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Arrica Ashe, owner of The Crazy Crab Bag in Baltimore, Maryland features a seafood dish called Tail & Toast. She launched her business in a food truck in 2021 and later opened a restaurant located 1741 Light Street in 2023.

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Mayor Brandon Scott Signs 'THE COUNCILMEMBER MARY PAT CLARKE TENANT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT' to Empower Renters Towards Homeownership

By Andrea Blackstone

BALTIMORE, MD.— On Monday, October 16, 2023, Mayor Brandon M. Scott, alongside Councilwoman Odette Ramos and former Council President Mary Pat Clarke, signed into law “The Councilmember Mary Pat Clarke Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act,” which aims to restore renters’ ability to engage directly with their landlords who may be looking to sell their rental properties and provide easier pathways for renters to move to homeownership.

“The Councilmember Mary Pat Clarke Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act will help give back

some power to renters in Baltimore City who are hoping to pursue the dream of homeownership and stay in their homes when a landlord decides to sell,” said Mayor Brandon M. Scott. “Homeownership is one of the greatest generational wealth builders that families and communities have. By signing this bill into law, we are making a statement that we want to expand every opportunity for residents who rent to take the leap into homeownership.”

The bill was inspired by the continuous advocacy and previous legislation led by former Council President Mary Pat Clarke. As a Councilwoman representing



Mayor Brandon M. Scott is flanked by former City Council President Mary Pat Clarke (to his right), City Council President Nick Mosby and Councilwoman Odette Ramos (District 14). Scott signed into law “The Councilmember Mary Pat Clarke Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act” this month.

impossible for renters to purchase the homes in which they live. That changes today, and I’m proud to name this bill after my predecessor to acknowledge her groundbreaking work for Baltimore’s families.”

The Councilmember Mary Pat Clarke Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act repeals the exemptions that gutted the original legislation, and reestablishes that if an owner/landlord wants to sell their property, they must first provide their current tenant opportunity to pursue a purchase. With some exceptions, the tenant would have 14 days to make a decision to sign a letter of intent to purchase and enter a contract, or the owner can move forward in the process of selling the property to any potential buyer. The legislation also implements a number of reporting and data requirements.

“This work started years ago, and I remember all of the changes that we went through in drafting this bill. Baltimore City’s housing market is still very attractive, especially in District 14, but we have to find a way to keep people in their homes and offer them opportunities to establish wealth for themselves.” This legislation accomplishes that, and I am honored to have my name attached to this bill. I want to thank Mayor Scott and my successor Councilwoman Odette Ramos for seeing this through to the finish line and creating this win for the residents of Baltimore City.”

The bill will make a significant impact for numerous families across Baltimore by eliminating substantial barriers to homeownership and prioritizing renters pursuing homeownership in Baltimore’s housing market.

Northeast Baltimore, she worked with St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center founders Vinnie Quayle and Frank Fisher on the original ‘Tenant Right of First Refusal’ legislation, which was the first legislation in the country designed to give tenants the opportunity to purchase the homes in which they live when the owner was ready to sell. Exemptions added by later legislation made former Council President Clarke’s bill all but obsolete.

“This is an important piece of legislation to ensure that renters have the best chance to purchase the home in which they already live,” said Councilwoman Odette Ramos (District 14). “Our version makes the law much stronger, as it was originally intended by then Council President Mary Pat Clarke when she worked with St. Ambrose and other advocates to pass the very first Right of First Refusal law in the nation. In the rare time she was not in office, the bill was watered down which made it almost



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Cybersecurity Month

Something Phishy in My Email and Smishy in My Texts

By Karen Clay
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In today's digital age, we have become accustomed to the conveniences of instant communication. Emails, texts and instant messages abound such that we often will click on them without a thought as to whether they are legitimate. While most of our online interactions are benign, some aim to deceive and exploit. At some point it dawns on us: **we are victims of a scam!**

The most prevalent forms of these deceptive practices are "phishing" and "smishing." Phishing is typically executed via email, while smishing is executed via text messages. It is a fraudulent attempt to obtain usernames, passwords, and/or credit card details by disguising the communication as coming from a trustworthy source. The attacker might send you an email that looks like it's from a legitimate organization but designed to trick you into providing personal or financial details, via links to malicious websites or attachments that can harm your computer.

