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Middle River Lighted Boat Parade to hold toy drive this year

- By Devin Crum -

The Middle River Lighted Boat Parade has grown in participation nearly every year since it began, indeed experiencing more rapid growth in recent years.

Now in its 15th year, the parade - an area favorite held each year on Middle River on the Saturday after Thanksgiving - already had 80 boats registered to participate as of Nov. 16 and could potentially see even more.

"If the weather is nice we should have somewhere between 80 and 100 boats," said Jim High, one of the event's chief

organizers.

That number would top last year's total which was in the 70s, according to High. It would also make the parade the largest of its kind in the Mid-Atlantic region and likely among the top five in the nation.

He attributed the growing success of the event at least partly to the \$325 "captain's package" that each boat captain receives for their participation. The package includes \$25 gift cards to each restaurant on the parade route plus Pizza John's in Essex, as well as paddleboard

rentals from Middle River Stand-Up Paddleboard and kayak rentals from Stansbury Yacht Basin.

"That captain's package is what's making this such a big deal," High said of the increased participation each year. "So if we have 100 boats, that's [more than] \$30,000 worth of stuff [given away]. That's what's paying for the party."

There is also no cost for participants to enter the parade, he said.

The event is scheduled to begin at approximately 5:45 p.m. this Saturday, Nov.

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County officials break ground on new Northeast elementary school

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Over a dozen local elected and school officials gathered at the site of the new Northeast elementary school on Monday morning, Nov. 20, to break ground on the project.

While a large portion of the structure has already been put in place, the groundbreaking represented the ceremonial kickoff to the project. The school is slated to open at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

The \$49 million school is located at 4816 Joppa Road, near the intersection of Honeygo Boulevard. Most of the cost was footed by Baltimore County, with 71 percent of the funding coming from the local government.

For years now, parents, teachers and stakeholders in the Perry Hall area have been clamoring for overcrowding relief. Plans to build the school were announced in 2015, with the design work beginning in early 2016. The school will have a state-rated capacity of 725 students.

"We're actually adding 10,000 seats [around the county] while taking children out of trailers and into modern learning environments," said Kameletz, citing his administration's \$1.3 billion construction initiative.

Councilman David Marks (R-5), who has been fighting for a new school since he took office in December of 2010, expressed his delight with the new school.

"This is Perry Hall's first new school in a quarter-century, and one of three additional schools that will reduce overcrowding in northeastern Baltimore County," said Marks, who represents the area. "It is a significant milestone for the families of Perry Hall and White Marsh."

Charlene Behnke, who was named principal of the new school earlier this year, opened the remarks on Monday morning, highlighting her own experiences living and working in the Perry Hall area.

"Families have a strong pride here and they love their schools," said Behnke, who previously held the position of principal at Vincent Farm Elementary. "Very soon we will be joining that strong community of schools and adding yet another school in Perry Hall where teaching and learning are at the highest possible level."

Behnke has been working in the Baltimore County Public School system since 1991, starting off as a teacher. She took over as principal of Vincent Farm in the beginning of the 2013 school year.

"This is amazing, it's such a beautiful place," said Behnke. "And with my children having grown up in Perry Hall schools, I know what a great education boys and girls get here, and I'm ready. We're going to bring it here too."

The new school, which has yet to be named, is going to be the prototype for new elementary schools moving



forward, according to Edward Gilliss, chair of the Board of Education.

According to Gilliss, the school will not only bring great relief to the area, but will also launch the area into the 21st century.

"The community will have a school to be proud of, the students will be able to benefit from the best of instruction and the most updated technology, and all in the most nurturing and inspiring of learning environments," said Gilliss.

With a new school comes redistricting, and over the last couple of months the school system has been working to solidify plans and present options to community stakeholders. In total, nine elementary schools are taking part in the boundary process, including Carney, Chapel Hill, Gunpowder, Joppa View, Kingsville, Oakleigh, Perry Hall, Seven Oaks and Vincent Farm.

All of the information about the boundary process, including a breakdown of the proposed plans, a running log of community feedback, video archive and survey submission form can be found at www.bcps.org/construction/Northeast.

The excitement over the groundbreaking was palpable, with many displaying both relief and anticipation at the thought of reducing overcrowding in the area's elementary schools.

"Our rezoning decisions have lightened the impact of development on overcrowding, and now we have officially broken ground on the first of three new schools to eliminate this problem," said Marks. "I grew up a half-mile from this school site. It will serve the bulk of central Perry Hall, both older neighborhoods and the newer Honeygo communities."

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Library toy drive 'makes all the difference' in a child's life

- By Marge Neal -

Each year at Christmastime, many local churches and organizations organize toy and gift drives to help neighbors in need. And far too often, supplies do not keep up with need.

For the fourth year, Baltimore County's public libraries are partnering with community groups and homeless shelters to help fill that gap with their annual Connecting the Community Toy Drive.

Through Dec. 6, library patrons can drop off new, unused toys, books, games, dolls, puzzles and any other item a child might enjoy at any of the system's 19 neighborhood branches, including seven in eastern Baltimore County.

Each branch has named a local non-profit organization or church to be its beneficiary, and those groups are grateful for the extra boost the drive supplies

to their efforts, according to organizers.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Essex holds an annual Christmas season toy giveaway that is so popular that people camp out the night before the "shop" opens.

"We tried to discourage the overnight camp-outs," the Rev. Charlene Barnes told the *East County Times* in a phone interview. "We tried giving out numbers one year but that caused some arguments so we stopped that."

St. John's collects toys year-round thanks to donations made to Miss Ann's Closet, a ministry that distributes clothing and other needed items monthly to those in need, according to Barnes.

Closet founder Ann Brooks, a St. John's member, goes through donations each month and sets aside the toys in the best condition for the December giveaway.

St. John's is the beneficiary of the Essex branch's toy drive. The roughly 10 bags of new toys the church has received from past drives "makes all the difference in what we are able to offer in new toys," Barnes said.

The toy drives at the Rosedale and White Marsh branches both benefit the residents at the Eastern Family Resource Center, where the donations "make a huge difference," according to April Stevens, volunteer coordinator for the Community Assistance Network, which oversees the homeless shelter at the center on Franklin Square Drive.

"Many of these children wouldn't have a Christmas otherwise," Stevens said. "These families struggle to put food on the table; gifts are out of the question."

The shelter, which now can house 250

people thanks to the new facility that opened in October, is home to children from birth to age 18, according to Stevens.

"We need everything, from clothing and diapers for newborns to toys, clothing and toiletries for older children and adults," she said.

The toys and gifts the children receive for Christmas are special because they belong to the child, Stevens said. To have something that they can take with them when they leave is "huge," she said.

Library staff members get as much enjoyment out of the collections as the recipients.

"This project links back to our strategic plan of connecting with the community on many levels," Rosedale Branch manager Justin Hartzell said. "It's a great initiative and everyone rallies around it."

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Democrats looking to use testimonials to influence healthcare votes in Congress

- By Devin Crum -

Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger and U.S. Senator Chris VanHollen joined healthcare advocates and eastern Baltimore County residents last Thursday, Nov. 16, to talk about healthcare - specifically Medicaid - at the Ateaze Senior Center in Dundalk.

While the forum's organizers brought people together with information and resources regarding healthcare, they stated that their purpose was to hear people's stories and experiences with Medicaid more than anything else. The elected officials could then use those individual stories to advocate on Capitol Hill when trying to persuade others to vote their way on legislation related to healthcare.

"If we're going to advocate for positions [on legislation], instead of just saying 'We're for Medicaid...' I find it's more effective when you're trying to get other individuals in Congress to listen to you, it's better to talk about specific cases," Ruppertsberger (D-2) said.

Ruppertsberger and VanHollen said Thursday's forum was particularly timely because the tax cut bill, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives and was working its way through the U.S. Senate, could have devastating effects on Medicaid.

VanHollen (D-Md.) said the tax bill would add \$1.5 trillion to the national debt. And to make up for those losses, the upcoming 2018 budget proposal would seek to cut Medicare by \$473 billion and Medicaid by \$1 trillion.

"The reason they're out there looking for cuts [to Medicaid] is because there's a lot of money in it," Ruppertsberger said. "But every time you cut Medicaid you hurt people."

The congressman also said the largest amount of money the federal government gives to Maryland is in Medicaid grants.

"That's really relevant and important, because if in fact they start cutting Medicaid, the state will have to pick it up," he said. "And if the state picks it up, that means taxes are going to have to rise."

