to the bar's parking lot in the 8100 block of Liberty Road around 1:45 a.m. on July 8 after 911 received a call for a shooting from a man who identified himself as an off-duty officer.

As the bar was closing and patrons were leaving, a disturbance on the parking lot drew the attention of another patron who has since been determined to be a security forces member of the Maryland Air National Guard with a gun permit. The airman saw the suspect, identified as Jerome Dewitt Garrison, with a gun. The airman drew his gun and ordered the suspect to drop the weapon. An exchange of gunfire followed.

The suspect, 36, was fatally struck during the exchange and pronounced dead at the hospital. The airman was not injured.

A second man in the area was also struck by gunfire. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit, who responded to the scene, are continuing the investigation. A gun was recovered at the scene of the shooting.

Police Fatally Shoot Windsor Mill Suspect While Serving a Warrant

Police identified the officer involved in the July 6 fatal shooting of a suspect at the Duke's Motel in the 7900 block of Pulaski Highway as Officer McCampbell, a 20-year veteran assigned to Tactical Unit. The officer has not been involved in any prior shootings and has been placed on routine administrative leave.

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County Kicks Off Property Zoning Process

The Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP), which takes place every four years, is on the horizon. It's the time when developers, citizens and government officials take stock of their property plans and review what type of zoning they need. Often the plans pit community groups against developers but, any citizen may request a zoning change on any property in the county.

The CZMP covers a period of 12 months and results in zoning decisions that are reflected in a final log of issues. Ultimately, the County Council decides on each issue whether to retain the existing zoning or to enact a different zone or district. Generally, each issue is a single property, but an issue may cover many adjoining properties and might even

cover many hundreds of acres. The zoning on all properties that were not issues is re-enacted without change.

CZMP 2020 starts with a public pre-filing period Aug. 19 through Aug. 30. During this period citizens can file an online application and get early access to scheduling an appointment to map the issue.

The filing period continues Sept. 3 through Oct. 15.

The Planning Department will schedule mapping appointments during this period. Filing fees range from \$250 for a civic association to \$1,600 for others.

Citizens can contact the Department of Planning at czmp2020@baltimorecountymd.gov or 410-887-3480 with questions.

Crime in Northwest Area

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The suspect, identified as Kareem Omar Morgan, of Dundalk, died during an exchange of gunfire with police as tactical team officers attempted to execute a search and seizure warrant and arrest warrant at the hotel room where he was staying.

The 43-year-old was the same man wanted for shooting his ex-girlfriend after forcing his way into her Windsor Mill home earlier in the day. The woman, 37, was taken to a local hospital. She is expected to survive her wounds.

The Homicide Unit and Internal Affairs Unit are continuing their investigation into this officer-involved shooting.

homicide detectives have charged the boyfriend of an 18-year-old Pikesville woman in her shooting death.

Family members found Dymond Jones unresponsive on June 11 in the bedroom of her Kathydale Road home. Considered suspicious, the medical examiner subsequently ruled her death a homicide by gunshot wound.

Johnny Ray Woods III, 20, of Baltimore, 21215, is charged with second-degree murder.



Boyfriend Charged in Homicide of Dymond Jones
Baltimore County Police

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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