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# District Courthouse Being Relocated to SecurityRolling Road Area

Construction will begin early 2017 for 5-level facility and parking garage

A plan 14 years in the works to relocate the Catonsville District Courthouse to a six-acre site in the northwestern section of Catonsville is moving forward, now that the State has allocated capital funds for the next fiscal year.

The courthouse, currently located across from the Wilkens Precinct Police Station and adjacent to the University of Baltimore County campus, will relocate to a location off Johnnycake and North Rolling Roads at the Interstate-70 overpass. The land, purchased from developer Whalen Properties, is adjacent to the Rolling Crosswinds office park, which is owned by Whalen.

The renderings show a stately-looking stone building with a prominent entryway. It will butt up to a quiet Westview community of single-family homes that may not be used to having as its neighbor a facility that will have hundreds of visitors a week coming to resolve traffic violations, landlord-tenant disputes and criminal cases.

Construction is slated to begin in January 2017 and be completed in 2019. The courthouse's location is within

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

# Race Absolutely Does Matter

The Primary Election for U.S. Senate was hotly contested and as we know, Rep. Chris Van Hollen defeated Rep. Donna Edwards for the Democratic nomination In the March issue of the Northwest Voice, we interviewed both candidates and shared their stories. After we put the newspaper to bed, I decided to support the Edwards campaign. I must also disclose that managing the campaigns of two elected officials in District 10 and District 44B, I continue to work closely with them. Still, I have my opinions.

We are following up on the election story because it is important that the community understand the positive and commendable role they played in the Senate race. When I was working the polls on Early Voting and Election Day I told voters how important it is to have someone at the table who looks like me. I was challenged this thought and told that the election should not be about race. I stand firmly on this notion that race does indeed play a role in elections.

If you followed Edwards' and Van Hollen's campaigns, you know that race was a key strategy of both their campaigns. Recognizing the value of diversity and the black vote, Donna Edwards rightly communicated that she would be the first African-American Senator from Maryland and only the second black woman Senator in U.S. history. Chris Van Hollen touted his endorsements from black elected officials and from black women. So, let's not kid ourselves. Yes, you should vote for the person who you believe would best represent your interests. Don't tell me that we should be above race when others have no qualms about it.

Both candidates were experienced and qualified, so let's not use as an excuse that one was better than the other.

Here's what the Washington Post said in a March 16 editorial: "Representatives Donna Edwards and Chris Van Hollen ... are astute, accomplished lawmakers. Both are liberals. Both have represented the Washington suburbs for multiple terms in the House. Both have been allies to President Obama. Each has received our endorsements in the past and each is qualified to serve in the Senate. The ideological distinction between Mr. Van Hollen and Ms. Edwards are miniscule. But both have embraced core Democratic values. Both regard government as a force for social progress and equality. Both are pro-labor. Both worry about climate change."

So why did all of our elected officials, with the exception of one, choose not to support Edwards?

Why do they talk the "we need more blacks in political office, in leadership positions and on corporate boards" talk and not walk the walk?

All of the African-American Senators and Delegates—both male and female— in Districts 10 and 44B either endorsed Van Hollen or chose to sit on the sidelines (what a cop-out!) and not openly support either candidate. What is it that they don't get? The County Executive and County Council members in District 1, 2 and 4, who represent communities in the northwest, also enthusiastically endorsed Van Hollen.

I believe in representative government, that we need to be at the table if we're truly going to be represented. If you take a look at the numbers (page 3), particularly in precincts located in District 10, 11 and 44B, they show that voters in predominately African-African communities supported Donna Edwards in spite of the black politicians in those communities who tried to convince people that it was not Edwards' time and Van Hollen should succeed the retiring Senator Mikulski.

Not surprisingly, the precincts with primarily white voters supported Van Hollen. Precincts in District 10 polls in Randallstown, Owings Mills and Reisterstown supported Edwards by 58 percent to Van Hollen's 42 percent, and in District 44B she won in the Windsor Mill, Woodlawn and Catonsville precincts 60 percent to 40 percent. It was the opposite in District 11, where Van Hollen won 31 percent to 69 percent in the precincts located in Pikesville and Owings Mills.

How did our elected officials get it so wrong? I don't get it. How do we get a black Senator elected with this attitude? Those same elected officials owe their positions in office to the votes of African Americans. But when an historic election such as the 2016 Primary comes along, and we had an opportunity to put an African-American woman in the U.S. Senate, the community got it and understood the importance. The elected officials did not.

That tells me that I say our representatives are out of touch and out of sync with those who put them in office. I can't tell you how very proud of our community leaders and members who took a stand. Despite the decisions and actions of our elected officials and leadership in the Democratic Party, the community voted for the candidate they believed would best represent them in the Senate.

Is it a coincidence that a black hasn't been elected to a statewide office in the 250-year history of Maryland?

When I look at the Senate, which has 100

members and only two people who look like me and no African-American females. Why is that important? Different people bring different perspectives to the table. Eighty percent of the people making the decisions are white males. I like Chris Van Hollen, but his demographic is well represented already.

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**Total Vote Count** 

# DONNA EDWARDS VS CHRIS VAN HOLLEN Primary Senatorial Election April 26, 2016: Poll Precinct Results

Precinct Poll		Donna Edwards	Chris Van Hollen
District 10	)		
01-002	Chadwick Elementary	246 (62%)	118 (30%)
02-003	Featherbed Elementary	64 (60%)	28 (27%)
02-005	Hebbville Elementary	374 (62%)	199 (33%)
02-006	Milford Mill Academy	485 (68%)	200 (28%)
02-007	Old Court Middle School	489 (65%)	231 (30%)
02-009	Scott Branch Elementary	318 (66%)	110 (22%)
02-010	Winfield Elementary	626 (68%)	273 (29%)
02-011	Community Support Service	526 (68%)	202 (26%)
02-012	Liberty Senior Center	581 (69%)	240 (28%)
02-013	Church Lane Elementary	495 (61%)	284 (35%)
02-014	Church Lane Elementary	535 (62%)	291 (34%)
02-016	Randallstown High School	216 (64%)	105 (30%)
02-017	Randallstown High School	406 (63%)	212 (33%)
02-018	Hernwood Elementary	214 (62%)	112 (32%)
02-019	Granite Presbyterian Church	65 (35%)	109 (59%)
02-020	Deer Park Middle School	134 (59%)	86 (37%)
02-021	Ward Chapel Methodist	64 (34%)	100 (53%)
02-022	Hernwood Elementary	6 (46%)	7 (53%)
02-023	Old Court Middle School	377 (66%)	157 (28%)
02-024	Deer Park Magnet	54 (21%)	199 (76%)
02-026	New Town Elementary	232 (49%)	214 (45%)
02-027	Deer Park Elementary	372 (65%)	172 (30%)
02-028	Milford Mill Academy	42 (75%)	11 (19%)
04-002	Timbergrove Elementary	292 (46%)	295 (46%)
04-004	Glyndon Elementary	218 (29%)	499 (65%)
04-005	Glyndon Elementary	139 (33%)	237 (57%)
04-006	Reisterstown Elementary	165 (41%)	185 (46%)
04-007	Franklin Middle School	239 (37%)	353 (55%)
04-008	Chatsworth School	166 (30%)	334 (60%)
04-009	Boring Volunteer Fire	38 (17%)	153 (68%)
04-010	Franklin Elementary School	119 (42%)	129 (46%)
04-011	Butler Volunteer Fire	11 (17%)	45 (72%)
04-012	Cedarmere Elemeentary	412 (47%)	414 (47%)
04-013	Chestnut Ridge Volunteer	20 (16%)	93 (73%)
05-002	Fifth District	4 (8%)	40 (83%)
Total Vo	ote Count	8,744 (58%)	6,437 (42%)

District 44B			
01-001	Woodlawn High School	542 (63%)	251 (29%)
01-002	Chadwick Elementary	246 (62%)	118 (29%)
01-003	Woodbridge Elementary	389 (52%)	321 (43%)

