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Major Rock Williams, representing the Civil Air Patrol Glenn L. Martin composite squadron, salutes those who have served and are serving in the United States Air Force after laying a wreath on the Lamky-Luther-Whitehead Veterans Memorial in their honor.

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

On an unseasonably warm day, the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens in Middle River on Saturday, Dec. 12, saw the laying of 317 wreaths on the graves of veterans laid to rest on the grounds.

"This is overwhelming," said Nadine Hartman, the site's location coordinator for Wreaths Across America, referring to the amount of people gathered for the ceremony. She noted that it was likely the most people that had shown up to the fourth-annual ceremony.

In addition to the more than 300 wreaths laid on the graves of veterans in the cemetery, several service members placed wreaths on the Lamky-Luther-Whitehead Veterans Memorial in honor of those who are serving and have served in the respective branches of the U.S Armed Forces.

Major Gary Niles, U.S. Army; Gunnery Sergeant David Bretz, U.S. Marine Corps; Lieutenant Gregory Franklin, U.S. Navy; Major Rock Williams, U.S. Air Force; Chief Warrant Officer Shane Scott, U.S. Coast Guard; and Commander Craig Shoene, U.S. Merchant Marines, each laid a wreath on the monument. And finally, U.S. Navy and Vietnam veteran Walter Wankowski laid a wreath in honor of the 93,129 U.S. servicemen from all branches whose last

known status was either prisoner of war (POW) or missing in action (MIA).

WAA is the sponsor of the national event which seeks to lay holiday wreaths on the graves of veterans in state and national cemeteries across the country, and has done so for the last eight years. This year was also the 24th anniversary of Maine wreaths being donated to be placed on headstones at Arlington National Cemetery.

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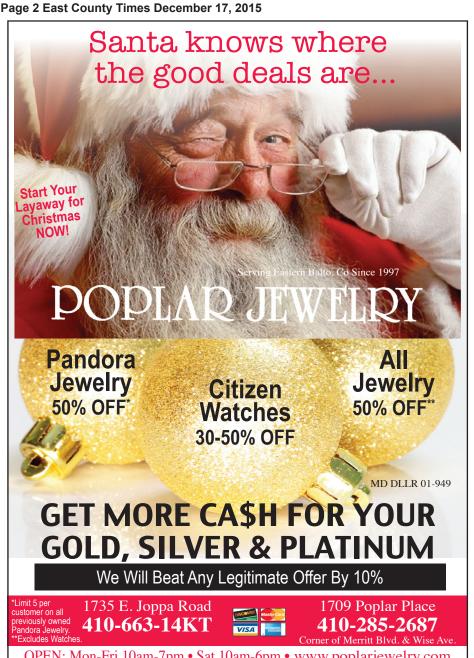
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# Franchot calls for joint legislative hearing on school air conditioning

- by Patrick Taylor -

Last Friday, Dec. 11, Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot sent a letter to legislative leadership urging them to hold a joint legislative hearing with regard to school air conditioning after the Interagency Committee for Public School Construction (IAC) voted to defer a vote on whether or not funds from the state capitol budget could be used for the purchase and installation of portable air conditioning units.

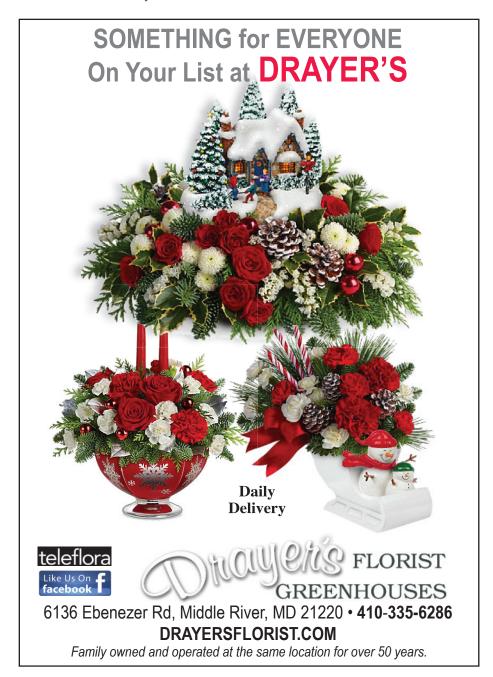
Under current guidelines, state capitol money can not be used for portable units. Franchot expected to have the votes to allow for spending on the portable units, but former Delegate Tim Maloney, appointed by the Senate, "proposed deferral of the motion pending further consultation between the members of the Board of Public Works and the leadership of the General Assembly" according to IAC Executive Director David Lever.

"The notion that the leadership of the General Assembly would force a postponement of this vote, for the reason stated in Dr. Lever's letter, was surprising to me and many other stakeholders, to put it mildly," Franchot stated.

Franchot pointed out that the issue of installing portable units in classrooms has been "exhaustively" discussed, at both public forums in Arbutus and Dundalk, as well as at a November meeting of the IAC and a Board of Public Works meeting on Dec. 2. He then pointed out that many members of the Baltimore County delegation were present at the forums he hosted earlier this year. He also brought up the fact that the IAC contains appointed representatives from the House and the Senate, "both of whom are presumably there to provide information and answer any questions that lawmakers might have regarding Maryland's Public School Construction Program."

In his letter, Franchot highlighted the efforts undertaken by Anne Arundel County to use portable units. He also pointed to a study done by the Maryland Department of General Services which noted that the total costs associated with installing a portable air conditioning system - from the purchase and installation of the units to the necessary electrical upgrades - are less than \$10,000 per classroom.

"Putting aside the irregular circumstances of the deferral, however, I am pleased with the General Assembly's newfound interest in this important public health and safety priority," said Franchot, before adding that he would facilitate the discussion if need be.



# Port of Baltimore receives EPA grant to replace old trucks

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Members of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Maryland Department of the Environment, representatives from the Port of Baltimore and local elected officials gathered at the Dundalk Marine Terminal on Dec. 11 to announce a grant to the tune of \$870,000 that will be used to replace older diesel trucks used at the Port of Baltimore and reduce toxic air emissions.

The grant, given through the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA), will support replacing 25 drayage trucks with model year 2011 trucks or newer.

"Cleaning up our air and ensuring people's right to breathe healthy air is a priority for the EPA," said EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Shawn M. Garvin. "The benefits of replacing these trucks will help us combat climate change and improve air quality in the surrounding areas."

The replacement project will reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions by 9.5 tons. In addition, the upgrade will reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by 31.73 tons and particulate matter emissions by 1.09 tons.

Friday's announcement marks the second time in two years that the EPA has given the Port of Baltimore grant money to replace aging diesel trucks. In April of 2014, the EPA gave the Port a \$750,000 grant which was used to replace 22 trucks. Since the program began in 2012, 82 older trucks have been replaced with cleaner models.

