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# Board of Education passes heat closure policy

- by Patrick Taylor -

Last week the Baltimore County Board of Education finally approved a heat closure policy which will see all non-air conditioned schools close when the heat index hits 90 degrees.

According to the new policy, closures will ideally be announced by 8 p.m. the preceding night when the heat index is forecast to reach 90 degrees the following day.

With over 30 schools still without air conditioning - many on the east side - in Baltimore County the heat closure policy will come as some relief. The push to change the heat closure policy ramped up last September after a heat wave hit as the school year began.

A hearing was held in January, after which it was decided that the comfort of students and teachers needed to be considered more thoroughly. It was also noted that the school system needed to get information out to parents in a more timely manner.

"This was the right thing to do for the public, I appreciate your support," Policy Review Committee Chairwoman Romaine Williams told the board.

Besides creating a set of guidelines for closures, the new heat policy also allows students to carry water bottles at all times and gives principals the flexibility to move students to cooler classrooms.

"I'm really happy about this school closure policy for heat," said Anna Surr, whose daughter attends

Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts.

Surr was the only member of the public to address the board at the Aug. 9 meeting. Her daughter has attended schools without air conditioning since kindergarten, and she's happy that there will be some relief.

Surr also noted that temperatures are effected by things such as lighting, and that schools should be looking to get more modern fixtures.

With the school year slated to begin on Aug. 24, 34 of the county's 173 schools will be without air conditioning. Originally, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz's massive "Schools for Our Future" plan would have had air conditioning installed in schools by 2021, but a very public riff with Comptroller Peter Franchot caused Kamenetz to expedite the plan.

As it stands now, most schools will have air conditioning by August 2017; five will have air conditioning by 2018 and four more will have air conditioning by August 2019.

Despite the move to get a better heat closure policy in place, there are still plenty who want to see portable air conditioning units installed.

"That's not a viable policy," said State Senator Johnny Ray Salling. "It's a surrender that offers little real relief. School closure under those conditions is nothing more than a feeble attempt to address a problem that continues to negatively impact students and teachers alike."

Earlier this year Franchot and Hogan used the Board of Public Works to hold back \$10 million in construction funds unless they were used for portable

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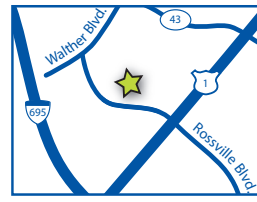

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air conditioning units. That move came after Kamenetz was told to use county funds on air conditioning, with the County Executive failed to do.

"That's an issue that we've been trying to focus on for quite a while," said Governor Larry Hogan. "There are two jurisdictions basically failed to air condition classrooms, Baltimore County and Baltimore City. The Board of Public Works has taken a very strong position that they need to fix it and they've refused to at this point. And now this is a perfect example of what happens when you don't have air conditioning."

According to Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance, days off for heat will be eligible for a waiver of the 180 day school year mandate. The new policy goes into effect on Aug. 23.

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## Students invited to participate in Early Entry Day

Baltimore County Public Schools will host a half-day "Early Entry Day" for rising Grades 6 and 9 students for the 2016-2017 school year. Students will start the day in period one and continue through their entire class schedules, including lunch. Students also will have the opportunity to engage in various activities, such as visiting their lockers, taking school tours, and meeting teachers and school counselors, designed to acclimate them to their new school environments. Transportation will be provided for those students who will take buses to middle and high school. Those students will be picked up at their assigned bus stops at their regular scheduled times and will be transported home at the end of the half-day schedule. A complimentary lunch will be served to all participating students, and students will be able to add funds to their cafeteria accounts in preparation for the first day of school on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Early Entry Day is for students only and will not replace other school-based student-parent orientation activities, such as Sneak-a-Peak, Back-to-School

Night and more. Current research and best practices on student transitions from elementary to middle and from middle to high school indicate that students experience a broad array of socio-emotional and academic concerns as they move between schools. By limiting Early Entry Day to transitioning students only, BCPS is providing these students an opportunity to gain familiarity with the school and classmates.

## BCPS Night at the Yard

As part of its Back to School Involves You, Too! campaign, BCPS is hosting Baltimore County Public Schools Night at the Yard on Aug. 18. Five dollars from every ticket sold will benefit the Education Foundation of BCPS. The Orioles will play the Houston Astros, and the evening will feature the Randallstown High School Navy ROTC presenting the flag, the Towson High School Gifted and Talented Chamber Choir singing the National Anthem, and Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance throwing the first pitch. Tickets must be purchased via [www.orioles.com/tix/bcps](http://www.orioles.com/tix/bcps).

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# OBITUARIES

## Parsons, Gertrude

Elsie Gertrude Parsons (nee Buck), 94, died on Aug. 10, with her family by her side in Perry Hall. She is survived by her children: Robert Parsons of Scottsdale, Az. and his wife Renee, Allan Parsons of Perry Hall, Md. and his wife Linda Kurgan and Beverly Parsons of Perry Hall, Md. and her husband Robert Koller. She is preceded in death by her spouse, Ralph S. Parsons, one brother and six sisters, including her twin, Bertha. She has five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, her Bingo friends and Marjorie Hunt, longtime friend and caregiver.

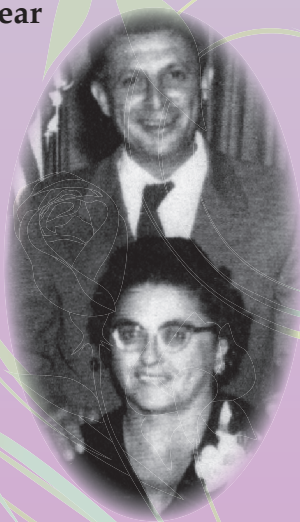
## Whalen, Richard F.

On Aug. 12, 2016 Richard F. Whalen. Beloved husband of the late Beverly Whalen (nee Maddox); devoted father of Stephen Whalen and his wife Melinda, Charlotte Chatel and her husband David, Suzanne Haines and her husband Gary, the late Mark A. and Jeffrey R. Whalen; loving brother of Eula Fielder and her husband James, John Whalen and his wife Joanne, J.R. Whalen and all of Wythe County, VA. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 11:30 a.m. Visiting hours will also be held on Saturday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Interment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

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dad has been gone 44 years. We miss  
you more every year  
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week and will  
do so as long as  
I can. We love you  
mom and dad.  
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Lord.

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## Weaver, Rita L.

On Aug. 10, Rita L. Weaver (nee Ramult) beloved wife of Louis F. Weaver Sr.; devoted mother of Michael P. Weaver and his wife Gail and the late Louis F. Weaver Jr.; mother-in-law of Patricia Weaver; loving grandmother of Louis Weaver III and his wife Olivia, Krystle Patricelli and her husband John, Michelle Arnold and her husband Andy and Amanda Weaver and her fiancé Allan Armacost; great-grandmother of Avery Arnold, Zoey Patricelli, Carly Patricelli, Charley Arnold and the late Myah Arnold. Preceded in death by six sisters and three brothers. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Entombment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Disabled Veterans.

## Phillips, Olga

On July 31, Olga Phillips (nee Zaharia), beloved wife of the late Frank W. Phillips; devoted mother of Gloria D. Davis and her husband George and Frank W. Phillips and his wife Kathy; dear sister of the late John Zaharia, Amelia Isenock, Ann Frye and Helen McNoive; dear Yia Yia of Michael and Megan Davis, and Connor and Natalie Phillips.

