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Franklin Square cuts ribbon on long-awaited new NICU

Dr. Fernando Mena, the hospital's chief of neonatology, touted the new NICU with its naturally lit hallways, and especially their "Wall of Hope" - brought from outside the old NICU - which showcases some of the unit's success stories.

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -
 On Friday, Jan. 15, MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center in Rosedale celebrated the grand opening of their newly constructed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), which will provide expanded newborn care at the hospital. At a cost of \$7.8 million, the new unit provides more privacy for parents and patients in separate rooms, replacing the traditional open-floor layout of the current NICU, which was built in 1989. The new unit consists of 19 rooms - four of which can accommodate twins - for a total of 23 beds. The new NICU also incorporates

large windows in its hallways to allow in an abundance of natural light, which the hospital's chief of neonatology, Dr. Fernando Mena, said has been shown to improve mood and lead to quicker healing in patients. The current unit includes only 18 beds, no windows and little to no privacy. "I think it's going to have a big emotional impact on the patients and the people who work here," Dr. Mena said, adding that the NICU nurses sometimes have no idea if the sun is up or down or what the weather is like because of their many hours spent in the windowless unit.

And while the new unit can accommodate more patients at a time, Mena said there would not necessarily be a higher public need. "It's going to be a better experience than the tiny space we have now," he explained. Each separate room in the new NICU includes a family area with extra seating and pullout couches for overnight stays - something not available in the current unit, forcing parents to leave their newborn children at night. But according to Mena, studies have shown that babies go into the deeper, more restful R.E.M. sleep more often when

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their mothers are present, leading to a more restful experience.

Mothers also produce more breast milk when they are with their baby. And the antibodies in that breast milk help the babies' immature immune systems to develop faster so they can fight off infections.

"It's going to make a huge difference in the health and recovery of babies," Dr. Mena contended, adding that it could even have implications for public health in general. He also stated that a baby's stay in the NICU can last anywhere from a couple of days to several months while their bodies learn to eat, breathe and survive on their own outside the womb.

Additionally, the separate, private rooms are more conducive to what is called "kangaroo care," or skin-to-skin care, which helps improve the comfort and vital signs of both the mother and baby, as well as bonding between them, which is more difficult with the lack of privacy in the current NICU.

"These types of private rooms are much more geared to mothers being able to bond with their babies," Mena explained.



The hospital's current NICU has no windows for natural light and allows little privacy for individual families.

Other advantages of the new NICU are that it has a hallway directly leading from the hospital's delivery unit to the NICU and is directly adjacent to the postpartum ward, allowing babies and mothers to get to and from the unit without having to traverse the general hallways of the hospital.

Infection control will also be much easier with the separate rooms since it will be easier to prevent cross-contamination between patients.

It also includes a dedicated family lounge and reception area, as well as a kitchen area for parents to prepare food. It even has a security system with automatically locking doors to prevent babies being taken from the



County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (center), who also delivered her children at Franklin Square, joined hospital officials for the ribbon cutting.

NICU without authorization.

Becky Livingston delivered her baby 11 weeks early in 2012 and had to spend a month in Franklin Square's current NICU, along with another month at another hospital. "[The new NICU] is a complete game changer," she said. "It's beautiful."

Now a Mission Mother for the March of Dimes, Livingston has been helping the March and the Chapter NICU Advisory Committee put together welcome bags for each family moving from the current NICU to the new one and helping with their transition.

"The NICU can be a very stressful place," Livingston said. "And a transition like this, even though it's an incredible one, can be worrisome."

The new unit will officially begin use on Feb. 22.

Funding for the new NICU was driven by the Med-Star Franklin Square Foundation's NICU campaign, which launched in 2012. But Mena said they have been "actively" working toward the unit's completion for six years.

And for the first time in the hospital's history, the fundraising campaign exceeded its \$4 million philanthropic goal, raising just under \$4.5 million, according to Foundation Vice President Aaron Piccirilli. This was thanks in large part to the hospital auxiliary's \$1 million pledge commitment and a \$1 million bond from the state, as well as approximately \$18,000 - \$20,000 from the Rock A Bay Baby music festival which was organized for that purpose.

Although the fundraising campaign has closed, donations are still being accepted for NICU patient needs, Piccirilli noted. "There's always going to be a need," he affirmed.

"I think this is a huge step forward in how we provide care to critically ill babies," Dr. Mena said of the new unit. "It's going to be a much better environment to work in."

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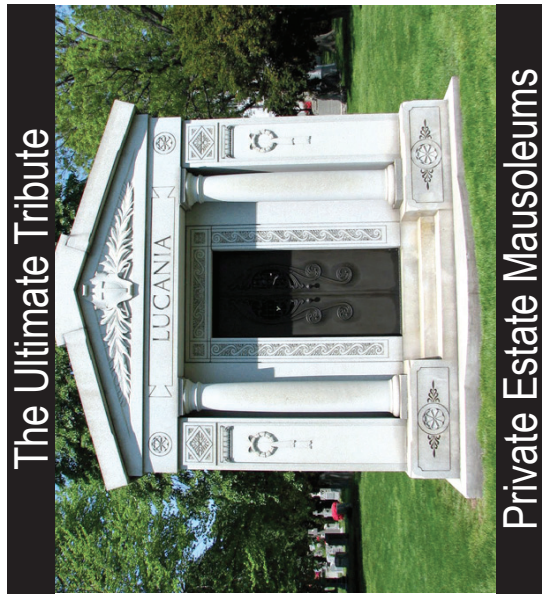
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Crandell justifies Sparrows Point bill for unsure communities

- By Devin Crum -

Although the Baltimore County Council had already passed Bill 86-15, Seventh District County Councilman Todd Crandell used the January meetings of two community organizations to defend the bill on consecutive nights.

In the first week of December, also on consecutive nights, the Essex-Middle River Civic Council and the North Point Peninsula Council held their monthly meetings each to discuss, among other things, Bill 86-15. At that time, feeling blindsided by the legislation, they each respectively decided to send letters of concern to Councilman Crandell, the sponsor of the bill, asking him to table the legislation for further study.

However, noting that the legislation had been available for public review for about a month at that point, Crandell

pressed on with his bill, which the County Council passed unanimously on Dec. 5 and County Executive Kevin Kamenetz signed into law. It took effect on Dec. 21.

Crandell began at the Jan. 6 EMRCC meeting by describing his reasons for introducing the bill and what it consists of. He said the "genesis" of the bill was that Sparrows Point Terminal, LLC (now Tradepoint Atlantic, LLC) had done market studies to determine how to best redevelop the former steel mill property at Sparrows Point and to build their strategic plan of becoming a global logistics and manufacturing center. He was also looking at what barriers exist to the area being globally competitive.

The SPT studies showed that up to \$68 million in commercial activity leaves the immediate area every year, going to White Marsh and Canton for dining and

retail opportunities. Because of this, SPT executives saw a market demand for things like dining, retail, hospitality, medical facilities and high quality grocery in the Dundalk/Sparrows Point area.

The executives were also thinking of the potential amenities the thousands of people eventually working at Sparrows Point might want, Crandell said at the EMRCC meeting. "So the retail thing really started to make sense."

Therefore, a more broad zoning allowance - for the uses allowed under Light Manufacturing and Business Major, as well as Heavy Manufacturing - became the first aspect of the bill.

"That business zone, though, that's not exactly the higher quality jobs that we want," Crandell told the NPPC on Jan. 7, which is why it is limited to 5 percent of each parcel being developed.

The second, perhaps most hotly contested part of the bill would allow for any proposed development for an allowed use under the zoning designations to be processed as a "Limited Exemption A."

Crandell called this an "unfortunate" name for the process, but explained it as an "expedited" one. "It's not a full-blown development plan with mandated community input meetings and a year-long process," he said, noting that it eliminates six to 12 months and significant costs from the regular process.

"But it is an expedited process for the development to try to create that competitive advantage so we can go out into the world and attract these jobs to the property," the councilman commented.

However, he held that it is still a public

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process. "We're not losing the community input or the public aspect of what could occur there," he contended.

In the limited exemption process, a plan is first submitted to the Development Review Committee, which consists of people appointed by the county's department heads, and they discuss the application, Crandell explained.

He stressed that this is an advertised, public meeting, and whatever decision they make is appealable.

And although the county is required to post that meeting information on their website, Crandell admitted that they sometimes do not do the best job of it. So SPT has agreed to post it on their website as well, he noted.

"I can also do it on my own website because the County Council receives notifications when these applications to the Development Review Committee go in," he affirmed.

Crandell disputed criticism that these two aspects could give SPT carte blanche to build whatever they want on the property without public oversight, stating that projects must still be allowed by the zoning and must be vetted by county agencies to abide by all applicable environmental and building code regulations at all levels of government.

He named the soon-to-be-announced FedEx distribution center at Sparrows Point and the Martin's Landing project at the Federal Depot in Middle River as examples of projects approved through the limited exemption process.

"Most of the commercial development in Baltimore County, in fact, is done under the limited exemption process," Crandell said.

As for the third aspect of the legislation, it locks in an open space requirement for some of the redevelopment efforts, to which SPT had already agreed.

In announcing their strategic plan to the community, SPT made known their

desire to set aside land on the property for a "community preserve" - passive open space, ball fields, a place for a community center, and other possibilities.

"[These are] things that are desperately needed on the North Point Peninsula," Crandell noted. "We have a lot of pressure for field space over there."

This part of the bill provides that for every 10,000 square feet of floor space in the retail/business zone - about a quarter-acre - the community will get a half-acre of land at the site.

But the environmental conditions could be such that the dedicated land is not suitable for public use. If that is the case, SPT will pay an open space waiver fee

of \$10,000 per 10,000 square feet of retail space so that the land may be purchased elsewhere in the Seventh District.

And the councilman pointed out that early estimates project a minimum of 500,000 square feet of retail at the site.

Although this was something SPT had already agreed to, Crandell gave credit to Fort Howard resident Scott Pappas for the idea to lock it in legislatively.

"This is the first time in the history of Baltimore County that open space has been required of a commercial development," Crandell expressed to the EMRCC.

"I believe this is historic legislation," Crandell told the NPPC. "This is our chance and I'm not going to squander it."

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Franchot hosts final town hall on school air conditioning, takes shots at Kamenetz

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Last week, Comptroller Peter Franchot held the last of three town hall meetings regarding air conditioning in Baltimore County Public Schools. The town hall, held at the Loch Raven Recreation Center in Parkville, was attended by concerned parents and students as well as half a dozen state officials and members of the Kamenetz administration.

Franchot didn't waste any time or mince his words in his opening statement, stating that "[providing air conditioning] is going to happen sooner rather than later, either the hard way or the easy way."

"This issue of tens of thousands of Baltimore County kids having to suffer inhumane conditions because somebody makes the decision that they aren't going to do anything... trust me, help is on the way," Franchot said.

Franchot then went on to wonder aloud why Governor Hogan draws the ire and criticism of "mucka mucks" in Baltimore County who "don't want to do anything." Franchot praised Hogan for wanting to "protect Maryland kids" rather than trying to "protect Maryland politicians" before trailing off stating "give me a break."

Before turning things over to panels of students, parents, teachers and health professionals, Franchot took one more jab at Kamenetz after introducing the aims of the town hall. "This evening is meant to provide parents and students an opportunity to give insights... about what the lack of air conditioning really means to them in a personal way, how it effects classroom learning and the impact it has on the health of those who attend school and work in those buildings," Franchot said. "It's often easy for me and politicians like us, we

go and we meet and discuss in government buildings all of the things we discuss, and I can guarantee you everyone of us have air conditioning. All day. All night. 24/7 if we need it. Lots of heat in the winter. We don't have any problems with climate."