Vincent DeMarco, president of the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, said the forum was the fifth in a series they have been holding across the state to highlight the benefits of Medicaid. He said the most important thing they have done in the series was to hear from people who have benefitted from the program.

"At each of these events, people talked about how Medicaid saved their lives, made them much healthier, kept them from financial ruin," DeMarco said. "It's a story that the people of Maryland, the people of America, need to hear."

Robert Rose, who MCHI arranged to speak at the forum, said he always had employee-based health insurance, but lost all of that when the company he worked for folded. And the prices of private insurance plans were "atrocious."

"So I was without insurance for almost a year," he said, during which time he became "extremely obese."

Rose said he weighed more than 400

pounds before getting healthcare again, and as a result his blood pressure was "through the roof" and his knees were "completely blown out."

Rose eventually worked with Healthcare for the Homeless to get healthcare through Medicaid and his life began to turn around. He got access to blood pressure medication and was able to see a doctor who he said treated him like a human being.

"It pretty much saved my life," he said, noting that his weight and blood pressure are now under control, he is back to work and has even gone back to school to further his education.

DeMarco said Rose's story is similar to others from around the state, and it exemplifies the importance of Medicaid.

"The Medicaid program saves lives and it helps all of us," he said. "People with jobs, they lose them, the Medicaid program keeps them on their feet."

DeMarco also said that since the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare, went into effect, there has been a drop in uncompensated care - people going to hospitals without insurance - of more than \$300 million in Maryland alone.

"And they can't pay, so who pays - all of us with higher healthcare premiums," he said. "It's what we call a hidden healthcare tax."

He added that premiums have increased a lot more slowly under the ACA.

Dr. Bonita Taylor, who represented MedChi, the state's medical society, said she has been a family practitioner

for the last 30 years. She said MedChi members are hopeful and are fighting to make sure that Medicaid is successful.

"Nothing is more frustrating to a physician than to make the diagnosis and set up a treatment plan... and then to watch as the patient deteriorates because there wasn't insurance and things weren't covered," she said.

Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services Director Dr. Gregory Wm. Branch said in 2013, the year before the ACA went into effect, about 140,000 people in Baltimore County were eligible for Medicaid. That is compared with 190,000 people in 2017, he said, and the increase is largely a result of Medicaid expansions done by the state and federal governments.

VanHollen said the ACA resulted in more than 400,000 Marylanders getting healthcare who had not had it before. Some were able to purchase healthcare through the exchanges and others got access to care through expanded Medicaid, he said, noting that in Maryland more than half were the latter.

The senator said it would be wrong for people to think that because efforts to repeal the ACA were defeated that they had also stopped the efforts to cut Medicaid or roll back other ACA provisions.

"I just don't want anyone to think that we're out of the woods when it comes to proposed big cuts to Medicaid or Medicare because it's right there in the budget," he said.

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PARADE

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25, when the procession will depart from Stansbury Yacht Basin.

As a way to give back and not just entertain the community, parade organizers will hold a toy drive during this year's event as well, High said. Donation boxes have been placed at three waterfront restaurants - The River Watch, The Crazy Tuna and Carson's Creekside - along the route so that people going to view the boat parade can donate a toy, canned good or a coat while there.

"[The donations] will be distributed to local families before Christmas," High said. "It adds a little bit of a charitable aspect to the Lighted Boat Parade which is something that we haven't had in the last couple of years."

Prior to the 2016 parade, the event benefitted a group called Captains Sharing and Caring.

In the same vein, event organizers also held a "Christmas in July" charity toy collection event which brought in roughly 4,000 toys for needy children.

"And they're getting donated right now to a Dundalk charity called Santa's Elves," High said.

To kick off the event, boats will gather and line up at Stansbury Yacht Basin, then depart toward Carson's Creekside restaurant, which they are expected to pass at about 5:50 p.m. before heading toward Wilson Point Park, according to High.

Public viewing will again be limited

at Wilson Point Park due to Lockheed Martin's ongoing environmental remediation work and Dark Head Cove being closed to boats as a result.

But after turning around at Wilson Point Park's boat launching ramp, the procession will then pass Kingston Point Park in the Hawthorne neighborhood, where additional public viewing will be available, High said. He added that anyone viewing from that park should get "a real nice view of the party" at 6 p.m.

Next, the parade will round Hawthorne Point to pass by Middle River Yacht Club, The Crazy Tuna and The River Watch between 6 - 6:30 p.m., he said.

From there, "We will go into Norman Creek, passing Norman Creek Marina and Crescent Yacht Club," High said. "As we exit Norman Creek, if the weather, the tide, the current and the waves are minimal, we're going to come out to the [mouth of Middle River] out in front of Sue Island, Rockaway Beach and Bauernschmidt [neighborhoods]."

He stressed, though, that those stops will be a "game time" decision at the time the parade begins.

The parade will then cut across the river toward Bowleys Quarters and head up into Frog Mortar Creek past Sunset Cove - which High noted will be open the night of the event despite its ongoing renovations - and turn around again in front of Conrad's Ruth Villa.

Finally, they will pass Strawberry Point and Wilson Point before dispersing back at Stansbury Yacht Basin at about 7:45 p.m.

LIBRARIES

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Sandy Lombardo, White Marsh branch manager, said her library's effort has grown from the original toy drive to include a hat and mitten tree and toiletries.

"We try to be mindful of a very loved stuffed animal and get toys that will become that special, loved toy," she said. "We also encourage donations of items that don't have a lot of parts that can be lost and to choose things like small, hand-held electronic games that a child can play by themselves if no other children are around."

Staff members even wrap all the gifts and put tags on them for the appropriate gender and age group, Lombardo said.

The library has partnered with Honeygo Village Dentistry, which has donated toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss to the cause.

The drive "is a good thing to do," Lombardo said. "People are always looking for ways to give back to the community and this is a feel-good way to do that."

To Stevens, the toy drive results in a priceless gift for young children who have experienced struggle and difficulties.

"With these gifts, on Christmas morning, a child gets to be a child, for a moment anyway, without worrying about adult things," she said. "You can't put a price tag on that."

Other local library branches collecting toys and their beneficiaries are North Point and Perry Hall (Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County); Parkville-Carney (House of Ruth); and Sollers Point (Turner Station Conservation Teams).

"At that time, most of the boats will go back to one of the original restaurants they got started from," High said.

Typically the parade also includes an extravagantly lit or engineered "finale boat" as the last boat in the line. But High said he will not know about that for this year until the night of the parade since he does not maintain contact with Nick Hock, who has been the architect of many of those designs in the past.

High called Hock the "genius" behind the finale spectacles. "He is the Tony Stark of the Middle River zip code," he said. But "we don't talk too much. He just shows up and does what he does."

High described the annual boat parade "a great Middle River Christmas tradition" which was started as a way to get people to patronize local restaurants on what is typically their slowest night of the year.

"I'm so happy with this the way it is," he said. "It's a good gig."



Last year's parade finale was an elaborate fire truck display with a working fire hose spraying water. File photo.

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Neighbors oppose Pulaski Crossing townhouse plan; hearing scheduled for Dec. 8

- By Virginia Terhune -

A plan for 150 townhouses on Pulaski Highway in White Marsh is scheduled for review by a county administrative law judge at a public hearing in about two weeks.

Known as Pulaski Crossing, the project of one-garage townhouses on 31 acres is set to replace an earlier plan for a Carmax auction center at 11301 Pulaski Highway that was previously used by the Schwaber family for a drive-in movie theater.

The Bowerman-Loreley Beach Community Association of about 150 single-family homes located to the south between the cleared site and Bird River is opposed to the project, which it argues is in stark contrast to the existing commercial and industrial businesses along that stretch of the highway.

In 2016, the County Council rezoned a small adjacent agricultural parcel to allow 5.5 housing units per acre. The change enabled the rest of the commercially zoned Pulaski Crossing site to be developed residentially instead, per regulations in the County Code.

The public hearing is set for Friday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m. in the Jefferson Building in Towson.

The development plan shows two entrance/exit points without traffic lights on a section of Pulaski Highway that is divided by concrete median barriers.

Neighbors say that residents who want to head toward the Beltway will need to turn right, drive east to Allender Road and then turn around to head in the opposite direction toward Baltimore.

However, there is a break in the median barrier at the current entrance to the property.

Still to be undertaken is a traffic study of the failing intersection at Pulaski Highway and Ebenezer Road

due to already heavy traffic, said county reviewers, who discussed the plan at a pre-hearing conference on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Builders will not be able to get building permits for the project until improvements are made to the nearby intersection to relieve backed-up traffic, they said.