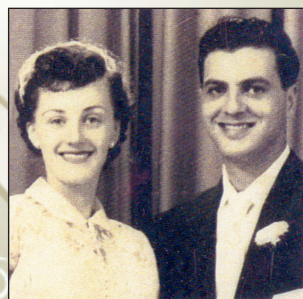
## Higgins, Leona

On July 31, Leona Frances Higgins (nee Fink), beloved wife of Thomas G. Higgins; devoted mother of Frank J. and Ronald E. DeMarino and stepmother of Thomas Higgins and Darlene Flury; dear sister of Glenna Fremento; cherished grandmother of ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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## Trainor, Robert

On Aug. 13, Robert Trainor, age 89 loving husband of Isabelle (nee Holtman), devoted father of Patrick B. Trainor and his wife Kathleen and Pamela A. Trainor; beloved son of the late Joseph and Edith (Anderson) Trainor; dear brother of the late Edith Jeanette Tribull (Joseph), Catherine Fitch (Norman), Joseph P. Trainor (Helen), and Dolores Triplett (Charles). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School.

## Piercy, Shirley B.

On Aug. 12, Shirley B. Piercy (nee Haas), devoted wife of the late Anthony "Buck" Piercy Sr.; beloved mother of Anthony B. Piercy Jr., Beverly Piercy, Jeanie Roberts, Patricia Day, and Charles Piercy; loving sister of William Haas, the late Edward, Sissy, Lizzie, Jacob, and Myrtle Haas.

Services private.

## Vickers, George A.

On Aug. 10, George A. Vickers, devoted father of Stephanie and Christina Pappadimitriou and the late Justin Daus; loving companion of Kimberly Andes; loving brother of William T. Vickers III and Ronald E. Hupfeld and his wife Vicky; husband of Patricia Vickers.

Interment private.

## Warnick, Clarice Melissa

Clarice Mellisa Warnick (nee Brady), age 87, passed away at her home in Middle River on July 26.

Born in the small coal mining town of Shallmar, Md. in Garrett County on Oct. 21, 1928 to Emma Blanche (nee Sowers) and John T. Brady. Clarice was the last surviving member of her five brothers and sisters, John P., Forrest L., Richard A., Fanny Belle Bruckey and Ruth M. Warnick. Clarice was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd W. Warnick Sr. of Elk Garden, W.Va. on Aug. 20, 1990. She was the beloved mother of the late Richard F. Brady (Butch), Floyd W. Jr. (Buggs), Mary and Ruth E. Warnick. Grandmother to Scott Warnick, Ramon Diaz Jr., Lisa Diaz-Coreas and Tina Bell. Six great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law Janis L. Warnick of Unicoi, Tn., her two cousins George Brady and Bob Dale Brady of Kitzmiller, Md. and her numerous nieces and nephews. She was especially close to her nephews John. G. and David G. Warnick. Clarice is already being missed by her "babies" Louie, Angel, Lola and Claws.

To honor Clarice's wishes, her body was cremated. The family would like to thank Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care for all of their support. Contributions in her memory may be sent to Seasons Hospice Foundation, 8537 Solution Center, Chicago, IL 60677 or to Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., 14412 Old York Road, Phoenix, Md, 21131.

## Selepack, Eugene M.

On Aug. 9, beloved father, grandfather and brother, Eugene Selepack passed away at 74. He is survived by his only daughter, Andrea; his sister Marilyn and his grandson Kurtis.

Gene worked for RK&K Engineers for 35 years and was a lifetime member of the Essex Rod & Gun Club, being a member for well over 40 years. He served our country and was a Veteran. He was a member of The American Legion, The VFW and The Moose. He was a member of St. Clare's Parish, in Essex. He enjoyed being in nature, in the woods, with all the 'critters'. He was an avid hunter, enjoyed working in his garden, watching old westerns on tv, tinkering around his shed, and fishing, especially when spending time with his grandson.

Daddy, I'll always be your little girl, you loved me more than all the world. You will always be with me, in my heart, until the day comes, we're no longer apart. I love you Daddy \*MWAH\*

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## Two sentenced to 50 years in Parkville murder case

Mark Eugene Garland, 28, and Peretz Anderson, 31, were sentenced last week to 50 years in prison for the murder of Aaron Nedd in Baltimore County Circuit Court.

On Dec. 26, 2014, Aaron Philip Nedd, 28, was living with his wife and children in a motel room on Loch Bend Drive in Parkville. During that evening, Garland and Anderson knocked on the door of the room. One went into the bathroom of the motel room with Mr. Nedd. The victim's wife then heard a struggle in the bathroom. The second defendant then went into the bathroom and Mr. Nedd was shot several times. He died as a result of the gunshot wounds.

Anderson and Garland fled with property belonging to the victim. They were caught shortly thereafter when they were located by the Baltimore County Police helicopter. Property of the victim was found in the car Anderson and Garland occupied. Gunshot residue was located on both defendants.

Garland and Anderson were tried together and convicted by a jury of First Degree Murder, Armed Robbery and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Crime of Violence. Judge Kathleen Cox sentenced each to Life with all but 50 years suspended for the First Degree murder and concurrent sentences of 10 years and five years for the Armed Robbery and Use of a Firearm.

## MSP respond to multiple DUI crashes over weekend

Maryland State Police troopers conducted multiple traffic enforcement operations over the weekend, but despite their efforts, were still called to more than one dozen crashes involving suspected impaired drivers, including one that involved the team leader of the DUI enforcement unit.

During the weekend, troopers statewide made more than 4,700 traffic stops and issued more than 3,100 citations and 3,000 warnings. They were involved in sobriety checkpoints and special enforcement initiatives in various counties. Troopers arrested 71 impaired drivers statewide.

Despite those efforts, troopers were called to respond to 15 crashes that involved suspected impaired drivers.

State troopers work daily to identify and remove impaired drivers from Maryland roads. So far this year, Maryland state troopers have made more than 338,200 traffic stops and almost 4,400 arrests for impaired driving. Please do not drink and drive.

## Current crime trends

Since June 22, there have been seven pharmacy burglaries in the Wilkens, Woodlawn, Towson, Pikesville and North Point precincts. Cases occurred during the early morning hours. In most cases, entry was made with force and through front doors. Once inside, the suspects then forced interior doors and ransacked cabinets. In most cases, the suspects removed large amounts of narcotics or prescription medications. In two cases, the suspects pried or pulled open cash registers and removed money. In the last case, the suspects took money.

Since July 24, there have been 14 residential bur-

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The first set of courses will run from Sept. 8 through Oct. 6 at the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company. Classes take place every Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m. The second set of courses runs from Oct. 13 through Nov. 10 at the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company. Classes will take place every Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is free to attend, and you can register online for the course.

This program is designed and presented by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The course covers natural disasters; fire safety and crime prevention. Participants learn hands-only CPR and basic first aid that can help you help your family and friends before a medic arrives.

## MDTA police searching for aggressive drivers

Up until Aug. 20, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) police will continue to enhance highway safety and target aggressive drivers during the third wave of the multi-state Smooth Operator Program.

The Smooth Operator Program is a cooperative effort among law-enforcement agencies to reduce the number of crashes caused by aggressive driving. Aggressive driving includes speeding, tailgating, running red lights and stop signs and unsafe lane changes. The campaign encourages motorists to make decisions that help ensure a safe driving environment for everyone on the road.

Started in 1997, the Smooth Operator Program focuses on the four "E's": enforcement, education, evaluation and engineering. Law-enforcement agencies throughout the region have increased patrols and public awareness, researched previous campaigns and helped develop long-term roadway solutions. For more information, please visit [www.smoothoperatorprogram.com](http://www.smoothoperatorprogram.com).

The MDTA police also support the Toward Zero Deaths campaign - a partnership to save lives and prevent injuries on Maryland's roadways. For more info, visit [towardzerodeathsmd.com](http://towardzerodeathsmd.com).

glaries in the Greenfield and Glenmar communities in the Essex Precinct. Cases occurred between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. Rear windows were entered in 12 cases by no force or by cutting screens. Unlocked doors were entered in two cases. Items taken include purses, keys, a vehicle, wallets, cigarettes, game systems, credit cards, a laptop, video games and money.