Precinct Poll		Donna Edwards	Chris Van Hollen
01-004	Woodbridge Elementary	469 (56%)	311 (37%)
01-005	Johnnycake Elementary	468 (54%)	328 (37%)
01-006	Edmondson Heights	663 (63%)	317 (30%)
01-007	Westowne Elementary	194 (47%)	168 (40%)
01-008	Westowne Elementary	195 (27%)	448 (64%)
01-011	St. Paul Lutheran	126 (24%)	349 (66%)
01-012	Catonsville Middle School	120 (18%)	473 (74%)
01-015	Western School Of Tech	154 (30%)	299 (59%)
01-017	Dogwood Elementary	525 (59%)	297 (33%)
02-001	Powhatten Elementary	342 (71%)	115 (24%)
02-002	Powhatten Elementary	494 (68%)	201 (27%)
02-003	Featherbed Lane Elementary	64 (61%)	28 (26%)
02-004	Woodmoore Elementary	462 (66%)	192 (28%)
02-005	Hebbville Elementary	374 (62%)	199 (32%)
02-030	Windsor Mill Middle	33 (41%)	41 (51%)
02-031	Featherbed Elementary	340 (64%)	152 (28%)
03-001	Augsburg Lutheran	615 (66%)	265 (28%)
03-003	Sudbrook Magnet	467 (63%)	238 (31%)

7,281 (60%)

5,111 (40%)

District 1	1		
02-008	Winand Elementary	285 (44%)	318 (49%)
02-015	Deer Park Elementary	216 (63%)	105 (30%)
02-029	New Town High School	346 (60%)	193 (33%)
03-002	Milbrook Elementary	285 (44%)	318 (49%)
03-004	Bedford Elementary	203 (44%)	219 (48%)
03-005	Pikesville Armory	225 (33%)	410 (60%)
03-006	Pikesville Middle School	71 (9%)	601 (84%)
03-007	Pikesville High School	101 (11%)	754 (85%)
03-008	Summit Park Elementary	119 (15%)	628 (80%)
03-009	Summit Park Elementary	189 (21%)	624 (71%)
03-010	Fort Garrison Elementary	75 (8%)	818 (90%)
03-011	Woodholme Elementary	161 (22%)	529 (73%)
03-012	St. Thomas Episcopal	209 (45%)	197 (43%)
03-013	Fort Garrison Elementary	50 (11%)	385 (11%)
03-014	Woodholme Elementary	72 (23%)	224 (72%)
04-001	Owings Mills High School	308 (53%)	215 (37%)
04-003	Har Sinai Congregation	120 (17%)	556 (78%)
04-014	Christ The Kinks Church	286 (57%)	169 (34%)
04-015	Owings Mills High	20 (57%)	11 (31%)
Total Vo	ote Count	3,341 (31%)	7,247 (69%)

Early Voting Results	Location and Total Votes	Edwards	Van Hollen
Center #2	Randallstown (9,132)	5,246 (61%)	3,242 (37%)
Center #8	Reisterstown (4,773)	1,044 (28%)	2,491 (67%)
Center #9	Woodlawn (2,885)	1,603 (60%)	973 (36%)
(Total Vote Count Represents Democrats And Republicans Who Voted Throughout The 8 Days); (My Percentages Are Based On Democrats Total Votes Only)			

### Ella W. Campbell: 1940-2016

### An Education and Community Activist Who Made a Difference

Those who knew Ella White Campbell remember her as a friend who loved to cook and entertain, a neighbor who was passionate about her Randallstown community, and a fierce advocate for a quality education for students in area schools, better recreation and career opportunities for young people, and bringing quality businesses on the Liberty Road corridor.

If you found yourself on the opposite side of an issue in which Campbell was involved, you had better be prepared to defend your position with facts. She was organized and articulated her arguments well.

Campbell, an educator and community activist, as well as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, had touched the lives of many people. She died on May 15 at age 75 due to complications from cancer. Her spirited impact will continue to be felt.

Members of the Randallstown branch of the NAACP that Campbell founded shared memories of her at one of their meetings last month.

Longtime friend Cheryl Pasteur, the organization's education chair and former principal at Randallstown, says she met Campbell through her mother, a social worker. "My mother was raising hell in the city and Ella was raising hell in the county. That's how I got to know her. She later became my big sister."

Pasteur says that in one of their last conversations, Campbell told her to "Keep working on Dr. Dance and all of those folks about education."

Old Court Middle School principal Kyria Joseph says, "Dr. Campbell planted a seed when I was a teacher at Woodlawn Middle School and that helped me to get where I am today. She inspired my leadership, which catapulted me to be the principal at Old Court. She always advocated for resources for students who didn't have and was making sure that as school educators we had the best resources available."

Born Dec. 14, 1940 in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, Campbell came to Maryland with her parents in search for better jobs, housing and schools for her and her siblings and settled in Anne Arundel County.

Early in her career, Campbell worked as a recreation leader early and founded a Camp Fire Girls group in Cherry Hill. She later became a middle school English teacher, English Department head and assistant

ddle school English teacher, English partment head and assistant to her house and 45 people came. Out of the meeting, we selected officers.

Community leaders honored Ella White Campbell at a 2014 luncheon.

principal in Baltimore City, and a professor at Coppin State College. She earned degrees from Morgan State University, the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland. She received numerous awards from myriad organizations.

Campbell served as a former chair of Baltimore County Schools' Minority Achievement Advisory Group and was well known by the Superintendents. Dallas Dance recognized her contributions at a Friends of the Randallstown Library meeting in May.

A longtime resident of Randallstown, Campbell served as president of several organizations, including Gwynnvale Civic Association, Liberty Road Community Council, and the Stevenswood Improvement Association.

Campbell fought against a porn shop opening on Liberty Road, in favor of an elected county Board of Education, for better qualified and credentialed teachers for schools in Woodlawn and the northwest, and for more resources to close the achievement gap with minorities students.

Next-door neighbor Aaron Plymouth, who succeeded Campbell as

She became president and got things running and she never stopped."

president of Stevenswood, remembers

Campbell as kind, thoughtful and

thorough. He says, "She moved into

Stevenswood in the fall of 1988. Next

spring, she invited the neighborhood

He saw as one of her most prized accomplishments the establishment of a teen council that lasted for 15 years. Young people were taught leadership skills and parliamentary procedures, took fun and educational field trips and participated in a book of the month club, Plymouth said.

She was quick to write letters, convene community forums, attend County Council meetings and travel to Annapolis to testify on proposed legislation. Remembering Campbell as "focused and determined" in her approach, Pasteur says, "She stayed on an issue until it was resolved."

Campbell is survived by her devoted husband, Charles Campbell, daughter Brenda Brooks of Richmond, six grandchildren, two greatgrandchildren, three sisters, other family members and friends. She will be sorely missed.

CLICK HERE to share your memories of Ella White campbell at nwvoicenews.com

# Education a top issue for NAACP

Education issues and the legacy of its founder, Ella White Campbell, were among the topics the Randallstown NAACP discussed at its monthly meeting on May 24.

President Ray Moseley presented a certificate to Corey Carter, the 2016
Baltimore County Teacher of the Year and an eighth-grade science teacher at Old Court Middle School. His principal, Kyria Joseph, praised Carter for his leadership and mentoring efforts "to help boys to be successful in society." His nickname, "cool nerd," is appropriate, as he can discuss osmosis and hip hop.

Cheryl Pasteur, education committee chair, provided an update on her work to improve excellence in the schools. She expressed concerns that teachers have the appropriate credentials and that they get the support they need. She also stress the importance of students receiving adequate ancillary services for their education, health and social needs.

Hope Maddox, a dietician in Baltimore City, presented information about the nutrition requirements for students and steps the system takes to ensure that they get healthful meals.

The NAACP remembered Campbell for her advocacy for education and young people. Members recalled her reminding them to stay true to the Randallstown branch, and that their service is about the youth and the community.

The next meeting is June 28 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Community College of Baltimore Randallstown Center at 3637 Offutt Rd. in Randallstown.