Also requested is a study to determine compatibility with the surrounding commercially zoned areas that include Shemin Nurseries and the Brooks-Ramsey automotive businesses.

The plan shows a large stormwater pond close to the highway, and a smaller pond toward the southern end of the site near residences. The ponds on the plan comply with regulations, according to reviewers.

However, they also noted potential problems with preparing the site for construction.

"The contours on the plan reveal rather excessive grading," according to a comment by the Bureau of Development Plans Review.

"Development of this property through stripping, grading and stabilization could result in a sediment pollution problem, damaging private and public holdings downstream of the property," the comments read.

The Office of Planning recommends that the plan include more amenities near the southern end of the site such as a playground and swimming pool, and also recommends new fencing to improve the appearance of the stormwater ponds.

Also still required is a school impact analysis to determine whether the new townhouse population will add to already overcrowded classrooms at Perry Hall High and Middle schools.

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Royal Farms announced as first tenant at Shoppes at Tradepoint

- By Marge Neal -

Tradepoint Atlantic has announced that Royal Farms will be the inaugural tenant of its retail center to be known as the Shoppes at Tradepoint.

The convenience store chain will build a retail store, gas pumps and a car wash on a 3.7-acre parcel of land along Bethlehem Boulevard at the foot of Peninsula Expressway, according to Roger Sauerhaft, a spokesman for Tradepoint.

"Royal Farms has signed a long-term contract and will be the first tenant at the Shoppes of Tradepoint," he told the *East County Times* in a phone interview.

Tradepoint officials successfully petitioned Baltimore County last year during the quadrennial rezoning process to get about 70 acres of former steel plant

land rezoned for retail use. Royal Farms will occupy one of seven free-standing retail pads, according to a statement issued by Tradepoint officials.

"We are excited to welcome Royal Farms, which is a brand both highly recognizable to Baltimore-area consumers and is known for its consistently impressive quality," Eric Gilbert, Tradepoint's chief development officer, said in the statement.

The location will be easily accessible to Baltimore Beltway travelers, with the southbound ramp on Peninsula Expressway and the northbound ramp around the corner on North Point Boulevard.

Both Royal Farms and Tradepoint officials expect that "thousands of people who work at Tradepoint Atlantic and the tens of thousands that travel I-695

every day will welcome this highly accessible retail development to the area," according to the statement.

The Tradepoint Royal Farms store will offer nearly 5,400 square feet of retail space, a car wash bay and a total of 15 fueling pumps, including 10 multiple-product pumps and five high-flow diesel pumps, according to Shelby Kemp, a spokeswoman for the chain.

Until recently, the North Point Peninsula had only two small, independent gas stations. Convenience store chain 7-11 this year opened a new store with gas pumps at 5230 North Point Blvd., resulting in more competitive prices that local residents were happy to see, if comments made on social media sites are any indication.

Baltimore-area residents have always raved about the quality of the store's fried chicken, but that reputation got a national boost this past summer when *Food & Wine* magazine named the popular fast food as the top entry on the list of "10 Gas Station Foods Across the Country That Are Worth the Detour."

The article says that, while many people think only items like "Slim Jims, Twinkies and watery coffee" are available in such shops, "some remarkable food and drink is coming out of those little convenience stores."

The new store and fueling station are expected to open in late 2018, according to the statement. Royal Farms, headquartered in Baltimore since 1959, manages more than 180 stores in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Tradepoint will continue to pursue other tenants for its retail complex. Officials have said at past TPA open house sessions that hotels, a grocery store, fast-food restaurants and other retailers will be courted.

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Police investigate Middle River shooting

Baltimore County Police continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding a shooting in Middle River on Nov. 13.

Police responded to the 500 block of Compass Road around 5:41 p.m. for a call of a shooting. Detectives have determined that the victim invited a friend to the home on Compass Road, but when that friend brought additional men that the victim was not familiar with, a fight broke out inside the home. One of the unknown men pulled out a handgun and fired at least one shot, striking the victim, a 26-year-old man, in the upper body. He remains in fair condition at a local hospital.

Detectives working overnight were able to develop suspect information that led them to Pennsylvania where they have made an arrest in the case. The name of the suspect will not yet be released pending extradition to Baltimore County.

Anyone with additional information on this crime or suspect is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020. The Violent Crimes Unit continues to investigate.

Police step up security after Perry Hall Middle threat

Baltimore County Police announced that there will be an increased police presence at Perry Hall Middle School following threats made by a student on social media on the evening of Nov. 19.

Police were notified of the social media post made to Instagram threatening potential harm to students or faculty on Monday morning. Although the investigation determined the threat was not credible, detectives acted quickly to identify the source as a student at Perry Hall Middle School. The juvenile was arrested this evening and will be charged.

Investigators believe that this is an isolated incident and there are no additional suspects involved. However, to ensure students and parents alike of their safety at school, there will be additional officers Present Monday morning.

Current crime trends

- Since Nov. 7, there have been two street robberies of business owners in front of their homes in the White Marsh Precinct. The victims were followed from their businesses in Baltimore City to their homes where they were accosted. Cases occurred during night hours. The suspects displayed a weapon in one case, used physical force in the other case and took property.

- Since Oct. 23, there have been seven residential burglaries targeting vacant homes in the Dundalk Precinct. Most cases occurred over several days. Entry was made by breaking glass or by physical force in most cases. Copper piping or wires were taken from all locations.

- Since Oct. 21, there have been four street robberies within the area of the intersection of Eastern Boulevard and Southeast Boulevard in the Essex Precinct that appear to be related. Cases occurred on a Friday and a Saturday between 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. In most cases, the suspects approached the victims and demanded cell phones.

Shooting in Dundalk leaves man in serious condition

An early morning shooting in Dundalk has left a 32-year-old man in serious condition.

On Nov. 14, police were called to the 1600 block of Manor Road in Dundalk around 5:35 a.m. when the victim was shot at least once in the upper body by an unknown assailant as he walked out to his vehicle in the alley behind his home. He was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries and remains in serious condition.

Police continue to investigate the motive for this shooting but believe this victim was the intended target.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020. The Baltimore County Police Violent Crimes Unit continues to investigate this shooting.

Metro Crime Stoppers, an organization that is separate from the Baltimore County Police Department and Baltimore County Government, offers rewards for information in connection with felony offenses.

Anonymous tips can be sent to Metro Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-866-7LOCKUP.

Holiday crime prevention

Thieves look forward to holidays as much as everyone else - maybe more so! The Baltimore County Police Department asks shoppers to beware of purse snatchers; women carrying pocketbooks are easy prey. The thieves know that during the holidays, shoppers are distracted and are not as careful as they should be when out.

Thwart a would-be thief with these simple tips:

- Keep your purse close to your body.
- If the pocketbook has long straps, shorten them.
- If possible, avoid carrying a large purse when shopping. Carry your valuables in something more compact that makes it difficult for a thief to grab and run.

- Use check, debit or credit cards to avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Carry only the cards you intend to use and leave the others behind.

- Use Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) wisely. Have the card ready before approaching the machine, and use ATMs in high traffic areas.

- Have your keys out before you get to your car instead of putting your guard down and searching your purse when you get to your spot.

Consider having valuable gifts engraved with your driver's license number or Maryland ID number. If the item is stolen and later recovered by police, the engraved number will allow investigators to return the property to you. Engraving also may deter thieves because the identifying information makes it more difficult for them to dispose of or sell valuables.

Easy-to-use engraving equipment and instructions are available, free of charge, to Baltimore County residents at County police precincts and through many Citizens on Patrol chapters.

- Engrave a driver's license number or Maryland ID number on your property.
- Never use your Social Security number.
- Do not limit engraving to your holiday gifts. You can engrave all of your precious possessions.

Precinct 8/Parkville

Robbery: On Nov. 17, officers from the Parkville precinct responded to a robbery call in the 7700 block of Harford Road. At 7:15 p.m., the victim, a courier for Express Care, was seated in the company vehicle when he was approached by an unknown suspect. The suspect, displaying a gun, demanded money and then fled with the money. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to call Baltimore County police at 410-307-2020.

First Degree Burglary: Baltimore County police received a call about a burglary in the 2300 block of Tarleton Lane on Nov. 15. Sometime between 8:15 and 11 a.m., an unknown suspect broke into the victim's apartment through the front door. The suspect ransacked the apartment, but the only item missing at this time is a car key.

First Degree Burglary: Shortly before noon on Nov. 14, officers from the Parkville precinct were called to the unit block of Hallbrook Court in Nottingham. Sometime between 10 and 11:30 a.m., an unknown suspect broke the side door glass to gain entry into the residence. Once inside, the suspect stole jewelry. Anyone with information should call Baltimore County police at 410-307-2020.