Franchot stated that he was tired of "hearing excuses" for why thousands of students go without air conditioning year after year. He batted down claims by the county that they don't have the funding by pointing to the fact that the county has received \$268 million in school construction money in the last five years as well as \$27 million for

other upgrades. "I'm tired of hearing that Baltimore County Public Schools aren't getting enough state dollars when in fact the amount of state aid Baltimore County receives per student is actually greater than what they get in Harford, Carroll, Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, all of which have managed to fully air condition their classrooms," Franchot said.

The Comptroller went on to note that while Kamenetz's long-term plan to air condition schools isn't a bad one, immediate relief is necessary for

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Franchot, center, told those in attendance that "victory is around the corner."

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county schools. He pointed to Anne Arundel County which used portable window units to cool down classrooms while they waited for upgrades to be made. Franchot maintained his position that Baltimore County could and should do the same, and that it would only cost approximately \$10 million to equip schools where air conditioning is needed. And that doesn't just include the cost of the units, but potential energy costs as well according to a study done by the Maryland Department of General Services.

From there, things were turned over to the various panels, with stu-

dents and teachers decrying the state of schools that lack air conditioning, such as Kenwood High School. Students on the panel relayed stories of classmates getting sick and being too drained by the heat, which sometimes gets up above 90 degrees in classrooms around the county, to be able to focus and study. And of course, that has an impact on teachers and the way they teach their classes.

Students pointed to studies confirming that environment plays a big role in a child's ability to learn, and that students simply can't learn in sweltering heat. Kenwood students noted that AP classes and tests are often held in the one portion of the school that does

have air conditioning. Parents made note that if they left their dogs in their car at such temperatures they'd be facing charges for abuse.

Franchot claimed that the Kamenetz administration's statistics on who has air conditioning is misleading given the fact that they include schools that have funding planned years down the line. The Kamenetz administration has repeatedly stated that 85 percent of schools in the county have air conditioning, but according to Franchot 31 percent of schools still do not have air conditioning. As it stands today, there are 52 schools within Baltimore County that remain un-air-conditioned. That means there are 33,000 students

and 1,700 teachers in 1,459 classrooms that do not have air conditioning. He also referred to the idea that all schools would be air conditioned by 2021 as a "myth."

Franchot did applaud Kamenetz for doing more to provide air conditioning than any of the previous Baltimore County Executives, but maintained steadfast in his belief that relief needs to come immediately. According to Franchot, his plan to install window units could be completed in a matter of months.

"I'm sick and tired of hearing about children getting sick and tired just from going to school in Baltimore County," Franchot said.

A Common Cause: Supporting the Alzheimer's Association



Pictured left to right: Ellen Torres, Veronica Lynn, Stephanie Dress, Michele Distler and Kisha James

"Because residents, families and associates are all impacted by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, the whole Brightview White Marsh community wants to be involved," explains Amy Lowe, Senior Concierge.

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Wedding rings are gestures of commitment

Couples adhere to many traditions on their wedding days, including the exchange of wedding rings. Wedding rings symbolize the union of two people and their pledge to remain faithful to each other.

No one is exactly sure just when the tradition of exchanging wedding rings originated, but some say it can be traced back to ancient Egypt, when the oldest recorded exchange of wedding rings was made. Reeds growing along the Nile were twisted and braided into rings and given during betrothal ceremonies. The round ring symbolized eternity, and the hole within the center meant a gateway to things unknown. Since reeds were not very durable, soon ivory, leather and bone were used to create wedding rings.

As new lands were explored and territories expanded, traditions from one culture were adopted and modified by other cultures. The same is true with wedding rings. According to the Diamond Source, wedding rings were adopted by Romans and incorporated into Western wedding ceremonies. Romans' rings were highly decorated, and some historians believe wedding rings were given to represent ownership over brides instead of symbolizing love. These rings were made of iron and called "Anulus Pronubus," or "betrothal ring."

Rings have been simplified since those days and ultimately made of many materials. Throughout history, wedding rings were worn on various fingers and even both hands, whereas many married

people in Western cultures now wear their wedding rings on the left hand and on the fourth finger. Romans once believed that this finger contained a vein, called the "Vena Amoris," that ran directly to the heart. Though that is not true, the tradition has prevailed.

Other legends say that, when blessing a Christian marriage, priests would bind the marriage by saying, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit," simultaneously touching the ring to the recipient's thumb, index finger and middle finger, before slipping it on the fourth finger while saying, "Amen."

Another theory on ring placement is that wedding rings are worn on the ring finger because that finger isn't used as much as the rest of the hand, ensuring delicate ring materials won't be damaged.

Ross Simmons Jewelry states that gold is still the most popular metal choice for wedding rings, but couples are opting for some other metals that are more durable. Platinum is popular not only because it is long-wearing, but it also tends to be the most expensive. It's also a dense metal and can feel heavy in hand. Tungsten carbide is another durable metal that has grown in popularity in recent years. These rings cannot be cut and resoldered, which means it's important to size the rings correctly the first time.

Wedding rings continue to serve as symbols of a couple's vows and union. Much like the marriage itself, they are designed to last the test of time.

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Wedding transportation tips to make your big day easier

Couples must make many decisions when planning their weddings, including choosing transportation for guests to and from wedding ceremonies. Whereas couples once left guests' transportation up to their guests, nowadays it is customary to provide rides for guests so they can easily get to and from their hotel and the ceremony and reception safe and sound.

- Speak with your hotel before booking transportation. While professional shuttle services are an option, couples whose guests will be staying in a specific hotel or hotels should speak with management of their hotels to determine if the hotels offer shuttle services for guests. Many hotels provide airport shuttle service to guests, and couples might be able to use such services to get their guests to and from their weddings and receptions. Hotels may charge a fee to use their shuttles, but they may offer discounts to couples whose guests book an agreed upon number of rooms.

- Find an option that won't bust your budget. Wedding budgets tend to be big,

and couples planning their weddings soon realize that budgets can quickly be busted. When choosing transportation for your guests, do not feel pressured to book especially lavish buses. So long as the buses are safe and on time, guests won't mind if they ride in a school bus or a fancy bus worthy of a touring rock band. If you are concerned about the appearance of a bus, ask if you can decorate the bus before the wedding to make it more inviting.

- Comparison shop. Many companies cater to couples looking for transportation for their wedding guests, and couples should explore all of their options before committing to a particular company. Receive formal estimates from several companies before making your final decision, and speak to companies about matching offers. When comparing companies, try to consider both cost and quality. While the lowest estimate might be the most budget-friendly, you should choose the company that you feel is most trustworthy and capable of fulfilling your contract.

- Read the contract. Transportation contracts should be gone over with a fine-tooth comb before couples sign on the dotted line. Check for hidden fees, such as mileage or overage charges if the reception runs a little late, and ask how much flexibility you might have with regard to those fees. Make sure

any agreements you reach with regard to fees are written into the contract before you sign it. Transportation for guests is one of many things couples must consider when planning their weddings. Make sure the option you choose is both guest- and budget-friendly.

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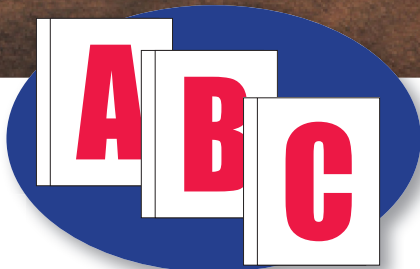
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Easy tips for trimming wedding costs

Couples planning their weddings realize pretty quickly just how expensive weddings can be. Depending on where couples tie the knot, the costs can stretch into the tens of thousands of dollars, leaving many young men and women to scramble to find ways to trim costs without trimming quality.

Many couples look for ways to cut wedding costs, and couples facing that very dilemma should know that there are several ways to save money but still host the wedding of their dreams.

Guest list

Guest lists can consume a significant portion of couples' wedding budgets. When compiling the guest list, couples should keep in mind that guests will need save-the-date cards, invitations, catered meals (including cocktail hour, dinner and dessert), drinks, and gifts (including hotel gift bags and wedding favors). So the cost per guest will be more than just the per person cost of the meal couples negotiate with their caterer. Couples who can pare their guests lists down to just family and close friends can save a

substantial amount of money without affecting their ceremonies.

Reception

A couple's wedding reception also will chew up a lot of their wedding budgets. But there are ways to reduce the costs of receptions, too. Couples planning on having a morning wedding can shift their receptions from the evening to the afternoon, when the cost per meal will be considerably less. Afternoon receptions also can be alcohol-free, saving couples even more money. If a nighttime reception is a must-have, choose a limited cash bar instead of an open bar. Limited cash bars often provide guests with free beer and house wine while guests who prefer liquor or mixed drinks must pay for their own libations. If you are planning an outdoor wedding reception, you may even be able to provide your own alcohol, which can save considerable amounts of money.

Couples also can trim reception costs by choosing the least expensive meal package. Packages often differ greatly in price but are not always so different

with regard to their menus. If you find the packages offered by your venue are similar, choose the least expensive option.

Arrangements

Floral arrangements are a big and potentially expensive part of many couples' weddings. The bride needs her bouquet, as do her bridesmaids. In addition, many couples decorate their ceremony space with flowers, and of course reception table centerpieces typically include flowers as well. When working with your florist, request in-season flowers, which will cost considerably less than exotic flowers that are out of season. In addition, let your florist know your budget and ask that he or she recommend flowers that won't break the bank.

Gifts

While it's become customary to prepare gift bags for guests staying in hotels, couples should not go overboard with such gifts. Gift bags need not include more than a snack, a bottle of water and a homemade thank-you card. Couples also should not break the bank with regard to reception gifts, which have

also become a standard offering. Keep such gifts simple and inexpensive, even opting for homemade gifts if you and your future spouse are skilled with crafts.

Did you know?

Historically, June has been the most popular month for getting married. The June wedding tradition may be traced back to the ancient Romans and Juno, the goddess of marriage and childbirth, who the month of June was named after. So it is fitting that weddings take place in her namesake month. As centuries passed, June remained a popular month to get married. June weddings meant children conceived after betrothal would be born close to or during the following spring. This helped assure youngsters' survival during the lean months of winter. Even when weddings began shifted from pragmatic business transactions to romantic affairs, June remained popular.

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Hosting the perfect rehearsal dinner

Did you know?

Many couples find their wedding rehearsal dinners to be relaxing respites from the whirlwind of wedding planning. Such dinners enable the happy couple to slow down and enjoy themselves in a relatively casual gathering with their closest friends and family members.

means couples should keep an open and gracious mind. Remember, the rehearsal dinner doesn't have to be a lavish affair, and it can be customized to any budget or preference.

time of the day, like brunch or lunch. An earlier occasion gives guests plenty of time to get home and rest up for the festivities of the wedding to come.

Pets play important roles in their owners' lives and are increasingly included in more activities, such as vacations, dining out and even weddings. The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters says more couples are customizing their wedding celebrations and bridal parties to include pets. Dogs and cats are turning up in wedding photos as well as trips down the aisle. Some pets even serve as ring bearers. Before giving your pet a job for the wedding, consider his personality and temperament. How does the pet react around crowds? A dog or cat accustomed to a quiet home may behave differently when placed in a room full of excited people. In addition, confirm that pets are allowed inside your ceremony space. Certain venues may not allow animals that are not service dogs. Make sure to inform guests that an animal will be present, so those with allergies can take precautions. If it isn't practical to have animals in the ceremony, give them a primary spot in wedding or engagement photos.

Rehearsal dinners typically take place in the night or two before the wedding. The couple, members of their wedding party, the parents of the bride and groom and others involved in the wedding typically attend this dinner. The couple generally takes the time at the dinner to thank everyone for their contributions to the wedding and to offer some small gifts of appreciation. No rules govern rehearsal dinners, so couples have the freedom to plan the dinners as they see fit.

