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County Students Perform Lower Than Expected on PARCC Tests

Last year, students around the state began taking a new, more rigorous test, Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC), to assess their learning in math and English, as well as critical thinking, problem-solving abilities. The 2015 scores were low, and school officials considered the results a baseline.

This year, the PARCC results released by the Maryland State Department of Education in September for Maryland's 882 elementary, 420 middle and 232 high schools were mixed. Among the more encouraging results statewide were that overall, third-, fourth- and fifth-graders' scores went up significantly in math. However, English scores went down dramatically, particularly in all elementary and middle school grades.

Overall, Baltimore County Public Schools children did not fare well.

At the nine area high schools, no more than 25 percent of the 10th graders met expectations in Algebra I and the majority of students at each of these high schools did not score a passing level in English. The area middle school scores were also not good, with roughly two-thirds of students at most of the schools failing to meet expectations.

Fort Garrison, Summit Park and Franklin elementary schools were among the highest performers. More than 80 percent of 10th graders at Western School of Technology and Environmental Science in Catonsville met or exceeded expectations in English, and less than 25 percent did so in math. Woodlawn, Milford, Owings Mills and Randallstown high school students performed below expectations in English and math.

PARCC assessments are scored on a five-point scale: performance level 1 is defined as not meeting expectations, level 2 as partially meeting expectations, level 3 as approaching expectations, level 4 as meeting expectations, and level 5 as exceeding expectations. Results range from 650 to 850 and a student has to

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

Engaging Our Young in the System

I recently had conversations with three young people to gauge their interest in the political landscape and find out whether they planned to vote in the upcoming elections. They were at various spectrums of interest.

One was in her early 20s and initially appeared to be totally disinterested. As the conversation went on began to understand the importance of voting.

Another was my 22-year-old daughter, whom I continue to encourage to understand the political process and how it guides our way of life.

The third was Keanuu Smith-Brown, a graduate student at the University of Baltimore who was very much involved in the political process as a student government leader and Democratic Party convention delegate for Bernie Sanders. Keanuu was one of the invited speakers at the Democratic Party's unity dinner. He delivered a very blunt message that I am sure made a few people uncomfortable. I personally thought it was a message we all needed to hear, especially baby boomers.

He said it's not enough for folks to call young people the leaders of tomorrow without providing them opportunities. I've included some excerpts from his speech at the end.

Baby boomers must continue to stress how important it is for everyone, especially millennials, to vote and be engaged in the political process.

Seventy-two percent of Americans are registered to vote with about 60 percent of them voting. People over 65 are the most likely to vote. The second largest voting bloc is people 55 to 64 years of age. People 18 to 24 years old is the group that turns out to vote in the lowest numbers.

Why is it important for millennials to vote?

Because according to the U.S. Census, this group is now the largest generation in the U.S., with 76 million people. They surpassed the baby boomers, who had this title, but they are dying off.

With their growing numbers, millennials have to gain more influence. They have to get involved because they need to set policy for the world they will inherit. It's the political process that changes things and molds everything we do. Why do you believe a lot of the government's focus is on Social Security and Medicare and not education and child care? Baby boomers are setting the agenda.

Baby boomers enjoyed some good times. We had jobs, and many of our employers provided pensions and affordable health care plans; we were able to buy homes; we have Social Security benefits and Medicare.

Now the country is $19.5 trillion in debt. What will the future hold? At the current rate, millennials will not have the same standard of living that we enjoyed. Many young people are entering their adult years saddled in tens of thousands of dollars in debt, before they earn their first paycheck. And the jobs are not paying enough for them to put a dent in their debt, or buy a house. We are not supporting them as much as our parents' generation supported us.

It's important that we start thinking about how to get them ready. When you go to the polls, take a young person with you. Mentor them in the political process, in the business world and in financial matters. Support their issues. There's a reason Bernie Sanders' message resonated with so many young people.

As Keanuu Smith-Brown, the Democratic Party speaker, shared, we like to blame young people, but Baby Boomers haven't done such a great job. He holds us responsible for the crushing federal debt, the financial collapse in 2008, and the widening gap between rich and poor, and the lack of confidence in the presidency, congress and Supreme Court.

Here are some excerpts from his speech:

We all agree that there are crises everywhere: corporate interests take priority over constituents. The college demand is high, but access and affordability is low. America hasn't grasped the fundamental need for a living wage. Baby Boomers say "we're cheap," we say, "yes we are, life is expensive and we don't have any money" and don't mention how we're pouring into Social Security to support your retirement, but you will not support our ambition.

We don't need your job. We need you to do your job!

Black lives matter!

Why can't we connect de-escalation training to federal funding?

Why are we investing in jails and incarceration and not jobs and education?

Why aren't we investing in mental health agencies?

Another concern is college affordability and income inequality.

The average family income can't cover tuition, so students are forced to take out loans that incur interest and damage our credit because we can't pay the bank back. These are the issues we are fighting for, among many others.

I charge you to:

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Fear not our assets, respect our interest.

United we stand, divided we fall.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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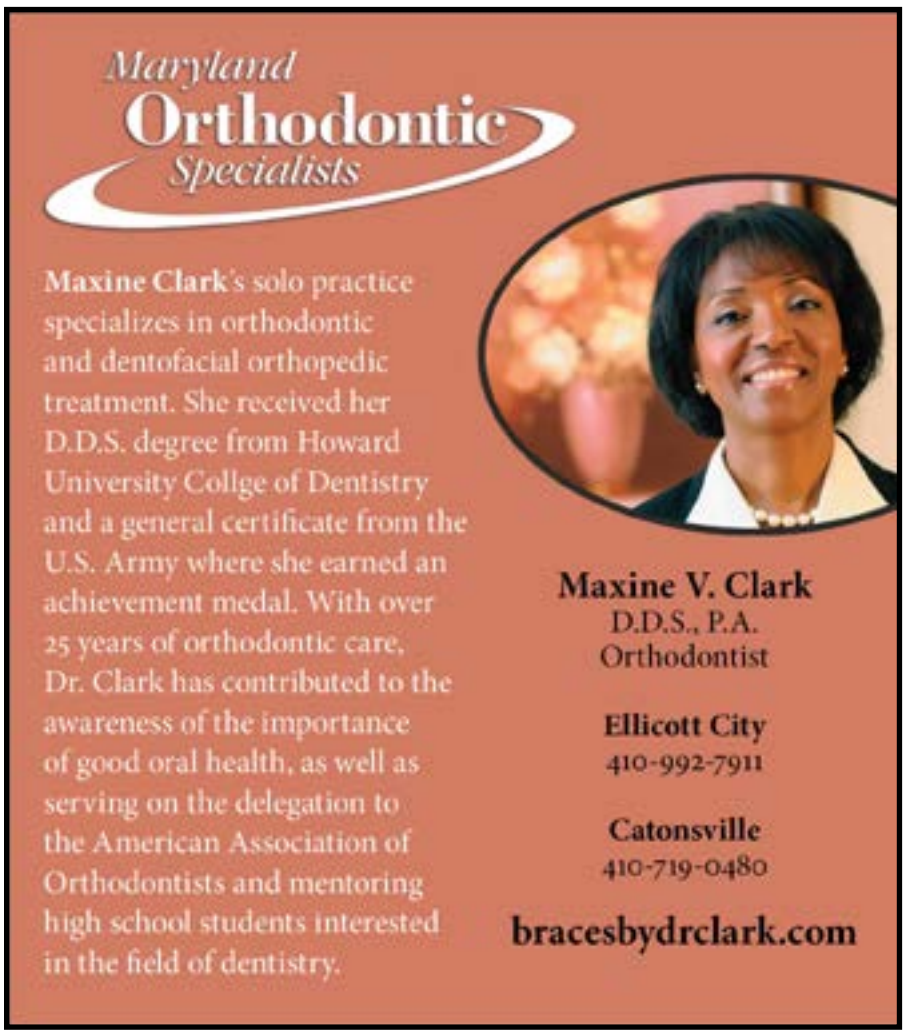