Since July 25, there have been multiple storage burglaries in the Wilkens, Woodlawn and North Point precincts. A small safe lock was broken and a U.S. Army uniform was stolen from a unit in the North Point Precinct.

## Precinct 9/White Marsh

**Second Degree Burglary:** Officers from the White Marsh precinct responded to a call on Aug. 15 in the 4700-block of Beaconsfield Lane in Nottingham. Between 12 a.m. and 9:50 a.m., an unknown suspect broke into the White Marsh Swim Club, then stole cash and a computer.

**Robbery:** On Aug. 14, Baltimore County police were called to the 8200-block of Pulaski Highway in Rosedale. At 11:50 a.m. an unknown suspect robbed three victims at gunpoint of money orders while at the El-Rich Motel. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Baltimore County police.

**Robbery:** Shortly before 4 a.m. on Aug. 13, county police officers were called to the intersection of Hon-eygo Boulevard and Joppa Road in White Marsh. At 3:45 a.m., while walking to work, an unknown suspect pointed a laser pointer at the victim and claimed he was armed. The victim relinquished his book bag to the suspect and then the suspect fled in a vehicle. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Baltimore County police. Tips can be left anonymously.

**First Degree Burglary:** Officers from the White Marsh precinct were called to the 100-block of Leslie Avenue in Nottingham on Aug. 12 just before 10 p.m. Sometime between 7 and 9:56 p.m., a known suspect entered the victim's residence through a window, stole a game system, a video game and then fled. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Baltimore County police.

**First Degree Burglary:** On Aug. 9, county police responded to a call in the 100-block of Lionhead Court in Rosedale. Sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 11:55 p.m., an unknown suspect(s) entered the residence and stole jewelry and televisions.

**Attempted First Degree Burglary:** Officers from the White Marsh precinct were called to the 1200-block of 62nd Street in Rosedale on Aug. 8. Sometime between noon on July 30 and 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 8, an unknown suspect attempted to kick in the basement door while the victims were out of town. No entry was gained and no property was missing. Anyone with information is urged to contact Baltimore County police.

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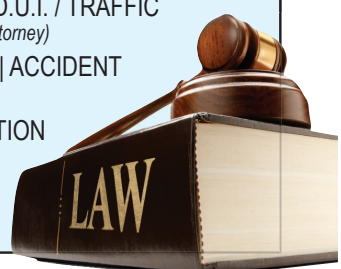
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## U.S. Coast Guard offers boater safety tips

Boaters enjoy the feel of sun and spray. So it's tempting to boat without wearing a life jacket especially on nice days. But modern life jackets are available in a wide variety of shapes, colors, and sizes. Many are thin and flexible. Some are built right into fishing vests or hunter coats. Others are inflatable as compact as a scarf or fanny pack until they hit water, when they automatically fill with air.

There's no excuse not to wear a life jacket on the water!

When a vessel is underway with children under 13 years old, they must be wearing a life jacket unless they are below deck or in an enclosed cabin. Child lifejacket approvals are based on the child's weight. Check the "User Weight" on the label, or the approval statement that will read something like "Approved for use on recreational boats and uninspected commercial vessels not carrying passengers for hire, by persons weighing \_\_ lbs". They can be marked "less than 30," "30 to 50," "less than 50," or "50 to 90."

The Coast Guard recommends and many states require wearing lifejackets:

- For water skiing and other towed activities (use a lifejacket marked for water skiing).
- While operating personal watercraft (PWC) (use a lifejacket marked for water skiing or PWC use).
- During white water boating activities.
- While sailboarding (under Federal law, sailboards are not "boats").

Check with your state boating safety officials.

Federal law does not require lifejackets on racing shells, rowing sculls, racing canoes, and racing kayaks; state laws vary. Check with your state boating safety officials.

If you are boating in an area under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers, or a federal, state or local park authority, other rules may apply.

Besides life jacket safety, always make sure to have a float plan.

Why should you take the time to prepare a float plan? The answer is simple... there are just too many facts that need to be accurately remembered and ultimately conveyed in an emergency situation. Without a float plan you are counting on someone else,

a friend, neighbor, or family member to remember detailed information that rescue personnel need in order to find you. Information that can make a difference in the outcome.

Don't think for a minute that this is a device only for those with big expensive boats. A Float Plan is equally effective for the owner of a 10 foot kayak or flat-bottom skiff as it is for a 48-foot express cruiser, or a 90 foot sport-fishing vessel or luxury yacht.

There's also always the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide enters the bloodstream through the lungs by breathing in this dangerous gas. Exposure in a well ventilated environment is generally not a problem. Brief exposure in a more confined environment can cause sickness and prolonged exposure to higher concentrations can kill you. Since symptoms of carbon monoxide mimic seasickness or alcohol intoxication it is sometimes overlooked as nothing serious and those affected never receive the medical attention they need.

Maintain fresh air circulation throughout the boat at all times and maintain your vessel to assure peak engine performance. An improperly tuned engine is more likely to produce elevated levels of CO.

Another safety hazard is boating under the influence. Every boater needs to understand the risks of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs (BUI). It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs in every state. The Coast Guard also enforces a federal law that prohibits BUI. This law pertains to ALL boats (from canoes and rowboats to the largest ships) and includes foreign vessels that operate in U.S. waters, as well as U.S. vessels on the high seas.

Alcohol affects judgment, vision, balance and coordination. These impairments increase the likelihood of accidents afloat for both passengers and boat operators. U.S. Coast Guard data shows that in boating deaths involving alcohol use, over half the victims capsized their boats and/or fell overboard.

If you plan on drinking, bring plenty of non-alcoholic beverages to interchange, bring snacks, limit your trip to avoid fatigue and wear clothes that will keep you cool.

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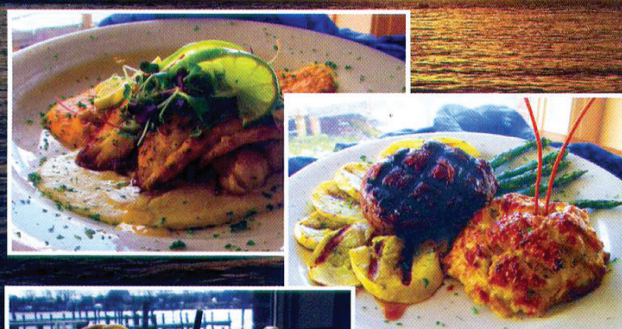
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### Back2School Block Party

On Saturday, Aug. 20, Frontline Outreach Ministries will present "Community Partners Back2School Block Party" taking place at Golden Ring Park, 8700 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The event will feature information, education and activities focused on improving the health and lives of children and families. This free event will help attendees learn about and embrace lifestyle choices that will help them live healthier and more satisfying lives. We will be giving away book bags to the first 100 children to register on our website at [www.frontlineoutreachministries.org](http://www.frontlineoutreachministries.org).

### Free Clothing

Free clothing will be available to anyone in need at St. John's Lutheran Church, 518 Franklin Ave. in Essex, on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations also accepted; call the office at 410-687-4621 for hours and directions.

### Trump for America Rally

The East County Republican Club will hold a Trump for America Rally on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. at Jad's Restaurant, 137 Back River Neck Road in Essex. Former Maryland Delegate Joe Boteler, Chairman of the Baltimore County Trump Campaign will bring us the latest on the effort to win the White House. Brochures, door literature, and yard signs will be available. For more info., contact Carlton Clendaniel at 443-415-5155 or Eastcountyrepublicanclub09@gmail.com.