# Music Festivals to Bring Sounds of Summer

There is nothing like relaxing at an outdoor concert with family and friends, and grooving to the sounds of summer. Music festivals in the northwest kick off this month and organizers are encouraging the community to turn out for the camaraderie and support of the performers, vendors and business community.

Reisterstown held a preview concert on May 27 at Franklin Middle School with a performance by Crushing Day, a Baltimore pop and rock band. The free event was part of a weekly Music on Main Street concert series hosted by the Reisterstown Improvement Association.

In its third year, the series will be held on Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. starting June 24 and continuing through Sept. 16 and has moved to the new Franklin Middle School location at 10 Cockeys

Glenn Barnes, president of Reisterstown Improvement Association, says that in addition to an entertaining line-up of bands, concert-goers can expect better traffic control and security.

Activities such as Music on Main Street are a benefit for the community, Barnes says. "They bring new people every year to our community. Many will visit local restaurants and stores and may buy a home here," he says. "The regulars who attend our concerts often comment after each show on one of the Facebook pages for our area. They tell other people they enjoyed themselves and every week we add more first-time visitors to our community and to our concerts." reisterstownimprovement.com or reisterstown.com.

The Liberty Live! Outdoor Concert series, also in its third year, kicks off Friday, June 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Kings Point Square Shopping Center parking lot at 9900 Liberty Rd. in Randallstown with the R&B band Chandra and Ryve Band. The Liberty Road Business Association encourages families to bring their folding chairs (but no pets) and enjoy what has turned into a not-to-be missed summer event. Festival favorite Parham and Friends will return to the line-up this year along with other jazz and neo-soul musical artists.

Kelly Carter, LRBA president, says familyfriendly events such as Liberty Live! are good for the community. "It exposes our community and creates foot traffic in the corridor and surrounding areas."

In Catonsville, Frederick Road Fridays returns. The weekly series kicks off Friday, June 10, and continues to Aug. 26 with 12 concerts with the band, Radio Free Baltimore. The free concert series is held at 15 Mellor Ave. from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from various vendor tables at the first concert will benefit the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department.

For information on Frederick Road Fridays, visit http://catonsville.org/events/frederickroad-fridays. php. You can find the line-up of entertainment for Music on Main Street at reisterstownimprovement. com or reisterstown.com. Contact 410-655-7766 or lrbz. biz for details about Liberty Live!

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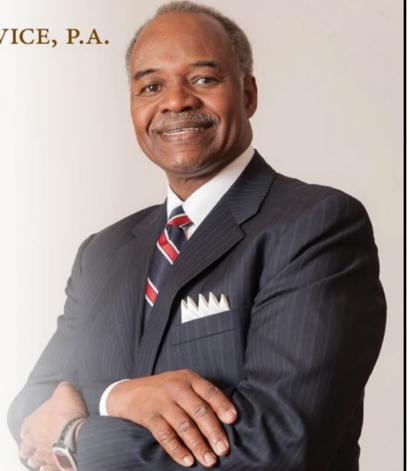
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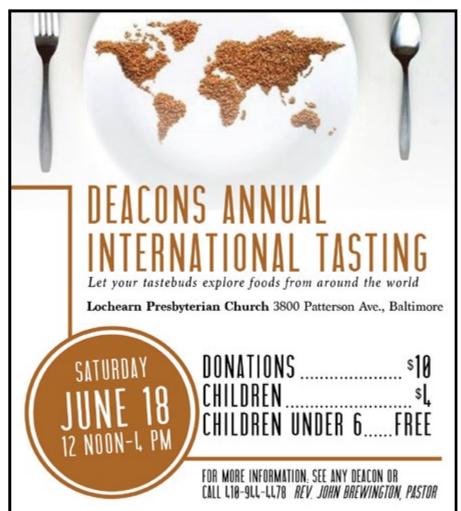
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### Welcome Our New Neighbors

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 Moore, Broker of Rollins & Associates Real Estate, 201 Milford Mill Rd., Pikesville. The list includes address, style, bedrooms, baths, list price and closing price.



### ADDRESS // STYLE // BEDROOMS // BATHS // LISTED // CLOSE SALE WOODLAWN 21207

3004 Howard Park // Traditional // 3 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$199,000 // \$205,000\* 3024 Saint Luke Lane // Split Level // 3 Bedrm // 2 Bath // \$214,900 // \$216,750 6758 Ransome Drive // Rancher // 4 Bedrm // 3 Bath // \$242,000 // \$240,000 6812 Yataruba Drive // Rambler // 4 Bedrm // 3 Bath // \$239,000 // \$235,000 3911 Essex Road // Rancher // 4 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$269,900 // \$255,000

#### WINDSOR MILL 21244

7103 Bexhill Road // Colonial // 3 Bedrm // 2 Bath // \$190,000 // \$180,000 8412 Carson Lane // \$plit Foyer // 4 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$179,000 // \$172,000 3203 Northwood Road // \$plit Level // 3 Bedrm // 2 Bath // \$179,000 // \$178,000 3534 Milford Mill Road // Cape Cod // 3 Bedrm // 3 Bath // \$239,000 // \$231,000 7515 Heather Field Drive // \$plit Level // 4 Bedrm // 3 Bath // \$329,000 // \$320,000 8611 Windsor Mill Road // Comtemporary // 4 Bedrm // 2 Bath // \$309,000 // \$280,000 3303 Greenmeade Road // \$plit Level // 3 Bedrm // 1 ½ Bath // \$235,000 // \$225,000

#### CATONSVILLE 21228

325 Small Court // Townhouse // 3 Bedrm // 1 ½ Bath // \$235,000 // \$232,000 233 Edridge Way // Rancher // 3 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$380,000 // \$380,000 304 Rolling Road // Unknown // 4 Bedrm // 3 ½ Bath // \$436,000 // \$430,000 906 Sedgley Road // Rancher // 3 Bedrm // 1 Bath // \$376,000 // \$365,000 316 Harlem Lane // Colonial // 5 Bedrm // 2 Bath // \$376,000 // \$365,000 3 Rolling Road // Colonial // 4 Bedrm // 3 ½ Bath // \$649,000 // \$635,000

#### RANDALLSTOWN 21133

3923 Rayton Road // Split Foyer // 3 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$245,000 // \$240,000 9626 Winands Way // Traditional // 3 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$264,900 // \$264,900 22 Hobart Court // Colonial // 5 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$319,000 // \$310,000 9316 Edway Court // Split Level // 4 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$264,000 // \$274,000 4 Thyme Court // Colonial // 4 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$309,000 // \$309,000 3912 Carthage Road // Colonial // 4 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$304,000 // \$304,000

### PIKESVILLE 21208

8420 Dorian Road // Rancher // 4 bedrm // 2 bath // \$340,000 // \$346,000\*
123 River Oak Circle // Split Foyer // 3 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$399,000 // \$375,000
7916 Stevenson Road // Transitional // 6 Bedrm // 3 Bath // \$439,000 // \$407,000
8321 Prairie Rose Place // Contemporary // 3 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$384,000 // \$375,000
7616 Carla Road // Rancher // 4 Bedrm // 1 ½ Bath // \$249,000 // \$217,000
902 Flagtree Court // Split Level // 3 Bedrm // 2 Bath // \$239,000 // \$240,000\*
32 Merry Hill Court // Traditional // 5 Bedrm // 4 Bath // \$1,150,000 // \$1,065,000

### OWINGS MILLS 21117

812 Academy Avenue // Transitional // 5 Bedrm // 3 ½ Bath // \$354,000 // \$330,000 143 Disney Court // Colonial // 3 Bedrm // 3 ½ Bath // \$405,000 // \$395,000 27 Cedarmere Road // Rancher // 3 Bedrm // 2 Bath // \$259,000 // \$258,000 5 Oak Hill Court // Colonial // 5 Bedrm // 2 ½ Bath // \$415,000 // \$420,000\* 2721 Caves Road // Traditional // 3 Bedrm // 3 ½ Bath // \$449,000 // \$449,000

#### REISTERSTOWN 21136

14104 Wooden Lane // Contemporary // 4 Bedrm // 4 Bath // \$464,000 // \$464,000 2 Woodfield Court // Colonial // 5 Bedrm // 4 ½ Bath // \$525,000 // \$525,000 13127 Old Hanover Road // Farm House // 5 Bedrm // 1 Bath // \$500,000 // \$305,000

# Woodlands of Deer Park Turns 50



Woodlands of Deer Park Community Association President Virgina Jones is flanked by prominent guests. From left: Del. Jay Jalisi, Danny Blount, Del. Adrienne Jones, Sharon Demanest, Kelly Carter, Tony Baysmore, Del. Ben Brooks, Councilman Julian Jones and Rob Johnson.