Smishing, a combination of the terms "SMS" and "phishing," is like phishing but it occurs primarily through text messages (SMS). Scammers send deceptive texts to lure you into providing personal or financial information. These messages might contain a link to a fake website or request that you send personal details in a response. Many times, they appear to come from legitimate phone numbers. Smishing might also involve urgent text messages about "suspicious activity," enticing offers that seem too good to be true, or threats designed to cause us to act immediately without thinking.

As technology is embedded in our daily routines, understanding and protecting ourselves from these threats is essential. There are things we can do to lessen the potential of becoming a victim of these scams.

For phishing attempts we can:

- Be cautious of unsolicited emails, especially if they ask for personal or financial information. Hover over links without clicking on them to see the actual source. If it doesn't match the stated organization's real website or looks suspicious, don't click on the link.

- Check the sender's email address. Often, phishing attempts come from addresses that **resemble**, but are **not identical** to legitimate ones.

- Avoid downloading attachments from unknown sources.

- Call the source of the email from a verified known number that you have.

For smishing attempts we can:

- Be skeptical of unexpected text messages, particularly those that ask for personal information or require urgent action.

- Avoid clicking on links in text messages from unknown numbers.

- Verify any requests for information by contacting the organization directly using contact details you know.

Even with these precautions, we still can fall victim, so what is our recourse? First, it's crucial to act quickly to mitigate potential damage:

First, don't panic: While it's natural to feel alarmed or embarrassed, it's important to stay calm and take a systematic approach to address the situation.

Disconnect from the Internet: If you've clicked on a malicious, temporarily disconnect your device from the Internet. This can prevent malware from communicating with its command-and-control servers. Run a full system scan on your device using a reputable antivirus or anti-malware software. If you're not tech-savvy and suspect your device is infected, consider seeking help from a professional or tech savvy friend.

Change all your passwords: Start with



Karen Clay
Courtesy photo

the compromised account first. Next change passwords for critical accounts like email (since email can often be used to reset other account passwords), banking and other financial accounts. If you use the same password across multiple sites (which is not advisable), change those too. Also enable two-

factor authentication to add an extra layer of security to your accounts by requiring a second form of identification beyond just a password.

Notify affected people/companies/organizations: If you've provided details related to a specific bank or service, contact them immediately. They can monitor your account for suspicious activity or help you take protective measures. Report the phishing email to your email provider, that may have a reporting mechanism for this. If your email or phone was compromised, inform your contacts so they can be wary of suspicious messages from your account.

Monitor your accounts and consider Credit Monitoring: Regularly review bank and credit card statements for unfamiliar transactions. Consider setting up account alerts for transactions above a certain amount. If you believe your financial information was compromised, consider subscribing to a credit monitoring service. They can alert you to changes in your credit report.

Report the incident: You can report phishing emails to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at reportphishing@apwg.org or to the FTC at spam@uce.gov. Smishing attacks can be reported to your mobile carrier and the FTC.

Being a victim of phishing or smishing can be distressing, but by taking swift and comprehensive action we all can minimize the potential harm and prevent further intrusion into our online world.

Adults and Youths Can be Bullied

Part I of II

By Andrea Blackstone

National Bullying Awareness Month is held each October. Icia Ragsdale, a trauma specialist and licensed clinical social worker, provides direct therapy to individuals and families. Ragsdale provided insight into who may experience the age-old problem of being bullied. Electronics and social media have intensified the issue regardless of the victim's age.

Q: How is bullying defined?

A: Bullying is the desire to harm, intimidate, or push someone who is perceived to be weaker than someone else into doing something they may not want to do. Cyber-bullying [which involves the use of electronic communication to bully someone] is done the same way except using various Internet platforms.