Second Degree Burglary: On Nov. 15, Baltimore County police were called about a burglary in the 3000 block of Putty Hill Road. Sometime between 6 a.m. on November 13 and 4 p.m. on November 15, an unknown suspect cut the latch to the victim's detached garage door to gain entry. Nothing appears to be missing at this time.

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Parkville woman charged with making false report

The woman who made a false report of an armed robbery/carjacking at Towson Town Center Mall on Nov. 14 is identified as 46-year-old Pamela Davis of the unit block of Ashlar Hill Court in Parkville. She is charged on a summons with False Statement to Officer.

Police responded to a parking lot across from the mall around 5:40 p.m. on Nov. 14 when Davis reported an armed robbery/attempted carjacking had just occurred. She initially stated that as she exited the mall she saw the two suspects lurking among the parked cars, who then approached her as she opened her car door. They demanded her vehicle, and she believed they had a handgun but didn't specifically see one.

Davis stated that she refused to give them her keys but gave them her purse instead, which they took and fled on foot.

Air support, K9, and additional ground support units were called to the scene in an attempt to locate the suspects, which she described as black males with black hooded sweatshirts, jeans, and both wearing black ski masks. Towson Town Center Mall security officers were alerted and Towson University Tweeted cautionary information to students, warning them of the nearby crime and to be vigilant.

As the investigation continued, the information the victim gave to police began to change. Her account of events evolved into a handgun being pointed at her and money being demanded. Investigators were able to obtain surveillance video showing the victim driving onto the lot and parking, but never leaving her vehicle before driving back out of the parking lot just before calling police.

Baltimore County police last week announced their intent to charge Davis for submitting a false report. After initially cooperating with officers, Davis eventually became uncooperative. Her motive is still unknown.

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By G. Darrell Russell, Jr., Principal Member,
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I myself almost exclusively handle the criminal and traffic work; Tara Westra, one of our principal members, handles pretty much all of our Workers Compensation litigation. Because of the nature of these specializations, Tara and I have to spend a lot of time in court and in various offices: in the many Circuit and District courts, in the Workers Comp. hearing offices, at Motor Vehicle Administration Administrative hearings, and more, all around the

greater Baltimore metropolitan area from south of the city all the way up to the Susquehanna River! We find ourselves almost literally flying around the Beltway, up and down I-95 and out I-70, and on every highway and major road in between!

For instance, there are seven Workers Comp. hearing buildings, located all around the state; that's where we meet the Workers Compensation Commissioners (WCCs). Most matters must be decided before a WCC, particularly questions of temporary total disability and permanent partial disability. All appeals from decisions of the WCCs are heard in the Circuit Courts, of which there is one in each Maryland county; all traffic matters are heard in the District Courts, and each county has at least one (Baltimore County has three, very widely separated); criminal matters are heard in both District and Circuit Courts.

So Tara and I find ourselves constantly running from court to court, from hearing to hearing, from WCC office to office. Not to mention meeting with our clients, listening to them and learning their needs, and starting the veritable torrent of paperwork that all legal matters these days brings forth.

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Precinct 11/Essex

First Degree Assault: On Nov. 15, officers from the Essex precinct were called to the 900 block of Middlesex Road. At 9:46 p.m., two unknown suspects assaulted the victim in the alley and then they both fled.

Robbery: Shortly after 11 p.m. on Nov. 15, Baltimore County police responded to a robbery call in the 9900 block of Pulaski Highway in Middle River. At 11:10 p.m., the victim was robbed by three unknown suspects as he left the Burger King. The suspects, implying a weapon, knocked the victim to the ground and stole his backpack and cell phone. Anyone with information should contact the police.

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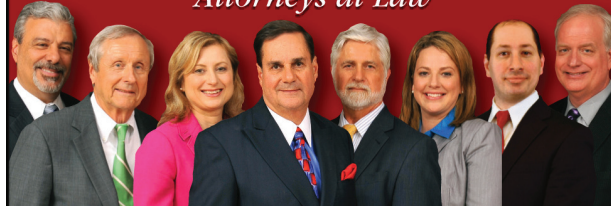
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Sparrows Point girls win fifth straight title; Pointer boys win first since 2006

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

The Sparrows Point boys and girls soccer teams each won their respective 1A state championship contests at Loyola University's Ridley Athletic Complex on Friday night, Nov. 17.

For the girls, who kicked off a double header on Friday evening, the win represents their fifth straight title, but first under new head coach Lori Sexton. Sexton previously held a role as an assistant with the girls team. The Pointers now own sole possession in the State of Maryland for most consecutive state titles in girls soccer. For the boys, the title is their fifth in program history, but first since 2006. Their team was taken over at the beginning of the year by Joe Lambert, who had led the girls to their four previous championships.

The girls upended Patterson Mill with a score of 3 - 0, as sophomore Kalli Bell led the way with two goals. The boys, who also took on Patterson Mill, had a much tighter contest but managed to hold onto a 2 - 1 win. Both of their goals were scored in the first half by senior midfielder Dylan Brown.

In the opening match of the double header, the Pointer girls started off under a decent amount of pressure from the Huskies. The first few minutes were played almost entirely in Sparrows Point's defensive third, but Patterson couldn't turn their pressure into anything more substantial.

After a nervous opening, Sparrows

Point got on the board with their first real opportunity of the game at 33 minutes left in the first. A corner sent into the box bounced off the head of a Patterson defender and found Bell, who hit a one-time finish into the upper left corner of the net.

They would double the lead less than 10 minutes later, with Bell again putting it away for the Pointers. After a corner kick from Julie Lynch was cleared, the ball was knocked back to her out wide. She slid the ball across to Bell who ripped a shot into the right corner of the net.

Bell, who transitioned into a new role in the midfield from defense at the end of the regular season, continued to look dangerous throughout, but couldn't find a third. She did assist on the third goal, which came with just under 12 minutes left in the second. Bell managed to poke the ball to Sammie Bennett who collected the ball and hit a beautifully placed shot into the top corner from 30 yards out.

From there, it was just a formality. "We ask ourselves every year, 'Can we do five? Is it even possible?' Yes, it is," said Sexton after the game.

While the win for the girls was business as usual, the boys' win in the late match on Friday evening was the first for the program in over a decade.

After a rough regular season in which the Pointers went 5 - 8 - 1, Sparrows Point worked their way through

the postseason schedule, squeaking their way into the finals after beating Clear Spring in penalty kicks in the semifinal.

Much like the girls' game, Patterson Mill started off the match on the offensive, keeping the Pointers pressed back in their zone. But in the 11th minute, Sparrows Point used a quick counter attack to move the ball up the field. Givoni Herring was found on a through ball, but his shot was parried away by the Patterson keeper. The ball rebounded to Brown who put away the easy finish for a 1 - 0 lead.

With 18 minutes left in the first half, Brown added his second of the game. Ben Hester made a nifty move past a Patterson defender before putting Brown through. Brown collected the ball just outside of the box, got con-

trol and put a low driven shot into the corner to extend the lead to two.

Things were a bit tighter in the second half, with the Pointers playing back on their heels, looking to preserve the lead. The lead was cut to one with just under 20 minutes to play after Patterson Mill was awarded a penalty kick. The penalty was slotted to the right of Pointer keeper Nate Schoene into the side netting.

Patterson almost tied it up with just under five minutes to play, but Schoene made a nice diving save to keep the well-struck shot out of the goal. Schoene ended the day with three saves.

"I think it's the happiest I've ever been, leading the team like this," said Brown. "We've gotten so close over the season and it just means so much to win it all."



The Pointer girls pose for a shot after the medal ceremony, holding up five fingers to represent their championship streak.

Tech boys win first state soccer championship

A minute after Shanklin's attempt, Tech would go up 2 - 0 after a ball served into the box from senior midfielder Mark Mudimba glanced off the head of a River Hill defender and looped over Sherlock's head.

"It's a little bit surreal actually," said Eastern Tech coach Peter Glaudemans. "We focus quite a bit on making sure the boys play for each other. They don't play for me, they don't play for the fans, they play for each other. They've done that beautifully all season long."

The first half started off slow, with neither team really creating many chances offensively. River Hill dominated possession, but Tech kept good defensive shape and managed to sniff out chances before they developed.

In the second half, Tech goalie Drew Holt was called into action early, mak-

ing a diving save on a low driven shot a couple of minutes after the whistle. River Hill continued to press over the next five minutes, earning a few corner kick attempts that were handled easily by the Mavericks.