Some couples feel that hosting rehearsal dinners in casual settings can make the dinner more comfortable for members of the wedding, who can use the dinner as an opportunity to mingle and get to know one another before the wedding. This will help to tame nerves and enable the wedding party to loosen up and enjoy themselves even more. Some people may be more inclined to socialize and have fun when they're not worried about putting on airs.

Toasts are expected at the rehearsal dinner, but they tend to be spontaneous, off-the-cuff remarks. A couple with a good sense of humor might not mind being roasted at their rehearsal dinners. The bride and groom should expect to say a few words of thanks to all in attendance, but remarks need not be too formal.

Rehearsal dinners often come immediately after the ceremony rehearsal, when the wedding party and the officiant go over the timing and details of the wedding. Make arrangements with the ceremony site and officiant prior to making dinner reservations.

Restaurants that have special meaning to the couple often make for great places to hold rehearsal dinners. The bride and groom can suggest their ideas, but ultimately it is the person handling the bill who has the final say. Couples who want greater control over the rehearsal dinner festivities can suggest hosting it themselves.

Rehearsal dinners may even feature a little entertainment. Tech-savvy parents may put together a presentation with videos or photographs that chronicles the couple's lives separately and their life together.

Parents of the groom traditionally host the rehearsal dinner, so they will be integral in planning the event. That

Despite its name, the rehearsal dinner doesn't actually have to be a dinner, as couples can opt for meals at a different

Rehearsal dinners provide an opportunity for couples and their families to spend time together before the larger festivities of the wedding pull them in multiple directions. Plus, they set a fun tone for the wedding weekend to come. Follow these simple tips and your rehearsal dinner will run smoothly.

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Responsibilities of bridal party members

Being asked to join a bridal party is both an honor and a responsibility. When asked to take on such significant and meaningful roles, men and women may recognize the honor but be unsure of what their responsibilities are as couples move forward with their wedding plans.

Bridal party roles can vary depending on certain circumstances, but many couples still want their bridesmaids and groomsmen to perform many of the more traditional tasks associated with their roles. The following are some of the tasks bridesmaids and groomsmen can expect to perform in the months leading up to the wedding and during the wedding itself.

- **Maid of Honor:** The maid of honor serves as the bride-to-be's right-hand woman as she plans her wedding and gets ready on her big day. Maids of honor

typically go gown shopping with the bride and may even choose or offer suggestions about the color and style of the bridesmaids' dresses. Once a dress style and color has been chosen, the maid of honor will make sure everyone is fitted on time.

A maid of honor will also plan the bridal shower, sending invitations and arranging for lodging for out-of-town guests if necessary. Many brides want the details of their bridal showers to be a surprise, and maids of honor should honor those sentiments when possible. A maid of honor also plans the bachelorette party, though many brides do not mind being involved in the planning of such parties.

The maid of honor may be asked to help address save-the-date cards and envelopes as well.

Come the day of the wedding, the maid of honor will ensure the bride's day is as stress-free as possible, helping to address any last-minute issues that may arise. Maids of honor may be asked to serve as the legal witness to the wedding and sign the wedding license before the reception. At the reception, the maid of honor will toast the bride.

- **Best man:** The best man is the maid of honor's counterpart, helping to plan the bachelor party and toasting the groom at the reception. The best man also tends to hold the rings during the wedding ceremony, and during the day of the wedding, he will coordinate the groomsmen to make sure everyone is ready to go on time. The best man may arrange transportation for the groom and groomsmen on the day of the wedding and may also return the groom and groomsmen's attire the following day if the newlyweds are departing on their honeymoons.

- **Bridesmaids/Groomsmen:** The bridesmaids and groomsmen serve similar functions, acting as sources of support as couples plan their weddings. Brides-

maids and groomsmen help to plan the bachelorette and bachelor parties and may also be asked their opinions as couples make decisions regarding their weddings. Bridesmaids and groomsmen must be prepared to take pictures once couples have officially tied the knot. They also must help the brides and grooms with any issues that may arise in the hours before couples become husband and wife.

- **Flower girl/Ring bearer:** Flower girls and ring bearers are often young relatives of the couple, whether they are a young brother or sister or a niece or nephew. The responsibilities of the flower girl and ring bearer are typically limited to the ceremony, during which they will walk down the aisle, either together or individually, before the father of the bride escorts his daughter to the altar or stage.

- **Father of the bride:** The father of the bride walks his daughter down the aisle during the ceremony, and, along with his wife, may pay for the wedding, though many couples now finance their own nuptials. The father of the bride will dance with his daughter during the reception, and some fathers may even share a special toast for the newlyweds.



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Be smart about wedding beauty preparation

All eyes are on the bride and groom on their wedding day. Feeling beautiful and dapper can boost a couple's confidence and ensure they look back on their wedding photographs and videos with pride.

Certain beauty basics and makeup and hair strategies can help any bride look spectacular on her wedding day. The following are some dos and don'ts of wedding day beauty preparations.

DO employ the services of a professional hairstylist and makeup artist. Professionals have the experience and tools of the trade to help you to look your best. From contouring to make your face seem slimmer to enlarging the appearance of small eyes, some tricks of the trade are best left to the pros.

DON'T forget to schedule a trial run. Make this appointment several months before the wedding day so you have ample time to work with your stylists and experiment with colors and hair arrangements to fit your personality and the style of your gown. Take plenty of pictures and notes so you will remember what needs to be on hand for the wedding day.

DO allot enough time for the wedding day beauty appointment. If you will be going to a salon, block out two or more slots instead of one. This way the stylist does not overbook and will not feel rushed. Many brides opt to have stylists come to their homes. There may be an extra charge for this service, but it may be well worth the cost.

DON'T make any drastic changes to your appearance right before the wedding. This includes changing your hair color or texture, extreme tanning, using colored contact lenses, or chopping off all of your hair. It's better to wait until after the wedding to change your style.

DO bring a veil, headpiece, hair extensions, and any other accessories to your hair consult. This enables the stylist to practice working with these items.

DON'T tweeze or wax brows too close to the start of the ceremony. Redness and swelling are common side effects of tweezing and waxing, and they can be difficult to mask with makeup. Instead, take care of hair removal a day or two prior to the wedding.

DO exfoliate your skin prior to the wedding. This doesn't necessarily mean you should endure a harsh fruit acid peel or another procedure. You can exfoliate with a gentle washing of your skin with a nubby washcloth to remove any dryness and errant flakes. Moisturize well to ensure a smooth palette for makeup.

DON'T wash or condition hair the day of the wedding. Intricate styles tend to stay better when hair has a little grip. "Dirty" hair is easier to work with than shiny, freshly washed locks. If you must wash, remember to thoroughly dry your hair before going to your appointment.

DO wear a little extra makeup than you are accustomed to wearing because it will show up better in photos. However, do not wear so much that you look

clownish. A makeup artist can help you achieve the right balance.

DON'T have bridesmaids wear makeup that is bolder than yours, especially red lips. No one should upstage the bride.

DO experiment with any products you haven't used before to test for allergic reactions and see how well they wear.

DON'T wear too much under-eye concealer or one that is too light of a shade. This can draw more attention to problem areas than remedy them.

DO bring a pain relief medication in case a tight hairstyle causes a headache.

Chances are more photographs will be taken of a newlywed couple than at any other moment in their lives. Certain beauty dos and don'ts should be followed so couples put their best faces forward.

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Salling supports veterans?

In an article entitled "District 6 delegation preps for legislative session," (*East County Times*, Jan. 7) Republican Senator Johnny Ray Salling expressed his support for Maryland veterans by announcing his plan to close Maryland schools on Veterans Day. I think it would be more productive for students to be in attendance at schools. This would enable students to participate in their classes learning about American veterans.

Sadly, Senator Salling's words do not reflect that he

voted "against" Maryland veterans. During the 2015 Legislative Session, Senator Salling voted against the passage of the state budget on the third and final vote which appropriated \$19.4 million in federal funds and \$8 million from the state for the Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs. Senator Salling failed to support the funding of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Southern Maryland, the Veterans Cemetery Program, the Veterans Memorials and Monuments Program, the Veterans Service Centers and the Veterans Advocacy and Outreach Programs.

With the start of the 2016 Legislative Session, let's hope Republican Senator Johnny Ray Salling supports Maryland Veterans this year.

*Jake Mohorovic
Dundalk*

Editor's note: *Jake Mohorovic is a former Democratic candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates.*

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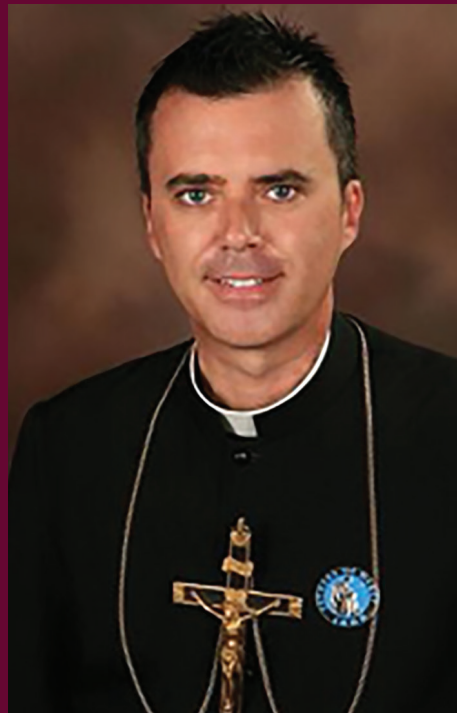


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Kamenetz right not to pursue funds given to city during riot

- by Patrick Taylor -

Whenever people ask me where I'm from, I tell them Philadelphia. But I'm about to lay a truth-bomb on everyone - I'm (gasp)...not actually from Philadelphia. Yes, I was born at Holy Redeemer Hospital in Philadelphia, and yes both of my parents grew up in Northeast Philadelphia. But technically I was raised in Bucks County, just a few minutes north of the Philadelphia boundaries.

So why do I say that I'm from Philadelphia? First off, because it's easier. Most people don't know Bucks County and those who do assume I grew up on a farm because they saw the movie "Signs." Secondly, there's more to identify with in Philadelphia than there is in Bucks County. I root for all the Philadelphia sports teams (don't worry, Baltimore sports teams are my secondary teams due to me living here for approximately a decade), I love Rocky, the arts scene is strong and there is just so much history rooted in our nation's first capital.

The same could be said of Baltimore and Baltimore County. Most of my friends from the county don't specify to outsiders that they're from the county, opting to simply say "I'm from Baltimore." And it makes sense. These are the people who fill up Camden Yards and M&T Bank Stadium for sporting events. They patronize the downtown area and neighborhoods like Fells Point, Federal Hill, Canton, Mount Vernon and Hampden, as well as Mt. Washington, Remington, Hamilton and others. They frequent the Walters Art Museum, the Lyric Opera House and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, the Ottobar and more.

I bring all of this up because of the recent announcement by Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz that he would not pursue reimbursement

to the tune of \$257,000 from the city for county aid supplied during the unrest and subsequent rioting that took place last April.

"Frankly, we provided this personnel on an emergency basis with no expectation of a reimbursement," Kamenetz said. "The city is our neighbor, and when a friend is down, you lend them a helping hand and help them step up."

As much as I would love for the county to get back the money it spent, the fact of the matter remains that Baltimore County and Baltimore City rely on each other immensely in order to operate. Despite the fact that they are separate entities, the two areas are entwined in a symbiotic relationship. The county relies on the Port of Baltimore and utilizes roads and patronizes businesses in the city. Do you think McCormick would stick around Hunt Valley if they had to ship their raw materials to Norfolk, Va.? Most likely not. County folk root for the local teams and take in the sights of the Inner Harbor, maybe after a day at the National Aquarium or Baltimore Zoo in Druid Hill Park. Basically every major road leading to a heavily populated area in the county can be traced back to the heart of the city, which is good considering the tens of thousands of county residents who work in the city.