Kamenetz Issues Action Plan to Address Concerns With Police

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announced an action plan that aims to address Police Department policies and procedures related to the roll out of the police's body camera program, its de-escalation policies and the way the department investigates sexual assault cases. The police action plan will accelerate body cameras by a year, establish a task force to study cultural-competency training and de-escalation policies, and require an independent review of sexual assault procedures.

Acceleration of the county's body camera program

The county began deploying police body cameras in July at the rate of 10 officers per week. Currently 128 officers are wearing cameras in each of the eight precincts, with the original goal of full implementation by December 2018. Effective immediately, Kamenetz said, the county will increase overtime expenses to triple the rate of training, so that by September 2017, 1,435 police officers will be equipped with body cameras. Kamenetz praised officers for their record-low crime numbers but said an effective department can "never rest on its laurels."

Independent review of sexual assault policies and procedures

The county has requested the Maryland Coalition against Sexual Assault (MCASA) and 31-year Judge Barbara Howe to conduct an independent review of the way police respond to sexual assault allegations and to make recommendations about department practices. As part of MCASA and Howe's analysis, they will review three years of sexual assault investigations that did not lead to prosecution.

Lisae Jordan, executive director of MCASA, stated that the organization is particularly interested in "working to strengthen the county's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), which is an essential component of effective practices in this area to ensure all sexual assault survivors in the county receive an expert, trauma-informed, and respectful response."

Immediate change to sexual assault investigatory policy

As a result of internal reviews by the county attorney and State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger, Police Chief Johnson has implemented a policy change. Effective immediately every individual reporting a second-degree assault charge, as well as the suspect, will be personally interviewed by a detective in the sex crime unit.
In addition, Johnson is to go back over the past three years of reported sexual assault cases that were not referred for prosecution. The county attorney and the State's Attorney will conduct a review of those same files.

Task force to examine cultural-competency training, de-escalation strategies, and responses to citizens with behavioral health issues

Kamenetz said a task force comprised of Johnson, Gregory Branch, the county's director of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Council of State Governments Justice Center will collaborate to explore the police department's de-escalation training options, examine officers' responses to citizens with behavioral health issues, and also review cultural-competency training.

Vicki Almond, chair of the county council, said, "I have the utmost confidence in the Baltimore County Police Department, but it is always helpful to have someone from outside an organization come in with a fresh set of eyes to take a look at how you do business." Almond added that she looks forward to the results of these reviews and supports Kamenetz's acceleration of the body camera program implementation.

"One of the most pressing issues facing police across the nation is how to de-escalate emotional encounters, particularly involving individuals with behavioral health issue," Kamenetz stated. "About one in 10 police encounters involve someone with mental illness. Recent reports indicate that people with mental

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illness are 16 times more likely than others to be killed by police. We see this trend across the nation, and we see it right here in Baltimore County."

Kamenetz has asked the non-profit Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center to work with the Baltimore County Police Department and our County Department of Health and Human Services, which manages crisis response teams that work with the police department, to evaluate policies and procedures in the three major areas.

Kamenetz did not acknowledge that his decision to call for a review of how police de-escalate volatile and confrontational situations was specifically tied to the Korryn Gaines barricade situation in August. There was criticism in the way police handled the 23-year-old mother during the six-hour barricade situation, as they were aware she had mental health issues.

When police went to Gaines' Randallstown apartment to serve a warrant for a traffic violation and she didn't answer the door, officers got a key from the apartment management and forced entry into her home. In a community meeting in August, Shellenberger said Gaines' boyfriend had informed officers on the scene that she had not taken her medication.

After a tense six hours of intermittent communications, police fatally shot Gaines after they say she threatened them. A police bullet wounded her 5-year-old son.

Police say that none of the officers directly involved with Gaines was wearing a body camera, although they had a surveillance camera directed inside her apartment.

"While we are unable to publicly discuss the specific details surrounding the Korryn Gaines case due to pending litigation, Kamenetz said, "it is my expectation that this comprehensive review by the Justice Center will lead to recommendations that may help us avoid these kind of tragic incidents in the future."

The new plan for sexual assault investigations appears to be tied to a Buzzfeed article published in September about police handling of sexual assault cases across the nation. The article reported that the county had an alarmingly high percentage of these cases that it marked unfounded, and wrote about one case where a detective who did not interview the suspect or victim found it baseless and made inappropriate comments about the victim. In a response on Sept. 16, Johnson stated that every individual who reports a rape is interviewed by a Baltimore County police officer and officers confer with specialized detectives.

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz held a press conference to announce changes he was making in police policies and procedures related to body cameras, de-escalation techniques and sexual assault investigations. Gregory Branch, director of health and human services, Police Chief James Johnson and Councilwoman Vicki Almond were among those who attended.

Retailer Accused of Deceptive Practices Will Forgive $10.2 Million in Debt to Consumers

USA Discounters, the national retailer that operated similar to rent-to-own and financing companies, has agreed to forgive $10.2 million in debt to Maryland consumers for alleged violation of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh announced that his office reached a settlement with the Virginia-based company, which also does business as USA Living and Fletcher's Jewelers, alleging it engaged in unfair, abusive, false and deceptive acts.

Frosh, along with 49 other attorneys general, alleged that USA Discounters engaged in unfair, abusive, false and deceptive acts and practices to sell overpriced household goods, such as appliances, smart phones and electronics, at high interest rates, often using the military allotment system to guarantee payment.

The states alleged USA Discounters engaged in abusive debt collection tactics, constantly contacted service members' chains-of-command, and caused some service members to lose security clearances and face demotions. The states also alleged that USA Discounters primarily filed its lawsuits against service members in Virginia jurisdictions, no matter the service member's location, deployment status, or residence, which resulted in service members being unable to defend themselves in court.

While USA Discounters has not admitted to any wrongdoing, the retailer agreed to forgive $95.9 million in debt nationwide for consumers, $10.2 million of which would provide relief to approximately 5,700 Maryland consumers.

"This settlement ensures that USA Discounters will comply with Maryland law when collecting debt owed by Marylanders who are members of the armed services and military veterans, and it will provide significant debt forgiveness for our consumers," Frosh said in a statement.