While a vibrant Port of Baltimore is good for Maryland's economy, emissions from trucks harm the air quality which in turn can harm employees and members of the surrounding communities. The drayage trucks make numerous trips per day between the port's container terminals and local trucking company facilities that are all located in densely populated areas, including the Turner Station area. Members of the Turner Station community, many of whom







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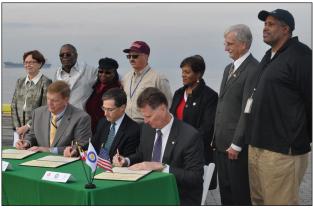
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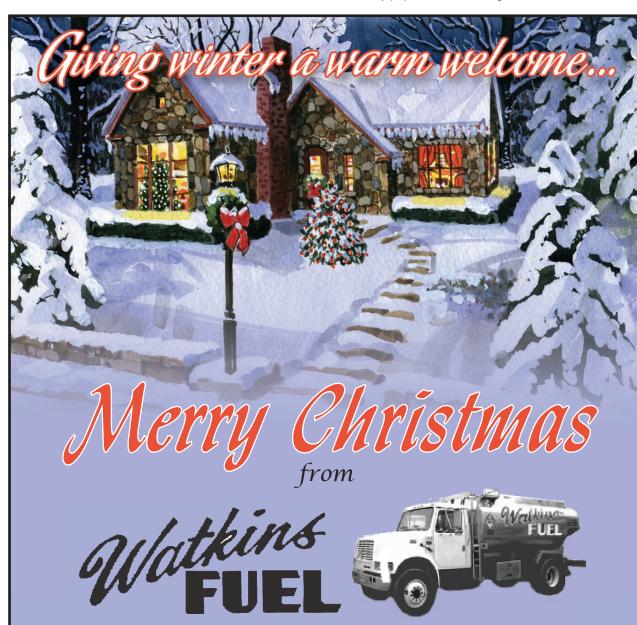
work at or have connections to the Port, applauded the efforts of the EPA and Port of Baltimore to help ensure quality air.

Despite the fact that the EPA has implemented standards that make diesel engines more than 90 percent cleaner than in the past, many older trucks still remain in use due to the fact that diesel engines have a long shelf life. However, the pollutants emitted by diesel engines have been linked to asthma, lung damage and other serious health problems.

Since 2008, the DERA program has awarded more than 700 grants across the country in 600 communities, which have helped reduce emissions from more than 60,000 engines.



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# **Bevins plans to use CZMP to protect land from development**

- by Devin Crum -

Sixth District Baltimore County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins informed the East County Times last week that she intends to use the 2016 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP), now underway in the county, to protect public land from potential development.

Following the county's planned sale of the North Point Government Center in Dundalk for commercial development, many began to question whether other county-owned land which the public uses for recreation could also be sold for development.

Enter County Council Bill 66-15, which passed the council and became law in October. This bill revised the county's zoning code with regard to the Neighborhood Commons (NC) overlay designation, which was created in 2012 to protect community open space from development.

However, the original law stated that the designation could not be applied to county-owned land. Bill 66-15 changed that to allow the NC overlay on any property in the county, including county-owned ones such as public parks.

Now, Councilwoman Bevins is putting the NC designation to use on 15 public parks and community centers in her district to protect them from being sold by the county for future development.

Since NC is an overlay, not an actual zoning classification, it must be used in conjunction with a zoning density. So Bevins has combined it with a reduced, minimum density, such as DR 1 (residential, one home per acre), in most cases.

Seventh District Councilman Todd Crandell, whose district includes the Government Center, also announced in October his intention to use the NC designation for this purpose.

The 15 properties for which Bevins intends to use the NC overlay are Eastern Regional Park in Chase, Golden Ring Park in Rosedale, Hawthorne Park in Middle River, Glendale Park in Loch Raven, Wilson Point Park in Middle River, Putty Hill Park in Parkville, Fullerton Park in Fullerton, the Parkville Senior Center, the Fullerton Community Center, Belmar Park in Overlea, Darlington Park in Parkville, Linover Park in Fullerton, Holt Park in Overlea, Double Rock Park in Parkville and the Shady Spring PAL Center in Rosedale.

The councilwoman said she was surprised to learn that many of the properties are zoned DR 3.5 and DR 5.5 - higher density residential zones that would allow townhouses or apartments. Some were

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even zoned for heavy industry.

Bevins is seeking to downzone all the properties to DR 1 with the NC overlay, except Eastern Regional and Hawthorne Parks, which already had parcels of the more restrictive RC 20 (resource conservation) zoning and will retain that designation. She said a total of 396 acres will be preserved through this process.

"[The NC designation] is to prevent the county selling it off," Bevins explained. "These are the kinds of things I'm trying to prevent."

Using Holt Park as an example, Bevins noted that people had been living in the cabins in the park, which the community liked because they felt it provided added security against vandalism and other ill intentions. But the county has been getting people out of them and boarding

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# Appeals board upholds Osprey Pointe decision; RBIA to press on

- by Devin Crum -

On Thursday, Dec. 3, the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County issued its official written decision in the matter of whether or not the Osprey Pointe development, originally approved in June, could move forward.

At the Nov. 18 public deliberation of the board, where they ultimately upheld the administrative law judge's (ALJ) approval of the project, the board members found that the plan met all requirements for the type of development that was proposed and all county agencies had recommended approval of the plan

Additionally, "Protestants failed to present sufficient, or at times any, evidence

that rebutted or called into question the validity of the various agencies' conclusions..." the decision read.

The three chief arguments that the opponents of the development used in their appeal were that the development plan conflicts with their community plan with regard to density limits, the ALJ failed to make adequate findings of fact regarding his conclusion as to the developer's ability to pay an open space waiver fee and that Council Bill 67-08 is unconstitutional because its title is inadequate and is arbitrary and capricious.

The opponents argued first that the Lower Back River Neck Community Action Plan - accepted as part of the county's Master Plan in 2010 - recommended

removing "unbuildable areas" from the density calculation for a development, which they claimed would only allow 13 homes to be built instead of the proposed 16. Therefore, the development plan conflicted with their plan and the

But the county Planning Board and Department of Planning found no conflict between the Master Plan and the development plan and issued a letter to the ALJ to that effect. The ALJ was then bound to accept the decision, and the appeals board found no fault in it.

In his decision, that's what [the ALJ] is relying on to find there is no conflict,"

appeals board member Andrew Belt explained during the deliberation. While he did not think there was an error with the density calculation, he said it was an "interesting" argument, nonetheless.

With respect to the open space waiver, the opponents expressed interest in having the developer preserve open space on the site rather than simply paying a fee to the county for them to purchase land elsewhere. And they did not feel the ALJ provided adequate reasoning in allowing the developer to pay the fee.

However, the board's decision notes that county law allows the payment of







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# First and second graders at Sussex Elementary gifted new books from Pioneers

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

It's the season of giving, and first and second grade students at Sussex Elementary in Essex received an early gift this year thanks to the Point Breeze Pioneers Group, which consists of retirees from the Western Electric Plant previously located on Broening Highway in Dundalk.

Members of the Pioneers visited Sussex Elementary on Tuesday morning to talk about the book donation, worth \$400, as well as read aloud to students.

"This is a program we've had for many years," said Point Breeze Pioneers President Steve Reisinger. "Every year we pick schools to donate books to. We also find a charitable organization once a month where we donate \$100."

Joining Reisinger from the Pioneers was Rose

Dougherty, Maria Kowalevicz and Lena Shipley. Dougherty noted that when it comes to donations, they try to keep things local. In years past they've donated to the Dundalk Historical Society as well as a pregnancy center in Dundalk.

The children in the first and second grade classes were thrilled to not only receive a free book, but have the Pioneers read to them. In Miss Linsey Rains' first grade class, Reisinger read the students "Dragons Love Tacos," a *New York Times* bestseller written by Adam Rubin and illustrated by Daniel Salmieri. The Pioneers read aloud to the students for approximately 25 minutes before distributing the books to the children.