And with regard to the city, they rely on money coming in from the more affluent members of the county. Tourist money from foreigners and people out of state is nice, but what really drives the city is people from the surrounding areas willing to venture into the city to spend their hard-earned money at places like Center Stage and along The Avenue in Hampden. And of course there are plenty of city folk who make their living out in the county.

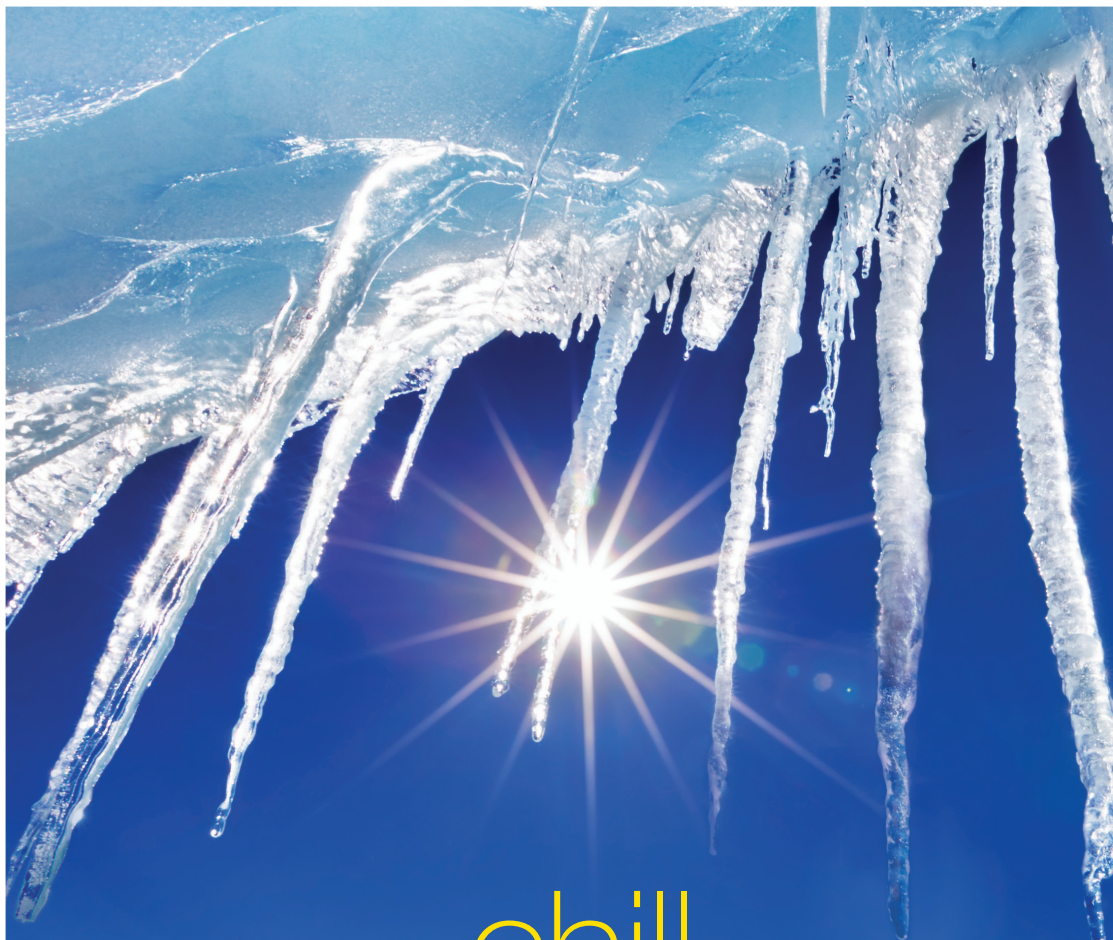
It was a little disappointing to see Councilmen Todd Crandell and David Marks express frustration with Kamenetz's decision not to pursue reimbursement. Should Kamenetz have approached the Council before making his decision? Probably. But the result would have most likely been the same no matter what any member of the Council would have said to try to sway Kamenetz.

The truth of the matter is that the \$257,000 represents a miniscule amount of money in the public safety budget - approximately .09 percent according to a recent article in *The Sun*. Not only can we afford it, but it came at a time when it was absolutely imperative that neighboring areas step up to the plate. After all, I recall seeing Eastpoint Mall swarmed with officers expecting spillover from the city. The rioting needed to be contained before it could be extinguished, and county police and fire services helped to contain something that had the potential to erupt to an even larger degree.

I know that it's disappointing to see money disappear when there's so much work to be done around the county. There's also the fact that Anne Arundel, Howard and Carroll Counties all received reimbursement for what they spent. That money could have been spent on plenty of endeavours that both councilmen wanted. But there are times when these tough decisions need to be made.

Crandell used the word "noble" to describe to WBAL our men and women in the public safety realm who aided the city. But the essence of nobility is extending a hand to those in need while expecting nothing in return.

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Grogan Brehm, Patricia M.

Patricia Maxine Grogan Brehm, born Aug. 14, 1952, in Baltimore, to William Samuel Grogan and Ruth McKinney Grogan, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Franklin Square Hospital of a heart attack.



On Feb. 16, 1974, she married Joseph Brehm, the boy next door who was the one and only love of her life. Maxine was a sweet-spirited, relaxed, loyal and trustworthy person who made people feel comfortable in her presence. She cared deeply for those she loved and had a strong sense of right and wrong. Maxine was also witty and had a good sense of humor. Her favorite activities involved gardening, coloring, working all types of puzzles, watching golf and college and professional football.

In addition to her parents, preceding Maxine in death were her brother Dennis William McKinney, brother-in-law Michael W. Pauley, sister-in-law Evelyn S. McKinney and sister Susan Elaine Zabora.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 42 years, Joseph Brehm; brothers William Samuel Grogan, Jr. (Patty), Jackie Ray Grogan, Leonard Mitchell Grogan (Linda); sisters Julia Ann Pauley, Vivian Ruth Beam (Ralph), Mary Faye Grogan; brother-in-law Milton Zabora, Sr.; numerous nephews and nieces, great nephews and nieces, grand nephews and nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Celebration of Life was held Jan. 15, at Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Friends and family were invited to enjoy each other's company as they shared happy memories, love and fellowship in honor of Maxine's life.

Sigmon, Debra A.

On Jan. 9, Debra A. Sigmon, beloved wife of David W. Sigmon; devoted mother of Lacey M., Victoria A. and David M. Sigmon; dear sister of Beverly Raymond and Robert Kipp; loving grandmother of Ophelia and Alice Martin and Charlie Sigmon.

Services held at Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Bohn, Kathleen J.

On Jan. 15, Kathleen J. Bohn (nee Forwood). Devoted mother of Rebecca Edwards, Donald and William Bohn; beloved grandmother of Bryce, Katelyn, Jessica, Allison and Dylan; dear sister of Helen Freeland.

Date and time of memorial service to be determined. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1301 York Road, #104, Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093.

Dafin Jr., John

John Dafin, Jr. of Essex passed away on Jan. 11 in Danville, Va. He was 91. Born in Niles, Ohio and a life-long resident of Baltimore. He is survived by Catherine, his loving wife of 65 years; his sons John and Joe; daughters-in-law Pam and Georgeann; grandchildren Cassy, Lauren, Mary, Kara and Joanna as well as many loving nieces and nephews. After 37 months in the USMC during WWII, most of which time he fought in the Pacific and Phillipines, he spent 37 years as a structural steel/iron worker out of Local 16.

The family held a viewing service on Jan. 15 at Cvach-Rosedale Funeral Home. Mass was held at St. Clement's Catholic Church in Rosedale on Jan. 16. John was laid to rest at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, located on German Hill Road in Dundalk. In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorial donations made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.ALZ.org).

Byer, Rae C.

On Jan. 3, Rae Catherine Byer (nee Tooma). Beloved wife of Joseph A. Byer; devoted mother of Joseph M. Byer and Patrick M. Byer, Sr.; dear grandmother of Brady, Hollie, Patrick, Stephanie Byer and Lindsay McCartney; dear great-grandmother of Connor and Ian McCartney.

Friends and family gathered at Cvach-Rosedale Funeral Home for a memorial service. Cremation private. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas 75265-0309.

Rydzewski, Leonard J.

On Dec. 31, Leonard J. Rydzewski. Beloved husband of Evelyn E. (nee Schaller) Rydzewski; devoted father of Irene Hahn and her husband Ken, Clare Emm and her husband Steve, David Rydzewski and his wife Dana and Paul Rydzewski; dear brother of Edmund Ryder and the late Genevieve Rosenberg, Clara Laufert, Theresa Lerch, Frances Ament, Helen Lipinski, James Francis, Alfred and Edward Rydzewski; dear grandfather of Julie, Karen, Kevin, Nicholas and Liza and great-grandfather of Isabella, Evan and Reese.

Visitation was held at Cvach-Rosedale Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Casimir Church, interment at St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

Wolinski, Catherine E.

On Jan. 17, Catherine "Kate" E. Wolinski (nee Bardroff), beloved wife of Peter F. Wolinski; devoted mother of Vicki Lynn Underwood, Dawn Michele Matthews, Diane Lynn Logan, Lisa Marie Wolinski and the late Petey D. Wolinski; loving daughter of the late Olive and Howard Bardroff; dear sister of Stanley and Chuck "Bud" Bardroff and the late Elizabeth "Sissy" McLaughlin; loving grandmother of Nick, Ryan and Brooke Bomberg, Devin Underwood, Brent and Berlynn Matthews, Destiny Browneller, Anthony, James, Samantha, Terry, Savannagh and Laihla Logan and Asia Sprecher. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Jan. 20. Interment private.

Stapleton, Shirley A.

On Jan. 13, Shirley A. Stapleton (nee Gates); beloved wife of the late Raymond Darrell Stapleton, Sr.; devoted mother of Penny Stapleton, Tammy Gillespie and her husband Sam, Raymond D. Stapleton, Jr. and his wife Janelle, and the late Sally Stapleton; loving grandmother of Megan Bragg, Hunter Gillespie, and Austin and Logan Stapleton. Also survived by many other loving family members and friends.

Visitation and funeral services were held on Jan. 15 and 16 at Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Amos, David J.

On Jan. 14, David Jerome Amos. Devoted son of the late Emerson and Betty Jo (nee Creasy) Amos; loving father of the late Justin A. Amos; dear brother of Monika Dunkle and her husband John and Debra McAleer and her husband Patrick.

Cremation services private. Arrangements by Bruzdinski Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mills, Robert C.

On Jan. 17, Robert "Bobby Boo" C. Mills. Beloved father of Charity True; devoted son of George and Patricia Mills; loving brother of Theresa Keyes, David Mills, Beverly Guthrie, Keith Mills and Matthew Mills. Also survived by four grandchildren and many loving relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit the Tabernacle Baptist Church on Wednesday, Jan. 20, for visitation and funeral services. Interment private.

Williams, Joyce A.

On Jan. 16, Joyce A. Williams (nee: Blunt). Beloved wife of Ralph Williams; devoted mother of Randy McAllister and his wife Jeanne, Mark McAllister and his wife Tammy, David McAllister, Mary Ann DeGroat, Bill Dimitris and his wife Debbie, Sandy, Alice and Mary Williams. Also survived by 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral services held at Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Burkman Jr., Charles F.