### Opioid Overdose Reversal Training

Fink's Pharmacy, 901 Eastern Blvd. in Essex, will hold free opioid overdose reversal training on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 6:15 - 8 p.m. If you or a loved one uses prescription or non-prescription opioids, come learn to recognize an overdose, what to do if one occurs and how to use naloxone to save a life. All adults 18 and over will receive a free naloxone kit and will be certified to receive naloxone from pharmacies. Call 410-686-5500 to RSVP.

### Free Breakfast

Middle River Baptist Church, 610 Middle River Road, will host free breakfasts for our neighbors in need on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9 - 10 a.m. with eggs, sausage, waffles, cereal, fruit cup, orange drink and coffee. Vans will pick up at the Eastern Resource Center at 8:45 a.m. Call 410-686-8810 for more information.

### NP Battlefield Walking Tours

The Maryland Park Service will offer free walking tours of the North Point State Battlefield, 2880 North Point Road in Dundalk, on Thursday, Aug. 25, beginning at 6 p.m. The battlefield was the location where American soldiers stood against British advancement in defense of Baltimore. Travel back in time as naturalists recount the story of the defenders! This is a shine-only event. Bring water and dress for the weather. For more information, contact Ranger Townsley-Sapp at 443-252-1141 or andrea.townsley-sapp@maryland.gov.

### Quit Tobacco

The Essex branch of the Baltimore County Public Library is hosting a free "Up in Smoke" quit smoking program on Mondays, Aug. 22 - Oct. 3, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges will be part of the many options for people who want to quit smoking. To sign up, call Greta Brand at 410-399-2001 or visit [bcpl.info](http://bcpl.info) and click on the "Events" tab.

### Perry Hall MSSA Meeting

The Perry Hall Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association will host Capt. Tom Hughes On Monday, Aug. 22, at 7:30 p.m. to speak to us about the new "CHIRP" technology relevant to fishing. The meeting will be held at Gunpowder VFW Post 10067, 6309 Ebenezer Road in Middle River. Visitors welcome. Call Joe Zinner at 410-256-5641 for details.

### Bishop Don Meares at Trinity Temple

Bishop Don Meares, senior pastor of the Evangelical Cathedral in Upper Marlboro, Md., and a leader of the International Congress of Local Churches and the National Pastors Conference will be guest speaker at the Trinity Temple Church, 914 Essex Ave. in Essex, on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. Meares is well known as an international speaker, pastor, author and successful entrepreneur. His powerful message will encourage, inspire and motivate. We invite the general public to join us to hear him deliver the word of God. For more information, call the church at 410-687-7354.



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## Indoor Lacrosse

Final registration for 2016 Middle River Renegades boys and girls indoor lacrosse ages 6 - 14 is Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River. Register online at [www.middleriverlacrosse.com](http://www.middleriverlacrosse.com) or find us on Facebook. Cost is \$75 per player. Weekly games at the NERCC in Parkville.

## Essex Reunion

An Essex reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3, at Cox's Point Park from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. The reunion is open to anyone who grew up or resided in Old Essex during the 1940s - 1980s. BYOB and food. For more info., call Ed Slifker at 443-224-8203 or Rod McMillion (410-687-5242).

## Quilting Trip

The Victory Villa Senior Center will hold a quilting trip on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Stops will include Hobby Lobby in Laurel, Tomorrow's Treasures Quilt Shop in Crofton, lunch at the Nautilus Diner in Crofton and Cottonseed Glory in Annapolis to gather supplies for fall quilting projects at the center. Cost of \$50 is due by Sept. 1. Contact Ann Marie Riehl at 410-887-0235 for information.

## Shrimp Feast

The Point Breeze Pioneer Club will hold its annual shrimp feast on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. in Nottingham. Cost is \$32 per person. For tickets or information, call Maria at 410-529-0155.

## Police Explorers Car Show

The Baltimore County Police Explorers car show will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Crossroads Center, 400-block of Williams Court in Middle River. Rain Date Sept. 24. Pre-Registration \$12 (\$15 day of). Trophies awarded for top 20, four best of classes and one best of show. For more information, call Officer Price at 410-887-0232.

## Friday Night Karaoke

Join Essex-Holly Neck VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road in Essex, for karaoke or bingo and dinner on Friday, Aug. 19. Kitchen opens at 5 p.m., karaoke with Reggie Kelly starts at 8 p.m. or enjoy bingo in our hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

## Essex Day Memories Wanted

The *East County Times* wants to see your memories of the past 40 years of Essex Day. Do you have an interesting, funny or endearing photo from past Essex Day festivities? Would you like to share it with our readers? If so, email it (preferred) to [ecteditorial@comast.net](mailto:ecteditorial@comast.net) or send it to the *East County Times*, 513 Eastern Blvd., Essex, MD 21221, Attention: Devin. You will be given photo credit if we print it and all photos will be returned after Essex Day.

## Essex 5K Race

The Baltimore County Department of Aging will sponsor its 10th Annual Get Ready! Get Set! Get Fit! 5K run, one-mile walk and one-mile kids fun run at the CCBC Essex Campus, 7201 Rossville Blvd. in Rosedale, on Sept. 18 to benefit programs for seniors. All pre-registered runners will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt, coffee, water on course, entry in door prize drawings and post-race refreshments. To celebrate National Falls Prevention Day, Active Aging Week and BCDA's "Brain Matters" initiative, free fall prevention and health and fitness screenings will be offered. 5K awards provided for the top three men and women overall, and top three age group finishers for men and women. Trophies will also be given to the largest team, most funds raised by a team and most funds raised by an individual. Register at [www.getreadygetsetgetfit5k.com](http://www.getreadygetsetgetfit5k.com).

## Essex Tot Center Fall Openings

The Essex Tot Center has openings for the fall session. The program is a Parent Co-operative program for children 3 and 4 years of age which runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. inside the Essex Elementary recreation activity room. Classes run September - December. Cost is \$160. To register or for more info., call the Essex-Stembridge Recreation Office at 410-887-0255, weekdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Karaoke

Dundalk American Legion Post 38, 3300 Dundalk Ave., will host Fun Time Karaoke with Annette & "Wild" Bill on Friday, Aug. 19, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Call the Post at 410-288-2297 with questions.

## Zumba

The Bengies Chase Recreation Council will host Zumba Classes at Oliver Beach Elementary School, 12912 Cunningham Cove Road in Middle River, on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 - 8 p.m., beginning Sept. 12. Open to everyone ages 13 & up. Call the recreation office at 410-887-5194 for information.

## Flea Market and Crafters

The Eastfield-Stanbrook Civic Association will have our 15th annual flea market with crafters on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the North Point Government Center lot in Dundalk. Hot dogs, baked goods and cold drinks for sale. Vendors bring your own table; \$10 per space. We want buyers and sellers. Call Angie at 410-284-6634 to reserve a space.

## Eastern Stainless Steel Reunion

The Eastern Stainless Steel 16th reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Hawks Pleasure Club, 430 Riverside Drive in Essex. Great food, beer, wine, soda and friends. Tickets \$25. Call Len Carson at 410-687-8574 for more information.

## Bull & Oyster Roast

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is sponsoring Ah Shucks & Shamrocks, a Bull, Oyster and Shrimp Roast on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Rosedale Gardens. Cost \$45 before Oct. 1, \$50 after. Beer and wine included. Music by "The Irish DJ". Call Pat Zaccari for information and tickets at 410-592-6338. Sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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## SPOTLIGHT

### Soul'd Out Concert

Back River United Methodist Church, 544 Back River Neck Road in Essex, will hold a "Soul'd Out" quartet concert on Friday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. Offerings and donations will be accepted.

### Family Night Bingo

The Church of the Anunciation Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Family Night bingo on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the church hall, 5212 McCormick Ave. in Overlea. Cost is \$7; doors open at 5 p.m. For information or tickets, call 410-256-7895.