"They told us how many dollars worth of books we would be getting, and then our reading specialist

went and purchased the books based on what would be appropriate for the children in each grade," said Sussex Elementary Principal Thomas Bowser. "So the books are at the appropriate readability level for the kids, and they're something the teachers wanted to have."

Bowser had high praise for Parent Services Coordinator Sharon Greason as well as Reading Specialist Meghan Kovacs. The Pioneers had tried reaching out to multiple schools in the area, but none of the schools were returning their calls. Greason managed to get back in touch with the Pioneers to get the ball rolling on the donation.

"Really what [Greason] does is invaluable," said Bowser. "It's all about developing a relationship. And now that Sharon has developed a relationship with the Pioneers, I doubt this will be the last time we hear from them. [Kovacs] was also instrumental, working closely with Sharon to get this together. We have a really great staff here."



Steve Reisinger kept the students of Miss Rain's first grade class entertained with the book "Dragons Love Tacos."





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them up one by one, saying the cabins are too expensive to maintain, she said. "That's the kind of thing that makes people nervous.

"I'm trying to show good will to constituents because I understand their concerns," she continued. "I don't want these properties developed either.'

Speaking of concerns, a flood of development has been a major concern of residents along the Bird River Road corridor since the last CZMP in 2012. And Dennis Teegardin, Bevins' legislative aide, noted that they have worked to develop a comprehensive list of new development approved in the area over the last 10 years to help guide her decisions during this CZMP.

The councilwoman explained that she visits and walks each property raised as an issue during the CZMP and speaks with the owner to understand the reasons for the requested change. "And I don't make any decisions on any property until I have to," she said.

As an exception, though, Bevins pointed out that a developer, who has consolidated several properties near Bevans Lane and a new section of Campbell Boulevard into a five-acre plot, approached her with a request for a zoning density increase and a plan for an apartment complex similar to The Arbors at Baltimore Crossroads on MD-43. She turned him down.

Bevins said the rezoning process is important to communities, developers and the County Council members. "[Deciding how land is used] is one of our powers.

"I know that there is a lot of smart growth going on in the Sixth District, but I have to strike a balance to preserve and secure land by downzoning as well," she commented.

As per the established CZMP process, public input hearings before the county planning board regarding the zoning issues will begin in March.

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a fee in lieu of dedicating "such a small parcel of land" (16,000 square feet), and that such a fee "is appropriate for this site" since open space of less than 20,000 square feet provides limited recreational opportunities and warrants the granting of a waiver.

"I think there was a discussion of why it was done, that there had been some underutilized open space that could use some funds" and land at the site would be inadequate or unusable, Belt explained. "While the appellants may not like it, that was the evidence the ALJ used in his decision."

And regarding Bill 67-08, passed by the County Council in 2008, which repealed a restriction on minor subdivisions in the area, the opponents argued that the bill was unconstitutional and violates due process because

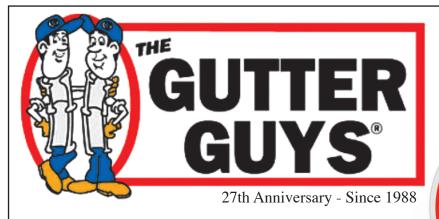
its title was inadequate and incomplete.

The board's decision simply reads that they need not address this argument because they lack the jurisdiction to determine the constitutionality of legislative acts. And Belt stated that they have always deferred such arguments to higher courts.

The Rockaway Beach Improvement Association, a party to the appeal, was disappointed, but not entirely surprised by the board's decision.

"I felt extremely let down by the process," said RBIA Vice President Kevin McDonough. "I really don't feel as though our community has had a fair shake from the get-go on this issue."

'Our association is disappointed by this decision," said RBIA President Kim Goodwin-Maigetter, "but we still firmly believe that there are some serious legal issues with this project that need to be evaluated.'



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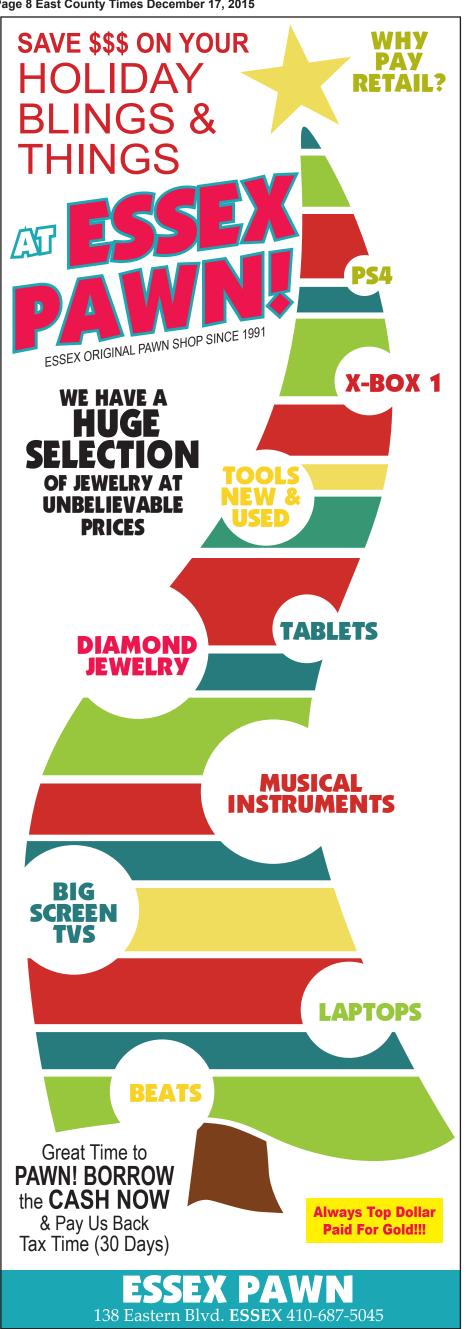
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# WREATHS

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have served and are serving in the U.S. armed forces," Hartman explained.

In 2014, Wreaths Across America and their national network of volunteers laid over 700,000 memorial wreaths at 1,000 locations. They were able to include ceremonies at the Pearl Harbor Memorial, as well as Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the sites of the Sept. 11 tragedies. This was accomplished with help from 2,047 fundraising groups,

corporate contributions, donations of trucking and shipping and thousands of helping hands. Wreaths Across America's goal of covering Arlington National Cemetery was accomplished in 2014 with the placement of 226,525 wreaths.

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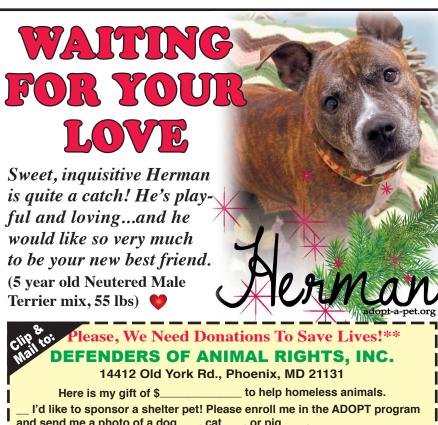
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### ENTERTAINMENT

# 'IN THE HEART OF THE SEA': Something fishy with the marketing

- by Teddy Durgin -

There's no doubt that the good folks who made "In the Heart of the Sea" (dumb title, by the way) had Oscar gold shining in their eyes the whole time during pre-production, production and postproduction. How could they not? You have a period piece adventure film about the Essex, the real-life ship and her crew who sailed out of Nantucket, Mass., in the 1820s and tragically took on a giant whale, thus providing the inspiration for Herman Melville's classic novel, "Moby Dick." There are great costumes and sets and talented actors from all over the world affecting New England accents. The director is Ron Howard, who won the Oscar for "A Beautiful Mind." And the lead is Chris Hemsworth, a truly beautiful specimen of a man who has some pretty underrated acting chops.