USA Discounters agreed to provide relief to certain former and current customers that includes the following:

- Write off all consumers' account balances whose contract with USA Discounters was dated June 1, 2012 or earlier;
- Apply a $100 credit to all consumers' account balances whose contract with USA Discounters was dated after June 1, 2012;
- Write off all judgments that were not obtained in the state of residence for the service member;
- Correct the negative comment from the company on consumers' credit reports; and
- Credit certain judgments obtained against military service members with 50 percent of the original judgment amount.

A copy of the settlement can be found at www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/News

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Lines snaked around the Randallstown Community Center and winded around the sidewalk at the Reisterstown Senior Center, and there was some waiting also at Woodlawn Community Center on the first day of early voting on Oct. 27.

If you didn't get a chance to cast your ballot in the Presidential General Election during early voting, your final opportunity is on Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You must vote at your assigned polling precinct listed on your voter's card.

Besides Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, Democratic and Republican candidates for U.S. President, U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen and State Del. Kathy Szeliga are also on the ballot. They are looking to represent Maryland in the U.S. Senate.

Congressional representatives for District 2, District 3 and District 7 are on the ballot, with incumbents C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger, Johns Sarbanes and Elijah Cummings running for another term.

Baltimore County voters will also vote on eight bond questions authorizing the county to borrow up to $166 million for various initiatives and projects, a constitutional amendment and a referendum on an outlet shopping mall in White Marsh.

More than 546,880 voters are registered for the general election.

If you have questions, contact the Board of Elections at 410-887-5700 or visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/elections/index.html

Baltimore County voters waited in long lines at Randallstown Community Center and Reisterstown Senior Center Hannah More Campus during early voting, which took place Oct. 27 through Nov. 3. On the first day of early voting, more than 11,000 voters turned out at those two early voting locations and at Woodlawn Community Center.

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District 10 Town Hall

The elected officials representing Legislative District 10 will host a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Owings Mills Public Library, 10302 Grand Central Ave. in Owings Mills. Share your thoughts on issues that matter. Participating are Sen. Delores Kelly, Delegates Ben Brooks, Adrienne Jones and Jay Jalisi, and Councilman Julian Jones. RSVP at 410-496-4037 or benjamin.brooks@house.state.md.us. Refreshments will be available.

Job Corps Open House

Did you know that a federally-funded career training center is in our community? Learn about the new and great things Woodstock Job Corps is doing for our youth and the opportunities that exist for young people all over the state. Attend an open house on Wednesday, Nov.16, and Thursday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center at 10900 Old Court Rd., Woodstock 21163. Enjoy the campus, have lunch and hear stories about how the program has changed young people's lives directly from them. Find out about the application process. Free transportation is available from Old Court Metro station, with a pick up at 9:30 a.m. and drop off at 2:30 p.m. Contact Amanda Rosenberg at 410-696-9251 or Rosenberg.amanda@jobcorps.org.

Financial Literacy

How do you save on college costs? How do you build a nest egg? Del. Ben Brooks is hosting a financial literacy session on Monday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. at Randallstown High School. Bring your young people. RSVP to 410-496-4037 or benjamin.brooks@house.state.md.us.

Project Safe Home

Safe neighbors contribute to the vitality of the community. How do we keep our neighbors and community safe? Learn some established techniques to deter or prevent residential burglaries at a free Project Safe Home session on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive. Doors open at 6 p.m. Get information and demonstrations from various private businesses that offer home protection products and services. Community efforts would augment efforts made by state and local law enforcement agencies to reduce home burglaries and prevent other crimes. If you would like to be a vendor at the event or more information, please contact the Scherri A. Rucker Foundation at bryen.glass1@gmail.com.

Honoring Our Sheroes: Be Inspired to Live a Healthy Life: Mind, Body and Spirit.

Calling all female military active or veterans and military wives to a day of women supporting women on Friday, Nov. 18, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community College of Baltimore County, The Barn, 800 South Rolling Rd.in Catonsville. The guest speaker is Ernestine Shepherd, world's oldest female body builder, according to Guiness World Records. Admission is free but you must register at www.bcdeltafoundation.org by Nov. 9. Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks will be served. There will be opportunities to network and share experiences with fellow veterans and wives and to engage in stress release and relaxation activities, yoga and fitness exercises. Onsite health screening, health care benefits and referral information will be available. Take advantage of complimentary clothing at the Suited For Success Sheroes' Clothes Closet and much more. Contact Ernestine Jones Jolivet at 410-922-3592 or 410-656-9866.

Holiday Celebration

The Combined Community Advocacy Council of Greater Randallstown (CCACGR) is hosting its 10th Annual Holiday Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Diamondz Events from 7 p.m. to midnight. Danny Blount, CCACGR vice chair, founded the event in 2006. For more information, contact him at 410-218-6888.

Honoring a Media Powerhouse
Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz recognized Cathy Hughes, founder and chairperson of Radio One, Inc., the largest black-owned multimedia company in the county, with an executive citation. Howard University, where she got her start in radio, unveiled the Cathy Hughes School of Communications. Radio One moved its headquarters from Baltimore City to Woodlawn in 2005. "I don't know what we did to deserve having Radio One in Baltimore County, but it's been a good partnership," Kamenetz told Hughes at an employee celebration event in October.

Local Government Meetings

Education Advisory Council

The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will host a meeting on technology and safety on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at Windsor Mill Middle School.

School Board

The upcoming meetings of the Board of Education will be held at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. and Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.bcps.org/board/

County Council

Upcoming meetings of the County Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7 and 21 and Dec. 5 and 19. The meetings are held at the Historic Courthouse, 400 Washington Ave. in Towson. For more information, and for dates on the work sessions, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/