### Dinner on the Bay

Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Council 2605, 7401 Bay Front Road in Sparrows Point, will hold their monthly Dinner on the Bay on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 2 - 5 p.m. Cost is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children ages 8 - 12. Reservations strongly advised. Call 410-477-5225 for more information.

### Golf Tournament

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish will sponsor a golf tournament on Friday, Aug. 26, at 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start at Clifton Park Golf Course, 2701 St. Lo Drive in Baltimore. Price of \$120 per golfer includes coffee and donuts before the tournament, greens fees, carts, prizes, gifts and food and beverages after the tournament. Foursomes and singles welcome. Call 410-235-5136 for reservations.

### Beginner's Handbell workshop

St. John's Episcopal Church, 11901 Belair Road in Kingsville, presents Richard Redfield, English handbell soloist and director of The Canterbury Ringers, on Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon in a beginner's introductory handbell workshop. No experience needed; bells, music and fun provided. Refreshments provided afterwards. Call Karen at 410-746-9813 to register.

### Hiss Collecting School Supplies

On Sunday, Aug. 21, at 9:30 a.m., Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville will collect school supplies for the community. Also, join us as we receive a blessing on our backpacks for the upcoming school year.

### OLQP Flea Market

Our Lady Queen of Peace, 10001 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold a flea market on Saturday, Sept. 10, (rain date Sept. 17) from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Registration begins at 6 a.m. Cost is \$10 for two parking spaces. No reservations needed; bring your own tables. No firearms may be sold at this event.

### BRUMC Flea Market

Back River United Methodist Church, 544 Back River Neck Road in Essex, will hold a flea market on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Vendors needed. Spaces \$10; \$15 with table. For more information, call Betty at 410-870-0458.

### Crab Feast

The Dundalk Knights of Columbus, 2111 Eilers Ave. in Dundalk, will hold their annual crab feast from 2 - 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. Menu includes crabs, crab soup, fried chicken, sausages and peppers, corn on the cob, chili dogs, salads, fruit, dessert and drinks. Music by DJ Rockin' Rutter and watch the Ravens on our 70-inch TV. Tickets \$45. Call Jimmy at 410-284-6549 for tickets or information.

### Outdoor Flea Market

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold an outdoor flea market on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rain date Sept. 24. Cost for vendors is \$15 per 10x10 space. Vendors supply their own tables.

### Crafters Needed

Craft vendors are needed for the third annual Car and Craft Show at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 10001 Bird River Road in Middle River, on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hand-crafted items only; no flea market or retail items. Cost is \$10 per space. Bring your own tables. For more information or to register, contact Carol at 410-686-3085, ext. 102 or cpetrecca@olqpm.org.

### EVT 40 Year Reunion

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Essex - Holly Neck VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road, will serve dinner every Thursday from 5 - 7 p.m. Menu changes each week. For info., call 410-391-5200.

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## Scrapbooking Fundraiser

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## Senior Steelworkers United 9477

The country's largest steelworkers' retirees group, Senior Steelworkers United, meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at Local 2609 Hall, 550 Dundalk Ave., beginning at noon. Coffee and donuts as well as lunch are provided, with a brief business meeting in between the meals to discuss matters like pensions, medical insurance, Social Security and more. All Sparrows Point retirees are invited; dues are \$20 per year. For more info., call Don Kellner at 410-227-8462.

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are left sunken in the boating channel, presenting a navigational hazard, will often simply be moved out of the channel rather than removed from the river entirely.

"That doesn't fix the problem," he asserted.

Weaver compared the issue to junk or abandoned cars in Baltimore, which can be towed away if left on the street for 30 days or more.

A DNR spokesman called the process to remove an abandoned boat "complex." But after seeing no action from Baltimore County, DNR or the U.S. Coast Guard in getting rid of a particular abandoned boat in Duck Creek, Weaver and the BRRC took it upon themselves to remove it from the river last month. The boat was not

tied to a dock, but was left out in the water and filled with trash and debris from its collapsed canopy.

"If that had been there during this weekend's storm, all that trash would have been all over Back River," Weaver said, adding that the BRRC would have been left to clean it up.

But the state is not solely responsible for addressing the issue of abandoned boats, according to DNR's director of communications, Stephen Schatz, and the issue is a difficult one.

"The final determination of removing an abandoned vessel is quite complex as the state [DNR], as well as our local (counties) and federal partners (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard) also play a role," Schatz said in an email.

Funds for the program come from the state Waterway Improvement Fund,

generated from the one-time 5 percent excise tax paid to the state when a boat is purchased and titled in Maryland.

In particular, though, Weaver is looking for a way to address the boats that are sunken and tied to docks which he sees as clearly abandoned because of the state of their disrepair. He noted that there are about 10 boats in a particular location near the mouth of Deep Creek into Back River which are sunken, but tied to a pier. So they are not considered by law to be abandoned.

"It doesn't seem to matter to anyone that it's an eyesore and sooner or later it's going to fall into a million pieces and be all over the place," Weaver commented. "But right now there's nothing you can do about it.

"If a law in place doesn't work, it needs to be fixed," he added.

To that end, the BRRC has partnered with the Marine Trades Association of Maryland to press for a solution, as well as State Delegate Bob Long (R-6) in hopes that they can pass legislation to clarify the law in the next General Assembly.

Long said they had been working on a bill for this year's legislative session, which ended in April. But the issue came up late in the session and the details had not all been worked out before the session drew to a close.

"After talking with some other people, with DNR, we had to add some more layers to it and we just decided to hold off and do it again next year," Long said.

He hopes his legislation can simplify and clarify state regulations to more effectively deal with what he called "nuisance boats," as well as those that may present environmental hazards other than by leaking fluids.

Long said his legislation will specifically lay out what can be considered an abandoned boat fit for removal and specify the steps authorities will take to remove abandoned vessels.

"We have a lot of boats that are just floating around out there that don't have ownership," Long said. "Right now, from what I understand, DNR can't really do anything with them.

"[The legislation] is going to be very specific," he continued. "We just don't want to arbitrarily take someone's boat, but we have a lot of boats" that are abandoned.

Regarding the collection of sunken boats in Deep Creek, Long said, "I don't know how long they've been there, but if they had been dealt with when they originally sank they might not be sticking up out of the water like they are."

In the meantime, Weaver says there are at least six more half-sunken boats in Back River that have been that way for "quite a while" and are not tied to anyone's pier. So he is looking to have those removed.

"We're just cleaning up the pollution and the eyesores," he said. "Why should people pay big bucks to live on the waterfront and have to look at garbage?"

Penalties for abandoning a boat, a misdemeanor, can include a \$2,000 fine, up to a year in prison or both.

To report an abandoned vessel, contact the Natural Resources Police Communications Office at 410-260-8888.



This boat, located in the headwaters of Back River near Powells Point, is actually visible on Google Earth. Photo courtesy of BRRC.



Two boats, one in the water and one on shore, have been abandoned at a dock near Bauers farm close to the mouth of Back River.

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# ‘PETE’S DRAGON’: Something for movie lovers to roar about

- By Teddy Durgin -

As crass, profane and altogether vulgar as the guilty-funny “Sausage Party” is, “Pete’s Dragon” is as sweet, gentle and altogether sentimental. It washes over you like a tonic. You find yourself in a darkened theater, briefly protected from life, from the divisions and the closed minds and the cold hearts of the real world. You’re in the presence of gentility and goodness, heroism and hope, family and new friends. I haven’t felt THIS good after seeing a movie in a long time.

Yes, the film is a remake of the 1977 kids film. But that sentence should be where the cynicism ends. At the outset, we are introduced to Pete (Oakes Fegley), an 11-year-old boy who has lived in the Pacific Northwest wilderness protected by a dragon he has named Elliott ever since surviving a car crash six years earlier. He and his mythic beast are happy playing, foraging and napping in their wooded playground day-in and day-out.