And the whole thing rests not on the miraculous computer-generated whale that gives the film some brief epic grandeur. Oh, no, no, no. This film is being totally mis-advertised in commercials and trailers. This is not a costume-drama version of "Jaws" where brave, mightly men of the sea set sail to slay a mythic ocean beast. The big attack sequence comes about halfway through. And it's no contest. It's the seafaring version of Mike Tyson Vs. Marvis Frazier, with Tyson being the whale and Frazier being the hapless, chowder-eating crew. It's like the

cast's fake Boston accents angered Shamu. And by the time he's done with them, only a handful of survivors remain and become adrift on three tiny lifeboats with little hope of finding dry land.

So, they drift... and they drift... and they drift... for days... weeks... months. And they eventually become... cannibals! Oh yeah. And, believe me, that's no big fun in Real-D 3-D. They really should re-do the poster for this flick. It should read: "You thought your movie ticket cost YOU an arm and a leg!"

But herein lies one of my two main problems with the film. The first is previously stated. It's completely misadvertised. Once the Essex's whaling crew becomes stranded near the Equator having hunted this mythic whale for its oil and paid the price, it becomes a plodding, joyless, deeply grim survival tale.

My second problem? The film indeed leads up to that fateful moment where one of the men dies after weeks stranded at sea, and the starving, emaciated survivors led by Hemsworth decide to cut him up and eat him. But then the camera cuts away to the elderly version of the Holland character (now played by Brendan Gleeson) decades later, telling the story to Melville (Ben Whishaw) himself. A couple of minutes pass and the film cuts back to the life boat after the horrific deed has been done. They've eaten the poor S.O.B.'s heart, his liver, his limbs.



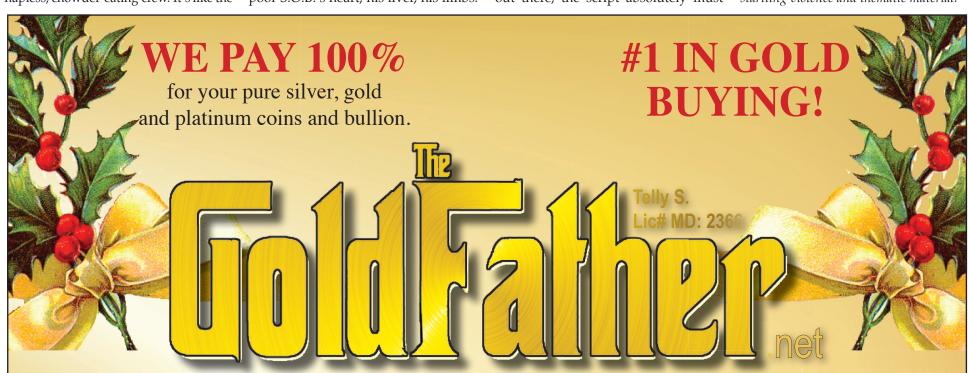
And there's not a drop of blood in the boat or on any of their mouths, chins, shirts or pants. It's the cleanest job of cannibalization ever.

And, well, that's just not good enough for the Oscar, bay-bee! Hemsworth... Walker... Cillian Murphy! If you want one of those golden statues on your mantle, you gotta lean into those scenes! You gotta have at least a few seconds of screen time where we see you chowin' down on a leg or an eyeball or some appendage. And then, when you do eventually get back on land and your loving family wonders what happened out there, the script absolutely must

allow you to have your moment... your moment where you break down, turn to the camera, and yell, "WE ATE DUDES! WE ATE DUDES!!!"

But it's all played out so safe, low-key, and PG-13. I guess I should give Howard and Co. some credit for their serious, sobering take on the Essex and not allowing Hollywood pyrotechnics to alter that very real story to suit today's multiplex audiences and awards-season voters. But oof! Could this have been just a wee bit fun?!

"In the Heart of the Sea" is rated PG-13 for intense scenes of action and peril, brief startling violence and thematic material.



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# Movie lovers should emigrate to 'BROOKLYN'

- by Teddy Durgin -

The new film "Brooklyn" is being described as many things. A period piece. An immigrant drama. A coming-of-age tale. Bah! Let's call it what it is. It's one of the best big-screen romance movies in years, folks! That's right, I said it - ROMANCE! Don't be put off by that word. Don't shrink from it. You know you want it in your life. And if you have it, you want more of it. Few things are sweeter in this world than romance.

Hey, I like shoot-'em-ups, car chases and two guys beating the hell out of each other in a boxing ring as much as the next dude. But I'd almost forgotten how absolutely thrilling it is to watch two likable people fall in love on the big screen. And I'd forgotten how tense it can be watching those two people struggle up against a plot twist that threatens to undermine their entire relationship. In many ways, "Brooklyn" is as thrilling and as tense as any action film, horror movie, or big-screen mega-popcorn franchise film I've seen all year. Why? Because I came to care about the characters so much!

This is a beautifully made, exquisitely constructed motion picture. It's a film that if you describe it, it sounds simple. It sounds like a thousand other movies. Girl meets boy. Yawn. Girl gets boy. Scoff. Girl loses boy. Zzzzz. Girl... blah, blah, blah. But "Brooklyn" is much more layered than that. It's much more about character







and motivation, conflict and response, decision and indecision. The film is for anyone who has ever left home and forged a new path.

"Brooklyn" stars Saoirse Ronan as Eilis, a young woman who decides to leave Ireland in the early 1950s to forge a new life for herself in Brooklyn, N.Y. She loves her native country and will miss her older sister and widowed mother. But there's nothing at home for her anymore. She only has part-time work in a local store. She attends church dances, but the boys always seem to approach other girls. She just feels like her life is elsewhere.

Once in Brooklyn, her priest Father Flood (Jim Broadbent) arranges for her to take bookkeeping classes at night while working in one of Gotham's fanciest department stores by day. She stays at a boarding house with other young Irish women run by the stern, but supportive Mrs. Kehoe (Julie Walters). Most importantly, she meets a young Italian plumber named Tony (Emory Cohen), and she gradually falls in love with him. Their courtship spans the entire second act of the film, and you'll... well, you'll just swoon.

A family tragedy calls her back to Ireland, though.

Months have passed since she left, and Eilis is not the same quiet introvert she once was. She comes back confident and wiser. She re-connects with her best friend. A part-time job turns into a possible career opportunity as an accountant. And a young local man named Jim (Domhnall Gleeson), who was everything she was looking for before she moved to America, takes a liking to her.

I would hesitate to call "Brooklyn" a love triangle. It's really not. The choice for Eilis is not between Tony and Jim specifically. It's a choice between two worlds... two Eilises. Eilis has found herself in New York in a way she never could have had she stayed put. But it's the classic case of the former nerd or wallflower who blossoms, goes back to his or her high school reunion and is suddenly everything he or she wishes they were back when they were younger. There is real uncertainty and tension in what her final decision will be.

