

# TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

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### Morningside VFD announces new driver, new roof, skill-sharing with VFD 29

New from the Morningside Fire Department website:

Andrew Adalian is a new ambulance driver for the Morningside VFD. He comes to them from another department in Prince George's and is excited to join a new team. "Andrew was looking for opportunities to serve, and we were excited to offer them to him. In his short time at Morningside, he has progressed through our training process and is a major contributor to our ability to provide emergency services to our community."

On Oct. 18 the volunteers worked with new members from Silver Hill VFD 29 on some basic firefighting skills. "We are proud to serve and excited to share our knowledge while building relationships."

As for the new roof: it's a new gable. I will investigate and tell you more about it next week. And the reason for the change.

The Leadership Team at the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department: Fire Chief Michael Poetker, President Michael O'Brien and Vice-President Eric Lubben.

### Virus update

We are really surging here: one thousand new cases (in one day!) were reported Wednesday, Nov. 4 through 5 p.m., bringing the Maryland total of cases to 148,766. There were ten more deaths, now a Maryland total of 4,172. Our region's 7-day average of new infections has set a record.

Meanwhile, I'm still here, mostly watching TV for the Presidential vote.

### The Vote

I took down the HARRIS sign in my front yard. It was for Kenneth Harris II who won 64.5%, in a nonpartisan race, to become our new District 7 School Board Member, defeating Alexis Nicole Branch.

He succeeds Alexander Wallace, who did not help us in our fight to keep Skyline School open. Once our neighborhood school and meeting hall, Skyline School is now an office building for the County Schools.

Down in Brownsville, Texas, daugh-

ter Therese sadly reports that Bill Berg lost. She worked very hard to help him become Commissioner of the Port of Brownsville, Place 5.

Meanwhile, I am still here, watching the count for President. It's day 4 of Election Day.

### Changing landscape

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery will be expanded, thanks to 7.8 million in federal funding. The grant will include 1,302 in-ground cremation sites, 450 columbarium niches, creation and maintenance of buildings, road improvements and landscaping.

### What you might not know about Camp Springs

Camp Springs is one of the largest communities in Prince George's County. About 19,000 civilians and 7,000 military families reside in Camp Springs. It is just outside the Capital Beltway, bordered by the towns of Morningside, Clinton, Temple Hills and Ft. Washington.

One of Prince George's 15 Metro stations—the Branch Avenue Metro Station—is located at the Camp Springs Town Center. Metro bus and "The Bus," which is run by the County, are also convenient transportation alternatives.

And it is home to the single largest employer in Prince George's County: Andrews Air Force Base—now Joint Base Andrews.

The town has an active association, Camp Springs Civic Association. The officers are: President John E. Bailey IV, Vice President Candis Stretcher, Corresponding Secretary Carolyn Fleming, Recording Secretary Monique Taylor and Treasurer Arlene Wilson.

### Marge Dykton, Mount Calvary parishioner for 58 years

Marjorie Ann (Jacobson) Dykton, 92, died Oct. 7 at her home in Forestville. She was born in Black River Falls, Wis. After high school, she moved to Washington, went to work for the U.S. Post Office and married Thomas Michael Dykton.

She was an avid quilter, incredible baker, member of the Ladies of Charity, volunteer at Forestville Pregnancy Cen-

ter for eight years and a parishioner of Mount Calvary Church for 58 years.

Her husband predeceased her. She was the mother of Marjorie, Marilyn, Michael, Christopher, Elizabeth and Janet, grandmother of eight and great-grandma of nine. She's survived by three siblings.

Mass of Christian Burial was at Mount Calvary with burial at Arlington Cemetery. The Post obit says, "She had the best laugh."

### Bob wed Jacqueline on "Bride and Groom"

Robert J. Hardesty, 96, formerly of Seat Pleasant, died at his daughter's home in Frederick on Sept. 16.

In his youth Bob delivered newspapers on his bicycle for the Washington Times-Herald. A gifted athlete, he excelled in golf, softball, bowling and tennis and took first place in a high school tennis competition in College Park and Westminster.

In 1943 he enlisted in the army and served with the 4th Infantry Division at the Battle of the Bulge. He received several awards and at only age 21 was promoted to Company 1st Sergeant. In 2009 he wrote a memoir of his military service, which is now at the Institute of World War II at Florida State.

He had a 42-year career with IBM, working his way from pressman to manager and administrator of quality and personnel programs.

Bob married Jacqueline Mullin in 1948. Their marriage was in Hollywood on NBC's TV show, "Bride and Groom." They made their home in Rockville from 1952 to 1998.