But by and large, the second half belonged to Eastern Tech. After spending much of the first half on their heels, the Mavericks were possessing the ball more and working their way into River Hill territory. Isaac Ngobu showed sublime individual skill attacking on the left flank for Tech, and midfielder Kai Kressman was constantly putting threatening balls into the area.

After Tech went up 2 - 0, River Hill managed to get a couple more attempts. Holt was called into action with about 10 minutes left to play, diving to his right to push a well-struck ball wide of the post. With under five minutes left to play, Holt again faced pressure from the left flank, but did well to cut down the angle of the onrushing attacker and collect the shot. The shutout was Holt's 13th clean sheet of the season.

The 2 - 0 win delivered Eastern Tech their first ever boys soccer state championship. Tech finished the season with a 19 - 1 overall record, including 18 wins in a row.

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Two goals in just under five minutes late in the second half lifted the Eastern Tech Mavericks to a 2 - 0 victory over River Hill in the 2A state championship Wednesday night, Nov. 15.

Forward Mitchel Shanklin put Tech up 1 - 0 with about 15:30 left to play after a ball lobbed into the area went over the head of a River Hill defender and bounced toward the goal. Shanklin muffed his first attempt, and with River Hill goalkeeper Patrick Sherlock on the ground, Shanklin was left alone to tap the ball into the empty net. It was his 19th goal of the season.

Tech almost doubled the lead two minutes later when another lofted ball into the box found Shanklin. Shanklin connected well on his attempt from 10 yards out, but Sherlock made a nice diving save.



Tech players celebrate after being awarded the championship plaque.

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Kamenetz announces \$13.6 million in school safety upgrades

Technology and public safety took center stage on the final day of American Education Week, Friday, Nov. 17, as Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz highlighted the \$13.6 million in school security upgrades his administration has invested since 2011.

Baltimore County Police Chief Terrence Sheridan and Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Chief Administrative and Operating Officer Kevin Smith joined the County Executive at Southwest Academy in Gwynn Oak to assert the value of their school safety partnership; including collaborative training and operations; and unprecedented investments in integrated security video technology, secure door access and school bus GPS technology.

"Thanks to our \$1.3 billion Schools for Our Future program, we are creating modern, healthy learning environments for students all around Baltimore County, and a critical element in our investment is in ensuring that all of our schoolhouses are safe places for students and staff," said Kamenetz.

"Safe, secure schools are of the utmost importance and these technology investments make sense in today's world," said Baltimore County Council Chair Tom Quirk.

Since 2011, the Kamenetz administration has invested \$13.6 million to safeguard schools by installing security cameras and card reader door locks in all Baltimore County elementary schools and enhancing these security measures in middle and high schools. This funding initiative increased the number of school cameras by 400 percent, from 1,150 to 4,600; newly installing them in all elementary schools, and enhancing existing cameras and adding them as needed in middle and high schools. In the same time frame, the number of card reader door locks in schools more than doubled from 261 to 583, providing an important measure of security for routine school days as well as in emergencies.

The County is now completing the installation of video dashboard technology that provides public safety officials with instant access to video feeds from security cameras at schools, libraries and other public facilities; as well giving them direct access to live traffic cameras on state highways. GPS systems are now installed in County school buses through a partnership between County government and Baltimore County Public Schools.

Last week's event included a demonstration by a Baltimore County police officer of the video dashboard technology that provides responding officers with immediate, unfiltered situational awareness information when responding to an incident at a school.

BCPS and Baltimore County Police continually train together and conduct multiple live scenario exercises each year to ensure a rapid, coordinated response to any situation that may arise, including active assailants. The County's School Resource Officer program, which places specially trained officers in schools, is a key component of the integration of resources and expertise between schools and first responders.

The County's aggressive \$18.5 million investment in broadband fiber connectivity and a \$12 million dollar WiFi initiative for schools not only gives students and teachers high-speed internet access for instruction, it also supports modern security techniques like integrated video technology and card reader door locks.

Kamenetz also funded \$2 million for the school system to employ a robust Internet content filtering system to protect students from accessing inappropriate or potentially harmful websites.

Student 'One Cards' provide access to library services

An expanded partnership between Baltimore County Public Schools and the Baltimore County Public Library system now allows all public school students full access to bricks-and-mortar and online library content and resources.

Thanks to an expansion of BCPL's SAIL program - Students Achieve in Libraries - students will be able to use their BCPS One Card or student identification number to check out up to five print or audio books at a time without late fees and to access unlimited digital resources, according to a statement from county officials.

While student accounts will not be charged late or extended-use fees, borrowing privileges may be blocked because of items not returned by 30 days after the due date. Student accounts will always offer access to online resources and databases, according to the statement.

BCPS school, system awards abound in first quarter

Looking back at the first quarter of the school year, Baltimore County Public Schools has plenty to celebrate.

"I am in awe of our phenomenal Team BCPS leaders and staff who, day after day, pursue excellence for every student," said BCPS Interim Superintendent Verletta White. "These honors are a tribute to their hard work, dedication, creativity, and commitment."

Between July and September, BCPS earned a national grant for magnet programs, as well as national honors in fiscal management, blended learning, digital citizenship, innovative writing, and much more:

- BCPS was awarded a \$15 million federal grant over five years to develop five new magnet programs and to significantly revise one existing magnet program. The six programs will focus on the International Baccalaureate program or health sciences.

- BCPS was one of only five districts across the nation to receive a Fuel Education® Transformation Award for successfully integrating digital learning solutions into effective instructional initiatives through the Passport elementary world language program.

- Magnet Schools of America named Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School of Technology a Nationally Certified Magnet School.

- For the second consecutive year, BCPS was named a Common Sense Certified District: Digital Citizenship by Common Sense. The certification indicates that BCPS embraces digital citizenship as an important part of education, and gives students the foundational skills they need to compete and succeed in the 21st-century workplace and participate ethically in society at large.

- For the eighteenth year, BCPS was awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials for meeting or exceeding high standards in financial management.

- For the twenty-first consecutive year, the Controller's Office received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the comprehensive annual financial report.

- Patrice Goldys, principal of Norwood Elementary School, was named the winner of the Corwin Press Brilliant Principal Award, which recognizes one exceptional leader who has demonstrated the courage to embrace new ways of thinking and who has taken bold steps to make a powerful and lasting impact on his or her school and community.

- Fran Glick has been named one of six finalists for the Women in School Leadership Awards by AASA, The School Superintendents Association. Glick is the coordinator for library media programs and digital resources at Baltimore County Public Schools.

- Five BCPS elementary teachers from three schools who planned innovative writing practices for students earned the 2017 Donald H. Graves Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Writing by the National Council of Teachers of English.

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Drenga, Joan M.

Suddenly on Nov. 13, Joan M. Drenga, passed peacefully. She was the beloved daughter of the late Dr. Joseph and Antoinette Drenga; devoted sister of the late Kathleen Drenga Glass. She is survived by her brother-in-law Dr. G. Daniel Glass; her nieces Monica Lynn Glass and Angela Marie Wagner, and her nephews Daniel Joseph Glass and Anthony Daniel Glass.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Nemec, Emil Joseph Jr.

On Nov. 15, Emil Joseph Nemec, Jr., beloved husband of Rose Nemec (nee Pribyl); devoted father of Joe Nemec, Brian Nemec and the late Brett Nemec; loving grandfather of Renee, Jennifer, Alison and Joseph Nemec and Giana Bordone; dear brother of Lorraine Keska and Marlene Pianowski; brother-in-law of Robert Pribyl.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment private.

Pipkin, John Paul

On Nov. 16, John Paul (Pepka) Pipkin passed away. He was the beloved husband of Mary Frances Pipkin (nee Jasinski); devoted father of John G. Pipkin and his wife Eileen, Joan M. Pirrung and her husband Scott, Thomas E. Pipkin and his wife Dawn, and Kenneth J. Pipkin and his wife Jennifer; loving PopPop of Ryan, Tyler, and Dylan Pirrung, and Max, Julian, Elliot, William, Emily, and Megan Pipkin; dear brother of Florence Hensberger (nee Pipkin) and her late husband Raymond, the late Bernard Pipkin, and the late Edward J. Pipkin and his wife Theresa; cherished brother-in-law of Anna Pipkin.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at St. Joseph Church Cemetery. If desired, donations may be made in the memory of John Paul Pipkin to MedStar Union Memorial Hospital Heart Campaign, Attn: Office of Philanthropy, 201 E. University Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21218.