I don't want to write much more because I want you to discover the entirety of "Brooklyn" for yourself. And please discover it. What a rarity this film is. And, yes... what a romance!

"Brooklyn" is rated PG-13 for a scene of sexuality and some brief strong language.



SPORTS

# Basketball season tips off in earnest

- by Patrick Taylor -

I love football season with all of my heart. I love the hits, the jukes in open space, the chilly fall air, the questionable refereeing and everything else about it. But if I'm being honest, I'm more of a basketball guy.

First off, I never played football competitively. While I do have a strong knowledge of the game, I don't think like a football player while I'm watching those games. With basketball, it's a whole different story.

I played basketball all through my childhood and adolescence, operating as a point guard. So while I may not understand all of the nuances of the low post, the game as a whole is a lot easier for me to see and understand.

So what does that mean for you, the reader? Better analysis! However, due to space this week I'll just be giving a brief overview of some of the action that took place since the season began.

But to be honest, what I most look forward to is watching games from the comfort of a warm gym. While the Dundalk football team's season was a magical one, that final game at M&T Bank Stadium was absolutely frigid. So without further adieu, let's usher in the new season.

It's way too early to tell who will be the teams to watch in our area, but one team that's starting strong is the Perry Hall Gators boy's basketball team. Three games into the season, Perry Hall sits at 2-1. But the loss is more than forgivable; we'll get to that in a moment.

The Gators started their season back on Dec. 7 with a massive 91 - 58 win against Bel Air. The first official half of the season was a relatively close one, but the Gators took the lead early and didn't let go. After taking a 7-point lead in the first quarter, Perry Hall was in a comfortable position.

Bel Air responded in the second quarter, however, limiting Perry Hall's fast break opportunities. Bel Air looked to have settled their early game jitters, but they weren't able to bite into the lead at all and the Gators entered half-time with an 8-point lead.

In the second half, however, Perry Hall blew the game wide open. After amassing 36 points in the first half, the Gators ran a highly efficient offense that saw them put up 26 points in the third quarter and 29 in the fourth en route to a monstrous 91 - 58 win.

In their third game of the season, the Gators visited Hereford High (I know, I skipped the second game, but that was intentional; more on that in a moment) and put on a defensive clinic in the first half.

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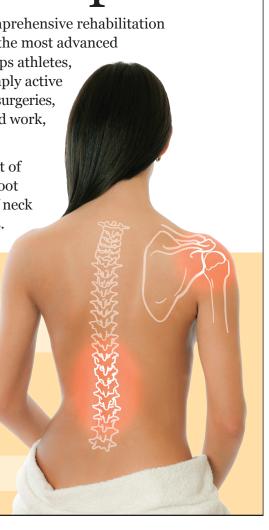
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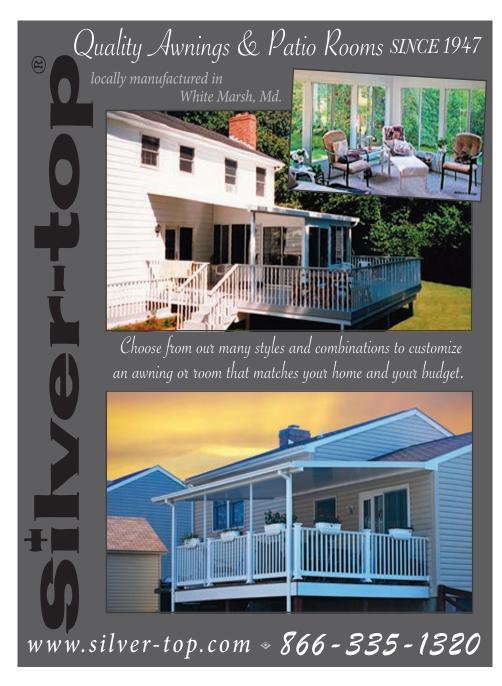
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### **SPORTS**

# BASKETBALL

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From the get-go, Perry Hall looked to be in control. Their halfcourt offense was looking like a well-oiled machine. Their big men scored easily in the post, and when help defense did arrive it allowed for easy kickouts for midrange opportunities.

But where the Gators really stood out was on defense, allowing a measly 10 points in the first half. Now, the defense couldn't keep up that pace for the rest of the game, but anytime you limit a team so severely early on, you essentially already have a win sealed

up. When the final whistle blew, the Gators had another win to their name.

Now, this game was important because it was a bounceback game. Perry Hall had just suffered their first loss of the season the game before against New Town, a team the Baltimore Sun has as the No. 2 team in the area.

While a loss is always a tough thing to stomach, Perry Hall played like legitimate contenders against one of the best teams around. For those who don't know. New Town took home the 1A state championship last year - and returned four starters for this season.

This was a close contest throughout,

with both teams trading baskets and the lead throughout. Really, the only separation came in the first quarter, which ended with a 19-16 lead in favor

What the game really came down to was the final two minutes of play, which saw Perry Hall frantically trying to get the edge on New Town, but New Town simply couldn't miss from the free throw line. With a minute to go, New Town was sent to the line and essentially iced the game for the defending champions.

Despite the 62-58 loss, Perry Hall proved that they aren't a team who will go down without fighting. So far this season they have done what all good teams should do, which is trounce the teams they are expected to beat while rising up to the level of better opponents.

And to come back from such a devastating loss and wipe the floor with Hereford speaks volumes about the type of team the Gators have put together.

I know I said earlier that it's way too early to tell who to look out for this season, but Perry Hall gets really high early marks. If they can keep up this level of play and build off of the success, they'll be in a great position.

# **A Common Cause: Supporting**

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

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Recently, the community geared up for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in October.

"We were a sea of purple," said Amy. 'Many of us wore our purple tutus.'

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# **OBITUARIES**

### Rutkowski, Charles L.



On Nov. 29, Charles Leonard Rutkowski, 83, of Perry Hall, died of sepsis at Seasons Hospice at Med-Star Franklin Square Medical Center.

He was born on June 15, 1932, in his family's farmhouse on Race Road in Stemmers Run and moved with the family to a larger farm in

Upper Falls in 1940. He graduated from Kenwood High School in 1952 and was drafted into the Army in 1955. When he was discharged, he went to work as a store clerk at The Meyer Seed Company (at the time, located on Belair Road in Fullerton), switching to work as a truck driver for the Fells Point location in 1995 until his retirement in 2005.

He was well-known in Perry Hall, Parkville and surrounding communities for his accordion playing as a member of Bill Andrew's Orchestra and on his own. He played at the Perry Hall McDonald's on the first Tuesday of every month and at various assisted living homes in the area. He also enjoyed puttering around his yard and doing yard work.

Mr. Rutkowski is survived by his wife of 60 years, Loretta Dorothy Rutkowski (nee Kahl); daughters Lorrie Erdman and Diane Peters of Perry Hall and Joanne Gurley of Nottingham, sons Ronald Rutkowski of Darlington and Richard Rutkowski of Glen Arm, and seven grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

A funeral was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church Fullerton on Dec. 4, with interment in the church

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### MacCrehan, Marion E.