On his way to a nearby work site laying telephone cable, Roderick Hart Sr. would pass by a new housing development. He admired the large single-family houses nestled in a wooded area in the western part of Randallstown and eventually moved there with his family in 1972.

That community was Woodlands of Deer Park Community Association, and on May 10 at Diamondz event center in Randallstown, community leaders, local business representatives and elected officials gathered to celebrate the organization's 50th anniversary. Hart shared the story and other remarks as part of his walk down memory lane.

His neighbor, Woodlands of Deer Park President Virginia Jones, organized the program to recognize the organization's five decades of service to the community. Jones, who moved into the neighborhood with her husband in 1997, was elected president the following year. She headed the association until 2006 and after a two-year break, returned to serve as president in 2009.

Jones thanked her board members and officers Eugene Jenkins, Ellen Polson, Leon Gibson and Arthur Pierce, and husband Robert Jones for their support throughout her tenure.

Guests enjoyed refreshments, anniversary mugs and camaraderie. Attendees included elected officials Delegates Ben Brooks, Jay Jalisi and Adrienne Jones; Councilman Julian Jones; Kelly Carter, executive director of the Liberty Road Business Association, Tony Baysmore, special assistant to County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, and Sharon Demarest of LifeBridge.

"We have an awesome community and I will continue to work with you to keep it that way," Virginia Jones pledged.



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### **Upcoming** events

### Men's Health Screening

The Baltimore County Department of Health is hosting a Men's Health Screening Clinic will be held Friday, June 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Health Center, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 21207. The clinic will serve uninsured and underinsured teenage and adult males. Get screenings on blood pressure, depression, glucose, hearing, HIV/STI testing, oral cancer, substance use, weight and height. Also get information on how to apply for health insurance, smoking cessation classes and cancer prevention.

Questions? Call 410-887-2705.

### Raising Problem-Solving, **Self-Reliant Children**

Join the Baltimore County Public Library every Wednesday this summer for a unique program for adults. Rachael Abrams, LCSW-C, parent outreach specialist at Jewish Community Services presents "Raising Problem-Solving, Self-Reliant Children" on June 29, 7 p.m., at the Owings Mills Library, 10302 Grand Central Ave. Striking the perfect balance as a parent can be tough between protecting your children from the world but raising them to fly on their own. Find out what you should be doing now to ensure your children will make it on their own when the time comes.

### Teen End of School Year

Summer is almost here. Celebrate with outside games, activities and other fun on June 15 at 2:30 at the Reisterstown Library, 21 Cockeys Mill Rd.

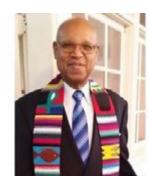
### Other Library Activities

Keep up with all Baltimore County Public Library events.

- Catonsville Library, 1100 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, 410-887-0951, www.bcpl.info/events/ datelines-catonsville
- Owings Mills Library, 10302 Grand Central Ave. Owings Mills, 410-887-2092. www.bcpl. info/events/datelines-owings-
- Pikesville Library, 1301 Reisterstown Rd., 887-1234. www.bcpl. info/events/datelines-pikesville
- Randallstown Library, 8604 Liberty Rd., Randallstown, 410-887-0770. www.bcpl.info/events/ datelines-randallstown
- Reisterstown Library, 21 Cockeys Mill Rd., Reisterstown, 410-887-1175. www.bcpl.info/events/ datelines-reisterstown
- Woodlawn Library, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, Woodlawn, 410-887-1336, www.bcpl.info/events/ datelines-woodlawn

### **Board of Education** Meetings

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On June 19, 1865, slaves in Galveston, Texas, finally got word that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves. This date was 2 1/2 years after the proclamation took effect. Upon hearing the news, the African-Americans celebrated jubilantly, and thus that day was proclaimed as African-American Emancipation Day. In June 2014, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation establishing June 19 as Juneteenth National Freedom Day.

To commemorate that historical event, the Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will hold its Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Randallstown Library's parking lot, 8604 Liberty Rd. The festival will include a Juneteenth skit commemorating black freedom, a poetry reading, music from a DJ, appearances by elected officials, vendors and refreshments. For information, call 410-922-8655.

The Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, Inc. in partnership with members of the Griot Circle of Maryland will host their annual Juneteenth celebration on Saturday, June 18, from noon to 2 p.m., at the museum on the front lawn of the Molly Bannaky House. The museum is located at 300 Oella Ave. in Catonsville. You will follow segments of the Underground Railroad with Harriet Tubman and listen to master storytellers share various stories of strength, honor and hope relevant to all cultures.

### The Student Internship Program

The Baltimore County Police Department Student Internship Program is available to university and college students who meet the requirements for participation. The program's objective is to provide a positive learning environment for interested college students to experience the various aspects and responsibilities of law enforcement.

The recruitment team says that interns may be placed in a precinct, units within the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Training Academy or the Photo Lab, and may perform administrative tasks for the unit to which they are assigned. The interns do not participate in ride-a-longs. The program also does not place student interns in the Forensics Services (i.e. Biology, Chemistry, DNA, and Trace Labs).

To apply you must submit a cover letter, professional resume, letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor or professor and unofficial transcript, along with the Internship Application Form and Internship Integrity Form, which can be found on the Baltimore County Police Department website.

The application deadline for the semester in which you are applying:

- **Session One** Fall Semester: September to December; Deadline: July 1
- Session Two Spring Semester: February to May; Deadline: Dec. 1
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For details, contact recruiter@baltimorecountymd.gov and visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/careers/internship/.

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# To Market, at the Local Farmers Markets

Get ready for farm-fresh produce and other products, as the Farmers Markets return to the area this spring. Some have already opened and others are slated to open this month rain or shine. Most of the markets are accepting benefits for the Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) and Fruit and Vegetable Check (FVC), and some for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Among the many farmers markets around the county are several convenient to the northwest.

Catonsville has two farmers markets. A visit to the Catonsville Farmers Market organized by the Catonsville Chamber of Commerce on Sundays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at 730 Frederick Rd. in the parking lot behind Friendly's, found Marita Wynn and Jo Ann Tulock going through a robust selection of herbs, plants and colorful flowers in bloom. "I love gardening and they have beautiful white cone flowers," says Tulock. Wynn agreed, noting that you can't beat the lovely plants and perennials.

Randallstown resident Danielle James and Nigel Reid were parking before heading to a nearby restaurant for lunch when the "beautiful cakes" under a tent with homemade cookies, brownies and bread pudding caught James' eye.

Visitors such as the two pairs of friends can take advantage of markets' vendors selling a hearty selection of produce, breads, seasonings, local wines and homemade baked goods each week until Nov. 20. Local musicians and community organizations will occasionally participate in the market. FMNP, FVC and SNAP accepted. Contact: Teal Cary, 410-719-9609, chamber@catonsville.org.

The other Catonsville Farmers Market is being held at the Christian Temple, 5820 Edmondson Ave. on Wednesdays through Nov. 23, from 10





Top, Maria Wynn and Jo Ann Tulock made their first visit to the Catonsville Farmers Market on Frederick Road this year to check out the flowers and plants. Bottom, Keisha Harris, owner of the made-from-scratch baking business, Cakes Cre8tions by Carol, welcomes Danielle James and Nigel Reid to her table of sweets. Harris' mother took a year off from the business to care for her while she was recovering from breast cancer, then handed responsibility over to Harris.