Schmitt, Judith Lee

On Nov. 16, Judith Lee Schmitt (nee Ross) passed away. She was the beloved wife of the late John J. Schmitt, Sr.; devoted mother of John J. Schmitt, Jr. and his wife Tammy; loving grandmother of Michael Schmitt and Laura Schmitt; dear sister of Carol Alban and her husband Leroy, and the late Wayne Ross.

Services and interment will be private. Memorial contributions may be made in Judith's name to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Ste. 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Grande, Santina C.

On Nov. 14, Santina C. Grande (nee Palumbo) passed away. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank Joseph Grande; devoted mother of the late Vincent F. Grande and his wife Brenda; cherished grandmother of Christopher Paul Grande and Jeremy Frank Grande and his wife Kelly; loving great-grandmother of Peyton Elizabeth Grande; dear sister of Veronica Crowe, Mary Bondura, Casper Palumbo, Vincent Palumbo, Antoinette Decker, Rita Manelli, Eugene Palumbo, and she is pre-deceased by her three sisters, Lucy Dames, Ann Aughinbaugh, Josephine Neece, and her five brothers, Paul Palumbo, Sam Palumbo, Angelo Palumbo, Anthony Palumbo, and Nunzio Palumbo; also survived by her loving nieces and nephews.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Wertz, Bettie Rose

On Nov. 19, Bettie Rose Wertz (nee Rosen), devoted mother of Brett Wertz and Rhett Wertz; loving grandmother of Michelle Sorto and Carl Glassman; great-grandmother Eva Sorto and Sidney Glassman; cousin of Catherine Emminizer and Dorothy O'Rourke; aunt of Jacqueline Marsalek.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Dillard, Mary A.

Peacefully surrounded with love, on Nov. 17, Mary A. Dillard, wife of the late Robert E. Dillard; loving mother of Robert C. Dillard and Reginald Smith, Phyllis Dillard-Smith and Billy Smith, Kimberly Dillard-Snyder and Duane Schenning; beloved grandmother of Amanda Snyder and Cody Gladden, Kenneth Sigal and Megan Sigal, Julia Lauenstein, Shannon Yoho, Tayler Hatchell; great-grandmother of Riley Sigal and Scarlett Gladden. Also survived by her faithful canine companion Sasha, other family and friends.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment private.

Harleston, Seinya Elaine

On Nov. 13, Seinya Elaine Harleston; beloved wife of the late Alex Ernest Harleston; loving mother of Durosimi King, China Harleston and Nyambe Blake; cherished grandmother of Keenan, Bianca and Chelsea. Also survived by a host of loving family and friends.

Services provided by Bruzdinski Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Helton, Viola

On Nov. 17, Viola E. Helton (nee Mallory), beloved wife of Robert E. Helton, Sr.; devoted mother of Vickie Lynn Tingler and her partner John Pinkus, Brenda Maley and her husband Victor, Allen G. Tingler, and David Tingler; stepmother of Robert Helton, Jr.; loving grandmother of Dawn Harrington, Lindsey Maley, Jason VanDevander, Samantha Tingler Christiani, and the late John Michael Pinkus; dear great-grandmother of Zackary Harrington, Olivia Williams, and baby to be born, Madison Viola Christiani; sister of Anna Ruth Winkler and the late Bryant and James Mallory; loving daughter of the late Ellis and Annie Mallory. Viola is also survived by many other loving relatives and friends.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment private.

Ritter, Frances R.

On Nov. 19, Frances R. Ritter (nee Lopez), beloved wife of the late William J. Ritter, Jr.; devoted mother of Carol Vitek and Fran Ritter-Jones and her husband John R. Jones; loving grandmother of Heather Nicholle Byer and her husband John; loving great-grandmother of John William Byer; dear aunt of Terri and Frank Saus. Frances is also survived by loving nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Entombment in Oak Lawn Cemetery. Flowers are welcome, or those desiring may make contributions in Frances's name to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, c/o Back Pack Program, 8212 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, MD. 21237.

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P-TECH program to launch at DHS

- By Del. Bob Long (R-6) -

A few weeks ago, I toured the successful Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH) program at Dunbar High School in Baltimore City.

This is a great program as high school students get to graduate in four years with a high school diploma and now with an associate college degree in one of four healthcare fields (Physical Therapy, Nursing, Health Information Technology and Respiratory Care).

This program started in 2016 at Dunbar High School and will expand to seven high schools statewide, including Dundalk High School in Fall 2018.

P-TECH was Gov. Larry Hogan's vision when he announced planning grants to support the development of the program. I fully supported this program. I have advocated that not all students need to go to college after high school and we should invest in training our kids for trade jobs. P-TECH provides students with a skill and

gets them into the work field after high school.

Once the students leave the program, they are first in line for internships and employment at industry partner sites. Those students at Dunbar are not alone as they are partnered with a health-care industry mentor. I could tell that the students at Dunbar love the program.

Dundalk High students that enter the P-TECH program next year will have the opportunity to follow a career pathway for Engineering Technology and the Construction Field. Dundalk High School will have a partnership with Whiting Turner Contracting and KCI Technologies.

This is a win-win program for everyone. The students develop a skill that results in job opportunities and many local employers such as John Hopkins, Whiting Turner Contracting and KCI Technologies can fill much needed positions.

I look forward to P-TECH's arrival at Dundalk High.

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Marks endorses public safety tax credit, announces town hall

- By Councilman David Marks (R-5) -

Over the past few weeks, the Baltimore County Police Department has responded to numerous incidents in communities from Towson to Perry Hall. I wanted to thank the police for their hard work and professionalism - it is greatly appreciated. We have had some success apprehending several of those involved in these crimes.

While Baltimore County has a reputation for safe neighborhoods, I am deeply troubled by recent events. Public safety must be one of our top priorities. There are some steps we will be taking over the next few weeks.

First, I remain in daily contact with our police precincts. There has been a significant shift in manpower, with police using foot and bike patrols to address problems.

Second, I am setting up a community meeting to explore how we can replicate the success of the Towson Area Citizens on Patrol in other communities. TACOP volunteers will share how neighborhoods can develop their own watch programs. Police will also be present to provide updates on recent events. The meeting will be held on

Monday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Perry Hall library. The event is free and all are welcome to attend.

Third, I want the County Council to consider ways to incentivize police to live in Baltimore County neighborhoods. Many of our police officers live in Pennsylvania or other Maryland jurisdictions. The Maryland General Assembly passed legislation that allows for a property tax credit for public safety workers, such as police and firefighters. Not only would enactment of this legislation incentivize police to live in Baltimore County, but it would help with recruitment.

The County Executive determines how many police officers are funded in the budget (the Council can only delete money). It is incumbent that the next County Executive increase the number of police officers to keep up with our population growth.

Finally, I want to improve and strengthen our law enforcement activities with surrounding jurisdictions, the state and federal governments.

I will continue to communicate with you over the next few weeks. Please feel free to contact me at dmarks@baltimorecountymd.gov.

Del. Impallaria on District 7 housing issues

- By Councilman David Marks (R-5) -

Delegate Impallaria has received calls from constituents seeking answers about the Ansar Peace Village in Joppatowne. These concerns come from not only the area affected but also from eastern and northern Baltimore County, and Harford County.

Official housing discrimination complaints have been filed with the federal Fair Housing Administration. Del. Impallaria is working with the constituents who filed them, and the complaints are moving forward. Delegates Impallaria and Pat McDonough have had a 181-page federal lawsuit filed against them, charging them with

holding up building permits and anti-Muslim discrimination. In reality, state delegates have no power to hold up county permits. A second housing issue arising now is the proposed additional Section 8 housing in the more rural areas of Baltimore and Harford Counties. Del. Impallaria does not support this move, since Section 8 has always damaged communities and property values.

"I will continue to be vocal on both these issues and will not back down because of attempts to intimidate me. These types of housing issues must be stopped, not allowed to further destroy and segregate our communities," said Impallaria.

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'WONDER' is full of wit, warmth and, yes, wonder.

- By Teddy Durgin -



It's so selfish and so truly wrong-headed to wish that a great child actor would stay a great child actor for longer than the natural aging process would allow. But when you come across one like Jacob Tremblay or Haley Joel Osment in his prime, Tatum O'Neal in her prime, or your pick of the young 'uns from "Stranger Things," you just want time to stop for them so they can continue playing these and other parts for years and years to come. Because the great ones don't come along that often. After seeing Tremblay in "Room" and now "Wonder," he's one of the great ones. So great that you want to smack his agent for wasting precious months of this kid's acting childhood prime on duds like "Shut In" and "The Book of Henry."