He was predeceased by his wife Jacqueline and daughter June. Survivors include June's twin Carol Croall, two grandsons and great-grandchildren. Burial is at Gate of Heaven in Silver Spring.

Bob was an avid gardener. His signature was a yellow, saucer-sized dahlia.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Tyrell Boxley, Nov. 14; Michael Spenard, Ty Poe, Bob Davis and Carolyn Holland Bennett, Nov. 15; Kendra MacLean and Katie Frostbutter, Nov. 18; Herbert Hanson and Andrew Boone, Nov. 20.

## Around the County

### Celebrate Native American and Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month With PGCMLS

LARGO, Md. (November 3, 2020)—Prince Georgians have the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the cultural traditions represented in the County year-round through the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS). This November, the Library launches its new Native American Heritage and Indigenous Peoples Hub as part of the Prince George's County Heritage Project. The webpage contains reading and streaming recommendations, featured virtual events, and resources for learning about Native American cultures.

Prince George's County stands on the traditional lands of the Mattapanient, Patuxent, Piscataway, Moyaone, Pamunkey, and Mattapanient communities. The Library invites all Prince Georgians to honor the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. As stated by the Prince George's County Council, "The native and indigenous peoples of Prince George's County and the United States have significantly contributed to the rich fabric of history and culture we celebrate in our communities and should be rightly recognized. Whether it is the Piscataway-Conoy tribe in the County or the many Native American tribes indigenous to every region of our nation, recognizing their place as the 'First Americans' is long overdue."

Featured virtual events for Native American and Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month are listed below and streamed at [pgcmls.info/events](https://pgcmls.info/events).

- **Thursday, November 12 at 7 p.m.:** Native American and Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month Reader's Advisory (Teens/Adults)
- **Friday, November 20 at 3 p.m.:** Crafters: Native American Dreamcatchers (All ages)

PGCMLS offers free access to ABC-CLIO's The American Indian Experience, an online encyclopedia where students and customers can research Native American cultures and history with primary sources.

Native American Heritage Week (November 23-30) was first recognized in 1986 during the Reagan administration and was expanded to Native American Heritage Month in 1990 under President George H.W. Bush. American Indian Heritage Day is celebrated on the fourth Friday of November in the state of Maryland. Prince George's County designated the second Monday in October as Native American Day. It was celebrated for the first time this year.

—Donna Scott-Martin, PGCMLS

### Voting Rights Champion John Lewis Featured in November 16 Virtual Film Event

Monday, November 16 the Reel and Meal series features John Lewis: Get in the Way, the 2017 Bullfrog Films documentary about civil rights leader John Lewis, who passed away this year after serving as Congressman for Georgia's 5th district since 1987. He is especially well remembered this election season for his championship of voting rights. Leading discussion after the screening will be Josephine Mourning, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference chapter for Prince George's County, and PG Change-makers Coalition leaders Amity Pope and Krystal Oriadha.

- The virtual event is free and open to all who pre-register at <https://tinyurl.com/NovReelandMeal>. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with directions about joining the meeting. The program starts at 7 p.m.

- John Lewis spoke at the historic 1963 March on Washington. He led the Bloody Sunday march in Selma in 1965 where Alabama state troopers attacked peaceful protesters with billy clubs, bullwhips, and tear gas. This march led to President Johnson's signing the Voting Rights Act into law, which prohibited racial discrimination at the polls. John Lewis: Get in the Way paints an inspiring portrait of a man cast into extraordinary times and his unhesitating dedication to seeking justice for the marginalized and ignored. While the film spans more than half a century of courage, confrontations and triumphs, it also provides a current message of being steadfast, politically engaged and compassionate during vitally interesting times.
- The meal—optional, traditional and vegan—for Reel and Meal participants is offered by the Co-op Grocery in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center—call 301-474-0522 and ask for the deli. Reel and Meal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. Its organizers are Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking, Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition, which presents this month's program. For more information contact Lucy Duff at [justpeacepg@earthlink.net](mailto:justpeacepg@earthlink.net).

—Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition

### Oprah Winfrey Network Recognizes Aisha Braveboy as Champion for Voting Rights And Criminal Justice Reform

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (November 2, 2020)—Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy has been recognized by Oprah Winfrey's OWN Network and Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc. as a county leader for voting rights and criminal justice reform. This recognition was part of the Greek organization's partnership with the network and the #OWNYourVote initiative.

"I am so excited and proud to be recognized by the Oprah Winfrey Network, and it is an honor to represent both Prince George's County and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.," Braveboy said.

On September 30, 2020, Braveboy launched the County's "Operation Protect the Vote for All" voting initiative to ensure special populations that include pre-trial detainees and inmates currently held at the detention facility have access to their right to vote. The initiative also targets immigrant communities, seniors and disabled persons.