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You can stop by the Pikesville Farmers' Market on Tuesdays through October from 2 to 6 p.m. in Pomona Square at 1700 Reisterstown Rd. FMNP and FVC accepted. Contact: Ayme Lederman, 410-484-2337, info@pikesvillechamber.org.

The Randallstown Farmers Market will open on Wednesday, June 15, at noon at the Liberty Court Shopping Center, 8604 Liberty Rd. A ceremony featuring local officials and community leaders will be held June 15. The market will run Wednesdays through Oct. 26, from 1 to 5 p.m. FMNP and FVC accepted. Contact: Kelly Carter, 410-655-7766, Irba@Irba.biz, www. Irba.biz.

Check out offerings at the Reisterstown Farmers Market on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Franklin Middle School, 10 Cockeys Mill Rd. through October. Contact: Kim Drapkin, kedrapkin@gmail.com.

The Woodlawn Farmers Market will open in July on Thursdays and continue throughout the summer to September. It will be held 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the parking lot at Woodlawn Bowling Lanes, 6410 Security Blvd. FMNP and FVC accepted. Contact: Bill Obreicht, 410-944-5239 or billkreuznach@yahoo.com.

For information on other markets, visit www.visitmaryland.org/.

# New Securityplus Credit Union Opens in Owings Mills

Securityplus Federal Credit Union celebrated the grand opening of its newest Baltimore County location on May 9 with an official ribbon cutting in Owings Mills.

The newly renovated, 2,350-square-foot facility is located at 60 Painters Mill Rd. in a prime location adjacent to the new Foundry Row development. The Owings Mills branch features a drive-up ATM and two drive-thru lanes, a coin counter machine, and plenty of parking. The branch's signature blue roof will make it easy to spot.

Special guest speakers at the grand opening ceremony included: Securityplus CEO Brett Noll, Reisterstown, Owings Mills, Glyndon (ROMG) Chamber of Commerce President Mary Ellen Morrison, and Securityplus Board Chairman Andre Brown, and Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce President Charles Owens.

Securityplus Federal Credit Union is a \$365 million not-for-profit, member-owned, full service financial institution, with six branches. The credit union serves over 33,000 members in the greater Baltimore community.



Officially opening the Securityplus' Painters Mill location are CEO Brett Noll; Maynard Hurd, vice president of lending; Andre Brown, board chairperson; Bernice Chase, board vice chairman; Marc Fratus, CIO; and Jack Schiefer, vice president of operations.

# Community Chat on the Zika Virus

There has been a lot of talk about the Zika virus, which is primarily spread to people by mosquito bites and can lead to an increased risk for birth defects and potential complications with the nervous system.

In February, the World Health Organization declared Zika virus a public health emergency of international concern. Local transmission has been reported in many countries and territories. According to the Baltimore County Health Department, Maryland has seen at least 17 cases of Zika infection—involving mosquito bite and sexual transmission—in instances that all have involved travel to Zika-endemic areas of active transmission in the Caribbean, Central America and South America. No vaccine exists to prevent the virus.

To learn about the Zika virus, join Baltimore County Health Officer Gregory Branch and representatives from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for a community chat on Tuesday, June 28, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Drumcastle Government Center, 6401 York Rd., in Baltimore, 21212. Howard Haft, DHMH deputy secretary of Public Health Services, will also be on hand for the discussion, which will include an overview of the Zika virus, transmission, pregnancy and Zika, travel and mosquito control.





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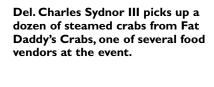
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Families, community members and political representatives came together for the Security Woodlawn Business Association's first annual Family Fun Day on June 4 at Gwynn Oak Park in Woodlawn. The Woodlawn High School Marching Band performed, neighbors greeted and mingled with community members, and churches, businesses and other vendors displayed their wares and shared information. Children played on the jungle gym and took advantage of the opportunity to explore the Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company's shiny red fire truck.

SWBA President Marisol Johnson says now that the group is under new leadership, the community can expect fresh ideas and perspectives, new events and more educational seminars and networking opportunities. "We want to link business and the community together to further economic growth," she says. The association's vice president, Margaret Stokes, says she was pleased with the turnout and states that the community can expect even more entertainment and activities next year.



The Baltimore County Public Library entertained youngsters with crafts and books.

Little man is not happy with the way Carroll Watkins is holding him.

Baltimore County Police Officer Bryen Glass with his family wife Stacy and children Dori and Bryen.

Margaret Stokes, vice president of the Security Woodlawn Business Association, shares membership information with Etta Banks, pastor of New Vision For Life Kingdom Builders; and Taibika Garnes, a minister at the church.



With Morning Star Baptist Church, currently located in Catonsville, under construction for a new worship center in Woodlawn, Karen Broddie, name of husband and other woman, attended to share information about the ministries and their vision of building and rebuilding lives.

Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company entertained children.

Woodlawn High School students
Deandra Harvin, Pierre Saint-Louis
and Charles Demery are proud to
have earned straight As during their
time at the school.

Tony Baysmore, special assistant to County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, chats with Ashley Rodgers, director of the Woodlawn Library.

At the State Farm face painting and crafts table are (clockwise): Marisol Johnson, Leticia Williams, Nyleah Johnson, Vanesa Rocha, Faith Williams and Nalani Johnson.

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### Mars Closing its Reisterstown Store in July

In January, one of Randallstown's two Food Lion grocery locations went out of business. Now, a few miles west, Mars Super Markets is closing its store in Reisterstown at the end of July.

Citing declining sales and intense competition, the local family-owned Mars grocery chain that opened the first of its stores in Baltimore in 1943, will shutter its 13 remaining stores, including the one at 11953 Reisterstown Rd.

Reisterstown resident Linda Beaver lamented the closing. "I will

will miss the convenience of the Mars supermarket at 11953 Reisterstown Rd.
Reisterstown resident Linda
will miss the convenience of the Mars supermarket at 11953 Reisterstown Rd. in Reisterstown when it closes July 31.

Shoppers such as Linda Beaver

be sad to see Mars leave because of the convenience," she says. "I have a lot of great memories of shopping here. I have friends who shop here all the time and I know they will greatly miss it." Beaver says she will shop at a Food Lion, which is close to her home.

Some of the Mars locations will be spared. Weis Markets announced last month that it would purchase five of stores that have locations in Arbutus, Carney, Dundalk and Essex. Weis expects to hire a good number of the hundreds who will be laid off from the Mars stores.

Glenn Barnes, president of the Reisterstown Improvement Association, says that Greenberg Gibbons, new owners of Reisterstown Shopping Center, where the Mars is located, is already working to find another grocery chain to come into the 35,000-square-foot space and hopefully hire some of the displaced employees.

"I don't think the store will be vacant very long," Barnes says. "People who walk to this store will obviously be affected for a while. They will have to go to the Giant a few blocks south on Reisterstown Road."

Weis operates four stores in Baltimore County, including one in Woodlawn. One Weis completes the purchase of the Mars locations in July, its footprint will expand to nine stores in the county.

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# Aldi Opening Down the Street in Owings Mills

Discount grocer Aldi is opening a store in the former Staples space in Valley Centre in the 9600 block of Reisterstown Road in Owings Mills. The June 9 grand opening is scheduled for the no-frills shopping experience, and there were prizes and free samples on the first day.

Aldi, which it reports is in an aggressive coast-to-coast expansion, plans to have 2,000 stores nationwide by 2018. The Owings Mills store will join the other 23 stores located in Maryland, including locations in Catonsville, Randallstown and Reisterstown.

Aldi is known for the quirky features such as renting shopping carts for a refundable 25 cents, dozens of its own brand of products, and aisles of food and paper goods, as well as seasonal items from tools and plants to exercise equipment and storage.