On Dec. 2, Marion Evelyn Millay MacCrehan, 89, founding member and longtime Vice President of the Ballestone Preservation Society.

She was born on April 28, 1926, in Chicago, Ill., and raised in Machiasport, Maine. In 1952, she moved to

Essex, where she was an active volunteer with Girl Scouts, the Back River Neck Peninsula Community Association, Back River Elementary School PTA and Back River United Methodist Church. With the Ballestone Preservation Society, she served as a docent in the main parlor and helped decorate the manor.

Marion was the daughter of the late George and Blanche Millay; wife of the late William A. Mac-Crehan; devoted mother of William A. MacCrehan III, Judy A. Newbauer, Wendy A. Gossman and husband Scott, Karie A. Batzler and husband Chris and Scott A. MacCrehan; doting grandmother to Jen Newbauer, Matthew and Amelia Gossman, Graham, Cole, Meredith and Jillian Batzler and Tristan, Justin, Devin, Emma and Corrine MacCrehan.

A memorial service will be held at Back River United Methodist Church in Essex on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, gifts of remembrance may be made to the Ballestone Preservation Society.

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## **Weir, Clara Dorothy**



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her late husband Gilbert, Christian Weir and wife Darlene, Clara "JoJo" Zajdel and Mark Weir, Sr. and wife Patti; grandmother to the late Dawn Bentley, Donald McGinnity, Jr., Christian Weir, Jr., Stacie Gosting, Sonya "Sunny" Williams, Lisa Gallo, Valerie Cordara, Zachary Zajdel, Cortney Zajdel and Mark Weir III; great-grandmother of Timothy, Michaela, AnneMarie, Ashton, Savannah, Kameron, Lachlan, Gage, Jade, Addison, Owen, Ava and Eli.

Visitation was held on Dec. 15 at the Bruzdzinski Funeral Home, P.A. of Essex, where a funeral was held on Dec. 16. A mass of Christian burial followed at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Entombment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.



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# **Police involved shooting** in Middle River

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When officers arrived on the scene, they met with the complainant, a woman in her late thirties, at the front door. The woman went outside while officers went inside and made contact with the live-in boyfriend, a man in his early 50s. Officers began speaking with the man and attempted to talk him into going to the hospital. When officers were unable to convince him to go to the hospital voluntarily, at least one taser was deployed in an effort to bring him under control. The taser deployment was not effective.

The man then reached into a kitchen drawer and retrieved several knives. He advanced on officers with those knives. Another taser was deployed against the man, but it was not effective. Three officers then fired, striking the man.

The man was declared deceased at the scene.

The Baltimore County Police Homicide Unit is on the scene investigating. The Homicide Unit investigates all police-involved shootings. After the investigation is complete, the report will be turned over to the Baltimore County States Attorney's office for review.

The officers involved in this shooting are placed on administrative status while the incident is reviewed.

# Middle River man left deceased after ATV crash

Early in the morning on Dec. 8, crash in Middle River has left a man deceased.

The preliminary investigation into the crash has indicated that at approximately 4:52 a.m., a 2005 Suzuki ATV had been traveling north-bound on Crossroad Circle 21220 when it ran into an equipment trailer that was parked on the side of the road.

The operator of the ATV, 59-year-old John Leo Le Brun, Sr., of the 400-block of Earls Road in Middle River, was declared deceased at the scene.

This crash remains under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Crash Team.



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# **Pepper spray at Deep Creek** Middle causes evacuation

At 8:32 a.m. on Dec. 11, Baltimore County Police and Fire personnel responded to Deep Creek Middle School in the 1000-block of Marlyn Avenue in Essex for a report of a strange odor. The odor caused the evacuation of students from the school.

An investigation into the incident has indicated that a 12-year-old female seventh grade student had brought a small can of pepper spray to school, which accidentally discharged. The discharge affected multiple students and teachers. Police have taken the pepper spray container into evidence. Any criminal charges against the student will depend on the outcome of the investigation.

Medical personnel transported eight students and one teacher to area hospitals for evaluation. The information will be updated when the exact numbers are confirmed.

Students were allowed back into the school at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Approximately 21 pieces of Baltimore County Fire Department equipment were assigned to the incident.

# "See Something, Say Something" reminders

Although there is no known threat to Maryland, state officials are reminding Marylanders of the important role they have in helping to keep our state safe by reporting to police suspicious situations or circumstances that could be related to crime or possible acts of terrorism.

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# Rosedale man gets fifty years for double homicide

Kenneth Walter Worrell, 33, was sentenced on Dec. 11 to fifty years in prison for the murders of Summer Smith and her unborn child in Baltimore County Circuit Court.

Summer Smith was found by her mother stabbed to death at the foot of the basement stairs of their home at 5 Travis Court in Rosedale. She had been stabbed and cut 121 times. Ms. Smith was killed on June 20, 2014. She was at the end of a full term pregnancy and due to deliver at any time. Worrell was the biological father of the child.

Despite Worrell's denial that he had seen Ms. Smith on the day of the murders, the Baltimore County Police retrieved a bank receipt from his car dated the same day of the murder which had Ms. Smith's blood on it.

Worrell plead guilty to the First Degree Murder of Summer Smith and the First Degree Murder of the viable fetus of Ms. Smith who was named Skye. Judge Justin King imposed concurrent sentences of Life with all but fifty years suspended for each murder consistent with a plea agreement.

Call 1-800-492-TIPS." Again, this is not due to any known threat to Maryland, but as a reminder that police resources are working around the clock to keep our state safe and are standing by to act on information about suspicious circumstances.

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**DINING OUT** 

# PAPA's Smokehouse delivers flavorful meat, seafood

- By Emily Blackner -

I went into PAPA's Smokehouse and Saloon expecting a good meal with lots of flavor, but even I was surprised by just how delicious everything was.

We began the meal with a Greek salad, which my coworker commented was a little like a house salad with Greek elements. It was a fresh, tasty way to begin the meal.

We were then presented with a platter of a variety of meats and seafood chosen by owner Alex Greben and his chef Tom Friend. I immediately dug into the slices of beef and the accompanying au jus. While the beef was flavorful and tender on its own, I really enjoyed the exceptionally flavorful kick the au jus provided. And my coworker noted that the other meats on the plate tasted equally good dipped in the au jus.

The slow-smoked chicken had a light smokey flavor that didn't mask the distinctly chicken taste of the meat. Greben said the chicken is smoked for 10 - 12 hours before being served.

Then we moved on to the BBQ brisket bites cooked in PAPA's delicious apple hickory barbeque sauce, which had just the right amount of sweetness and a definite apple aftertaste. The meat itself was tender enough for easy eating. Greben said the brisket is smoked for a 16 hours in a smoker with a mix of hickory, cherry and apple woods.

The waitress revealed that PAPA's home-makes all of their sauces, and we got to sample six of them



with our meal. My favorite was the smoked hickory barbeque, while my coworker enjoyed the sweet and savory and the spicier chipotle sauce, which had a lingering heat. I was surprised by how much I liked the Mongolian barbeque sauce as well; its dry heat that came on slow was really unique and made me want more. The spiciest option of all PAPA's buffalo, with a strong, quick-hitting heat.

The seafood options at PAPA's were just as well-prepared. The crab tini featured a lump imperial blend on top of a crispy crustini that provided a nice crunch to contrast the normally soft crab cake texture. And the cake itself had a nice flavor, with the blend containing only enough of other meats to get the right taste.