Police Community Relations Council

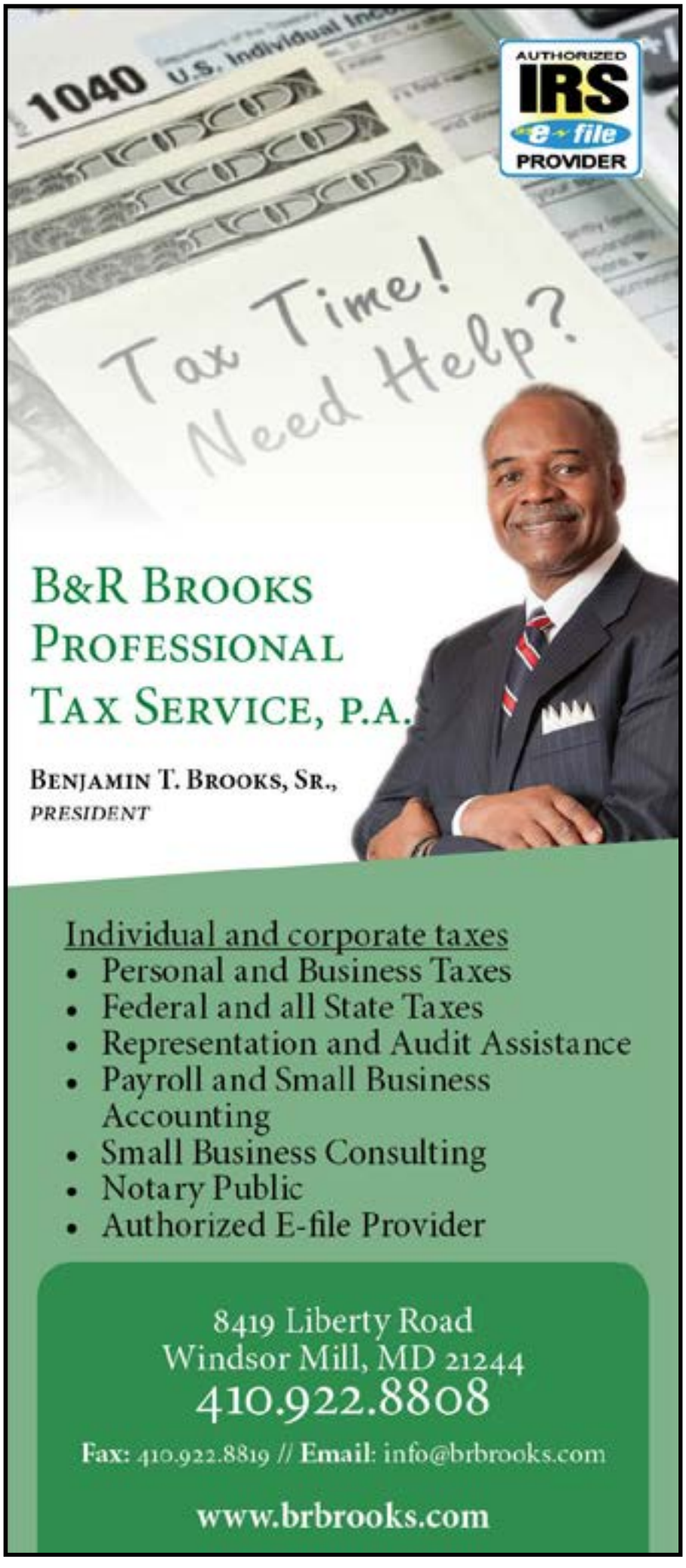
These councils consist of community leaders, interested citizens and representatives of the local business community, and meet to resolve issues of concern and provide an open forum.

Woodlawn Precinct 2 meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Woodlawn Precinct, 6424 Windsor Mill Rd. in Woodlawn.

Franklin Precinct 3 meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Franklin Precinct, 606 Nicodemus Rd. in Reisterstown.

Pikesville Precinct 4 meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 7401 Park Heights Ave. in Pikesville.

For more information, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/community/



News Briefs

Police Department Seeks Proposals for Community Grants

If you have a proposal for a crime reduction or youth activity that needs funding, you should know that the Baltimore County Police Department is now accepting applications for its Community Crime Prevention and Youth Activity Grants Program for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).

Community Crime Prevention grants are available for county Citizens On Patrol groups and other programs aimed at reducing crime.

Youth Activity grants are available for programs that provide ongoing, sustained efforts that focus on early intervention and long-term behavior modification of at-risk youth.

Only non-profit groups, community organizations and individuals that operate or reside in Baltimore County are eligible to receive funding. An application packet that outlines program rules and requirements may be obtained by calling Sebastian Zito of the Police Department's Grants Management Team at 410-887-5637.

Completed applications must be received no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9.

Free Rosetta Stone

The prices have come down, but the Rosetta Stone learning software still costs big money. However, it's free at the Baltimore County Public Library. Explore and learn a new language at bcpl.info/databases. You'll have access to 30 languages, core lessons to building reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, and will be able to take advantage of focused activities to refine grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

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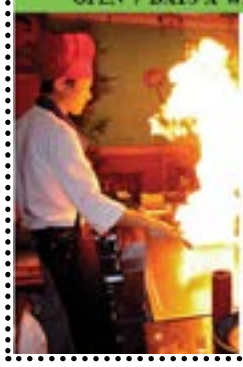

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Elementary School Projects in Catonsville Celebrated With Ribbon Cuttings

Students, community members and Baltimore County Public Schools celebrated the new construction and renovations of three area schools, which boast an investment of more than $100 million.

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, Superintendent S. Dallas Dance, Board of Education members, County Council members Tom Quirk and Vicki Almond, Del. Charles Sydnor and other elected officials attended ribbon cuttings of Westowne Elementary School on Oct. 13, Catonsville Elementary on Oct. 17, and Westchester Elementary on Oct. 18. High on the list of upgrades are more space, better technology and central air conditioning.

The replacement for Westowne Elementary, located on Harlem Lane between Baltimore National Pike and Edmondson Avenue in Catonsville, is a 90,040 square feet space with a student capacity of 700 seats. The new school features state-of-the-art classrooms with nearly twice the amount of learning space as the previous building, an outdoor courtyard and playgrounds.

At Westchester Elementary School, the 16,452-square-foot $4.5 million addition features six general classrooms, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms, two special education classrooms, and space for support staff. With a festive fall backdrop with mums, haystacks and pumpkins, second and fifth graders entertained with songs. Built in 1998, the school is located on Old Frederick Road in Catonsville.

The Catonsville Elementary School building is the former site of Catonsville Junior High School and later the Bloomsbury Community Center, which until two years ago housed the county election offices. Builders kept the historic character of the exterior and field house, and redid the inside to house state-of-the-art classrooms and renovated media center and other educational amenities. Students moved into the larger 103,603-square-foot building this August from the old Frederick Road location of the elementary school.

With a capacity for 300 students, the $20.5 million project was built to help address persistent overcrowding at Catonsville, Westchester and Hillcrest elementary schools.

The projects are part of the county's $1.3 billion Schools for our Future plan, which includes 15 new schools, 11 school additions, central air conditioning for every school and 12,289 new seats.

According to the Schools for our Future proposal, Bedford Elementary and Summit Park Elementary in Pikesville and Chadwick Elementary in Windsor Mill are slated to receive funding starting July 1, 2019. BCPS spokesperson Mychael Dickerson said that the three schools' plans "are in the discussion stage, have not been finalized and would still have to be approved by the board of education."

"Southwest Baltimore County has been very fortunate in the unprecedented amount of investment in our schools," said District 1 Councilman Tom Quirk. "When I took office six years ago, our schools had significant infrastructure and overcrowding issues. We are investing hundreds of millions of dollars in southwest Baltimore County to alleviate these two issues. It's truly a remarkable transformation."

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at Westchester Elementary (top and middle right photos), Westowne Elementary (center left) and Catonsville Elementary (bottom). Superintendent S. Dallas Dance, school principals Phillip Byers, Scott Palmer and Linda Miller, board members, elected officials and students joined in the activities.

County Students Perform Below Expectations on PARCC Tests *continued from cover*

earn a passing score of at least 750 to meet expectations.

According to information on the BCPS website, "Lower proficiency scores do not mean that our schools are performing worse or that students are learning less or are not as capable. The change simply reflects how statewide assessments have evolved to meet higher standards that promote college and career readiness in the 21st century for all students."

Russ Brown, BCPS chief accountability and performance management officer, attributed Baltimore County students' low scores to a "flawed test" due to its design. The online version of the test, taken by all elementary school students and some middle and high school students, he said, is "substantially harder" than the print version and students are still getting used to it.

While it's difficult to have accountability with the scores, Brown said, "teachers are engaged in professional development around the curriculum, parents can understand how they can monitor their students' learning and engage with teachers around assignments, and work with students at home."

