

Prince George's Rising - July 8, 2017



An Update from Councilman Mel Franklin

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Prince George's Rising is a countywide newsletter designed to empower communities with key information and issues of concern. It is my honor to serve you on the Prince George's County Council. Over the last several years, including two years as Chairman, I have worked with my colleagues on the Council to move our County forward. With your help, we are bringing the world to Prince George's County and putting *Jobs First*. For more information, please go to <http://www.melfranklin.net/news/> or e-mail me at mel@melfranklin.net.

The Prince George's Multiplier Effect

JOBS FIRST

Did you know that studies show that “a dollar spent at a locally owned store is usually spent 6 to 15 times before it leaves the community? From \$1, you create \$5 to \$14 in value within that community.” In order to grow a thriving county economy, we must have thriving county-based small businesses. The *Jobs First!* philosophy is the principle that “When we buy local, hire local, invest local, and bank local, especially with our small, minority, or woman owned businesses, we create a local ‘multiplier effect’ that creates jobs, generational wealth, and a larger tax base to fund critical priorities, like education, public safety, and transportation.” But we have a long way to go to make this a reality. Right now, despite all of our wonderful diversity, of the \$400+ million that the County Government spends annually in buying services and products with your tax dollars, we are only spending 11% with minority or woman owned businesses based in Prince George's County. With your support, we can and will do better. When we put *Jobs First!*, we put “people first” in Prince George's County.

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Congratulations to Our Outstanding Prince George's County Youth



WTOP – DuVal student accepted at Harvard (& other Ivies) picks her new school: “Princeton, Harvard, Cornell — those are just some of the 14 schools that accepted 18-year-old Olawunmi Akinlembola, a DuVal High School student from Prince George’s County. So which did she choose?” Full story: <http://wtop.com/prince-georges-county/2017/05/duval-student-picks-campus/>

NBC4 – Prince George's County Teen on His Way to Becoming Opera Star: “An 18-year-old from Prince George's County could very well become the world's next big opera star.” Full story: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Prince-Georges-County-Teen-on-His-Way-Becoming-Opera-Star-430250393.html>

Congratulations to Prince George's County Native Markelle Fultz on being Selected No. 1 in the NBA Draft: “In three and a half years’ time, Markelle went from being a junior varsity high school basketball player to the top pick in the NBA draft. Markelle, Prince George’s County congratulates you.” Full press release: <http://www.melfranklin.net/councilman-mel-franklin-congratulates-upper-marlboro-native-markelle-fultz-on-being-selected-no-1-in-the-nba-draft/>

County Council Town Hall Meeting on New Development and Zoning Laws – July 17

A colorful poster for a town hall meeting. At the top, a row of council members is shown. Below them, the text reads 'THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL TOWN HALL MEETING'. A stylized city skyline is depicted in various colors. The main title 'Zoning Rewrite' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the date and time are listed: 'Monday July 17, 2017 7 - 9 PM'. The location is 'County Administration Building Council Hearing Room, First Floor 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772'. The poster includes a quote from the County Council about updating zoning policies and provides contact information for the County Council, including a website and live streaming link.

From the County Council: “Updating the County’s zoning policies is among the most important undertakings of the Council in its role as the County’s land use authority, and will enhance the ability of this critical economic development tool to stimulate growth in our County.” The County Council encourages you to “participate in the Council’s Zoning Rewrite Town Hall Meeting and help create a 21st

Century Zoning Ordinance for Prince George’s County.” **Meeting Details:** Monday, July 17, 7pm-9pm, County Administration Bldg., First Fl. Hearing Rm., 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

Prince George’s County Family & Friends Day is August 27, 2017, The Show Place Arena, featuring famed recording artist Raheem DeVaughn: *Please stay tuned for more details about our annual countywide festival.*

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

UMMS Hosts Local MBE Outreach Event for the Regional Medical Center – Wednesday, July 12



The University of Maryland Medical System will be hosting a Minority Business Enterprise networking fair for the construction of the new regional medical center in Largo, Maryland. An overview of the current project will be presented. The construction managers that will be bidding the project will also have booths for networking.