Q: Do you regard bullying as a public health issue?

A: Bullying is definitely a public health issue because it affects everyone around who experiences the bullying. Unfortunately, we live in a “me-focused” society, especially due to the uptick of social media. However, the core of human experience is connection with others. When we see or experience the connection being unsafe, both the person directly involved, and the other people witnessing the event, can feel fear around the connection. No matter how much we attempt to ignore or pretend it doesn't affect us, we are all affected when people around us are bullied.

Additionally, it creates unsafe internal atmospheres which poses a threat to one's internal and external ability to feel safe within their body and within the atmospheres around them. When people feel unsafe, they move from a threatened space and further perpetuate threatened atmospheres.



Icia Ragsdale, a trauma specialist and licensed clinical social worker.

Photo credit: Michael Vega

Q: What are common age groups of people who are impacted by this issue?

A: Anyone can be bullied. However, the most common age group to be bullied happens around middle school ages 11-13 years old. At those ages, children are trying to figure out their own level of competence within their environment. When they are unsure, or if they feel inferior, it can be a natural defensive response to try to make themselves feel more competent by exploiting what they perceive to be a level of incompetence within someone else. Honestly, what they exploit doesn't truly have to be a level of incompetence, but their goal is to use their influence to distract others from noticing what they perceive to be as a flaw within themselves.

Q: Who are high-risk populations who may experience bullying?

A: The highest risk populations are those whose identities are expressed against mainstream norms. Populations connected to the LGBTQIA community, certain religious groups, minorities (especially those with a lower socioeconomic status), over or underweight children, those with low self-esteem, people who are socially awkward, those with special needs or even people with disabilities are among the populations at highest risk.

Q: Can adults be bullied?

A: There is a rise in adult bullying that is very disheartening. Women exploit and abase other women on the premise of looks, weight, financial status, men, or other areas. Men do it, too. We can

also see bullying in adults when someone expresses a level of vulnerability that makes someone feel uncomfortable. They usually deflect their own discomfort by shaming the person who has expressed their vulnerability.

Another big form of bullying that can be seen is sexual exploitation that is used among adults and older teenagers who use pornographic pictures that one has and threaten to share them without permission. In essence, you can see bullying among adults anywhere there is a person in power in connection with someone who is a subordinate. Bullying is usually mismanagement of power to get what one wants.

Q: Are any resources available for adults who may experience bullying?

A: One of my favorite resources that I have referred others to is the Stop Bullying campaign. It can be accessed at www.stopbullying.gov. They have resources on their website, including access to 24-hour counselors or suicide assistance.

You can also call the police and ask them for help. Bullying is a crime that is punishable by law. Also, if you live in Baltimore, specifically, there is a resource for older adults called CURE Operation Pulse. They provide assistance as well. Also, in 2017, the state of Maryland put out a new policy specifically for those who struggled with bullying in the workplace that creates space for one to file an official complaint with provisions for the victim. However, it strictly prohibits retaliation of any type.

If any of these resources don't work for a person, one can always use Google. In recent years, bullying has become a federal issue. There is a plethora of resources available and specific to the type of bullying one is experiencing.

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Black, Woman-owned Restaurant in Baltimore Serves Seafood Aficionados

By Andrea Blackstone

Baltimore is known for steamed crabs and places to feast on plump crab cakes.

Like many Marylanders, Arrica Ashe, owner of The Crazy Crab Bag, loves crabs. When she needed to pivot to another career, cooking seafood became the next part of her story. Ashe knows the power of change and growing a business in phases.

“Prior to the pandemic, I worked for a corporate company organizing events. I also ran my own company, Arrica Lindsay Events, planning multiple weddings a year. Once the pandemic came, my career path literally changed overnight,” Ashe said. “With no in-person events [being held], I lost my corporate contract. It was just such a task to plan a wedding during the pandemic, so I decided to take a break and [I] turned to food, which is when the idea for The Crazy Crab Bag came about.”