In "Wonder," based on the mega-best-selling book, Tremblay plays August "Auggie" Pullman, a boy born with facial differences that have prevented him from going to school and mixing with the other kids. After surgeries, he is finally in a place where he can enter the local fifth grade and be subjected to all of the stares, bullying, and isolation he and his family have always feared.

The film is all about coping, adapting, changing, and accepting. Back in my day, there was "Mask." Hopefully and eventually there will be a catalog of these films that humans are shown from an early age to build up empathy and acceptance so kids like Auggie - who in every other way is "normal" - can go to school and join clubs, eat bad lunchroom food, and botch pop quizzes like the rest of us. Until then, there is the PG-rated "Wonder" that should become required viewing in elementary schools.

Is it manipulative and lacking subtlety in spots? Lord, yes! But then again, so is life if you've lived it with any sort of emotion. The story is inherently emotional. Director Stephen Chbosky recognizes this and he keeps a steady hand on the wheel throughout. He avoids turning this into a ruthless tear-jerker. There are many instances where he and his team of three screenwriters just go for the reality of the situation and let the personalities play out. I liked how people talked to each other in this movie. A lot of times, you don't get actual dialogue in flicks of this nature. Instead, you get a lot of speechifying. "Wonder" feels like real people going through a real situation.

It says a lot about Tremblay that he stays the star of this flick even when his parents are played by Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson. Both mega stars know just the right amount of star wattage to shine here and are really quite good. It's the supporting characters that add the most texture and dimension to the flick, like Noah Jupe's blue-collar scholarship student Jack, who's also an outsider at school and is one of the first to befriend Auggie; Daveed Diggs' hip teacher Mr. Browne, who always seems to have an assignment for the class that fits in with the movie's themes; and Izabela Vidovic as Auggie's older sister, who has never been the center of her parents' world because of Auggie's deformities and has her own issues to sort out.

"Wonder" has enough room for all of these people and more. It's a hopeful movie whose main message, I think, is that we're all in this together. And it would truly be a better world if more of us really believed that and showed it in ways both big and small.

New 'LEAGUE' does some justice to classic DC superheroes

- By Teddy Durgin -

There is a moment of genuine emotion very early in "Justice League." The film starts off wallowing in the same dreary dark and despair that made "Man of Steel" and "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice" a couple of big-screen bums. Superman is dead. Hope for Earth has dimmed. Cities like Gotham and Metropolis are draped in black and gray tributes to the last son of Krypton. And crime is once again rampant. It's all pretty dang grim. Until the camera comes to rest on this one, elderly homeless man, panhandling on a street corner as people pass him by. In front of him is a hand-crafted sign that reads simply: "I tried."

That one minor, incidental character, only on screen for just a few seconds, inspired me more than any of the CGI-assisted heroics of Batman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, the Flash, and Cyborg over the next two hours. I went into this flick not giving it much of a chance, folks, because I just don't like the style of these DC Comics movies (save for the spirited "Wonder Woman" earlier in the year). But that crusty, old homeless dude compelled me. I wanted to walk out of this movie being able to say and write in this column, "I tried."

I tried to like "Justice League," dear readers. And you know? Surprise! I actually did. It still has problems galore. Muddled tones. A villain who's tiresome after about 10 minutes (Loki and Ultron he is not) A largely disinterested Ben Affleck as Batman (he's the guy who's supposed to be inspired to bring Earth's greatest superheroes out of the shadows to combat an alien threat, but he's SO sad-eyed).

There are also way too many scenes of the central heroes being reluctant to join the cause even though you know from every bit of marketing that has been slapped onto posters, TV and movie screens, computer downloads, and more in the past year that they're all going to come together finally. But it takes a really good hour, maybe more, for Aquaman (Jason Momoa), Cyborg (Ray Fisher), and Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot) to all collectively stand up and say, "Yes, I will fight!"

I could say the same thing about the recent "Thor: Ragnarok" flick that I flat-out loved. Valkyrie, The Hulk, and Loki all waste time saying, "Nope. Not with ya, Thor. You put the ass in Asgard, and we're not helpin' you save it." And, of course, by the end they're all in, too. But that journey was paved with good humor and fun action and Jeff Goldblum. With the exception of the scenes featuring the over-eager



Flash (Ezra Miller) and Wonder Woman foiling a bank heist in spectacular fashion, "Justice League" is mostly a chore to sit through until the teamwork kicks in and the movie starts to hum.

And hum then it does. What works totally in the favor of "Justice League" is its casting. Gadot cemented herself as Wonder Woman in her standalone film, and her star wattage is on full display here. Momoa, Fisher, and Miller are really solid casting choices for Aquaman, Cyborg, and the Flash. And it helps that all three have not been Affleck-caliber stars in the past. So, you really buy them.

And I don't mean to keep bagging on Affleck. He's fine in the part. Just fine. But Batman should really be the outsized hero here. There should be more ego and drive to the man than Affleck shows throughout this picture. I can only imagine what past Batmen like Christian Bale or Michael Keaton could have done.

As for the other member of the Justice League that you know is in the film, but has been left out of most marketing to protect his "surprise" appearance more than halfway through ... I will say very little. I'll only tell ya that it's the best this particular actor has done in the role to date for sure!

Sure, I wish I could turn back time and re-start the DC Comics Cinematic Universe and make them the fun characters and adventures I enjoyed as a kid. The days of Christopher Reeve and Lynda Carter and even Adam West were good days ... fun days. But these are different days. At least this film didn't wallow in the darkness. It actually tried!

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Senior Center Open House

Come take a tour of the Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, on Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 1:30 - 3 p.m. and learn what classes and programs are offered. Learn about the Eating Together Program and special events. Membership is open to adults age 60 and above. Register by calling the center at 410-887-0235.

NPVCA Meeting

The monthly meeting of the North Point Village Civic Association will be Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Battle Grove Elementary School cafeteria, 7828 St. Patricia Lane in Dundalk. The guest speaker will be Diane Mastrianni from the Living with Grace Fund. We will also hear community and crime updates.

Reformers Unanimous

RU (Reformers Unanimous) meets weekly on Friday evening at First Baptist Church of Dundalk, 100 St. Helena Ave., at 7 p.m. in the Sr. Adult Sunday School room. The program is designed to help with all kinds of addictions.

Volunteers Needed

Brightview White Marsh assisted living, 8100 Rossville Blvd., is in need of volunteers to help with things like Rosary, cooking, short stories, games, discussions and visiting for their residents. For more information, contact Diane Gibson at 410-668-1588.

Drop In, Donate and Jump

Airbound Trampoline Center, 5811 Allender Road in White Marsh wants to celebrate the Thanksgiving weekend with you. From Friday, Nov. 24 - Sunday, Nov. 26, when you bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Maryland Food Bank, Airbound will give you 30 minutes of free jump time or a free driver's license to Maryland's first Autosport Simulator Speedway. For more information, contact Melissa Zaba at 410-335-6400 or Melissa@Funstatesports.com.

Food and Toy Drive

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Toys Wanted

If you are clearing out old toys in anticipation of Christmas, consider donating any usable toys, games, puzzles, books, etc., to St. John's Lutheran Church, 518 Franklin Ave. in Essex. Donations can be dropped off at the church office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. All toys are given away free at our annual toy giveaway on Dec. 9. Help to make a Christmas for less fortunate children. For more information or directions, call 410-687-4621.

BCGS Meeting

On Sunday, Nov. 26, at 3 p.m. the Baltimore County Genealogical Society (BCGS), 8601 Harford Road in Parkville, Room 308, will feature guest speaker Ms. Malissa Ruffner with her presentation, "Dead Men Tell No Tales, But Probate Talks." Discussion will include the probate process - the distribution of assets after death - the variety of records it generates and how to find them. This event is free and open to the public. For more information about this speaker or upcoming programs, visit www.baltimoregenealogysociety.org/BCGS_home/program-of-speakers or call 410-665-8769.

Grocery Assistance Needed

The Meals on Wheels Grocery Assistance Program is looking for volunteers! Our Grocery Assistance Program pairs volunteers with a client in need, and with their shopping list in hand the volunteer goes to the store on the client's behalf. If interested, contact Meals on Wheels at 443-573-0933 or jones@mowcm.org.

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Happy First Birthday!



Mason Armani Gomez Jr. celebrated his first birthday Sept. 21, with a baby ninja turtle party attended by family members and friends. Happy birthday, Mason.