Marisol Johnson, a member of the county's Board of Education, said she is looking for major improvement and also noted the challenges of an online exame. "The PARCC scores are reflective of this new test which still in infancy. And unfortunately the disparities within the test options, paper versus online, create a flawed test. We need all schools in all areas to perform at or above grade level," she said. "I'm looking forward to seeing an increase in the scores as the elementary school teachers get more comfortable teaching the common core standards."

Cheryl Pasteur, the education committee chair for the NAACP Randallstown, and a former principal of Randallstown High School, said everyone has a role—parent, students, the administration in ensuring that students are prepared for the next level.

"Good scores are attainable in this community because I know that we have parents and children in this community who are bright, gifted and capable," she said.

"The negative scores do not reflect what our children are capable of doing. I would hate for anybody to pigeonhole them by looking at those scores. We are not attaining them because there is not the kind of consistency from the time a child walks into the school to the time they take the test in terms of instruction, how you implement the instruction and how you work with the children in how to actually be able to meet those ends.

Scores on the PARCC assessment are not being used for student, educator, school, or system-level accountability purposes at this time, according to the Department of Education. Maryland is currently in the midst of reviewing and revising its accountability system, under the new federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

In 2015 Maryland implemented the new PARCC state assessments in reading and mathematics. The new assessments replace the Maryland School Assessments in English and Mathematics in grades 3-8, and replace the High School Assessments in Algebra and English 10 for all students not graduating in 2015.

The *Northwest Voice* highlighted the results for elementary, middle and high schools in the area. See pages 13 and 19. You can also view the complete results by county and school at MdReportCard.org.

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PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER (PARCC) SCORES FOR NORTHWEST AREA SCHOOLS

PARCC assessments are scored on a five-point scale: performance level 1 is defined as not meeting expectations (did not pass), level 2 as partially meeting expectations (did not pass), level 3 as approaching expectations (did not pass), level 4 as meeting expectations (passed), and level 5 as exceeding expectations (passed). Results are listed as percentages. The figure listed as "not met" represents a total of levels 3, 2, 1. The first number (in red) is for English and the second (in black) is for math. Here's how to read the chart: Bedford Elementary School, less than 5 percent exceeded expectations in English and math, 32.8 percent met standards in English and 29.5 percent in math. The remaining percentage of students (not listed) did not pass.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

	ENGLISH | MATH Exceeded	ENGLISH | MATH Met (passed)
Bedford		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	32.8 | 29.5
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	25.0 | 21.1
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	17.8 | 29.7
Catonsville		
Gr. 3	6.3 | 14.1	48.1 | 43.6
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	50.8 | 59.0
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	48.1 | 36.4
Cedarmere		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 12	31.3 | 33.7
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	26.7 | 24.0
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	25.0 | 25.0
Chadwick		
Gr. 3	11.0 | 6.4	38.5 | 40.4
Gr. 4	19.8 | ≤5	41.9 | 42.2
Gr. 5	5.4 | ≤5	51.3 | 30.4
Chatsworth		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 7.1	33.9 | 39.3
Gr. 4	11.9 | ≤5	37.3 | 29.9
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	41.4 | 28.8
Church Lane		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 5.6	33.3 | 28.9
Gr. 4	≤5 | 6.3	35.4 | 36.3
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	27.6 | 27.6
Deer Park		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	15.2 | 26.6
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	23.3 | 23.3
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	20.6 | 27.7
Dogwood		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	23.3 | 26.2
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	23.9 | 29.2
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	30.4 | 29.0
Edmondson Heights		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	6.9 | 28.4
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	16.3 | 10.5
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	9.9 | 11.1
Featherbed Lane		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	20.9 | 20.2
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	15.2 | 10.9
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	22.1 | 14.7
Fort Garrison		
Gr. 3	25.0 | 36.4	56.8 | 54.5
Gr. 4	35.3 | 18.8	36.8 | 56.5
Gr. 5	≤5 | 10.4	52.2 | 50.7
Franklin		
Gr. 3	7.9 | 22.2	42.9 | 38.1
Gr. 4	9.6 | ≤5	43.8 | 49.3
Gr. 5	6.8 | 19.4	53.4 | 55.3
Glyndon		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 10.8	32.8 | 41.5
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	26.0 | 26.0
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	33.0 | 23.7
Hebbville		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	19.0 | 29.8
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	14.5 | 23.7
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	22.6 | 30.2
Hernwood		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	24.6 | 25.4
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	13.8 | 19.0
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	19.7 | 22.7
Hillcrest		
Gr. 3	10.4 | 24.4	51.9 | 45.9
Gr. 4	23.0 | 9.6	49.6 | 48.1
Gr. 5	≤5 | 5.9	47.9 | 52.5
Johnnycake		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	18.0 | 21.1
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	7.1 | 11.5
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	21.4 | 20.0
Lyons Mills		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 11.5	31.1 | 35.6
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	25.0 | 16.3
Gr. 5	≤5 | 6.1	41.6 | 38.6
Milbrook		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	16.1 | 16.7
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	8.1 | 11.6
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	17.9 | 11.8
New Town		
Gr. 3	7.5 | 13.4	32.3 | 35.8
Gr. 4	6.2 | ≤5	37.2 | 43.4
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	27.2 | 19.7
Owings Mills		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 8.0	34.2 | 43.8
Gr. 4	7.1 | ≤5	23.2 | 19.8
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	17.7 | 19.5
Powhatan		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 8.7	19.6 | 26.1
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	19.5 | 9.8
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	14.3 | 19.0
Randallstown		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	17.5 | 27.0
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	24.5 | 15.1
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	5.5 | 6.8
Reisterstown		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 8.0	29.9 | 37.9
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	13.2 | 20.4
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	31.6 | 19.4
Scotts Branch		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	16.0 | 17.9
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	≤5 | 13.8
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	13.6 | 9.0
Summit Park		
Gr. 3	15.0 | 43.3	61.7 | 28.3
Gr. 4	22.2 | 9.9	38.3 | 54.3
Gr. 5	≤5 | 9.0	62.1 | 59.7
Timber Grove		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 5.6	22.2 | 32.4
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	25.5 | 29.3
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	28.4 | 25.2
Wellwood International		
Gr. 3	9.2 | 12.1	37.9 | 36.7
Gr. 4	7.5 | ≤5	44.8 | 31.9
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	39.1 | 30.3
Westchester		
Gr. 3	8.0 | 15.6	34.1 | 38.9
Gr. 4	13.3 | 5.1	31.6 | 50.5
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	57.6 | 40.9
Westowne		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	24.8 | 33.7
Gr. 4	5.5 | ≤5	28.8 | 30.1
Gr. 5	8.3 | ≤5	34.5 | 38.1
Winand		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	27.8 | 37.4
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	31.4 | 29.6
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	18.2 | 14.6
Winfield		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 7.4	20.0 | 25.9
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	10.1 | 6.3
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	15.3 | 9.4
Woodbridge		
Gr. 3	6.5 | 15.9	33.9 | 31.7
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	30.8 | 35.7
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	44.8 | 41.8
Woodholme		
Gr. 3	≤5 | 10.1	27.2 | 23.9
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	25.6 | 30.5
Gr. 5	≤5 | 8.0	39.8 | 32.0
Woodmoor		
Gr. 3	≤5 | ≤5	24.1 | 35.7
Gr. 4	≤5 | ≤5	13.1 | 14.5
Gr. 5	≤5 | ≤5	11.9 | 13.1

Source: Maryland State Department of Education

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz is requesting transportation improvements to the Paradise community of Catonsville.