Last up was the blackened sushimi tuna, which was served with Asian slaw atop a hickory-smoked potato skin. The hickory flavor of the potato compli-

mented the tuna nicely to create what my coworker described as almost a mesquite flavor.

To cap everything off, we got to indulge in a slice of salted caramel cheesecake for dessert. The caramel contained just a hint of salt, whereas some preparations go overboard with it. And the cheesecake itself was decadent and very delicious.

We enjoyed all of this food in PAPA's cozy dining room, which had an excellent soundtrack playing. They also frequently feature live entertainment in the evenings as well as hold karaoke nights. And every Tuesday is the popular Trivia Night at PAPA's, which the waitress said brings a great turnout. Wednesdays are steak nights.

PAPA's Smokehouse and Saloon is located at 2715 North Point Road in Dundalk. They are open daily 11 a.m. -2 a.m.; the kitchen switches to a late-night menu at 9 p.m.

















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### ■ COMMUNITY

# **Dundalk Christian Chorale**

The Dundalk Christian Chorale, under the direction of Donald Appel, presents the Christmas cantata, "One Silent Night," on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at Dundalk United Methodist Church, located at 6903 Mornington Road, and on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, located at 7517 North Point Road in Edgemere. Free will donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated.

### **HCA on Facebook**

The Hawthorne Civic Association will no longer deliver a monthly newsletter, but instead, has replaced it with a Facebook homepage, <a href="www.facebook.com/hawthornecivicmiddleriver">www.facebook.com/hawthornecivicmiddleriver</a>. The Facebook page will provide more up-to-date information and community news. Questions to HCA may still be sent to the <a href="hawthornecivic.org">hawthornecivic.org</a> website. Meetings will remain at the regular time - 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

## Middle River Concert Band

The Bowleys Quarters Community Association presents the Middle River Concert Band on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Hall. Santa will also be present for the children. The event is free, but please bring a canned good for the St. Matthew Lutheran Church food pantry.

# **Biblical Storytelling**

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### COMMUNITY

# **Annual Toy Drive** The North Point Police and Community Relations

Council will hold their annual toy drive on Friday, Dec. 18, from 7 p.m. - midnight at Poplar Inn restaurant, 7700 Wise Ave. in Dundalk. For more information, contact Robenia Bartee at robar638@gmail.com.

## **Live Nativity**

Join Faith Brethren in Christ Church, 611 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex on Dec. 19 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. for their live Nativity scene as we celebrate the birth of Christ outside. Enjoy free hot chocolate and come sing along with us. For more information, call 410-687-0701.



## Food and Toy Drive

Henry Chiropractic Center is holding its 20th annual food and toy drive to benefit the Family Crisis Center of Dundalk. Non-perishable food and unwrapped toys and gifts may be brought to 1103 North Point Blvd., Suite 404 in Dundalk through Dec. 17 during business hours. For more information, call 410-285-2600.

## Free Mammograms

Baltimore County Womens Cancer Protection is currently offering free mammograms to those who wish to be screened. Call 410-887-3432 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

# **Chocolate for our Troops!**

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# **SOAR Meetings**

Chapter 8-1 of Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR) meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the UAW Hall at 1010 S. Oldham Street in Dundalk. Meetings feature updates on current issues facing retirees and lunch. Retirees from any organization are welcome to join; yearly dues are \$12.99 for retirees and \$3 for spouses. For more info., call Don Kellner at 410-227-8462.

# **Seafood Nights**

Rosedale American Legion Post 180, 1331 Seling Ave., will host seafood night each Wednesday evening thru April 2016. Dinners available from 6 - 8 p.m.; reservations not required. For info., visit <a href="http://">http://</a> www.rosedalepost180.org/Seafood\_Nights.html.

### 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 begins Jan. 11. Call the rec. office at 410-887-5194.

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# Middle River Rotary Club **Serves Community**



On Monday, Dec. 7, the Middle River Rotary Club celebrated its 75th anniversary! They celebrated the occasion at Franklin Square Hospital, where they gave another \$5,000 towards their pledge of \$25,000 for a room in the new Neonatal Center. One of the club members, Hank Betz, is proud to say his father was the club's first president.

In addition, on Dec. 5, they provided nine needy families with a Christmas with gifts of toys, books, basic supplies, clothes and time with Santa for the kids.

# **Karaoke & Country Line Dancing**

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host karaoke with For the Good Times Karaoke with Percy & Fred, on Friday, Dec. 18, from 8 p.m. midnight. Country line dancing with Mike Caskey's Party Masters will also be in the hall for a fee. On Saturday, Dec. 19, from 8 p.m. - midnight, the Post features karaoke with Fun Time Karaoke with Annette & "Wild" Bill. And on Sunday, Dec. 20, come out from 4 - 8 p.m. for karaoke with Tom D's Sparkle & Dazzle Karaoke. Call the Post at 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability, menu and specials.

# **Friday Night Bands Dance**

Charles Evering VFW Post 6506, 8777 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, has a Friday night bands dance from 7 - 11 p.m. Dinner is available for purchase as well. Admission is \$7 per person. For more info., contact John Harris at 410-236-5431.









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## **Christmas Party**

Bethlehem Council 2605 Knights of Columbus will host their yearly Christmas party with buffet-style dinner on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 2 - 5 p.m. at their hall, 7401 Bay Front Road in Sparrows Point. Features live music by The Lenny Adams Band and a menu including fried chicken, roast beef, baked ziti, salmon with rice, soup, vegetables, dessert, rolls and butter, coffee and soda. \$25 for dinner and full bar, \$15 for dinner only and \$7 for children under 10; infants free. Reservations advised; call Jim at 443-604-8828.

# **Riverside Seniors Open Enrollment**

The Riverside Seniors of Middle River Recreation Council is hosting open enrollment for men and women age 55 and older. Enjoy gatherings followed by bingo each Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Victory Villa Community Center (with free coffee and donuts on the first Thursday of each month), three parties each year, bus trips and more. Card players welcome. Costs \$5 to join the group and weekly dues are \$1. For more info., call 410-887-0234.

### Karaoke

Dundalk American Legion Post 38, 3300 Dundalk Ave., will host karaoke with Fun Time Karaoke with Annette & "Wild" Bill, on Friday, Dec. 18, from 8 p.m. - midnight. Call the Post at 410-288-2297 with questions.

Middle River

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## **Christmas Party**



A children's Christmas party hosted by Delegate Pat and Valerie McDonough was a big success with fun had by all. Patty and Roger Zadjel filled the Commodore Hall with festive Christmas decorations and everyone enjoyed pizza from Bacoli's Delight, along with sweet treats. Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, who presented each child with a filled Christmas stocking, and a number of elves. George Wilbanks and Linda Mrok from the East County Times also stopped by for the festivities. Holiday music was provided by Karie May and country legend star Maria Rose and her husband Dan and face painting was done by Terri Knachel. Delegates Metzgar and Glass also came.

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### **Christmas Train Garden**

The Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum, 701 Wilson Point Road in Essex, will present its second annual Martinville Christmas train garden in Hangar 5 through Dec. 23. Visiting hours 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Wednesdays - Saturdays. Entry is included with museum admission, \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. For more info., call 410-682-6122.



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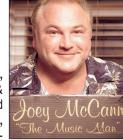
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For more information on this crew contact their advisor, John McConnell, at venturecrew427advisor @comcast.net.