Ashe’s business began as a food truck in 2021. She opened a restaurant in May of 2023. The Crazy Crab Bag is located at 1741 Light Street in Baltimore, Maryland. Ashe’s food enterprise has grown to a seven-day a week operation that integrates other pieces of supporting fellow small business owners.

Ashe buys her business’ crabs, crab meat and some of Crazy Crab Bag’s fish from a local waterman. She stated that she loves her ability to support another Marylander’s small business.

“Buying seafood locally always just tastes much fresher and has better quality,” Ashe said. “We order local produce from some local farms for the same reason that we source seafood locally.”

The Crazy Crab Bag’s menu items include steamed crabs, crab dip,



Anita Savage, Yonnie Banks, Chakia Nash are staff members at The Crazy Crab. Photo credit: Anita Savage

seafood boils, wings and the Maryland crab cake.

“All of our food is made to order and from scratch. I’m in the kitchen cooking and teaching recipes daily,” Ashe said.

Additionally, giving local people employment opportunities is important to the business owner. The Crazy Crab Bag’s staff is composed of people who are all from Baltimore, according to Ashe.

“At the moment, we have a staff of 15 and counting,” Ashe said.

They often take crab dip orders. It is currently the business’ number one best seller, but Ashe mentioned that customers also enjoy other menu items.

Ashe added, “They say our food is the best!”

Where did Ashe gain marketing cooking skills? She said that all of The Crazy Crab Bag’s foods are made from family recipes. The entrepreneur spent her early years growing up in West Baltimore. Ashe moved to Owings Mills during her high school years. Hattie Matilda Seward, Ashe’s grandmother who was once a schoolteacher for Baltimore City Public Schools, loved entertaining and



The Crab Crawler, a Maryland fried crab cake topped on a deep fried Maryland blue crab is a featured item at The Crazy Crab. Photo credit: Dennis Barry

cooking for her family and friends.

Ashe recalls helping to crush crackers while her grandmother created her own breading to fry oysters, when Ashe was around six or seven years old. She also said that her family always had a fish fry on Fridays. Seward would purchase lake trout and steak fish or other seafood. She paired them with delicious sides like collards and potato salad. This is why Ashe features that same dish every Friday in her restaurant.

In many Black families, food has been a cultural tradition that kept people eating together while staying connected. From barbecue to soul food, highly skilled cooks passed down traditions to make each dish with love. Seward’s gift of spending time with Ashe in the kitchen allowed her granddaughter to nurture her talent and turn cooking food into a business concept.

“I think growing up, my grandmother was old school, so she

taught me all the domestic skills that I believe she thought a woman should know (cleaning and cooking), so naturally I learned to love cooking and keeping a clean home. Pursuing a business connected to food was easy because it’s something that I naturally love doing,” Ashe said.

The entrepreneur also added that she believes customers look for good food and great vibes, when they visit The Crazy Crab Bag.

Nicole Workman has been patronizing The Crazy Crab Bag for approximately three months. She stated that the food is delicious, the staff offers a great vibe and the drinks are always on point.

“Everything I’ve had has been really good! My favorite is Fish Fry Friday. And the steamed crabs, I don’t know what seasonings they use, but it is a must-have,” she said.

Visit www.thecrazycrabbag.com to obtain more information about The Crazy Crab Bag.

Marylander will Soon Celebrate 48th Kidney Transplant Anniversary

By Andrea Blackstone

George Edward Franklin, III learned to crochet when he was 18 years old. His grandmother “Big Alease,” taught her grandson the creative hobby for a good reason.

“She didn’t want me wasting six hours, three times a week doing nothing but laying in the bed on dialysis! Fifty odd years later, I still crochet,” Franklin said.

Dialysis—a treatment that filters the blood—is called hemodialysis when a person goes to a dialysis center for the procedure. Franklin underwent hemodialysis each Monday, Wednesday and Friday as a teenager. He recalls arriving at the George Washington University Medical Center during mornings in 1972. After six hours of treatment, he would be taken off the dialysis machine.