Love, Grandma Aretha Grinage

'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'

The Sky is the Limit Community Theatre, in residence at the North Point Government Center, 7701 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will present "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and children 12 and younger. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call 410-887-5370.

Martinville Train Garden

The 4th annual Martinville Christmas Train Garden at the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum at Martin State Airport, 701 Wilson Point Road in Middle River, will open for the season on Friday, Nov. 24. Special guest Santa Claus will help with the ribbon-cutting. The museum opens at 11 a.m. and Santa, with a fire truck escort, is scheduled to arrive at 11:30 a.m. The train garden will open at noon and Santa will be available to visit with children until 1:30 p.m. The holiday display of miniature planes and trains will be open during museum hours (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday), through Jan. 13, 2018. The train exhibit is included in the museum admission of \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. For more info., call the museum office, 410-682-6122.

Christmas Fair Vendors Sought

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, needs vendors for its annual Christmas Vendor Fair set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. In addition to vendors selling a variety of goods, the fair will include a children's gift shop and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be available for photo opportunities. Concessions will be sold. Call Sue Crue, 410-599-7925, to register as a vendor.

CCBC Winter Bazaar

The Community College of Baltimore County Dundalk Campus, 7200 Sollers Point Road in Dundalk, will hold its annual Winter Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the College Community Center lobby. The bazaar, which is open to the public, benefits the school's Student Life Pantry that serves students in need and their families. The event will offer holiday-themed and family- and pet-friendly items, including crafts, artwork, baked goods, jewelry, homemade jams and jellies and holiday ornaments. Spaces cost \$10 each for CCBC students, employees and retirees and \$25 for outside vendors. For more information, call Tanya Jones, 443-840-3740, or send an email to tjones2@ccbcmd.edu.

'Holiday Harmonies'

The Chorus of the Chesapeake will hold its Holiday Harmonies concert and dinner Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge, 7721 Old Battle Grove Road in Dundalk. Doors will open at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 and the show will begin at 7:45. The concert will feature the entire chorus as well as chapter quartets. The meal, catered by Squire's Restaurant, will include baked lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Beer, wine and soft drinks are included. Tickets cost \$30 each for all ages. Tickets must be purchased in advance; none will be sold at the door. To reserve tickets, call Larry Deiss, 410-375-6724.

Karaoke/Line Dancing

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host For the Good Times Karaoke with Percy and Fred from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 24, and from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26; and Karaoke with Lightning Rod from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 25. Line dancing with The Dude is held from 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays in the hall. For info., call 410-686-2353.

Christmas Bazaar

Christian Fellowship Church, 12909 Eastern Ave. in Chase, will hold a Christmas bazaar from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. The event will feature a variety of vendors and baked goods. Tables spaces cost \$10 each. Info: Sharon, 443-904-7998.

Senior Bingo

A bingo luncheon is held the second Wednesday of every month at Essex Elks Lodge 1866, 1007 E. Homberg Ave. at 11 a.m.; doors open at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$12, which includes lunch and cards. For information, call Helen at 443-604-6731.

Moving Up at ESP



Four Edgemere-Sparrows Point Recreation Council Tae Kwon Do students recently mastered all the requirements to be promoted to the rank of advanced white belt. Pictured (front row, from left) are students Cassie Dunn, Tim Dunn, Tatiana Hunt and Toya Carson and (back row, from left) instructors Andy Banting, John McConnell, Debbie Smith and Jennifer Metzler.

SHM Polka Mass

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, will hold its annual Thanksgiving Day Polka Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23. Hymns will be sung to a polka beat and music will be provided by TKO. Celebrant will be the Rev. George J. Gannon. For more information, call 410-633-2828.

SHM Christmas Bazaar

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, will hold its annual Christmas bazaar from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. The event will include Christmas music, crafts, games of chance, raffles, homemade Polish foods and other snacks and sweets. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be available for photos. For info., call 410-633-2828.

Santa's Workshop

North Point State Park Volunteers will hold their annual Santa's Workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3, at the park's Takos Visitors Center, 8400 North Point Road in Edgemere. Activities and attractions will include Peanut's train garden, pictures with Santa, silent auction, crafts for children 12 and younger, Secret Santa gifts, door prizes and a Scales and Tales live animal exhibition. Light refreshments will be sold. The event is free but there is a charge to enter the park. For more information, call 410-477-0757.

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Orems UMC Thrift Shop

Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will hold its Hall Closet Thrift Shop from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 2. Christmas items, collectibles, adult and children's clothing, toys, books, jewelry, housewares and linens are available at reasonable prices. For info., call 410-687-9483.

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Craft/Vendor Fair

Mars Estates Elementary School, 1500 E. Homberg Ave. in Essex, will hold a craft and vendor fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14, at the school. The event is sponsored by the PTA. For more information, send an email to Jessie Karpus, jkarpus@verizon.net.

Annunciation Bus Trip

Church of the Annunciation, 5212 McCormick Ave. in Rosedale, will hold a bus trip to the "Parade of Nations" and the Virginia International Tattoo from April 26-29, 2018. For info., call Jane, 410-866-8016.

Free Home-Cooked Meals

Essex United Methodist Church, 524 Maryland Ave., will offer free, hot home-cooked meals for anyone in the community every Wednesday from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Anyone who wishes to may sit down and eat, no questions asked.

Telephone Pioneers Lunch

Western Electric retirees and Telephone Pioneers will hold their annual Christmas lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. in Rosedale. The meal will include boneless chicken breast, side dishes and an ice cream bar. Former employees and guests are invited. Tickets cost \$25. For info., call Maria, 410-529-0155.

Christmas Bazaar at Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima Church, 6400 E. Pratt St. in Highlandtown, will hold its Christmas bazaar from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, in the Brother DeSales Hall. The event will include food, games, wheels of chance and homemade goodies. Info: 410-633-2828.

Seniors Celebrate Veterans



The Essex Senior Center held its annual Veterans Day luncheon Nov. 9. Participants enjoyed Italian cuisine courtesy of Pat's Pizza. Several local merchants donated door prizes. Jerry Marsh provided vocals. Event organizers would like to thank everyone who attended and those who donated their time or resources to make the gathering a success.

Chase UMC Food Drive

Chase United Methodist Church, 6601 Ebenezer Road in Middle River, is partnering with the *East County Times* for a food drive through Dec. 31. Non-perishable food donations, such as canned vegetables, soups and meats (tuna and chicken, for example), boxed pasta and peanut butter, can be dropped off at ECT's office, 513 Eastern Blvd. in Essex, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Grocery store gifts cards, which can be used to buy turkeys and fresh foods, would also be appreciated.

Sacred Heart Young Adults

Come visit the Young Adults (ages 18-35) for those who want to grow in their spirituality, help our community, and develop a stronger relationship with God. We have group discussions, testimonies, music, food and planning for community service and socials like BBQs and ice skating. We meet in the parish center at 6727 Duluth Ave. in Dundalk, every first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, contact SacredHeartYA@gmail.com or the parish office at 410-633-2828.

Line Dance Lessons

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex, holds beginner country line dance lessons and dancing every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call Anthony, 443-801-5678.

Soup Kitchen

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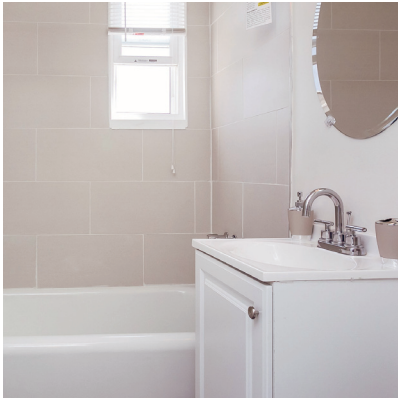
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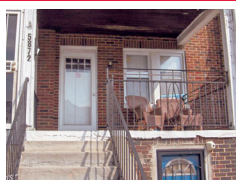
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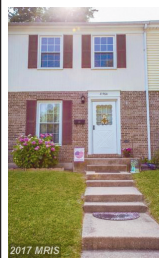
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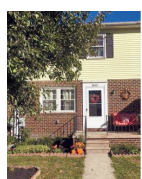
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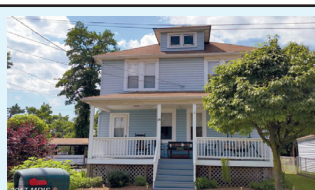
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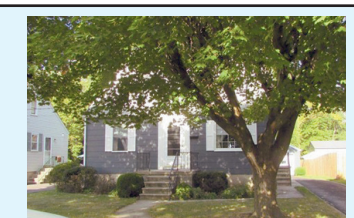
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