On Jan. 8, in Montgomery, Ala., Charles F. Burkman, Jr. beloved son of the late Charles and Loretta C. (nee Myers) Burkman, cherished brother of Celeste A. McDowell and her husband, John. Also survived by an aunt, many cousins and friends.

Services held at Cvach-Rosedale Funeral Home, entombment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery. Donations can be made to the Alabama Kidney Foundation in Montgomery.

Holmes, Anita M.

On Jan. 10, Anita M. Holmes (nee Cutlip). Beloved wife of the late Harley H. Holmes, devoted mother of Dinah Kappus and her husband Bob and the late Mitchell Holmes, loving grandmother of Jackie and Robby Kappus, loving sister of Royal F. Cutlip and the late Lila Faye Pritt. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

Services held at Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093.

Efford, Mary Lou

On Jan. 10, Mary Lou Efford (nee Bayer). Loving mother of the late Michael J. Efford and Eric Edward Efford. Loving cousin Patricia Pinning, John Pielert, Ronald and Donald Davies. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

Services held at Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

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Man injured in Nottingham shooting

Baltimore County Police have released more details on the Jan. 9 shooting in Nottingham that left a man injured.

The investigation has indicated that around 1 a.m. on Jan. 9, the victim, a 37-year-old man, was in a friend's truck in the drive thru at the Taco Bell at Belair Road and Rossville Boulevard. The vehicle behind them in line beeped at them when they did not pull up far enough. The vehicle beeped at them again when they were at the window. The victim then got out of the truck and approached the passenger side of the vehicle but could not see in due to the tinted windows. He then went around to the driver side and found that the driver's door window was partially down. When he began to speak to the driver, the driver shot him once and drove off. The vehicle was last seen traveling north-bound on Belair Road.

The suspect vehicle in this case is a 2010 to 2016 silver Chevrolet Equinox with dark tinted windows. The vehicle has a Maryland 1812 tag but the tag number is unknown.

The victim was taken to an area hospital for treatment. He is expected to survive.

This incident is under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Violent Crime Unit.

Anyone with information on this incident or anyone who may have been in the area at the time of the incident is asked to call police at 410-307-2020 or Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-7LOCKUP. If your tip to the Metro Crime Stoppers hotline leads to the arrest and/or indictment of a suspect, for a felony crime, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000 from Metro Crime Stoppers.

Pedestrian killed by hit and run in Dundalk

At 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 10, Baltimore County Police and Fire personnel responded to a pedestrian involved crash on North Point Boulevard in the area of Cove Road.

A pedestrian was struck by a vehicle that fled the scene. That pedestrian was declared deceased at the scene.

The suspect vehicle is believed to have damage to the grill area.

This crash is being investigated by the Baltimore County Police Crash Team.

Anyone with information on the crash is asked to call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020.

A message from State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger

Two years ago, the state legislature made a sweeping change to our marijuana laws. The possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana became a civil offense and not a crime. However, the legislature failed to do anything about paraphernalia used to smoke marijuana. We were in the odd position of having less than 10 grams of marijuana as a civil violation but the pipe used to smoke it was a criminal violation.

In the 2015 session the legislature tried to fix this inconsistency with Senate Bill 517. There were a number of problems with this bill and that is why the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association and the Maryland Chiefs of Police supported a veto of the bill by the governor.

I am willing to accept the will of the people with regard to the core issue of the simple possession of small amounts of marijuana. However, Senate Bill 517 would have created problems far beyond the clear will of the people. I am certain that the citizens of Maryland do not want someone openly smoking marijuana next to their child at the playground or in any other public place. In addition, none of us want people smoking marijuana as they drive on the streets and highways of this state.

Senate Bill 517 would have decriminalized the possession of the drug paraphernalia used to smoke or ingest small amounts of marijuana. This made sense because the legislature had previously decriminalized the possession of less than 10 grams of mari-

juana. All we asked was that in doing so, the legislature would still leave it a crime for a person to smoke marijuana in public or while driving or riding in a car.

If possession of small amounts of marijuana and its paraphernalia were decriminalized without these exceptions, the police may end up powerless to protect you and me. They would have no guidance as to whether they can pull over a person who is smoking a joint while driving. Nor is it clear whether the police can search a car from which a clear odor of marijuana is present.

Baltimore County, and I assume most if not all other counties, prohibit the consumption of alcohol in public areas. The State of Maryland has made it a crime for anyone to possess an open container of alcohol in a car. Why is it that we would not do the same for marijuana? Even in states that have legalized marijuana, most make it a crime to smoke in public. All have made it a crime to consume marijuana while driving. This is all we are asking. It just makes sense.

We should protect our children and the people on the roads of this state as we accept the changing times. Let's hope this year we can have sensible marijuana reform.

Please contact your local legislator before they vote on Senate Bill 517. Tell them to vote no on the override.

Current crime trends

Since Jan. 5, there have been two food delivery robberies in the Dundee Village community of the Essex Precinct. Cases occurred between 9:30 and 10 p.m. on a Tuesday and a Friday. The suspects called in an order to be delivered to a vacant address. After the food delivery driver knocked on the door or as he exited his vehicle, the suspects approached, displayed a weapon and took money as well as the food order.

Since Dec. 22, there have been six residential burglaries in the Seven Courts community in the Parkville Precinct. Five cases occurred between 8:20 a.m. and midnight. One case occurred between 2 and 4 p.m. Front doors were forced in four cases. A rear

door was forced in one case. In some cases, the suspect knocked on the doors first to check if residents were home. One location was targeted twice. Items taken include jewelry and money.

Since Nov. 30, there have been 15 residential burglaries in the city line vicinity of the White Marsh Precinct. Twelve cases occurred between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Three cases occurred during overnight hours. Unlocked doors or windows or unknown means were used to enter locations in eight cases. Rear sliding doors or windows were forced or glass was broken in five cases. A front window was broken in one case and an exhaust vent was removed from a window in one case.



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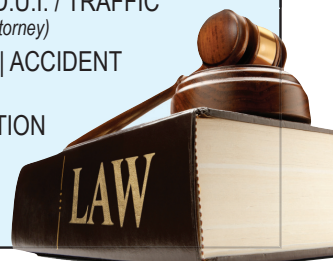
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Governor Hogan proposes tax relief

- by Senator Johnny Salling (R-6) -

True to his word, Governor Hogan is proposing more tax relief for Maryland citizens, businesses and manufacturing. He plans to provide \$400 million in tax cuts over the next five years. Included in the plan is:

- * An increase from \$1,000 to \$5,000 over the next four years in the personal tax exemption for those 65 years and older. This will save 640,000 seniors about \$183 million over five years;

- * An increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit for families who earn less than \$53,000 a year, saving them \$27 million over the next two years;

- * Eliminate the state's 8.25 percent

corporate income tax for 10 years on new manufacturers who bring jobs to western Maryland, the lower eastern shore and Baltimore City;

- * A rollback of increases in over 100 different fees to save taxpayers \$51 million;

- * Eliminate a \$300 business filing fee to save 300,000 businesses about \$164 million over five years.

Believe it or not, fully 83 percent of the state's annual spending is dictated by mandated formulas that increase the cost of schools, public safety, health care and other spending priorities every year. This leaves any governor and the legislature almost no flexibility

in reducing the budget. During an economic downturn with shrinking revenue, the state has to cut spending. That's just good common sense. These mandates fly in the face of good common sense. Since the 2008 recession, the legislature has made one-time changes to the mandates. Governor Hogan says we need "mandate relief." He intends to roll back some of these mandated formulas. Many in the General Assembly believe these formulas are untouchable. Well, we will see.

The Governor's \$17.1 billion budget for the coming year fully funds K-12 education at \$6.3 billion and sets aside \$314 million for new school construction. In addition, the budget increases the Highway User Revenue (HUR) for

county road projects by 19 percent to \$231 million. This revenue was taken by the O'Malley Administration to balance the budget and has never been paid back by the O'Malley Administration. Governor Hogan has returned some of this revenue in last year's budget as well as this year's budget. Hogan has appropriated \$2 billion for "shovel-ready" infrastructure projects, which includes fixing every structurally deficient bridge in the state. Thanks to Governor Hogan's prudent management, the state will end the current budget year on June 30th with a \$500 million surplus. Hogan does not believe in spending more than we have. He hates budget deficits and you can bet he will never have one.

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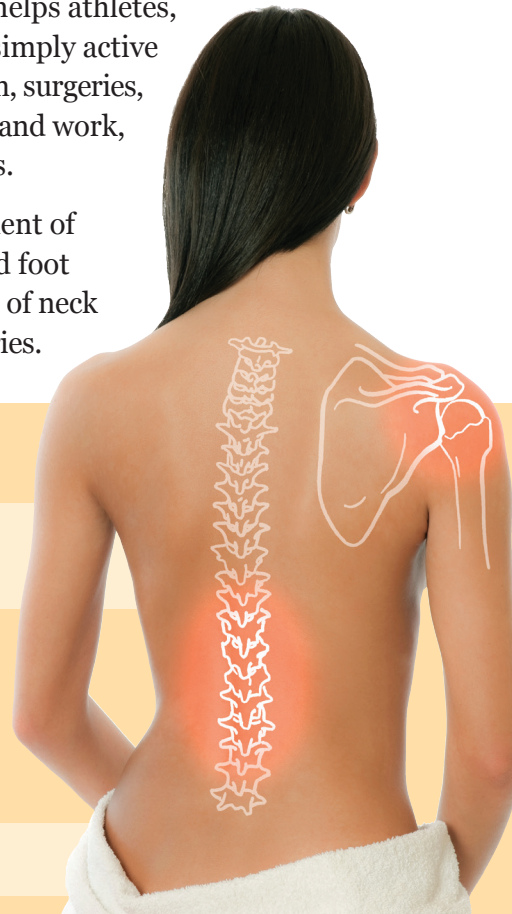
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A vision unfolds for Sparrows Point

- By Delegate Robin Grammer (R-6) -

With the opening of the 2016 legislative session in Annapolis, I am happy to report back to our people the most transformative economic proposals that our area has seen in decades.

At a recent legislative town hall, I noted that I expected that the 2016 session would be the session that the state made Sparrows Point a priority. With the opening of the 2016 session, Governor Larry Hogan put forward a legislative package with the aim of bringing jobs to Maryland and reviving manufacturing in our state.

His package would massively reduce taxes for incoming manufacturing businesses and eliminate income taxes for their employees for a decade.

His package also includes an expansion of the personal property tax exemption for seniors from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and expansion of the earned income tax credit for the working poor.

I earned the down payment for my first home working on a heavy gauge steel slitter. Fighting to ensure that future generations enjoy the same opportunities that I had is a top priority for me. If the Governor's package is passed, I believe it would lay the ground work for better jobs and upward economic mobility for our people.

As we meet business leaders from around the world, they make it clear that what they need from the state of Maryland is a business environment that attracts companies, not one that chases them away. The Governor has put forward a bold, common-sense agenda that could be a game changer for eastern Baltimore County. I look forward to working with the Governor's office, our delegation and the legislature to make this package a reality.

Aero Acres receives new curbs thanks to help from Bevins and the community

Councilwoman Cathy Bevins fought for curbs after other county measures failed to suffice

What used to be a nightmare for grass covered, mountable curbs at the ball fields along Fuselage Avenue in Aero Acres now has beautiful seven-inch concrete curbs. In March 2014, Aero Acres Civic Improvement Association President Bob Driscoll asked Councilwoman Cathy Bevins if Baltimore County would install the curbs. Other measures, such as signs, were used to discourage people from parking on the grass, but the problem persisted. "Bob does a great job advocating for his community. He did not see anything else working and he wanted to protect how his community looked," Councilwoman Bevins said. "The area was being turned into a mud pit and so these curbs became necessary," she added.