“I remember doing dialysis. I used to suffer from really bad cramps, usually in my legs,” Franklin said.

He also remembered that he was the eldest hemodialysis patient at the George Washington Hospital Center, back then. Several other teenagers and a 12-year-old were in Franklin’s company.

“Being the oldest, a male and a comic, I was usually the one that kept things lively! We had a black and white TV donated and we all got hooked on watching the soaps,” Franklin said. “Outside of the “good” days, however, I remember feeling cheated in life.”

Franklin recalls feeling like having kidney problems happened to older people, not younger ones like him or youth who came to the center for hemodialysis treatments. Unfortunately, Franklin found out that sometimes youth could experience kidney failure, too.

Dialysis sapped a lot of emotional and physical energy from Franklin for three years. Despite needing it, there were days when he hated trekking to get treatment. Kidney failure

sometimes caused him to feel weak, woozy, experience dry itching skin and depression. He could not do things that many teenagers could, including eating whatever he wanted.

Franklin needed to start hemodialysis about four months after high school graduation because the one kidney that he was born with failed. He discovered that he was born with only one kidney after he became very ill at 18 years old and an x-ray revealed it.

“The cause of my kidney failure was glomerulonephritis,” Franklin said.

Glomerulonephritis is a type of kidney disease where tiny kidney filters become inflamed. His kidney could not do its job.

Regardless of this medical challenge, Franklin graduated from Frank W. Ballou High School’s class of 1972. There was no outward appearance that he had a medical problem until doctors discovered that his kidney failed and his blood pressure was high. He started hemodialysis approximately five months after graduating from high school.

Franklin’s first kidney transplant occurred in April of 1975.

“Sadly, the transplant was removed a week or two later as it had a massive rejection,” Franklin said.

Franklin never stopped hemodialysis.

He recalls returning to the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. for a second transplant surgery. His successful kidney transplant was completed on November 4, 1975, six months after the first kidney transplant. He finally was able to stop hemodialysis because he was able to constantly make urine.

He added, “That’s the kidney that’s still working!”

Franklin said that he now holds the record for being the longest African-American kidney transplant recipient with a deceased donor kidney in the nation.

“Life started after getting that



George Franklin, III after his successful kidney transplant in 1975. Courtesy photo

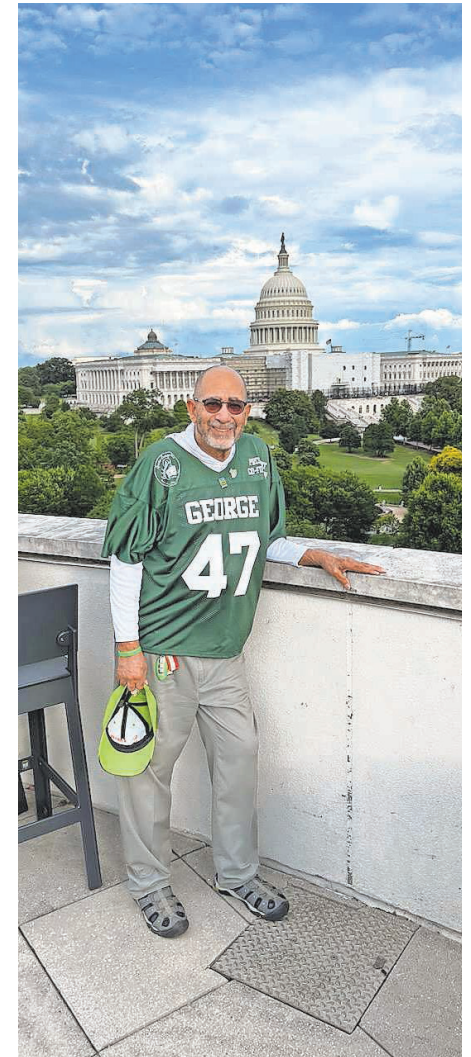
second kidney,” Franklin said, while recounting his journey.

After his second kidney transplant, Franklin gained weight, his strength increased, he was able to sleep well, go to work and visit family members who lived a distance away.