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### Celebrating the Class of 2016

The *Northwest Voice* is publishing excerpts from Baltimore County Public Schools write-ups about seniors selected by their schools to receive the Ethics Award, BCPS' highest honor, given to one student from each high school who best exemplifies the values of the school system.

Among the questions BPCS asked the students as part of their interviews were:

- During your years as a BCPS student, what did you accomplish that you are most proud of?
- What are your college or employment plans immediately after graduation?
- Where do you see yourself in 10 years?



Edosewele Okojie, Owings Mills High School (Woodholme Elementary School, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School)

Accomplishments you're most proud of. I became vice president of the Class of 2016 and I was able to excel in in my Advanced Placement courses.

**Plans after graduation**. I plan to attend the University of Maryland, Baltimore County to pursue a degree

in public health along with a pre-med concentration. However, right after graduation, I hope to spend my summer volunteering in a hospital.

Where you see yourself in 10 years. I see myself completing my residency for medical school and working towards my dream job of being a pediatrician.



Nicole Marfo, Franklin High School (Glyndon Elementary School, Franklin Middle School)

Accomplishments you're most proud of. I have seen myself grow into a responsible, respectful, mature, young woman. I have definitely grown out of my shy shell, and have become very open to new people, new ideas, and new things in general. Not only am I the vice president of our school's Science National Honor

Society, but I am also the vice president of our school's Student Government Association.

Plans after graduation. I will be attending the University of Maryland, College Park. I will study nursing, and after four years will become a nurse. Hopefully, with the money I save from working as a nurse, I will be able to afford to go to medical school in hopes of becoming a pediatrician. Where you see yourself in 10 years. I will be a pediatrician working at Johns Hopkins. Hopefully by then, I will be married with my first child.



Ye Jin Bae, Pikesville High School (Pikesville Middle School)

Accomplishments you're most proud of. I am proud of winning the Congressional Art Competition for two years in a row.

**Plans after graduation**. I am already enlisted in the U.S. Army as a health specialist. Therefore, after graduation, I will go to the basic training and then

Advanced Individual Training to become a health specialist.

Where you see yourself in 10 years. I believe that I will contribute my skills and talent to the community as a doctor and visual artist.



Darren Hislop, Milford Mill Academy

(Bedford Elementary School, Pikesville Middle School)

Accomplishments you're most proud of. It would have to be my Advanced Placement (AP) test results! So far, I have taken and passed three AP exams. I have passed the AP Calculus AB Exam, the AP US History Exam, and the AP World History Exam.

Plans after graduation. I will be attending the University ollege Park, as an Honors student with a major in computer

of Maryland, College Park, as an Honors student with a major in computer science.

Where you see yourself in 10 years. I see myself in the field of cybersecurity or software development.



### Derrick Robinson, Woodlawn High School

(Featherbed Lane Elementary School, Woodlawn Middle)

Accomplishments you're most proud of. I am most proud of all of the scholarships I have received this year from colleges (more than \$200,000). It shows me that my hard work has paid off.

Plans after graduation. I plan to attend Bowie State University on a full scholarship (the Honors Scholarship).

Where you see yourself in 10 years. I plan to be established in my career. I plan to pursue a career in computer technology. I would like to travel and see the world. I would also like to give back to my community, coaching basketball, and helping other young people find their way.



### Allison Bernard, New Town High School

(Winfield Elementary School, Sudbrook Magnet Middle)

Accomplishments you're most proud of. Most of my accomplishments as a BCPS student have occurred in high school; however, the accomplishment of which I am most proud is winning the STEM fair in the fourth grade at Winfield Elementary School.

Plans after graduation. I received a four-year, full tuition scholarship from Harrisburg University of Science and

Technology. I aspire to venture into biomedical engineering. I also would like to have an internship at Johns Hopkins University and work in their simulation lab. Where you see yourself in 10 years. I see myself as a successful engineer. I would like to discover a new form of engineering, one that has not been unveiled yet but will be necessary for survival in the future. I will be happily married with dogs and children.



#### William Wright, Randallstown High School

(Campfield Early Learning Center, Padonia International Elementary School, Church Lane Elementary School, Old Court Middle School)

Accomplishments you're most proud of. As a student with a form of autism called Asperger's syndrome, I had difficulty with speech and language, comprehension, connecting with people in relationships, and challenges

with tasks that other people could do very easily. I overcame childhood obstacles of not fitting in. I celebrate my uniqueness and look forward to what my next accomplishment will be. My mom told me that, when I was little, a doctor told her to be prepared that I may never obtain a high school diploma. I am now a graduating senior, currently with a 3.19 GPA, who has achieved honor roll status several quarters of each year throughout middle and high school. I am very proud of this achievement because I worked so hard to show myself, my parents, and the teachers that I can do it. My faith kept me going.

Plans after graduation. I plan to attend the Community College of Baltimore County in the fall and go on to a four-year college or university to study engineering or forensic science.



Philip Hixenbaugh, Catonsville High School (Westchester Elementary School, Catonsville Middle School)

Accomplishments you're most proud of. I am most proud of winning the Ethics Award.

Plans after graduation. I will be attending Towson University in the fall.

Where you see yourself in 10 years. I hope to be a

successful accountant.



#### Saad Samee, Western School of Technology & Environmental Science

(New Town Elementary School, Deer Park Middle Magnet School)

Accomplishments you're most proud of. I was able to go to several programming contests at different colleges like University of Maryland, College Park and the Community College of Baltimore County to compete

against other high school teams. We had to solve problems that were far more difficult than things we had done in class.

Plans after graduation. I would like to attend UMBC for their computer science major as they have one of the best programs in the state. I will likely maintain my current employment at Kumon, a tutoring and learning center. Where you see yourself in 10 years. Over the next 10 years, I plan to narrow down what particular aspect of computer science I really want to focus on. So in time, I will find a career in the specific field that I will enjoy the most and be able to aid in the most.

—Baltimore County Public Schools





Woodlawn High School student Avery Perkins and Alex McNeill will be attending college this fall at Morgan State University and Virginia Union University.

# Taking Music to a New Level

A stop by Gwynn Oak Park found the Woodlawn High School Marching Band performing. Among the talented band members were Avery Perkins and Alex McNeill of the Class of 2016. They shared how their love of music plays into their college plans.

Perkins plans to major in music at Morgan State University. He's been in the band all four years at Woodlawn High. He didn't begin playing trumpet until the ninth grade, when he discovered that the band class was on his schedule. Perkins says he has overcome the rough transition from middle school to high school and the distractions of friends and other students to become college bound. "Taking band was the best decision I made because it got me into college," he says.

His band partner, Alex McNeill, will attend Virginia Union University in the fall on a \$20,000 scholarship for marching band. With a career goal to join the Marine Corps and become a military police, McNeill plans to major in criminal justice and minor in music. He says that participation in AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a program that accelerates the progress of students in the "academic middle," helped him to meet new friends and focus on his studies.

Congratulations to Perkins and McNeill and all of the high school graduates!



# A Struggle, then Relief, to Graduate

Dayne Guest is a tall, popular, athletic 18-year-old with model good looks. He graduated on June 6 with hundreds of other seniors from Western School of Technology after enjoying the typical high school experiences of proms, activities with friends and even a stand-out season on the football team

But academically, high school was a struggle beyond the usual pursuit of good grades and a college education. Dayne struggled with a learning disability that his mom, Pamela Guest, believes is undiagnosed dyslexia. Her determination to move her son past the lack of understanding and resources necessary to address his dyslexia required her to spend hours of one-on-one time with him at home after working a full-time job as a data analyst with a nonprofit.

"I struggled with reading comprehension. I'd forget the info I just read," says Dayne. "I started acting up a lot. I didn't get the support in school. My mom was my support out of the classroom."

Dayne was happy to cross the stage, equating graduation to getting out of jail. He is working a construction apprenticeship, but feels college is "a missed opportunity." He says, "I feel I missed out on an opportunity to go to college." He believes he was making some headway with the research-based Wilson Reading System that he began in February. The program is designed for students with reading and spelling difficulties in grades 2 through adulthood, but Dayne didn't begin taking Wilson until his senior year.