Baltimore County installed the new curbs in November as a \$15,000 investment for Aero Acres. "I want to give a big shout out to Cathy Bevins for getting the curbs. We appreciate her getting them for us," Bob Driscoll said after he and Bevins examined the new curbs earlier in the day.

Councilwoman Bevins followed up with, "The area is a gateway to the community and Bob found that regular curbs were the only answer, so I fought for them."

The curbs were finished in November along the pond and ball field on Fuselage Avenue in Aero Acres. Parallel parking along them is permitted.

Message from the Councilwoman

- by Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (D-6) -

Friends and neighbors:

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and feels rejuvenated for 2016. Every New Year, we make resolutions that we always try to keep and hope they will better ourselves. If you are still thinking about your resolution, I have one that is easily attainable and is beneficial for you and your community: becoming more involved.

There are so many ways you and your community can benefit by staying informed and knowing what resources you have at your fingertips. Many residents do not know that your local government is reported on all the time, that County Council meetings and Legislative Work Sessions are open to the public, school board and planning board meetings are televised and so much more. Therefore, in this newsletter, I am going to put all of these resources in one location so you can become more involved.

County Council

The Baltimore County Council Legislative Sessions occur most every other Monday at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Towson at 400 Washington Ave. in Towson. Before each council meeting, you can obtain a copy of the agenda and sign up to testify at the conclusion of the meeting on any topic you would like. Residents who choose to testify have three minutes to do so. The County Council also meets every other Tuesday at 2 p.m. (not the same week as the Council Legislative meetings) for their Legislative Work Sessions in the Council Conference Room, located on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Towson. At these meetings, residents can sign up as witnesses to testify on legislation or watch as the council members hear testimony on bills pending approval. For more information about the County Council or how the legislative process works in Baltimore County, please visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countyCouncilmega.html.

For the 2016 Legislative and Work Session calendar, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countyCouncil/meetings/index.html.

Baltimore County Public Schools

Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) is one of the largest and most diverse school systems in the country. As parents, it is imperative that you know what is happening with your child's education and the decisions that are being made to the school system county-wide, which is managed by the Superintendent and School Board. School Board meetings are streamed

live and archived for viewing at later dates. You can find the schedule of each School Board meeting, along with links to stream the meetings live, and find archived meeting minutes by visiting www.bcps.org/board/current_year_schedule.html. For all other resources related to BCPS, including contact information for the Superintendent, please visit www.bcps.org.

Local Media

On so many occasions, I hear residents say to me, "I didn't know" for so many things from Council legislation to events in the community and even local election information. The media plays a large role in ensuring this information gets out to the public, and I am grateful that they keep our citizens informed and our elected officials (including myself) on point and in check. Here is a list of local media outlets that you can use to stay informed about everything happening in our area:

Newspapers: *East County Times*, *The Avenue*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Daily Record*, and *The Dundalk Eagle*.

Television: Baltimore County Government (Channel 25), WBAL, WJZ, Fox 45, Comcast Channel 25.

Baltimore County Government

So much of our information is 24/7 and always online, which is why your Baltimore County Government has invested in resources to make your experience with local government easier and more enjoyable. In fact, Baltimore County Government's website won second place in the "Best of the Web" competition hosted by the top national research and advisory institute on information technology for state and local government. Of course, my office is always available to answer any questions you might have, but Baltimore County's award-winning website, www.baltimorecountymd.gov, is such a great resource, not only for looking information up, but submitting complaints for Code Enforcement and more.

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Midway through the season, who is doing work and who has work left to do?

- by Patrick Taylor -

We're midway through the boy's basketball season, which means it's time for teams to start worrying about the standings and their form. At this point, all of the early-season rust should have been brushed aside and the true form of each area team is finally taking shape. There are some really strong teams out there this year, teams that have the potential to make deep runs in the tournament. Then there are others, aimlessly adrift like a candy wrapper caught in an updraft. So let's take a look at where each team stands from top to bottom.

Perry Hall is, without a doubt, the class of east Baltimore County. They have a highly efficient offense that is incredibly tough to break down. So far this season, their lowest point total is 51, which came early in the season against Loch Raven in a game the Gators still won. They have multiple games where they have scored over 90 points, which is simply unheard of in high school competition. Plump with great shooters and decent size, there isn't a single area offensively where you can key in on the Gators and say they need to improve. They do a good job taking care of the ball and are dominant whether looking to run on teams or stay in a set half-court offense. How-

ever, Kenwood did figure out that constant high-pressure on defense and slowing the game down on offense can lead to success against the formidable Gators, as Kenwood upended them last week by a score of 57 - 52, ending Perry Hall's ten-game win streak. Still, Perry Hall is the team to watch.

Speaking of Kenwood, though they started off the season trading wins and losses, the Bluebirds are on track to make some noise. Since the new year, Kenwood is undefeated, riding a four-game win streak that saw them pick up huge wins against the aforementioned Perry Hall and a high quality Dundalk Owls team. In three of their last four games, Kenwood has topped 70 points. And in the one game where they didn't, it was essentially by design considering you don't want to get into a shootout with Perry Hall. And, as was mentioned, they handled their business. Kenwood has a slew of relatively easy games in the second half of the season, and they look absolutely primed for a big postseason run.

The Dundalk Owls have dropped only four games this year, and none of them would be considered bad losses. They fell to Perry Hall, Kenwood, Franklin and Woodlawn, and they stayed competitive against all of those teams except Kenwood. There's

an old saying that "good teams win the games they should." That's all well and good, but good teams also manage to pull out wins in close contests against contenders. Dundalk could very well be the "nobody believes in us" team should they make it to the postseason, and they would have a great case for that title. Their wins were expected, while their losses were, while not necessarily expected, at the hands of more rounded out opponents. This team has plenty of talent but tends to get caught in its own way at times. They love to pressure and run fast breaks, but their enthusiasm gets a bit carried away at times. They should make the postseason, and once they're in they have the potential to rise to the top considering they have size and speed, as well as the ability to hit both mid-rangers and long threes.

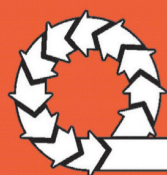
Another team showing strong potential at the right time is Eastern Tech. The Mavericks started off the year a bit slow, but since that time they have been red-hot. Currently on a three-game win streak, the Mavericks are posting a winning record and will look to build off of that in the second half of the season. Now, while wins against Catonsville, Aberdeen and Sparrows Point are hardly cause for celebration, the Mavericks have been winning and

that's really all that matters. This is a team that has some offensive struggles, but it's a team that's full of scrappy players who work hard and leave no shot or rebound uncontested on the defensive side. If they can figure out some of their offensive woes, they too will be in good shape.

Next we come to Parkville. This team is a bit of a mystery. Currently sitting at 6 - 6 overall, the Knights haven't had the best 2016, starting off the year with three losses in four contests. Granted, two of those losses came against Dulaney and Woodlawn. Still, despite their rough beginning to the year, Parkville put themselves in solid position at the end of last year, ending the year with a nice four-game win streak.

Overlea and Chesapeake have each racked up three wins on the year and are thoroughly out of contention. Still, three wins in ten contests isn't atrocious, and both teams have actually played some solid ball so far this year, keeping contests close. Both teams will be underestimated by opponents, but both have the potential to cause problems and steal a win or two.

Lastly we come to Sparrows Point and Patapsco, and to be honest, the less said about these teams the better. Both teams are out of contention for postseason play.



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NPVCA Meeting

The monthly meeting of the North Point Village Civic Association will be held in the Battle Grove Elementary School cafeteria, 7828 St. Patricia Lane in Dundalk, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28. Membership dues are due! Any questions, please call Dave Patro at 410-336-1521.

BCGS Research Day

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society (BCGS) will hold a research day on Sunday, Jan. 24, from noon to 4 p.m. Members are invited to use all of the research assets of our library, which contains more than 4,000 volumes and much more. Membership fees are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a family. BCGS is located at 8601 Harford Road in Parkville, Room 308. For details, visit www.baltimoregenealogysociety.org/BCGShome/library or call 410-665-8769.

JHBMC Blood Drive

Nearly 44,000 blood and platelet donations will be needed every day to meet the needs of accident victims, cancer patients and children with blood disorders this winter. Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive Feb. 9 - 11, from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Francis X. Knott Conference Center. Every participant will receive a meal coupon, parking pass and special gift from the medical center. For more information or to schedule a life-saving donation, call 410-550-0289.

Perry Hall MSSA Meeting

On Monday, Jan. 25, Michael Malpezzi with the Department of Natural Resources, will speak about Maryland's Reef Program at the regular monthly meeting of the Perry Hall Chapter of Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Gunpowder VFW Post 10067, 6309 Ebenezer Road in Middle River. Visitors welcome. Call Joe Zinner at 410-256-5641 for details.

Memoir Workshop

Have you ever considered writing a memoir? Here is an opportunity to get started. Local award-winning author Barbara Morrison will be leading a memoir writing workshop Saturday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m. in the Perry Hall Library, 9685 Honeygo Blvd. in Perry Hall. This is a free event but registration is required by calling the branch at 410-887-5195.

Nature Connections

Wildlife is all around us, even in our own backyards. It's amazing what we can discover if we know what to look for. Join us at the Natural History Society of Maryland, 6908 Belair Road in Overlea, from 1 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, as we discover the secret lives of these undercover animals and tell their stories through trail camera footage, as well as the signs they leave behind. For more information on this free program, call 410-882-5376, or email communications@marylandnature.org.

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BRRNA Meeting

The Bird River Road Neighborhood Association will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River. Councilwoman Bevins will be our guest speaker. She will be addressing legislative issues including the 2016 CZMP (Comprehensive Zoning Map Process) and new development updates. Officer Bakhsh will also give an area crime report. Light refreshments will be served.

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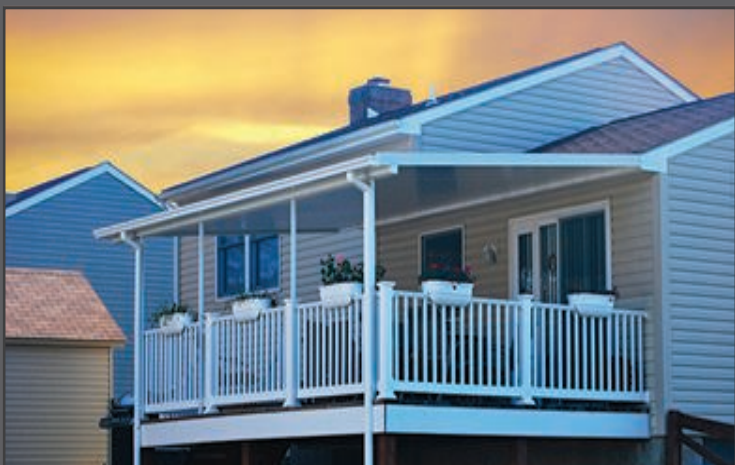
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Hawthorne Elementary receives \$10,000 grant from Verizon

- By Patrick Taylor -

Last week Hawthorne Elementary was the recipient of a \$10,000 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) grant from Verizon. Approximately 100 students were on hand to take part in the check presentation, as well as explain the importance of STEM classes and display what they've learned.

"I want to say thank you for being diligent and coming to school every day and studying," said Anthony Randall, a Verizon representative. "The reason we really invest in programs like this here at Hawthorne is so that you can have an opportunity to have a bright future, so that you can become a rocket scientist, a database administrator and more. We have a need for you today, but you're too young. So we need to invest money, time and effort."

According to Yvonne Barhight, principal of Hawthorne Elementary, the money will be used to create a "maker space" for students, offering them more opportunities for choice and exploration in STEM activities.