Kamenetz Transportation Request Includes Improvements in Owings Mills, Catonsville

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz presented his State transportation priorities to Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Rahn on Oct. 20 during Rahn's visit to the county as part of the transportation agency's annual Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) tour.

In his request letter, Kamenetz noted that the Baltimore metropolitan region is currently the fifth most congested in the country, and that the congestion is inhibiting the growth of the local economy.

"Researchers indicate that traffic congestion will only get worse in the next 20 years, he wrote. "We need a comprehensive regional transit system that will support our local economy and accommodate future growth in a safe and reliable manner."

Kamenetz requested that several transportation priorities be considered as part of the FY 2017–FY 2022 Consolidated Transportation Program "to ensure that Baltimore County and the entire Baltimore region have the transit solutions necessary to promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life for our communities."

Below are excerpts.

Commuter Mass Transit Alternatives-Baltimore Region

As suggested last year, the MTA should acquire mobile applications that allow all system riders (bus and rail) a real-time view of the arrival times, as well as on-board wi-fi access.

While potential improvements to the bus system will benefit existing riders, we also believe that a comprehensive mass transit strategy must attract new riders – those choice riders who must be persuaded to give up their use of automobiles – if we truly want to relieve gridlock in our region.

Notwithstanding the Governor's decision to abandon the Red Line, it is imperative that an east/west plan be developed that will address the transit needs of these choice riders. Such discussion should include consideration of a rail or rapid bus transit link starting from Woodlawn, which is home to more than 10,000 employees of the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the FBI. Woodlawn provides easy access to I-695 and I-70, along with an existing park and ride lot, with right-of-way access already leading into the city. This line should extend to an expanded Lexington Market transit hub, where it could join the existing Metro and Light Rail systems as transfer points.

Economic Development Related Traffic Improvements Owings Mills

Funding of the long-planned interchange on Northwest Expressway (I-795) at Dolfield Boulevard remains a top county priority, Kamenetz wrote, as it will alleviate traffic congestion due to increased economic development in the area associated with the Metro Center transit-oriented development and Foundry Row (Wegmans) retail and office center. Baltimore County previously has demonstrated its support by providing $1.5 million in planning and acquisition money to the State for the interchange, as well as completion of the $6 million Dolfield Boulevard improvements. This priority has the support of the Owings Mills Corporate Roundtable, comprised of the region's major employers, including CareFirst and T. Rowe Price, as well as the developers of major job producing projects situated on Red Run Boulevard.

Recently approved State road improvements at Reisterstown Road (MD 140) and Painters Mill Road have the support of county government and we urge continuation of funding to completion.

There are a number of minor transportation projects that can inject new opportunities for older business communities. They include:

Frederick Road MD 144

Local residents and property owners have been discussing ways to improve the Paradise business community. There have been significant improvements made to the greater Catonsville commercial corridor on Frederick Road outside of the Beltway, but more needs to be done for the vulnerable part of the corridor inside the Beltway.

Specifically, improvements would include sidewalks, landscaping, tree trimming, street lighting, and furniture that would help give Paradise a more cohesive appearance. The most important improvement would be the removal of the elevated tree planters that impede pedestrian traffic and block signage. The main building behind the planters has been purchased and a new streetscape could leverage/encourage reinvestment into this building and others along this section of the corridor.

Kamenetz also advocated for traffic improvements to Sparrows Point, Middle River and White Marsh areas.

To read the full letter, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/BaltimoreCountyNow/kamenetz-presents-transportation-priorities-to-the-state

LRBA Director, Identity Ultra Lounge Owner Awarded Liquor License

Community Divided Over Plans For New Randallstown

At the Randallstown Shopping Center on Offutt Road, among the businesses there are two popular restaurants—one an eat-in establishment that serves seafood, chicken and fish, and drinks, and the other a carry-out where soul food dinners are on the menu.

Many were surprised to learn that a third restaurant, Grind and Wine, will be coming to the shopping center. The news didn't come from a formal announcement. Word got around that a notice of a request for a Class B liquor license was posted on the door of vacated Café de Noir coffee, bakery and sandwich shop, and that a hearing was scheduled for Oct. 24 in Towson before the liquor board.

Emails began circulating and phones began ringing. At issue was not only the competition to Colins Seafood and Southern Blues, but that Kelly Carter, executive director of the Liberty Road Business Association, and Robert Friend Jr., owner of Identity Ultra Lounge on Liberty Road, were the partners requesting the liquor license, and, that Carter had not informed them of her plans.

Grind and Wine's menu will be different from Colins and Southern Blues, Carter says. The eatery will be open for lunch and dinner and will offer overstuffed sandwiches and burgers, as well as beer, wine and liquor for those who want an alcoholic beverage with their meal. "It won't be a sports bar," she insists.

Some elected officials and community leaders say they support Carter's plans to open a restaurant, which they say is sorely needed in the Randallstown area. Others felt the shopping center, which also has a liquor store, did not need another restaurant that sold beer, wine and liquor. Most agreed that as a business leader who is active in the community, Carter should have been more forthcoming with her plans and solicited community input long before the liquor board posted the notice of a hearing on the door.

Dante Daniels, chef and owner of Colins, which opened to much fanfare three years ago with the support of elected officials and Baltimore County government, and Anthony Leonard, owner of Southern Blues, told the *Northwest Voice* they were unaware of Carter's plans until days before the hearing. Daniels said Carter had been in his restaurant several times but never gave him the courtesy of informing him of her plans. Southern Blues owner said he supports any business that will bring business into the shopping center.

Days before the hearing, Daniels, Carter and their surrogates began reaching out to the community members and customers to line up support. There were Instagram posts, petitions, phone calls and even a little arm-twisting. Some elected officials chose to stay out of the fight. The hearing room was packed.

At the hearing, when the judge asked attendees to indicate their support and opposition to the license by standing up, twice as many stood against than in support.

Under questioning by Daniel's attorney, Carter acknowledged at the hearing that she had been working on setting up the business a year ago but did not seek community input until "four to six weeks ago" in September. She shared that her $25,000 investment into the business came from money left by her father, who passed away last year from leukemia. She also admitted that she had no experience operating a liquor license or running a restaurant. Grind and Wine, she explained, would be a "white tablecloth restaurant without the white tablecloths".

Her partner, Robert Friend, who does have such experience as owner of Identity Ultra Lounge, said that he will be "in the front" running the restaurant, while Carter focuses on marketing and administrative responsibilities.

Shirley Supik, president of the Liberty Road Community Council, a group of various community organizations, was one of Carter's most vocal opponents. In the hearing, she said she considered Carter's actions unethical and expressed concerns that the restaurant will evolve into more of a nightclub atmosphere.

Virginia Jones, president of Woodlands at Deer Park Community Association, testified that she considered Daniels, who has served as a chef for Philips Restaurant, Legal Seafood and other major restaurants before opening Colins in 2013, like a son and believed there was enough community support to sustain both businesses.