The disability continues to hinder his reading and math comprehension, kept him from getting on the varsity football team after earning MVP on the junior varsity team in his sophomore year, and getting into Western Tech's work study plumbing program after doing well in the practical part.

As an auditory learner who comprehends from hearing words read aloud, Dayne made excuses when teachers asked him to read along. They decided that he just wasn't working to his potential and many times would grade him with low marks.

As early as kindergarten, Guest noticed subtle signs that maybe Dayne's learning was delayed. But it was comparisons most moms made with their children, such as when some students could write what they had for lunch on the blackboard and Dayne could not. Teachers told her that boys were less advanced learners and that sounded reasonable. The school system told her that students must be two years behind before they could receive certain resources and that did not make sense to her.

Gifted at playing the piano, Dayne also recalls when he could repeat a song his grandmother



Dayne Guest and his mom, Pamela Guest, share a light moment on graduation day after a long struggle with a learning disability and his studies from Western Technical High School in Catonsville.

played, but could not read sheet music. His mom remembers in ninth grade when he came home and announced, "I think I'm dyslexic."

Forseeing the challenges ahead, Guest, a resident of Lochearn, opted to send Dyane to a magnet school instead of his zoned Milford Mill. Western Tech had a plumbing program and she knew he was good with his hands. "I wanted to help him get into a trade that offered sustainable, high-paying work. I knew mechanical construction or plumbing would be good."

Dayne was a high performer in plumbing. He could measure pipes and do the practical math associated with plumbing. But he couldn't get work study because he couldn't do the spelling and basic fractions and math.

A talented athlete, could not make the team in his senior year because he did not earn the required 2.0 grade point average to play. "We would study for five hours and the next day he would not know what I was talking about," Guest says. "He worked so hard but it wasn't clicking and so he couldn't play. That's when I knew he had a problem, because he wanted it so bad but couldn't do the work.

Still, she had to depend on teachers to intervene, for example to nudge him to focus and to make sure they left her notes about his assignments and upcoming tests. She wanted them to allow some flexibility when he forgot to turn in the homework he worked hours on but forgot to bring in to class. She says she constantly had to email teachers to ask "Have you read Dayne's individual education plan? Do you understand his needs? Are you willing to

"IT SHOULD BE HIS RIGHT TO HAVE AN APPROPRIATE EDUCATION."

-PAMELA GUEST

help me help him?" It was hit and miss. A few were helpful, many were not consistently supportive or helpful at all.

Not every student has the finances to attend private schools like the \$31,000-per-year Odyssey School in Stevenson and the \$33,000-per-year Jemicy School in Owings Mills, which educate students with dyslexia with a student-to-teacher ratio of less than 4-to-1. They must depend on teachers, accountability from the school system, and parents who can work with them at home, navigate any available services and resources, and be an effective and consistent advocate on their student's behalf.

"It should be his right to have an appropriate education," Guest says.

Fortunately, she serves on advocacy groups, such as Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee and Decoding Dylexia Maryland, Special Education State Advisory Council and is a parent education support counselor. She is able to navigate the system better than many parents who have students with disabilities.

What is needed? "We need to have something in place to identify the problem and then evaluate to see if it is working," Guest says. She shared her views with the Board of Education recently, testifying that the school system must be more proactive and supportive of kids with dyslexia. They can't allow kids to fall between the cracks, and they cannot be ashamed to use the word dyslexia instead of identified learning disability.

Guest and her husband have five children, and another son is "differently-able." Her 22-year-old autistic son Dylan, a gifted artist whose professional-level paintings and drawings since middle school decorate the family's home, graduated last month from Maryland Institute College of Art.

Guest has also authored a book about Dylan, "Artistic: The Art of Redefining a Label." She recently launched a quarterly online magazine called IEP Magazine, Individualized Education Perspective. The goal, she says, is to bridge existing information gaps and assist parents and educators in navigating the educational challenges and obstacles faced by differently-abled students.

Dayne's goal is to eventually attend a community college with the support of Wilson. But for now, he is doing work he enjoys as an apprentice putting up drywall, repairing concrete and doing other home renovation tasks.

His advice is this: Advocate for yourself and be ready to speak up." Advocate for yourself and be ready to speak up."

### The Heated Debate About Air Conditioning County Schools

# Elementary, middle county schools to get CAC by fall

In recent years and months, parents and leaders have become more vocal at school board meetings, community forums and legislative hearings insisting that students sitting in humid, sweltering classrooms when outdoor temperatures reach the 80s and 90s hinders their learning and puts their health at risk. The air conditioning issue has also played out in state Board of Public Works hearings, with finger-pointing and charges that the issue has become politicized.

In a May 11 Board of Public Works meeting, the Board voted 2-1 to withhold millions of dollars in school construction funds until Baltimore City and Baltimore County provides a plan to install portable air conditioning units by the upcoming 2016-17 school year in all of their schools. Under the mandate, Baltimore County would lose out on \$10 million, and the city would not receive \$5 million until the jurisdictions complied with the board's directive.

Opting to forgo the window units for a more permanent solution, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announced on May 18 that the county will advance the state's share of school construction funding to expedite the installation of central air conditioning in every remaining elementary and middle school classroom by fall 2017. The remaining schools had been scheduled to receive central air upgrades over the next

three fiscal years. High schools will be centrally cooled by August 2018.

In a May 18 statement, the county gave this response:

"In 2011, Baltimore County embarked on a \$1.3 billion Schools for our Future program, the most ambitious school construction initiative in the history of the State. The county is in the home stretch of constructing 15 new schools and 11 additions, while adding seats to eliminate current elementary school over-crowding while also modernizing schools, it says. During the program, a backlog of 90 schools without central air is eliminated.

Under the current program, for every one State dollar received for school construction, the county has invested two county tax dollars, more than the one-to-one customary match. In the proposed fiscal 2017 budget, the county included \$121.8 million to forward-fund a majority of the State's share of the school construction program. The cost of the remaining air conditioning upgrades is \$83 million, with \$45 million due from the State and \$39 million due from the county, after accounting for past county payments of \$15 million.

Now, the county proposes to further advance the State's share of the remaining \$45 million expense to complete by 2017 central air upgrade projects in every county school that is not otherwise slated for replacement or major renovation. Due to the size of the high school facilities, those projects will be completed by August 2018. Therefore, the county will be forward-funding \$166.4 million on behalf of the State, and will seek timely reimbursement."

After reviewing year-end budget projections for the school system,

Kamenetz says he agreed to Schools Superintendent Dallas Dance recommendation that the county utilize \$20 million of surplus funds to forward-fund the installation of central air conditioning.

"Our students and teachers deserve a climate controlled and energy efficient central air conditioning system, and not window units from Home Depot, as suggested by the Governor and Comptroller," Kamenetz says.

"Despite the fiscally irresponsible suggestion by Governor Hogan that Baltimore County waste money on temporary window air conditioning units, we insist on installing central air systems.

"[Earlier in May], Governor Hogan withheld \$10 million of State funds as ransom so that we would capitulate and install window units. It's ridiculous that we have to advance the State's share of funding to do the job right the first time."

After factoring in costs to bid electrical upgrades and state procurement costs for window units, county officials believe they can install central air in the same time frame it would take to install portable window units.

Among the remaining schools to receive central air upgrades, subject to council approval, are Franklin High School and Southwest Academy. Kamenetz called the program's success a team effort between the council, state delegation and board of education.

Read the county's full response, "Baltimore County to forward-fund State share, complete remaining school central air conditioning upgrades by 2017" at baltimorecountymd.gov/News/.



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# Diggs-Johnson Museum Opens to Public

The Diggs-Johnson Museum, which showcases African-American artifacts and memorabilia, is now open to the public Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. The museum, originally the Cherry Hill African United Protestant Church with a cornerstone dated 1887, was renovated from a grant and first opened last year. It is located at 2426 Offutt Road in Granite, 21163.