Barhight heaped high praise on State Senator J.B. Jennings, who represents Middle River in Annapolis, for helping to facilitate the grant money to Hawthorne. According to Barhight, Jennings was approached by Verizon who was looking for a school in the area that could use the STEM grant money. Jennings decided Hawthorne would be the best place for the grant. The grant money going to Hawthorne makes perfect sense, considering it is a Lighthouse school (one of 10 elementary schools that led the instructional digital conversion and serves as a model for implemen-

tation of the digital curriculum), maintains a strong robotics program and is the future owner of a 3-D printer. The 3-D printer is thanks to another grant that Hawthorne was recently awarded.

Kathy Benson, the STEM integration teacher at Hawthorne, showed the students a video that highlights the importance of STEM classes. That was followed up by presentations done by Hawthorne students on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

When it came time to speak about engineering, students Tyler Nocar and Raul King demonstrated everything they've learned in their robotics club using robots they built themselves. Nocar and King used their robots to demonstrate how a robot senses objects around it, picks up cargo and maneuvers to avoid obstructions.

Esther Ordonez highlighted the importance of the sciences, while Bria Matthews-Brown and Deja Livingston discussed technology and mathematics, respectively.

"The roads we drive on and the buildings we live and work in were built using math," said Livingston. "Designers use math to make our clothes, gardeners use math to measure out their gardens, and pharmacists use math to measure out dosage anytime they administer a prescription."

Barhight ended the assembly by thanking Randall and Verizon for their contribution to Hawthorne, adding that the money will go towards providing more after-school activities that will help the children become immersed in STEM.

Delegate Bob Long announces scholarship opportunity

Delegate Long announced the details for his office's Scholarship Program.

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Applications can be found at www.DelegateLong.com/scholarships. The deadline to submit your application is Wednesday, March 16th, 2016. Your FAFSA must be filed by March, 1st. Any questions can be addressed by calling (410) 841-3458.

Lily Burton wins Essex Elementary Geography Bee

Lily Burton, a fourth grade student at Essex Elementary School, won the school competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 13, and a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. The school Bee, at which students answered questions on geography, was the first round in the 28th annual National Geographic Bee.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2016 Bee. The school champions, including Lily Burton, will take a qualifying test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 1.


The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state winners to participate in the Bee national championship rounds May 22 - 25. The first-place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society including a subscription to National Geographic magazine and a National Geographic Expeditions trip to a national park in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

The national finals will air on television on the National Geographic Channel and PBS stations. Check local listings for dates and times.

Everyone can test their geography knowledge with the exciting GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee, which poses 10 new questions a day, or by downloading the "National Geographic GeoBee Challenge" app, with more than 1,000 questions culled from past Bees, available on the App Store for iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad; from the Android Market; or for NOOK Color.

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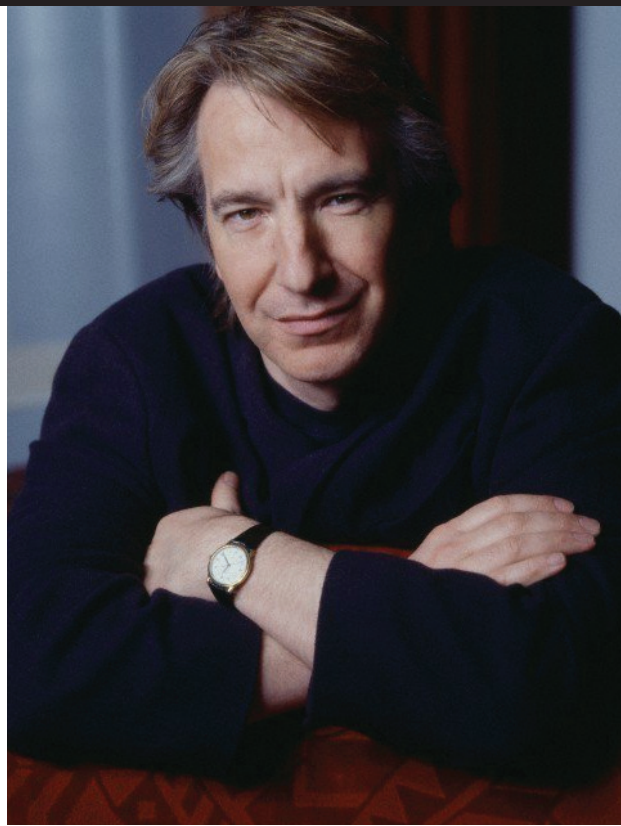
R.I.P. Actor ALAN RICKMAN

- By Teddy Durgin -

Alan Rickman was never nominated for an Academy Award. How can that be, you ask? Because characters like Hans Gruber, Professor Snape and the Sheriff of Nottingham almost never get recognized at the end of the year. But maybe they should. After all, THOSE are the characters that really leave their mark year in and year out. Those are the ones people remember, people cherish, people quote and reference for the rest of their days.

Take 1988, the year Rickman first came to worldwide attention as the dapper, dry-humored terrorist Hans Gruber in the original "Die Hard." I'm just gonna say it here: Hans Gruber, I believe, is the greatest on-screen villain of my lifetime. Yup, even more so than Darth Vader and Hannibal Lecter and Freddy Krueger. There will never be an attempt to redeem him or explain him or prequel him. Hans Gruber just... is and always will be his bad self! In '88, we had never heard a bad guy just... TALK like that before! "As a result, he will not be joining us... for the rest of his life." Man, you almost rooted for him to get away with it all in the end.

And that year, who were the other Best Supporting Actor nominees? The winner was Kevin Kline for "A Fish Called Wanda." TOTALLY deserved! Whenever comedy gets recognized by the Academy, that should be cherished. But the others? River Phoenix for "Running on Empty," Alec Guinness for "Little Dorrit," Martin Landau for "Tucker: The Man and His Dream" and Dean Stockwell for "Married to the Mob." All fine



performances. But in each case - and no disrespect - I can name four or five actors who would have been just as terrific in each of those parts. But, of course, it's not all about awards. Most actors and actresses worth their salt have little care for nominations. And Rickman certainly didn't. He wasn't a transformative actor like Daniel Day-Lewis. You pretty much watched Alan Rickman when he was playing many of his best roles. Let's face it. No one ever said "Mr. Potter" better or more distinctively than he did!

But every once in a while, the man would floor me with a performance that was so "un-Rickman" like.

Characters I took to the heart like Colonel Brandon in "Sense and Sensibility." And then Rickman would embrace the silly side of himself every few years or so, as in his great turn as a serious Shakespearean actor forever pigeon-holed as a sci-fi alien in "Galaxy Quest" or as God's sardonic spokesman in Kevin Smith's "Dogma."

It's tragic that this great actor passed away from cancer last week at the age of 69. But you wanna know what else is tragic?! That Hollywood didn't discover him until he was 42! That's how old he was when he was cast in "Die Hard." Until that point, he had only done London stage and some BBC TV. We missed Alan Rickman in his 20s and 30s!!! What would he have played? How cool would he have been in some of the great franchises of the 1970s and '80s... "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones" and James Bond! Ooof, I say.

And then there was the stretch after "Die Hard" where Tinseltown didn't quite know what to do with him. He didn't have another major part until 1991 in "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves"... and then it was as another villain. And what about the post-"Harry Potter" years?! "Deathly Hallows, Part 2" hit theaters in 2011. Since then, Rickman has done mostly small, barely released flicks.

But when he worked and when directors and screenwriters knew what to do with his singular talent, he was a marvel to behold. How delighted J.K. Rowling must have been when Rickman was eventually cast as her Snape. She still had books to write, too. So I wonder how that shaped her treatment of the character. Sigh. Rickman still had characters to play. Screw you, cancer! You didn't even give us to the count of three on this one.

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Impact of BOWIE'S DEATH spans generations

- By Patrick Taylor -

Last Monday when I walked into the *East County Times* office, I was feeling pretty great. My weekend was spent clowning around with friends, drinking cheap beer and listening to David Bowie's new album, *Blackstar*. I said "good morning" to the ladies in the art department, only to be informed a minute later that David Bowie had passed during the night. He was 69.

The news hit me hard for many reasons. Usually celebrity deaths have no impact on me whatsoever. When Robin Williams passed last year, I thought, "that's a shame." When Philip Seymour Hoffman, arguably my favorite actor, passed away, my thoughts were similar to the news of Robin Williams.

But with Bowie, things were different. He was such a mammoth cultural figure that I just assumed he would live forever. I remember my father and mother often making the crack that my tough-as-nails grandmother would "outlive us all," but it was obvious they didn't actually believe it. With Bowie, however, I held that to be true.

As a millennial, I didn't get to experience Bowie in his heyday. I didn't get to take in his Major Tom

or Thin White Duke personas firsthand. I didn't get to see the evolution of pop music and culture from Bowie's emergence. But, like most millennials, I had parents who introduced me to Bowie and his music and film.

My first introduction to Bowie is actually a pretty unusual one. In 1982, a children's picture book titled "The Snowman" was adapted into a 27-minute animated short. My father fell in love with the animation and music, and watching "The Snowman" at Christmas became a holiday tradition. I first remember watching this when I was five. Bowie had agreed to do the introduction for the short, and in doing so he introduced himself to me.

Down the line, my exposure to Bowie grew. Car rides with my mother were filled with classic rock. Some artists, like Simon & Garfunkel, Traffic, The Beatles and others, I came to love. Some, like The Eagles, Billy Joel, Carly Simon and others, I grew to absolutely disdain.

Very few of those artists, even the ones I loved, stuck with me. After all, there's only so much decent Gordon Lightfoot out there.

But some stuck with me. The Beatles, obviously. I still keep Simon & Garfunkel on heavy rotation. But none stuck with me like Bowie. My mother only had a greatest hits album, but I was sucked in. Deep. From there I explored "Ziggy Stardust" and "Hunky Dory." "Low" and "Young Americans" came next. I was absolutely enthralled. He was making music and

art as weird as I felt, but he wore his imperfections and bizarre costumes for all to see.

Over the last two weeks, mountains of tributes have been written for Bowie. His farewell album, "Blackstar," hit the top of the charts in the U.S., his first album to do so. It has been nearly impossible to find any of Bowie's albums at record stores around the area because they just keep flying off the shelves.

Reviews of Bowie's new album were positive to begin with. If you don't recall, I reviewed the title-track when it was released back in the fall, praising how forward thinking the album was for an aging rocker, drawing comparisons to Radiohead's landmark album "Kid A."

Since Bowie's unexpected death, it became apparent that there was more to this album than originally thought. It was his swan song, despite the fact that mere days before his death he was talking about plans for his next album and recording demo tracks.

We may never see a figure like Bowie again. He was someone who transcended superstardom. When rumors emerged back in the day that Bowie and Mick Jagger had been caught in bed together, the response was, "well yeah, of course they were." He was as shocking as Miley Cyrus, but with exponentially more talent than Miley and the entire pop universe combined. Everyone still wants to be Bowie. Everyone still wants to be a hero, even if it's just for one day. So while he did not outlive us all, his cultural impact will be felt through the ages.

RIDE ALONG 2 goes flat for Durgin

- By Teddy Durgin -

The sequel "Ride Along 2" isn't so much a bad movie as it is a lazy one. Extremely lazy, in fact. How lazy? At least three times during the course of the film, Kevin Hart's motor-mouthed cop, Ben Barber, actually announces what is happening on screen... as if the entire audience is comprised of complete imbeciles who can't see for themselves. For instance, when he and Ice Cube's dour Detective James Payton are engaging in one of their first mismatched, buddy cop back-and-forths, Hart yells out, "Banter! We're bantering!" Later, when a suspect turns tail and runs from him, Ben hollers repeatedly, "Foot chase! Foot chase!" And then a bit later on when he, James and Miami cop Maya (Olivia Munn) are surveying the main bad guy's crooked cargo operations at the local dock, Hart declares, "We're on a stakeout!"