To view the video tribute on the Oprah Winfrey Network, click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/2TMhbaB>

—Denise Roberts Smith, Office of the State's Attorney, Prince George's County

### CSM Announces Dean's List for 2020 Summer Sessions

LA PLATA, Md. (November 9, 2020)—The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has released its dean's list for the 2020 summer sessions. Students who have earned 12 or more credits at CSM are eligible to be considered for the dean's list. At the end of the fall, spring and summer sessions, full- and part-time students who have completed at least six credits during the semester and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better will be included in the dean's list.

Prince George's County: Clinton: **Talor Baker, Karla Lou Ugalino**  
Fort Washington: **Josannah Watson**

—Angela Walters Small, College of Southern Maryland

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### DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Dr. Tyler Logan, a 2020 graduate of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, is preparing for a rewarding career as he equips himself for the national licensure exam this month. During this time, the Washington, D.C. native shed light on healthcare disparities and ignited a discussion about stereotypes, attracting followers and questions after a post on social media.

"I had no idea that my post would have the response it did from people who weren't already following me," said Logan, a former college basketball player with an athletic build and long locks.

With a bachelor of science degree in Human Movement and Performance (2015) from Florida Southern College, Logan was encouraged to apply to the Physical Therapy program at UMES by 2003 alumna Jennifer Buchanan during an internship at Forestville Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Prince George's County, Maryland.

UMES' Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program constitutes the initial professional preparation for students desiring to become physical therapists. Logan embraced his graduate school experience and held on to his athletic background by starting an intramural men's basketball team consisting of physical therapy students.

Logan's last clinical affiliation as a student was at KConway Physical Therapy, a minority-owned outpatient practice serving Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Prince George's counties. A patient Logan worked with expressed to faculty her appreciation for Logan's ability and work in the DPT program. "Tyler gained a greater understanding of how to communicate with patients to establish a good rapport and an effective patient-physical therapist relationship." UMES The KEY (newsletter for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends).

### FEED THE COMMUNITY

Darryl Barnes, Mel Franklin, Council Member at Large, Pastor Issac Oyedepo and Friends Collective presents Feed the community drive through food distribution free food give away. The locations are November 21, 2020 Greenbelt Plaza, Greenbelt, Maryland 11 a.m. until the food is gone. November 21, 2020, OTI Restaurant, 14745 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 11 a.m. until the food is gone. November 22, 2020 Winners Chapel International Maryland, 4380 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, Maryland 11:45 a.m. until the food is gone. Information received from Advisory Neighborhood Community Initiative by Council Member Mel Franklin.

### THANKS TO OUR BUS DRIVERS

National School Bus Safety Week was October 19–23. National School Bus Safety Week is a reminder to keep safety at the forefront. Thanks to our bus drivers for keeping the focus on safety and for delivering meals across our communities during distance learning. You are appreciated. Information from PGCPs Express (A Newsletter for PGCPs Employees).

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

Domestic Violence Coalition honors Education Professor for victim's advocacy. Dr. Akeda Pearson recognized for support and education for victims and survivors. A Bowie State University education professor, veteran domestic violence survivors advocate and talk show host is being honored by the Maryland Network Against Violence (MNADV) for her dedication to educating the public about intimate violence.

Since 2017, Assistant Professor Akeda Pearson has hosted the 3rd Sunday Tea Talk Show to connect victims and survivors of domestic violence to community resources and safety information. The talk show grew out of an outreach initiative that Dr. Pearson founded three years earlier to celebrate and assist victims of intimate partner violence. MNADV, Maryland's domestic violence coalition, presented Dr. Pearson with its Community Partners Award at its virtual Annual Meeting for her advocacy and support of domestic violence victims and survivors. Referring to her advocacy as "heart work," she believes that she has a higher calling to support victims and survivors.

"It's an honor to be recognized for the work, and it also magnifies how important the work is and how it should continue," said Dr. Pearson. "It's not something that people like to talk about. We know that it is not just physical violence. It's emotional, financial and spiritual."

In addition to her talk show, Dr. Pearson has received a gubernatorial appointment to the Maryland State Ethics Committee's Family Violence Council. She is the founder and president of the Howard County Coalition and an executive board member of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church Seeds of Security, an organization providing emergency housing for victims of Violence." The silence hides the violence," she said. "It's especially important for everyone to be educated because you never know who may be in your circle or who may have some influence with where you could provide someone with help. Education about domestic violence is paramount for everyone. Media Contact: Damita Chambers, [dchambers@bowiestate.edu](mailto:dchambers@bowiestate.edu).