Franklin shared that his second donor was a white female who perished in a car accident. The Cumberland, Maryland resident reflects on his sentiment that he is most grateful for life. He currently volunteers for Donate Life and Infinite Legacy. Infinite Legacy is a nonprofit that saves and enhances lives through organ, eye and tissue donation. Donate Life Maryland handles registrations of the state’s organ, eye and tissue donors.

“I also spend a lot of time providing information in several Facebook groups related to organ and tissue donation. I also volunteer for the National Kidney Foundation, American Heart Association, and I am on several committees statewide involving organ and tissue donation and kidney disease,” Franklin said. Franklin remarked that people considering organ, eye and tissue donation should move forward with signing up to become a donor.

He added, “I would tell them about me, the nearly 48 years that I’ve lived and about all of the things that have



George Franklin, III said that he now holds the record for being the longest African-American kidney transplant recipient with a deceased donor kidney in the nation. The number 47 represents the number of years that he has had his kidney transplant. Franklin will celebrate the 48th year on November 4, 2023. He looks forward to wearing the numbers 48 on the jersey. Courtesy photo

happened in my life, because of the angel who signed an organ donation card!”

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Ravens Zay Flowers Shows Promise

By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens have longed for a first-round pick at wide receiver to blossom into a productive player. They've made picks such as Travis Taylor, Mark Clayton, and Breshad Perriman over the years.

Baltimore's most recent first-round wideout Zay Flowers appears to be on his way to breaking out. Flowers was selected with the No. 22 overall pick in April. The rookie receiver cemented a starting spot for the Ravens early in camp. Expectations were high for Flowers entering the season. Through six games, Flowers has 35 receptions, 367 yards and one touchdown. That touchdown came last week against the Tennessee Titans in London. Ravens coach

John Harbaugh feels it's the first of many.

"I just had visions of future touchdowns," Harbaugh said. "When I saw that ... It's like the analogy my dad always makes [about] olives. Ever open up an olive jar? And what happens with the olive jar? Do the olives come pouring out? They don't come out. What do you have to do? You got to get the first one out, right? Once you get the first one out, the rest of them pour out. Hopefully, that was Zay's first olive, and there will be many more to come."

Flowers' touchdown was the one time the Ravens scored while in the red zone. He showed great maturity as a receiver by uncovering himself and finding an open area where Lamar Jackson could find him.



Zay Flowers Photo credit: Dylan Buell/Getty Images

"It was a scramble drill," Flowers said. "Me and Lamar [Jackson] have been connecting the whole season on scramble drills, and we were able to find the end zone on that one."

At 5-foot-10, 172 pounds, Flowers isn't the most imposing receiver from a stature perspective, but his start and stop change of direction ability makes up for it. It actually earned him a certain nickname from Jackson who grew up in the same area in South Florida.

"His brother was great, great when we were little kids, even high school," Jackson said. "They used to call his brother Joystick, and I told him, 'You're going to have to steal that name because you're different. We're in the league now, so you have to take that name from him.'"

Although it's early in Flowers' career, he has already drawn the attention of two of the best wide receivers to ever put on a Ravens' uniform. Steve Smith Sr., like Flowers, wasn't a big, imposing receiver, but Smith was known for playing bigger than his size and for being an elusive playmaker.

Smith said Flowers reminds him of himself.

"He's kind of like me, a jitter bug,"

Smith said. "He makes the quarterback right. He has that rare speed, ability and change in any direction at the blink of the eye. You can't put a price tag on athleticism."

Most of the Ravens pass catching records are held by Derrick Mason. After six games of watching Flowers, Mason made a pretty bold declaration.

"This guy is gonna pass whatever records I have," Mason said on The Ravens Vault with Bobby Trosset. "He's gonna blow 'em out the water. They're not gonna let him leave Baltimore like they let [Marquise] Brown leave Baltimore a few years ago. This kid is here to stay."