It was at that point that I couldn't help myself. I rarely get verbal during movies anymore, out of respect for the other people around me and my fellow critics in press row. But I had to call out, "I'm at a bad movie!"

They say that some of the best, most thought-provoking movies of our time hold a mirror up to the audience. Well, in this case, the mirror image is that of Ice Cube and anyone paying full price to see this flick. We share a common face... and it's a perpetual frown. Mr. Cube, you see, is once again stuck in the role of the angry, disapproving, killjoy older cop who is always scowling at the goofy, silly antics of Hart's younger, brasher Ben. The former N.W.A. member-turned-actor just looks crampy miserable here, even more so than usual, forced to play 20 different variations of "Shut the hell up!" to Hart's hysterics.

It doesn't help that the two are plugged into a by-the-numbers crime plot that plays like sixth-season "Miami Vice." Ben and James travel from Atlanta to Miami to investigate and bring down a Florida drug dealer named Pope (Benjamin Bratt). Once there, they discover that Pope is seen by locals as a legitimate businessman and beloved philanthropist. Their only allies end up being Munn's equally tough, by-the-book homicide detective and Pope's former computer hacker AJ (Ken Jeong), who Pope now wants dead for stealing

money from him.

You know a movie is in its death throes immediately when the unfunny Jeong shows up. Here, he basically plays the Joe Pesci part from "Lethal Weapon 2," but not nearly as funny or memorable. But at least he keeps his clothes on. As for Munn, she lets her halter tops and sports bras do the acting, and even then, it's not much of a performance. Dull, unimaginative, '80s TV-quality shootouts and car chases ensue, broken up by the occasional scenes of Hart going so far off-script with his hyper-chipper improv rants that you fear the man will need oxygen sooner or later. He's really trying here, folks.

OK, to be fair, there is one standout sequence. Ben is a videogame junkie, you'll recall from the first flick. So, when he gets the chance to get behind the wheel for real in a chase through Miami Beach, he imagines himself in his favorite first-person driver game. So, the sequence ends up switching back and forth from live action to game animation. It's quite clever and goes to show that at least a few people worked on this project who weren't complete hacks.

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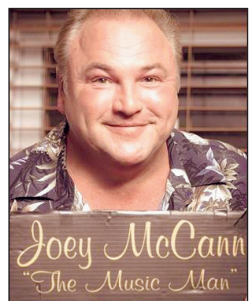
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Environmental Fundraiser

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, Clean Bread and Cheese Creek, in partnership with the Bear Creek Trail Workgroup, will sponsor a fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse in Dundalk from 4 - 9 p.m. Proceeds will be used to support park, stream and shoreline cleanups in the area. You must present an event flyer when ordering. To obtain a copy, email clean_bread_and_cheese_creek@yahoo.com or call 410-285-1202.

Thrift Shop

The thrift shop at Salem United Methodist Church, 7903 Bradshaw Road in Upper Falls, will be open on Thurs., Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 410-592-2543.

Cape Cod Bus Trip

Trip will include Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Provincetown and last from June 23 - 27. Contact Anthony at 443-801-5678 or events@AnthonyMakres.com for prices and what is included.

Attention Catholic war veterans in the Essex-Middle River area

Catholic War Veterans is looking for veterans to restart the Maryland State Department Catholic War Veterans Post 706 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Essex. The Catholic War Veterans is a veteran service organization (VSO) and overseas service is not a requirement to join the organization. Its mission is to help all veterans and their families.

The Catholic War Veterans was organized in 1935 when it received an apostolic blessing from Pope Pius XI and a congressional charter from President Ronald Reagan in 1984. Its motto is, "For God, For Country, For Home." Membership is open to baptized Catholics, male or female, who have honorably served on active duty for a period of at least 90 days, in the Reserve Component or National Guard, or are currently on active duty in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. Younger veterans are needed for the future of any veteran organization.

Over the years, Catholic War Veterans Post 706 membership consisted mainly of World War II veterans who have simply passed away. Fifteen veterans who are American citizens in good standing in the Catholic Church are needed to restart the post. Catholic War Veterans Post 706 was organized on April 24, 1946, when Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was the only Roman Catholic Church in the Essex-Middle River area. Now, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is in the center of two other Catholic churches - Saint Clare in Essex and Our Lady Queen of Peace in Middle River. April 24 this year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the post.

For many years, the Catholic War Veterans participated in wreath laying ceremonies on the Sunday before Memorial Day at the Catholic War Veterans Post 706 monument in front of Saint Clare Church, at the Essex World War II monument at 525 Eastern Blvd. in Essex and at the Essex Korea-Vietnam monument next to the Essex-Middle River Heritage Museum. For the last several years there has not been Catholic War Veterans representation at these ceremonies, which are held by the Joint Veterans Association of Essex and sponsored by Essex American Legion Post 148.

In addition to the ceremonies, Catholic War Veterans have a unique opportunity to reaffirm their Catholic faith by holding monthly meetings, plan-

Karaoke & Country Line Dancing

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host Karaoke with Lightning Rod on Friday, Jan. 22, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Country Line Dancing with Mike Caskey's Party Masters will also be in the hall for a fee. On Saturday, Jan. 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight, P&J Karaoke. And on Sunday, Jan. 24, from 4 - 8 p.m., Karaoke with Jimmy & Judy D. Come join us for a weekend of good singing and a fun time. Please call the Post at 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability, menu and specials.

Designer Bag Bingo

The Dundalk High School Boosters Club will hold a Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser at the high school, 1901 Delvale Ave., on Saturday, Feb. 20, featuring brands such as Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley and Betsy Johnson. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. Contact Donna Armijo at 443-838-2351 for more information or tickets.

Line Dance Lessons

Every Friday night from 7 - 11 p.m. at Iron Workers Local 16, 2008 Merritt Ave. in Dundalk. Learn two dances each week and review the dances taught the week prior. Open dancing after instruction. Food available for purchase. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 13 - 17 with paying adult, \$3 for kids ages 6 -12 with paying adult. Contact Anthony at 443-801-5678 or LineDancing@AnthonyMakres.com.

ning and attending special Sunday masses before Memorial Day and Veterans Day, assisting other veterans and their families, performing special projects in the community and enjoying comradeship among its members. The Catholic War Veterans are a family-oriented organization and wear a light blue Garrison Cap, similar to other veteran organizations, in honor of the blessed Virgin Mary. Annual dues are only \$25.

Membership in the Catholic War Veteran Auxiliary which already exists at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is open to any baptized Catholic, male or female, who is an American citizen in good standing in the Catholic Church and related to a veteran within two degrees, such as a spouse, grandparent, parent, sibling, aunt, nephew, etc. For more info., call State Commander Gil Barker at 410-299-7283.

Happy New Year!



Essex Senior Center members enjoyed a fabulous New Year celebration on Friday, Jan. 8. Chuck Fisher and his Legends, featuring "Elvis," were a hit! The "A-team" served stuffed chicken breast dinner. Director Mike Hager wished all a Happy New Year.

Zumba

Bengies Chase Recreation Council will hold Zumba classes for ages 13 and up at Oliver Beach Elementary School on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 - 8 p.m. New session began Jan. 11. Call the rec. office at 410-887-5194.

Aerobics Classes

Bengies Chase Recreation Council will present In-Shape Aerobics and In-Step Aerobics classes at Vincent Farm Elementary School. Classes held Mondays - Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., starting Monday, Jan. 11. Call the rec. office at 410-887-5194 for more info.

Talent Show and Supper

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will host a talent show and covered dish supper on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, at 5 p.m. Tickets \$5 pp or \$20 for a family of four or more. Proceeds benefit the Volunteers in Mission. Call 410-668-5665.

Free Clothing

Free clothing will be available to anyone in need at St. John's Lutheran Church, 518 Franklin Ave. in Essex, on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please do not bring small children, and arrange to bring your own bag as we are not always able to furnish them. Donations of useable clothing, domestics, housewares, toys, etc. are also accepted by calling the church office at 410-687-4621.



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Hawthorne Reunion

The Commodore proudly hosts the 22nd annual "We're the Boys of Hawthorne Reunion" on Sunday, Feb. 21, starting at noon and open ended. Girls of Hawthorne are welcome too! Come out for a day of fun, food and friends recalling "the good old days." For more information, call 410-686-5742. The Commodore is located at 1909 Old Eastern Ave. in Essex.

Seafood Night

The Rosedale American Legion Post 180, 1331 Seling Ave., is holding a seafood night every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. through the end of April. Prices to be determined by market price and are subject to change. For info. and directions, call 410-866-9656.

Women's Firearm Safety Course

The Well Armed Woman Anne Arundel County Chapter holds meetings at Freestate Gun Range, 11500 Crossroads Circle in Middle River, on the second Sunday of every month starting at 2 p.m. Women can learn firearm safety techniques and self-protection. For info., contact Terry DeGraw at 443-676-0548.

Bingo

Bingo is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Essex Elks Lodge #1866, 1007 E. Homberg Ave. For more info., call 410-574-6321.

Emmitsburg Bus Trip

The Saint Francis of Assisi Sodality, 3615 Harford Road, will sponsor a bus trip to Emmitsburg on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Features a Mass in the chapel and a tour of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, buffet lunch at Mountain Gate Restaurant, a visit to the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes and visitor center and a final stop at Baugher's Farm. Cost \$75 per person; contact Barbara Jo at 443-868-8490 or barbarajo.wuest1@aol.com ASAP if interested.

Riverside Seniors

Riverside Seniors of the Middle River Recreation Council is hosting open enrollment for men and women aged 55 years and older. Gatherings are each Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Victory Villa Community Center. Bingo follows a brief meeting. Card Players are welcome. Cost is \$5 to join, plus \$1 weekly dues. We also hold three parties each year, bus trips and free coffee and donuts on the first Thursday of each month. For more info., call the Middle River recreation office at 410-887-0234.

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Essex Karaoke

Start the weekend at Essex Holly Neck Memorial VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road in Essex, on Friday, Jan. 22. The kitchen will be open until 9:30 p.m. and karaoke with PJ's Karaoke starts at 8 p.m. Please bring a non-perishable food for needy families also.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Rosedale American Legion Post 180, 1331 Seling Ave., is offering an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner every Monday from 5 - 7 p.m. through the end of April. For info. and directions, call 410-866-9656.

Rosedale Karaoke

Charles Evering VFW Post 6506, 8777 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, will host Karaoke with Fun Time Karaoke with Annette & "Wild" Bill, on Friday, Jan. 22, and Saturday, Jan. 23, from 7 - 11 p.m. Come join us for an evening of good singing and a fun time. Full dinner menu available. Please call the Post at 410-391-6506 with any questions.

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Philadelphia Flower Show Trip

The Annunciation Road Runners will hold a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center on Thursday, March 10. Bus leaves from the Church of the Annunciation parking lot, 5212 McCormick Ave., at 10 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. Cost \$68 for ticket to show, bus and snacks; lunch is on your own. \$25 deposit required at sign-up; call Jane at 410-866-8016.

NYC Bus Trip

St. Francis of Assisi will sponsor a bus trip to New York City for "On Your Feet - The Gloria and Emilio Estefan Story" on Wednesdays, March 16 and 30, 2016. Cost between \$140 and \$150. Bus will pick up from 3615 Harford Road (21218) at 7:45 a.m. Lunch on your own in NYC and dinner on your own at the Town & Country Restaurant in Bordentown, N.J. Contact Barbara Jo at 410-488-3162 or barbarajo.wuest@aol.com immediately if you're interested.

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