Jenette Young, a local business owner and member of the LRBA, said the area needs more black-owned businesses and quality restaurants. She spoke in support of Carter.

After hearing a variety of testimony for some two hours, the liquor board commissioners

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Top: Kelly Carter, executive director of the Liberty Road Association, reacts to the liquor board's decision granting her and business partner Robert Friend Jr. (right) a Class B liquor license for a new eatery coming to Randallstown. Bottom: Dante Daniels (far right), owner of Colins Seafood and Grill, confers with his attorney. Most community members found out about the request for a liquor license after a sign was posted on the door of the space.

10 Tips Everyone Should Know When Stopped by the Police

1. Never get out of your car and start walking toward a police car.
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3. Keep your hands where they can always be seen, like on the steering wheel in the 10 and 2 positions so they are visible.
4. Never ever reach down under your seat or make any quick movements of any kind. Those type of movements set off an officer's radar.
5. Do not reach for your license and registration until asked to do so.
6. Narrate your actions when asked for license and registration. Tell the office what you are doing. "My license is in my wallet. I am getting it out of my back pocket."
7. Be polite and follow the officer's instructions.
8. Do not pick up your phone to call a friend or parent, even if they too are a police officer. The officer does not want to talk to them.
9. Signing or accepting the citation is not an admission of guilt. However, refusing to sign or accept the citation is another crime. Please sign or accept the citation and go to court if you feel you did not violate the law.

10. You might think you are a lawyer (you may even be one) but the time to argue is in court. No matter how wrong you think the officer is, be polite, stay calm and do not argue. Remember, every citation or case can get heard by a judge, so the time to argue is in court, not on the street.

—Scott Shellenberger, State's Attorney for Baltimore County

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Business Networking Event

Dozens of entrepreneurs, business people and elected officials mixed and mingled at the Security-Woodlawn Business Association networking event held Oct. 12. SWBA president Marisol Johnson said the organization hosted the networking event to introduce business leaders to each other.

District 1 Councilman Tom Quirk presented a Baltimore County Council resolution to Albert Kim and the Albert Kim CPA PA Firm, for service in the Woodlawn community. Kim, longtime treasurer of the SWBA, also received an executive citation from County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, which was presented by his special assistant Tony Baysmore.

Cathy McFillin, owner of Peace and Blessing Florist, which has been in business in the Woodlawn community for 20 years, also received a council resolution from Quirk.

Receiving awards at the Oct. 12 Security-Woodlawn Business Association networking event were Albert Kim, SWBA treasurer, and owner of an accounting firm. Kim is flanked by Tony Baysmore, special assistant to the County Executive, SWBA president Marisol Johnson, and Councilman Tom Quirk. Cathy McFillin, owner of Peace and Blessings Florist, also received a citation. She is shown with SWBA board member Margaret Stokes.

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Jenette Young received a 2016 Baltimore County Democratic Party Service Award for business leadership at the party's Oct. 20 unity dinner. She is flanked on the left by Councilman Julian Jones and husband Charles Young, and Del. Ben Brooks and Del. Jay Jalisi on the right.

Democrats Honor Jenette Young as Business Leader

Robbie Leonard, chair of the Baltimore County Democratic Party, presented service awards to Jenette Young, president/owner of ComForcare Home Care Services of Randallstown, as a business leader, and to Terry Cavanagh, executive director of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Maryland and D.C. State Council, as a labor leader. The event its 10th annual unity dinner on Oct. 20 at Martin's East.

In business since 2009, Young's business provides personal care and companionship to seniors and persons in need of home care due to sickness or surgery. The franchise has recognized her with awards for team building and leadership. Previously employed by Giant, she was the first African-American woman store manager in Baltimore and the second in the country, and was later promoted to director.

Young serves on the board of the Edrich Manor Homeowners Association, Liberty Road Business Association and Multiple Sclerosis Society of Greater D.C.-Maryland Chapter, and is a member of several organizations, including the Pikesville Chamber of Commerce and Security-Woodlawn Business Association.

Cavanaugh, a resident of Catonsville, has been an SEIU director since 2006. He coordinates the union's political and legislative work in Maryland and the District of Columbia, and has held elected and leadership positions with SEIU in California, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

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PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER (PARCC) SCORES FOR NORTHWEST AREA MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

PARCC assessments are scored on a five-point scale: performance level 1 is defined as not meeting expectations (did not pass), level 2 as partially meeting expectations (did not pass), level 3 as approaching expectations (did not pass), level 4 as meeting expectations (passed), and level 5 as exceeding expectations (passed). Results are listed as percentages. The figure listed as "not met" represents a total of levels 3, 2, 1. The first number (in red) is for English and the second (in black) is for math. Here's how to read the chart: Catonsville Middle School, less than 5 percent exceeded expectations in English and math, 41 percent met standards in English and 53 percent in math, and 53 percent did not get a passing score in English and 63 percent in math.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH | MATH

	% Exceeded	% Met	% Not Met
Catonsville			
Gr. 6	≤5 | ≤5	41 | 53	53 | 63
Gr. 7	16 | ≤5	32 | 9.0	41 | 89
Gr. 8	7 | 9.0	38 | 42	56 | 48
Deer Park			
Gr. 6	≤5 | ≤5	34 | 43.6	63 | 89
Gr. 7	≤5 | ≤5	26 | 59.0	69 | 90
Gr. 8	≤5 | ≤5	22 | 36.4	75 | 78
Franklin			
Gr. 6	≤5 | ≤5	35 | 19	62 | 79
Gr. 7	≤5 | ≤5	30 | ≤5	67 | 90
Gr. 8	≤5 | ≤5	30 | 25.0	66 | 70
Old Court			
Gr. 6	≤5 | ≤5	10 | 6	90 | 93
Gr. 7	≤5 | ≤5	≤5 | ≤5	94 | 93
Gr. 8	≤5 | ≤5	8 | 8	93 | 90
Pikesville			
Gr. 6	≤5 | ≤5	21 | 20	78 | 77
Gr. 7	≤5 | ≤5	25 | 6	72 | 93
Gr. 8	≤5 | ≤5	20 | 21	77 | 76
Southwest Academy			
Gr. 6	≤5 | ≤5	29.7 | 12.9	67 | 86
Gr. 7	5.4 | ≤5	24.0 | ≤5	70 | 93
Gr. 8	≤5 | ≤5	22.4 | 6.0	75 | 93
Sudbrook			
Gr. 6	9.5 | ≤5	42.4 | 34.9	48 | 60
Gr. 7	16.5 | ≤5	36.4 | 9.6	47 | 90
Gr. 8	6.5 | ≤5	50.2 | 41.2	43 | 52
Windsor Mill			
Gr. 6	≤5 | ≤5	16.8 | 17.5	73 | 94
Gr. 7	≤5 | ≤5	11.9 | ≤5	86 | 98
Gr. 8	≤5 | ≤5	17.6 | 15.6	82 | 83
Woodlawn			
Gr. 6	≤5 | ≤5	16.8 | 7.5	87 | 91
Gr. 7	≤5 | ≤5	11.9 | ≤5	82 | 97
Gr. 8	≤5 | ≤5	17.6 | 15.6	87 | 95