"Zay brings a level of competitiveness that I don't think you see in many guys," Mason explained. "This guy is quick, he's fast, catches the ball with his hands and knows how to find open spaces."

The future is bright for Flowers and he has a pretty good mentor, Odell Beckham Jr. to learn from. There was a time when it seemed like first round receivers were destined to struggle. That's no longer the case with the success that seems to be on the horizon for Flowers.

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Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked for **SANITARY CONTRACT NO. 1029-Urgent Needs Improvements to Baltimore City Sanitary Sewers in Various Locations-Zone 1** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M on **November 15, 2023**. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. Bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates and can be watched live on CharmTV's cable channel 25/1085HD; charmtvbaltimore.com/watch-live or listen in at (443) 984-1696 (ACCESS CODE: 0842939) from City Hall at Noon. The Contract Documents may be examined, without charge, at Contract Administration 4 South Frederick Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 on the 3rd floor (410) 396-4041 as of **October 20, 2023** and copies may be purchased for a non-refundable cost of **100.00**. **Conditions and requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package.** All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410) 396-6883 or contact OBC at 4 S Frederick St., 4th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. **If a bid is submitted by a joint venture ("JV"), then in that event, the document that established the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Prequalification Category required for bidding on this project is **B02552 – Sewer Construction G90106-CCTV Inspection, and G90099 – Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining**. Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be **\$10,000,000.01 to \$15,000,000.00**.

A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Vendor can either call 667-228-6519 PASSCODE: 712292979# or Meeting ID: 233 790 367 788 PASSCODE: JpNLWP on **October 31, 2023 at 11:30 AM.**

To purchase a bid book, please make an electronic request at:
[https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/dpw-construction-projects-notice-letting and dpwbidopportunities@baltimorecity.gov](https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/dpw-construction-projects-notice-letting-and-dpwbidopportunities@baltimorecity.gov). For further inquiries about purchasing bid documents, please contact the assigned Contract Administrator Cynthia.Harry@baltimorecity.gov, Benjamin.Wang@baltimorecity.gov

Principal items of work for this contract include, but are not limited to:

Sewer cleaning and closed circuit television (CCTV) inspection;
Open cut point repairs of sanitary sewers;
Cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining of sanitary sewers;
Excavate and replace segments of sanitary sewer via point repairs;
Manhole repair and rehabilitation work;
Sewer house connection (SHC) repair and rehabilitation work;
New manhole and cleanout installation work.

The MBE goal is **11%**

The WBE goal is **5%**

APPROVED:
Clerk, Board of Estimates

APPROVED:
Richard J. Luna
Interim Director
Department of Public Works

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Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked for **BALTIMORE CITY NO. RP21811 – Gateway Pillar Restoration Clifton Park and Patterson Park** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M. **December 13, 2023**. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. Bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates in Room 215, City Hall at Noon. The proposed Contract Documents may be examined, without charge, at the Dept. of Rec & Parks at 2600 Madison Ave, Baltimore, Md. 21217 by appointment only on Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm by emailing benitaj.randolph@baltimorecity.gov as of **October 20, 2023** and copies may be purchased for a non-refundable cost of **\$100.00**. **Conditions and requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package.** All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410) 396-6883 or contact the Committee at 4 South Frederick Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. **If a bid is submitted by a joint venture ("JV"), then in that event, the document that established the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Prequalification Category required for bidding on this project is **E13006 Renovation of Historical Structures -Spec. In Museums, Libraries, Etc.** Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be **\$200,000.00 to \$450,000.00**. A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted via Microsoft Teams at **10:00 A.M. on November 2, 2023**. Email your contact information to Kayla.Goldstein@baltimorecity.gov to receive an invite to the Microsoft Team(video conference meeting) no later than November 1, 2023 at 4:00pm. Principal Items of work for this project is Pillar restoration for Clifton Park and Patterson Park totaling of four Gateways and Lighting restoration for the same gateways. The MBE goal is **17%** and WBE goal is **16%**.
APPROVED: M. Celeste Amato, Clerk, Board of Estimates

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