But civilization starts to encroach in the form of a logging company run by a decent man named Jack (Wes Bentley) and his hot-headed brother, Gavin (Karl Urban). Pete is discovered by Jack’s wife, Grace (Bryce Dallas Howard), a forest ranger who thinks she knows the forest like the back of her hand. When she takes Pete into her home, she laughs off his stories and drawings of Elliott...

even though her dad (Robert Redford) has been telling those same tall tales to local kids for years. When Elliott comes looking for Pete, though, their small, remote Oregon town learns new meaning to the old exclamation “Here be dragons!”

“Pete’s Dragon” is essentially a “boy and his dog” story. But the touches director and co-writer David Lowery works into this story elevate it far above studio product or the usual Disney merchandise manipulation film. For the most part, this is a distinctive vision that never panders.

I don’t want to oversell this by comparing it to “E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial.” But I will say that this is one of the most Spielbergian movies since his golden era of “Jaws,” “Close Encounters,” “Raiders” and “E.T.” If you enjoyed the excellent Netflix series “Stranger Things” (whose events take place in 1983), and were enthralled by the new novel “The Totally Gnarly, Way Bogus Murder of Muffy McGregor” (set in 1986), you will totally get into this 1982-set “Pete’s Dragon” remake. There’s also a little crazy “Goonies” adventure at the heart of the film, along with a bit of “Iron Giant” sweetness to boot.

What holds “Pete’s Dragon” back from really reaching the highest of highs, though, is a weak antagonist. Karl Urban’s Gavin is the human baddie here, and he’s a muddled mix of backwater



hunter and conniving opportunist. But he isn’t given enough of a backstory or lines on screen to really make us hate or fear him. The movie just doesn’t know whether to make him altogether bad or just dangerously opportunistic. He is a bit of a bumbler, too, which takes some of the bite out of the character. The true unsung “heroes” (for lack of a better word) of “Close Encounters” and “E.T.” were Francois Truffaut’s intrepid scientist and Peter Coyote’s shadowy, but sympathetic government project head, respectively. Both were formidable men who could have become true villains at any point in their films. But both were ultimately revealed to be more aids to the lead protagonists after they ceased



being obstacles. And both films were better for them.

But that’s my only real criticism of this wonderful, wonderful motion picture. As “Pete’s Dragon” drew to a close, for some reason, I began thinking about what Linus used to say about The Great Pumpkin - that he would value sincerity above all other attributes. Linus was sure the Great Pumpkin would pick him to give toys and treats to because he would have the most sincere pumpkin patch around. Well, “Pete’s Dragon” is the most sincere movie in theaters today. I loved it. It’s a movie for all ages; it’s a movie for the ages.


“Pete’s Dragon” is rated PG for action, peril and brief language.

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# SAUSAGE PARTY: Hot dog, it's funny!

- By Teddy Durgin -

Something happened during my recent preview screening of "Sausage Party" that has NEVER happened in my nearly 20 years of being a paid, professional movie critic. The studio representatives served... \*drum roll\*... FREE BEER to the audience and press! No, I did not partake. I was on the job, man! So, what's my sober take on the flick? Funny! "Sausage Party" is a funny, filthy smutfest. And I feel I must point out, the movie appeared to be even funnier the more ale one consumed.

Just sayin'.

"Sausage Party" is set in a world of sentient food, drinks and groceries. That's right. Walking, talking hot dogs, bread, fruits, vegetables, juice boxes, even feminine hygiene products. They all sit on their supermarket shelves wish-ing and hoping and praying that "The Gods" (i.e. the store's human customers) will buy them before their expiration dates so they can be taken to "The Great Beyond" (i.e. whatever exists outside the store's sliding glass doors).

But when one Honey Mustard (voiced by Danny McBride) is returned to the store's shelves, he comes back from The Great Beyond with tales of horror of what he saw once purchased. He speaks of a food holocaust where The Gods are actually cruel, violent monsters eager to cut them up, cook them up and consume them. The store's merchandise doesn't believe him. But he causes just a bit of doubt in the mind of Frank the hot dog (voice of Seth Rogen) - enough for Frank to set out to find the truth of existence in other corners of the store when the glass-jarred Honey Mustard commits suicide (jumps from a customer's cart) and causes a chain reaction of groceries to fall to the market's floor.

From there emerges a multi-pronged story of food fighting for survival inside

and outside the market, as Barry (voice of Michael Cera), a deformed hot dog, narrowly escapes slaughter at a suburban single-family home and Frank runs afoul of The Douche (voice of Nick Kroll) inside the store. Rogen and writing partner Evan Goldberg and their merry band of hucksters, hangers-on and hookah enthusiasts (the film features the voices of such Rogen smoking buddies as James Franco, Jonah Hill and Craig Robinson) serve up their usual sophomoric pot and poo-poo humor. But the story is genuinely clever.

There are, of course, several times in the film where you do want the guys to just "grow up." They're actually onto something here with this R-rated variation of "Toy Story" essentially crossed with "Team America" that they don't need to overstuff it with as many F bombs and gay and ethnic jokes as they do. The balance is not always there, and it really should have been this time out.

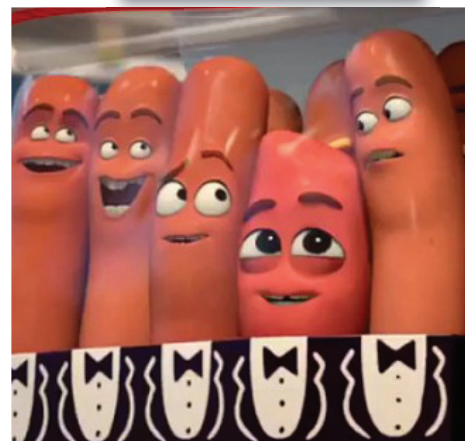
Now, of course, many of you reading this will probably not want to see a movie this incredibly raunchy (the film's climax is a gigantic, store-wide food orgy) and vulgar. But I can't lie: I chuckled pretty hard throughout. If you like ribald humor, there are some belly laughs and more than a few instances where the audience is almost invited to chant in unison: "Oh... that... is... SO wrong!"

I will leave it to you to decide if Rogen, who professes to be an atheist, has gone to the well now once too often with his whole "God doesn't exist" complex. His issues with the existence of a Creator have been a recurring theme in several flicks he's been a part of, from "Paul" to "This Is the End" to this. I actually admire the guy for trying to work stuff out in such silly, goofy flicks. Anyone who wants to explore these ideas this

much... I think there's a certain nobility there in the questioning. You can tell he thinks about this stuff a LOT!

But he also thinks about flatulence and secretions a lot, too. "Sausage Party" is a fun night at the movies if you can take it... and, uh, if you've had a mug or two of ice cold Bud.

"Sausage Party" is rated R for crude, sexual content; pervasive language; and drug content.



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"We are doing this for humanitarian reasons because it is the right thing to do. Whenever there is a tragedy around the world we help people from other countries. Here is an opportunity to help people right here in our own state," says Delegate Metzgar. Items can be brought to the Rossville Giant Food Store at 8665 Philadelphia Road from 10 a.m. - noon.

## Picnic with Ric

- by Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6)

Delegate Ric Metzgar will host a Picnic with Ric, a free Meet and Greet picnic for constituents, on Friday, Aug. 26, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Essex Senior Center, located at 600 Dorsey Avenue in Essex. Food will be grilled outdoors and constituents can enjoy food in air conditioned comfort indoors. Come enjoy picnic food and light conversation with Delegate Metzgar. The event is free but reservations are required. For reservations please call 410-841-3332.