HIGH SCHOOLS

ENGLISH | MATH

	% Exceeded	% Met	% Not Met
Catonsville			
Gr. 10	19.3 | ≤5	39 | 53	41 | 63
Franklin			
Gr. 10	15.6 | ≤5	34.3 | 7.3	50 | 92
New Town			
Gr. 10	≤5 | ≤5	29.3 | 8	66 | 92
Owings Mills			
Gr. 10	≤5 | ≤5	12.7 | ≤5	85 | 97
Pikesville			
Gr. 10	17.6 | ≤5	26.7 | ≤5	56 | 98
Randallstown			
Gr. 10	≤5 | ≤5	22.5 | ≤5	72 | 97
Western Tech			
Gr. 10	28 | ≤5	55.5 | ≤5	25 | 80
Woodlawn			
Gr. 10	≤5 | ≤5	13.3 | ≤5	85 | 95

Source: Maryland State Department of Education
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It is a part of a new outreach effort at the Woodlawn Precinct that seeks to get police officers and elementary school children together at lunch time for some positive interaction. "Many people only interact with police when something bad has happened and we want to change that. By reaching out to the youth in the community we hope to build positive lasting relationships," said Captain Matt Gorman, the commanding officer of the Woodlawn Precinct.

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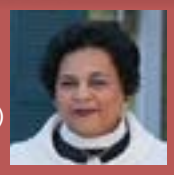

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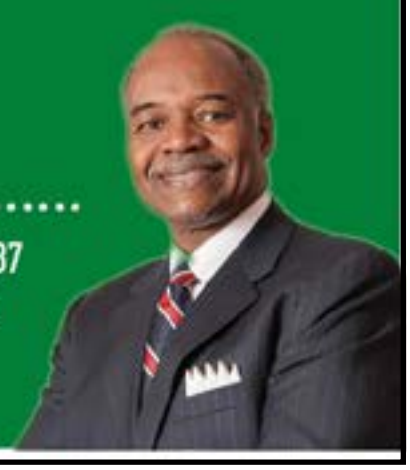

Developer acquires interest in St. Thomas Shopping Center

Greenberg Gibbons has acquired another area shopping center. The developer announced recently that it purchased majority interest in the St. Thomas Shopping Center, which is located on Reisterstown Road adjacent to Foundry Row in Owings Mills.

The developer will manage and lease the 104,624 square-foot community shopping center, which features Giant Foods and other regional stores and restaurants. Greenberg Gibbons stated that it has plans to implement cosmetic upgrades and improvements to attract more quality shops and restaurants.

"St. Thomas Shopping Center was a natural expansion for us. It creates an opportunity to extend quality retail on the Reisterstown Road corridor, which is right in our own backyard," stated Brian Gibbons, chairman and CEO of Greenberg Gibbons.

Greenberg Gibbons also owns and manages Foundry Row, the center at which Wegmans opened last month, in partnership with Vanguard Retail Development. In February, Greenberg Gibbons acquired Reisterstown Shopping Center, which is located further west on Reisterstown Road.

New Restaurant

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approved Carter and Friend's request for the license with restrictions: The restaurant must close at 11 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, and at midnight on Friday and Saturday. Live music and a D.J. is prohibited and there can be no off-sale privileges.

The judge may have been influenced by Daniels' attorney's revelation that Identity Ultra Lounge, formerly Sista's Place, was operating more like a club with hours of 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., yet had a Class B license, which is reserved for restaurants that sell beer, wine and liquor, such a Colin's and Ruby Tuesday, but that get most of their proceeds come from food sales.

According to documents related to the filing, Grind and Wine is trading under Great Food Choices II LLC. Identity Ultra Lounge trades the name of Great Food Choices.

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Pikesville Chamber Lunch Mob

A couple of dozen people turned out for the Pikesville Chamber of Commerce's lunch mob networking event on Oct. 26 at Pikes Diner. It was the chamber's first such event.

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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, s, list price and closing price.

ADDRESS	STYLE	BEDROOM	BATH	LISTED	CLOSE SALE
WOODLAWN, 21207					
5911 Johnnycake Rd	Split Level	4	2	$159,000	$152,500
3818 Byfield Rd	Rancher	3	3	$264,000	$264,000
7302 Rockridge Rd	Rancher	4	2 ½	$264,999	$264,999
5939 Sunset Ave	Rancher	3	2	$189,900	$189,900
5619 Carroll St	Rancher	3	1 ½	$199,000	$200,000
WINDSOR MILLS, 21244					
7806 Gaywood Cir	Rancher	3	1	$96,200	$92,259
5518 North Green Rd	Rancher	4	2	$210,000	$212,000
3302 Royal Fern Way	Colonial	5	3 ½	$499,900	$510,000
2017 Greengage Rd	Comtemporary	5	5	$299,900	$295,000
7402 Allmont Rd	Split Foyer	3	2	$135,000	$135,198
CATONSVILLE, 21228					
1406 B Rolling Rd	Colonial	3	2 ½	$249,000	$254,000
506 Cargil Ave	Rambler	3	2	$199,950	$194,000
400 Patleigh Rd	Transitional	5	3 ½	$649,900	$600,000
337 Beaumont Ave	Split Foyer	3	2	$235,000	$226,000
706 Hidden Bluff	Colonial	3	3 ½	$485,000	$385,000
RANDALLSTOWN, 21133					
3717 Springdell Ave	Split Foyer	5	1 ½	$150,000	$140,000
3812 Pikeswood Dr	Split Level	5	3	$197,000	$200,000
4053 Carthage Rd	Split Foyer	4	1 ½	$219,000	$215,000
3705 Hamor Ct	Colonial	4	2 ½	$254,500	$252,000
8926 Liberty Rd	Colonial	3	1	$199,000	$189,000
PIKESVILLE, 21208					
7412 Rockridge Rd	Colonial	3	2 ½	$199,000	$202,980
122 Waldron Ave	Colonial	4	2 ½	$334,900	$339,986
3522 Englemeade Rd	Contemporary	5	4 ½	$595,000	$450,000
115 Sawhill Ct	Rancher	5	3 ½	$450,000	$450,000
7411 Eldon Ct	Cape Cod	4	3	$234,900	$236,000
OWINGS MILLS, 21117					
10817 Meadowlea Rd	Colonial	4	3 ½	$369,900	$365,000
128 Grist Stone Way	Colonial	3	3	$348,680	$321,000
9516 Meadow Farms	Colonial	4	3 ½	$369,900	$360,000
12 Millpond Ct	Colonial	4	3 ½	$369,999	$369,999
4604 Runnymeade Rd	Colonial	4	3 ½	$405,000	$400,000
REISTERSTOWN, 21136					
1029 Green Hill Farms Rd	Split Level	5	3	$389,900	$340,000
803 Champion Ct	Colonial	4	4 ½	$545,000	$545,000
114 Walgrove Rd	Split Foyer	4	2	$259,000	$257,000
213 Delight Rd	Split Level	4	2	$307,000	$297,500
16 Brian Daniel Ct	Traditional	5	3 ½	$549,800	$537,000

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