Louis Diggs, local historian and author of 11 books on African-American life in Baltimore County, will be available to share some of the 7,000-plus images and other artifacts collected. On some Mondays, Francis Cockey will be available to share the history behind her "My Grandmother's Trunk" display, and other displayers and board members.

The museum is named for Diggs and Leonard Johnson, a Baltimore County Planning Department employee who worked with the county's African-American communities.

Because of the extremely limited parking at the museum, you must apply for a "parking pass." You may be ticketed or towed if you park on Offutt Road.

For more information and to get a parking pass, please email louisdiggs2@verizon.net, noting the date you would like to visit. Allow at least three days for a response to your request.



At the Diggs-Johnson Museum, Francis Cockey displays some of the artifacts from her grandmother's truck.



Photos from Louis Diggs

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Christopher Randall settled in Anne Arundel County in the year 1679. There he purchased three tracts of land totaling nearly 1,000 acres. Randall died in 1684, leaving behind his wife and sons. The family later moved to Northwest Baltimore County (ca. 1719), where the area known as Randallstown preserves their name.

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### Race Absolutely Does Matter

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Did black officials not understand the significance of electing a black Senator or did they understand and not want to elect Edwards It is so disappointing that they did not want to give Edwards the opportunity to serve and to inspire the next generation to follow her footsteps and do great things. The sad part is many of these politicians who chose not to support Edwards' candidacy are intimately familiar with the struggle in the '50s and '60s for civil rights, racial and gender equality and rights for the middle class.

I want to remind everyone that the Legislative District 10 and Councilmanic District 4 did not exist because an African American could collect enough votes to get elected in Baltimore. So they created a minority district. The same people who benefitted from this chose not to support the black senatorial candidate.

Inside the Democratic Party, they seem to be fine with the idea of blacks representing black communities, but we never see them passionate about supporting a black that represents the general population as a whole. I didn't seem the same enthusiasm and hard work for Anthony Brown for Governor that you saw for Van Hollen for Senate. Brown couldn't win statewide but he goes back to his Prince George's County and gets elected to the Congress.

In case you're wondering: Yes, I congratulated Van Hollen. But if I had to do it again, even knowing the outcome, I would still support Edwards' campaign for the middle class and working families.

We move forward. We learn. We will remember. To the elected officials, the community is watching you. We saw what you did. And we are not going to pretend that it's OK. Represent your constituents. Represent the community you were elected to serve.

Those are my opinions. Tell me what you think. Leave a comment at nwvoicenews.com/from-the-publisher-race-absolutely-does-matter/





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### What advice would you give to a senior graduating from school?



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Maria Bowie, Windsor Mills



"IF YOU HAVE A DREAM BE PERSISTENT. DON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER. LOOK FOR OTHER OPTIONS AND AVENUES TO EXPLORE THAT DREAM. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A DREAM, EXPLORE AS WIDELY AND BROADLY AS YOU CAN. SAMPLE LIFE IN ALL OF ITS DIMENSIONS UNTIL A POINT OF FOCUS COMES CLEAR AND A PASSION SPEAKS TO YOU."

Kathy King, Edmondson Heights



"BE MORE PREPARED FOR LIFE AND GIVE IT YOUR ALL."

Pam Thompson, Woodlawn



"YOU HAVE TO TAKE EACH MOMENT AS IT COMES BUT YOU ALSO HAVE TO HAVE A PLAN. RECOGNIZE THE THINGS THAT ARE WITHIN YOUR CONTROL, TAKE THEM FOR WHAT THEY ARE, AND THEN ACT ON THEM. FOR THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT IN YOUR CONTROL, WORRY NOT ABOUT ANYTHING, BE ANXIOUS ABOUT NOTHING. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT YOU HAVE."

Stephanie Cannon-Jones, Owings Mills



"I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN YOURSELF THIS FAR AND IN KNOWING THAT, YOU CAN GET YOURSELF TO WHEREVER YOU CHOOSE TO GO. THE ONLY LIMITATIONS THAT YOU HAVE ARE THE ONES YOU PLACE UPON YOURSELF."

Eboni Brown, Pikesville



"DON'T GO TO NURSING SCHOOL BECAUSE EVERYONE IS DOING THAT." Kai Craig, Randallstown



"SET UP A BUDGET. LEARN TO LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS. HAVE A PLAN AND PRIORITIZE."

### **Bumper to Bumper Rankings**

Six of the top bottlenecks are in the Baltimore region, according to a report from Trip, a national transportation research organization. Making the list was the inner loop of the beltway at I-795.

TRIP ranks the Maryland-D.C. metropolitan area first in the nation in the cost of traffic congestion per consumer, with congestion costing \$1,834 per commuter and causing 82 hours of delay annually. A Baltimore commuter loses \$1,115 and 47 hours in time annually from being stuck in traffic.

The group says that congestion on Maryland's roads and highways results in 195 million hours of

delay each year and consumes an extra 85 million gallons of fuel.

In another list, the 2014 list of Maryland's top 30 bottleneck locations, the State Department of Transportation identified I-495 innerloop at the I-270 spur as the most congested area.

In the northwest region, DOT puts the 695 outerloop at Edmondson Avenue, Exit 14 at #7, 695 innerloop at 1-795 exit 19 at #8; 695 outerloop at Route 40, exit 15 #19 and the 695-interloop at Route 26 #30.

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### **New Courthouse** continued from cover

a half mile of the Islamic Society of Baltimore, recreation ball fields, a senior housing center, a nursing facility, office buildings, several strip shopping centers, restaurants and Security Square Mall.

The impact on the community remains to be seen. Some welcome the potential for jobs and the business that attorneys, workers and visitors may bring when they eat lunch, drop off their clothes for dry cleaning, do their banking and take advantage of other services in the area.

Other local residents may be more leery. They may worry that their property values may be negatively impacted. They also may be concerned that heavier-than-normal traffic will clog Rolling Road and Johnnycake Road and more vehicles will detour through neighborhoods to avoid congestion. Some expressed concerns about security when prisoners are brought to the courthouse for trial and bail hearings.

The plans on the replacement courthouse were laid out in a June 8 meeting at which District 44B Delegates Charles Sydnor and Pat Young, and Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam's representative Kenny Brown, were present. Sydnor says he asked for the meeting after the legislature adopted a capital budget for fiscal year 2017 that included \$28.5 million for a new courthouse, and he wanted more information on the project.

Discussions on the project began in 2002. Representatives say it's a done deal and there will be no opportunity for community input. Legislation passed by the Baltimore County Council years ago required that a new courthouse had to be in the same zip code of the courthouse it was replacing. That means State official's property search was limited to the 21228 zip code. The only other site under consideration was the Spring Grove campus and that got the thumbs down. With limited options, the State of Maryland purchased the property from Whalen Properties in 2011 for \$2.8 million.



The current one-level Catonsville District Courthouse has limited space for hearings and privacy for lawyers and their clients.

The building will green, state-of-the-art with five levels and a parking garage to accommodate 300 vehicles. It will triple the courthouse's current space to 92,000 square feet and house seven courtrooms. One courtroom will have the capacity for 120 people and the others will accommodate 100. The current one-level building has 32,000 square feet and three small courtrooms, which at times are standing-room only.

The new courthouse's lower level will be for prisoner control and the second level will house government offices and space for advocacy; the court rooms and hearing rooms will be on the third and fourth levels; and the judges' chambers will be located on the top level.

Recognizing the need to enhance security for judges, judges will enter and exit through a secure parking area and take dedicated elevators. There will be separate corridors for judges, inmates going

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Rent court is the busiest docket in Baltimore County, with 650,000 cases heard a year on evictions and other housing issues. Baltimore City is Number 2.

to trial and the public. Offices for Department of Juvenile Services, Parole and Probation, and General Services may occupy building.

We can expect that University of Maryland Baltimore County, which is looking to expand, has its eyes on the courthouse property, butts up to the Walker Avenue Apartments that houses UMBC students.



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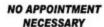
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