## Ready, set, shop - tax free

- by Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R-7)

Maryland's tax-free week is just around the corner, running from August 14th through August 20th. According to the Comptroller of Maryland, "qualifying apparel and footwear \$100 or less, per item, are exempt from the state sales tax." This provides a great opportunity for all those moms and dads out there who need to stock up on new school clothes for their kids. But it also highlights a serious problem in Maryland - our high taxes.

The biggest problems started when Martin O'Malley took over as governor in 2006. According to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services, Governor O'Malley raised taxes 83 times by almost \$8 billion. Some of these tax increases have become infamous, like the Rain Tax. There is the terrible gas tax that not only drives up the cost for Maryland families to take their kids to school, to drive to work, or to visit the doctor, but it will never stop increasing. Others aren't as widely known to Maryland taxpayers, but they sure have felt it in their wallets. And, of course, there is the sales tax increase. Under Governor O'Malley, Maryland's sales tax increased 20%. It's no wonder Maryland working families need a tax-free week.

Like his good pal and supporter Martin O'Malley, seven-term Congressman Chris Van Hollen has yet to see a tax he doesn't like. Not only does he support the death tax, the SUV tax, and the mother of all taxes Obamacare, Congressman Van Hollen also voted for legislation that raised taxes on nearly 80 percent of Americans. He also voted against popular tax cuts in 2003 and again in 2006 that would help Maryland working families keep more money in their pockets.

Unlike my opponent, I have a strong record of standing up for the people Maryland. That's because I know that you worked hard for every dollar that you've earned and will spend it more wisely than the government. As a leader in Annapolis, I consistently voted against Governor O'Malley's tax spree and did everything I could to stop his terrible economic policies from hurting Marylanders. A list of all items that are considered exempt during Maryland's tax-free week can be found at [www.marylandtaxes.com](http://www.marylandtaxes.com).

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## The stubbornness of Kevin Kamenetz

- By Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R-6) -

In just a matter of days 6th District children will begin the 2016-2017 school term in the same boiling hot classrooms they left last June. Once again, teachers will be challenged to effectively teach and our children will be challenged to learn in overheated rooms where both teaching and learning are nearly impossible!

Baltimore County's new policy to address the problem offers the only relief from sweltering classrooms students and teachers can get. The policy requires school closure when a heat index of 90 degrees is forecast. That's not a viable policy. It's a surrender that offers little real relief. School closure under those conditions is nothing more than a feeble attempt to address a problem that continues to negatively impact students and teachers alike. It should also be emphasized that the new policy of school closure can take hours, days and even weeks away from instruction and learning.

Governor Hogan and Comptroller Peter Franchot, two of the three Board of Public Works members, have succeeded in getting the Board to hold back \$10 million in Baltimore County school construction funds. These funds can be used only for the purpose of installing portable air conditioners in all classrooms in schools without air conditioning.

However, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz has stubbornly refused to use the funds for that purpose. He wants to install central air conditioning in all county schools. But the rub is that the project cannot be completed until the end of 2019. That's a long time for 6th District children and teachers to wait. In my opinion it's too long to wait. If the County Executive had to sit in an office that could reach 127 degrees, action would be swift.

Indeed, spending money on portable air conditioners is a short-term fix. However, the students and teachers need the deplorable hot box classrooms fixed. And they need it fixed now! We have all sought relief from the recent 90 plus degree heat wave in air conditioned places. Reason demands a real response now.... and that response should be the use of portable air conditioners until central air can be installed in these schools.

I intend to visit the schools in my district when the heat is high. And I intend to invite County Executive Kamenetz to accompany me, so he can see first-hand what our students and teachers are forced to bear when the thermometer rises. Perhaps then, he will realize our children and teachers need relief as quickly as possible.

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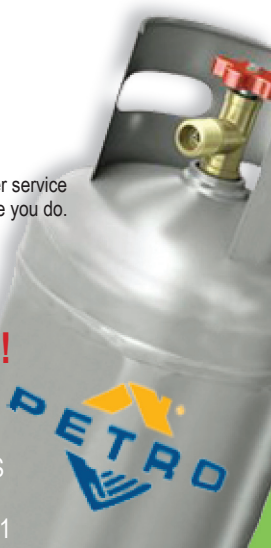
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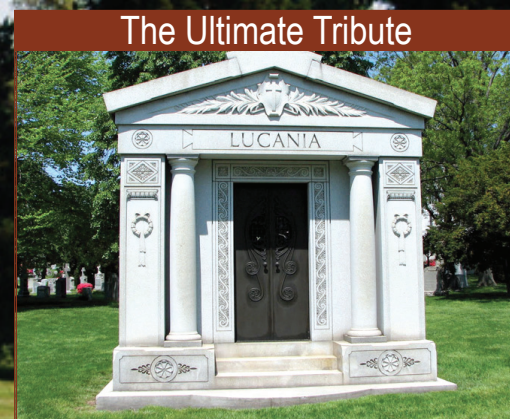
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NEWS

Bird River community hears developer’s revised plan for new homes

- by Devin Crum -

After residents of the Bird River community heard last month of a developer’s request to move the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line (URDL) in order to more densely develop a piece of land near Vincent Road in Middle River, they began expressing their firm opposition to such a move.

The URDL currently cuts the property into northern and southern portions with the southern portion inside the district. The developer and owner of the property requested moving the entire property to the inside of the line.

Developer Joseph Moran of Hilltop Residential, LLC - a subsidiary of Towson-based Moran Properties - had presented his plan for the 28-acre property to the

Bird River Road Neighborhood Association at their July meeting. But after facing opposition from them on it, he revised that plan and presented it to County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, who told him to once again take it to the community for feedback.

The resulting new plan, unveiled at the Aug. 9 meeting of the BRRNA, would see the property developed with a total of only 19 homes rather than the 26 he had previously planned.

Moran also revealed that he would likely no longer seek the URDL change and would leave the portion outside the district undeveloped.

The entire subject property is currently zoned RC3 (resource conservation), which is used by Baltimore County to defer

planning and development on land that could be used for future public facilities such as utilities or roads. And Moran’s attorney, Scott Barhight, said at the July 21 Planning Board meeting on the URDL change request that portions of the property were surplus land from the State of Maryland that they did not need when building the MD-43 extension.

As part of the new plan, Moran said he would concentrate all of the proposed homes on the 11-acre portion of land inside the URDL and commit to placing a forest conservation easement on some of that property.

A development of this size, Moran explained, would require between five and six acres of forest to be preserved either on-site or replanted elsewhere. He

is choosing to leave it on the site since he has the space.

“And the balance, we’ll work with the county to put some type of restriction on development so that, once we’re gone, nobody can come and develop this land,” he said.

The property is also the subject of Issue number 6-025 in this year’s Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, through which the developer sought to rezone the property with a mix of DR1 (density residential, one home per acre) and DR3.5 (3.5 homes per acre).

However, the county’s planning staff and Planning Board each recommended keeping the portion outside the URDL as resource conservation zoning, while

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granting the request for DR3.5 on the portion inside the URDL.

If Moran was granted his original zoning request, the property would allow for up to 59 homes to be built. If the planning recommendations were granted, he could build up to 50 homes. The current zoning on the property would allow only six or seven homes.

But with the new plan, Moran said he would decrease his zoning request from DR3.5 to DR2 on the southern portion and withdraw his request to change the zoning on the northern portion.

"So we're really looking for an increase of 12 - 13 lots over what we currently have," Moran said. "That's the net change."

As compared to other recent housing developments in the area, Moran said his lots would be bigger with estate-type yards and homes.

A nearby project, Vincent Farms, has lot sizes ranging from 0.1 - 0.29 acres, with the average being 0.2 acres. His lots would range from 0.25 - 0.67 acres with the average being over one-third acre.

"So we're a substantially bigger product and we're trying to build a nice product in the community," Moran commented, noting that his prices are projected at about \$500,000 while those in Vincent Farms averaged about \$460,000.