## Food Giveaway

St. Stephens African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1601 Old Eastern Ave., will hold a food giveaway on the third Saturday of every month, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Bring your own bags. Call 410-686-9392.

## **Free Clothing**

St. John's Lutheran Church, 518 Franklin Ave. in Essex, will be giving free clothing to anyone in need on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. - noon. Please do not bring small children and do bring your own bag. Donations of good, useable clothing, domestics, housewares, toys, etc. accepted; call the church office at 410-687-4621.

# **Christmas Train Garden**

Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will have their Christmas train garden open Mondays - Fridays from 6 - 9 p.m. (except Christmas Day) and Saturdays - Sundays noon - 9 p.m. \$1 for visitors ages 8 and up; free for children 7 and under. Parking available in the rear lots. Call Jerry at 443-841-9692 with questions.

### Cash Bingo

Cash bingo sponsored by the Riverside Democratic Club is held every Friday at Essex-Holly Neck VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m. and the kitchen is open from 6 - 9 p.m.) For info., call Jean at 410-391-7444.

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# Councilman Crandell addresses community concerns

Dear Community Leaders:

On Monday night, Dec. 7, the County Council voted to pass Bill 86-15, which is legislation I sponsored.

It is perhaps the most important economic development legislation in the history of the 7th District, if not Baltimore County, and I encourage you to read it at <a href="http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/CountyCouncil/bills%202015/b08615.pdf">http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/CountyCouncil/bills%202015/b08615.pdf</a>

I would like to let you know the reasoning behind the bill and alleviate some concerns that have been expressed about it.

Our district has been devastated by job loss and our constituents deserve every effort to attract jobs to Sparrows Point. Bill 86-15 is designed to do that, and I am proud to play a role in our climb back to prosperity. We all want jobs back at the Point and we need to use every tool we can to make us more competitive to attain them.

The bill has two main components and an amendment. The main components are allowed land uses and the development approval process. The amendment concerns open space.

### **Allowed Land Uses**

The Sparrows Point property is currently zoned Manufacturing - Heavy, which means only those land uses spelled out in the zoning regulations under MH are allowed. The current zoning regulations do not make sense for a 3,100-acre tract of land whose owners are seeking multiple industries, business types and companies as tenants. Bill 86-15 proposes that additional uses found in Manufacturing - Light (ML) zones be allowed. Additionally, because the vision for the property includes retail and possibly a hotel, the bill proposes uses found in Business - Major (BM) zones be allowed. (The bill limits the total acreage of BM zone to 5 percent of the overall property.)

The purpose of all this is to allow for flexibility and certainty; as Sparrows Point Terminal, LLC markets the opportunity world-wide, their potential tenants - and our new employers - will have the certainty that what they do is allowed on the site.

Uses that are allowed by "special exception" in Baltimore County's MH, ML, or BM zones would still only be allowable by special exception - which requires a public hearing.

### **Development Approval Process**

Bill 86-15 states that any plan for development for an allowed use be processed as a "Limited Exemption." This is how much of commercial development has occurred in Baltimore County for years. In fact, this is how the plan for the proposed FedEx hub at Sparrows Point was submitted. It is also how the Cold Mill was submitted years ago by Bethlehem Steel.

An application for a Limited Exemption is submitted to Baltimore County's Development Review Committee (DRC), which holds a meeting on the application. The meeting is advertised

and open to the public. The DRC then makes a decision of whether to approve or disapprove. The DRC decision is appealable. No part of the process is being circumvented, and compliance with all federal, state and county regulations - environmental and otherwise - must be adhered to.

The purpose of legislating that allowed uses can be processed through a Limited Exemption is to streamline the front end of the development process so as to create a competitive advantage in a hypercompetitive global marketplace. We want to be able to tell prospective employers that not only is your type of business allowed at the site, but bureaucratic obstacles to your coming to Sparrows Point have been removed. This streamlining eliminates up to 12 months of uncertainty for a prospective tenant at Sparrows Point. We want 10,000 jobs at Sparrows Point in the next 10 years; to extend that to 20 years is absurd and irresponsible.

What the bill does NOT do is circumvent or remove the public nature of the process, nor does it create a new, unproven process, nor does it allow Sparrows Point Terminal, LLC to skirt building code or environmental regulations.

### Open Space Amendment

As you may know, open space is not required in commercial developments as it is for major residential subdivisions. I introduced an amendment to 86-15 on Dec. 7 that creates an unprecedented open space requirement for the Sparrows Point site.

The amendment will state that for every 10,000 square feet of retail development, Sparrows Point Terminal, LLC will have to set aside one half acre of open space or pay \$10,000 to go towards acquiring open space, athletic fields or parkland or for capital improvements to recreation and parks facilities. The money could only be used in the 7th District.

Executives at SPT had the foresight to include this concept in their strategic plan and we want to lock in the commitment legislatively. It is evident that part of SPT's pitch to prospective tenants is that the site is part of a larger community with the amenities one would expect at the home of a leading global logistics and manufacturing hub.

### **Moving Forward**

Folks, we are in a global fight to bring jobs to our area. 86-15 tells the world we want jobs NOW, and we are serious about creating a climate for economic growth. The legislation positions our district as a real competitor in the global market. In a state that has been derided as being unfriendly to business, we must ensure that we are doing everything possible to be more business friendly, beat our competition and WIN! It is what I was elected to do.

Just because 86-15 passed does not mean my effort to fight for economic opportunity will end, nor does it mean discussion of 86-15 is over. As the future unfolds on this massive redevelopment project, I expect amendments to the bill or the possibility of new legislation being necessary. I am open to constructive dialogue and welcome your ideas as we move forward in this very exciting time.

Sincerely, Todd Crandell

# Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force report released

Senator Kathy Klausmeier (D-8) was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan and Senate President Mike Miller to serve on the Governor's Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force in March of 2015.

On Dec. 3, the task force released its report of recommendations to the public. These recommendations were compiled after holding several meetings across the state to discuss the current opioid epidemic facing Maryland.

Visit <a href="http://governor.maryland.gov/ltgovernor/home/heroin-and-opioid-emergency-task-force/">http://governor.maryland.gov/ltgovernor/home/heroin-and-opioid-emergency-task-force/</a> to see the report.

# Message from the Councilwoman

- By Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (D-6) -

This has been quite a year and I appreciate your continued support. Last December, after being inaugurated to my second term as your councilwoman, I was elected Chair of the Baltimore County Council for the second year in a row. During the month of December, I will relinquish my power as Chair and pass the torch to another Councilmember who will be elected in just a couple of weeks. I am proud of the work this Council accomplished while I have served as Chair, but even more proud that we have been able to work together in a bi-partisan fashion and united on many issues critical to the citizens of Baltimore County. I trust this teamwork continues when the new Chair takes over.

Also, in the spirit of the holiday season, I want to give thanks to all of you for your commitment to making the Sixth Council District as great as it can be. I take pride in the amount of communication I have with community and business leaders throughout our District and I depend heavily on all of you to weigh in on issues that matter most. As I reflect on the past year, I am proud of all we have accomplished together.



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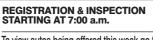
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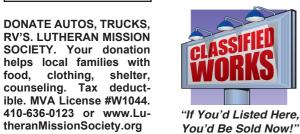
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