Additionally, the storm water management facilities constructed on the property would direct runoff toward MD-43 to



Developer Joe Moran showed and explained his revised plan to the community.

the west rather than toward the homes to the east along Vincent Road.

Traffic was still a major concern for residents, though, with traffic on Ebenezer Road - one of the community's main arteries - sometimes backing up nearly a mile back from the traffic light at Pulaski Highway to Richardson Farms. Adding more traffic with additional homes, they said, would be worrisome.

Moran did not have a solution to offer except to reiterate the relatively small size of his project.

"I'm trying to do a small, tasteful, estate-type subdivision, a nice tax base [addition]," he said. "I think it would help everything around it. I'm trying to leave over 60 percent of what I could develop open."

Overcrowding of the area's schools was also a particular issue for the community since the massive Greenleigh at Crossroads development has already been approved

to build 1,700 new residences. Many are concerned that, although there are new schools being built, they will open at capacity. And adding anything else will again burden the area's infrastructure.

Planning Board member Scott Jenkins, who attended the BRRNA meeting to explain the URDL to residents, said the developer's decision to pull back his URDL change request was "news to him" since Moran's attorney had advocated for it at the Planning Board meeting less than three weeks prior. But he would certainly take that message back to the board, which has sole authority to change the URDL.

Councilwoman Bevins, who makes the final decision on zoning changes in her district, had not revealed her decision for the property in question, but said she was not considering the possibility of the URDL being moved and shared that with the developer in asking him to go back to the drawing board.

"Because of this work, acres could be turned back to conservation and the URDL remains intact," Bevins commented. "Only 19 homes would be built, selling at over \$400,000. These are the types of projects I hope to accomplish through this process."

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CLUSTER

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session. Current laws bar members of the legislation

from raising money for their party during session.  
Cluster already has good relationships with the  
other District 8 delegates and with Senator Kathy

Klausmeier, and hopes that will make the transition somewhat easier.  
In regards to what you can expect from Cluster, he plans to follow his father's example while being a bit more outspoken.  
"My father was not a very political person," said Cluster. "He was there to serve the people and look after constituents. I'm a bit more political, but sometimes it's about the community first and politics second, and that's something I'll try to emulate."  
Cluster stated that he wants "good government bills" to be his focus for the legislative session. He said he wants to work to impose term limits and enact salary and pension reform.  
"This is a part-time position, it shouldn't be a career," said Cluster. "It should be something you do for a little then get out."  
In regards to legislator salaries, Cluster thinks they need to be tied to an index. After the session begins on Jan. 11, you can expect Cluster to introduce legislation that would tie legislator pay to the average single family income.  
Cluster also stated that it was wrong that legislators can buy into the pension program if they don't last the eight years necessary to receive a pension.  
"We need to reform the way this legislature has given itself these perks," said Cluster. "I don't think it'll be very popular but it's something I'm looking at. And if I get down there and it turns out these are things that are already being worked on, then I'll gladly work with whoever. I think I have a good relationship with people down there because I've been around for a while. I have a good number of relationships."  
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- By Parker, Pallett, Slezak & Russell, LLC -

Everyone nowadays has total access to the law through the Internet - you can find individuals' accounts of their experiences in court, the e-way to file, legal brief synopses and more. There are blogs, statute postings, law firm websites, lawyer rating or referral sites, case search and case archive sites, all easily found. You can find online contracts, leases or even drafted complaints and law suits!

These can be excellent sources of information, but there are dangers in relying on self-research for your own legal issue or in preparing a legal document. Our bottom line: what you discover "Googling the law" should NOT be counted on as legal advice!

Here's why. The law is largely specific to a jurisdiction. A Marylander researching an impending divorce might find a thorough discussion on AVVO of the splitting of property. But if the information is from a California attorney, it would most likely be completely inapplicable because California (a "community property" state) divides marital property differently than does Maryland.

Also, it is not uncommon for people empowered by online legal info to feel competent to pursue their own legal matters in court. But individuals representing themselves may likely overlook a cause of action or a defense, they may fail to file helpful motions or they may miss important filing dates. Certainly, it is not difficult to copy what's online to produce a legal document. But in repurposing such for your own use, you might include disadvantageous provisions ("foreign jurisdiction" dispute resolution), or you might omit important terms required under Maryland law.

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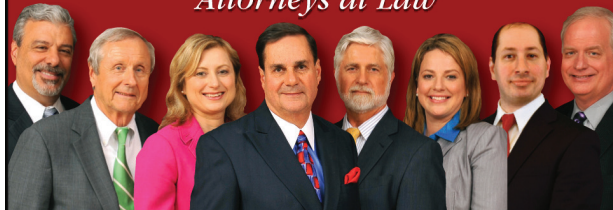
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I and others would like to know if this bill is a law or not. If the county executive is breaking the law every day he doesn't institute the law, he should be held accountable for breaking the law!

Bob Hapt  
Middle River

McDonough's Campaign Signs

One of Delegate Pat McDonough's (candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, District 2) frequent campaign rhetorical comments is "Speak English." The problem is that he does not seem to read English very well. Election laws prohibit the placement of campaign signs in road rights of way. His signs appear in road rights of way all over

eastern Baltimore County. He wants to get elected to make laws that you and I have to obey, yet he obviously does not obey them himself.

Keith Roberts  
Essex

Culture

A lot is being said about the culture within the police department which has resulted in abuses and unlawful behavior. The rulers in the city need to remember there are two sides to this problem.

Yes, the culture in the police department is one side. However, the culture in the city is the other. I hope that change everyone seems to want in the police department is a positive change for the predominately black communities within the city.

How could it not be, you ask? Well, with the way things are, the bad guys now know they have at least a chance of being discovered on the street with drugs and weapons. Anyone who thinks that the police making nice will change the criminal and social culture in the city is a not playing with a full deck.

When the police stop policing, the bad guys are going to have a field day at the expense of the entire community. So we

are going to change the culture in the police department. Fine.

How do we change the culture in the city? Jobs are not the answer. Sure, it would be nice if everyone had a job and made \$50,000 a year. Not going to happen. There are jobs available. Maybe they are not located down the street and maybe it will take effort to get to them. But if you want work you will find a way to make that happen. The culture our rulers at all levels of government have created that rewards sloth is not likely to change.

William M. Libercci, Sr.  
Nottingham

Regarding 72 New Homes on Merritt Boulevard

I am asking our elected officials to avert the most serious effects of the environmental deterioration this group of homes will have on this community. I pray you do some research that will make a vital contribution to this once beautiful, self-sustaining community. I am sick of seeing gutters and streets full of soda bottles and other trash.

We already have more Section 8 than anywhere else. Families with two parents to raise responsible citizens, filled with love and respect, are why we had a beautiful community.

Just last week, we had a young man murdered on Center Place. And since,

another murder has occurred.

We can only be great when the people we elect look after what's best for us - not them. Please protect some of the richness of our cultural heritage.

I am 89 and concerned about the young people who will never know the country I was raised in. I'm trying to plant seeds in a garden I may never get to see.

Frances C. Martino  
Dundalk

Shout Out to Police

In the midst of the mixed relationship between the communities and the police, I have found that people are the same no matter what job they do. Police are no different.

On Aug. 4 at 6 p.m., a man lay on the 1100-block of Eastern Blvd. in Essex, needing medical help. At that time, 911 was called. Before police arrived, the man had already died. Two police officers, Officer Deems and Officer Ledford, were the first to arrive. One of the officers started to perform CPR and continued to work on the man until he brought the man back to life. The officer saw no race, color or creed, nor male or female. He just saw a life needing to be saved. These are only two of many of our officers who put their own lives on the line every day, never knowing if they will be going home. Because of the heroic efforts of police, this man is alive!

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