When: Wednesday (corrected day), July 12, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: 900 A [Boulevard at the Capital Centre](#), Largo, MD, 20774

All interested parties are encouraged to attend this FREE meet and greet with Prospective Construction Management Bidders & learn more about the project and opportunities for Local/Minority Participation. Please R S V P to Dawn Hall at dhall4@umm.edu. *Event flyer (with target industry areas) here:* <https://tinyurl.com/umms-lmbe-event>

More info about the UMMS MBE Program: <http://umms.org/about/vendors/vendor-information/minority-business-program>

Parks & Recreation and Camp Joe’s Creative Robotics Summer Camp – August 7-August 25

Creative Robotics Summer Camp Campamento 2017 | Robótica Creativa



The flyer is split into two columns, one in English and one in Spanish. Each column features a photo of a child working on a blue LEGO Mindstorms robot. The English side includes the dates 'August 7th - 25th', the age range 'AGES 10 - 13', and details about the camp's focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) and a mini-showcase at the end. The Spanish side includes the dates 'Agosto 7th - 25th', the age range 'Edades 10-13', and details about the camp's focus on robotics, photography, theater, and digital media, also mentioning a mini-showcase for family and friends.

August 7th - 25th
Programing made possible by Parks & Recreation
See more, play more

AGES 10 - 13

Explore the intersection of technology and the arts!

Build robots, learn robotics programming and experience photography, theater technical arts, digital media, storytelling and movement. Camp is a hands-on experience that builds skills based in science, technology, engineering, math, and the arts (STEAM).

This three-week creative robotics camp culminates in a mini-showcase for friends and family.

Date: August 7th - 25th
Hours: 9 am to 3 pm
Before- and after-care available
Cost: \$600 per camper.
Limited financial aid available.

REGISTER NOW:
<http://bit.ly/2iSniZb>

Information: Call Linda at 301-520-6929 or email linda@joesmovement.org

Agosto 7th - 25th
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Edades 10-13

¡Explora la intersección de la tecnología y las artes!

Su joven ingeniero no solo aprenderá la programación robótica, sino que también experimentará fotografía, teatro, artes técnicas, medios digitales, narración de cuentos y movimiento. Este campamento es una experiencia práctica que construye habilidades basadas en ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería, matemáticas y las artes. Este campamento consta de tres (3) semanas, culminando en una mini-presentación para amigos y familiares.

Cuando: Agosto 7th - 25th
Hora: 9 am - 3 pm
Después del cuidado disponible
Costo: \$600 por campista
Ayuda financiera limitada disponible.

Información: Teléfono Linda a 301-520-6929 o correo electrónico linda@joesmovement.org

Prince George's County Public Schools is not sponsoring, endorsing, or recommending the activities announced in this material type.

From M-NCPPC and Camp Joe's (spaces limited): Build robots, learn robotics programming and experience photography, theater technical arts, digital media, storytelling and movement. Camp Joe's is a hands-on experience that builds skills based in science, technology, engineering, math, and the arts (STEAM). Hours: 9 am to 3 pm. Before- and after-care available. Cost: \$600 per camper. For Ages 10-13. Limited financial aid available.

For the camp information flyer, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/summer-robotics-camp>

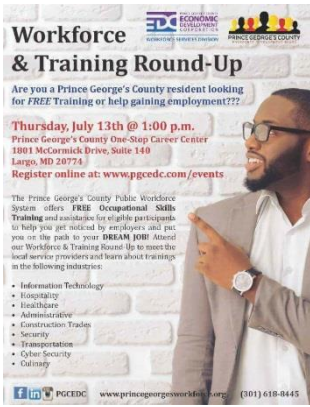
To register, go here: <http://bit.ly/2iSniZb>

PGCPS Teacher Recruitment Fairs – July 12, 19, and 26



From PGCPS: “Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) will host a recruitment fair to hire dynamic educators from across the nation who believe all children can achieve greatness. We are looking for talented educators who are committed, focused on making a difference, and hold (or are eligible) for a teacher certificate issued by the Maryland State Department of Education.” The July 12 Recruitment Fair will be held at Dr. Henry A. Wise High School, 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, 8am-12pm, and the July 19 and 26 Recruitment Fairs will be held at Northwestern High School, 17000 Adelphi Road, Adelphi, MD 20782, 8am-12pm. Please go here to apply, get more info, and for future teacher recruitment fairs: <http://pgcps.org/page-3-zone.aspx?pageid=235709&id=227980>.

Workforce & Training Round-Up Event – Career Assistance July 13



From PGCEDC: Please join the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation - Workforce Services Division for its Workforce & Training Round-Up event being held on July 13th at the EDC Offices. The Prince George's County Public Workforce System offers FREE Occupational Skills Training and assistance for eligible participants to help you get noticed by employers and put you on the path to your DREAM JOB! Attend our Workforce & Training Round-Up to meet the local service providers and learn about trainings in the following industries: Information Technology; Administrative; Transportation; Hospitality; Construction Trades; Cyber Security; Healthcare; Security; Culinary. Event Details: Thursday, July 13, 2017, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Register at <http://www.pgcedc.com/events/workforce-training-round-up>.

PGCPS: Late Lottery Openings Available for Kindergarteners at Maya Angelou French Immersion



From PGCPS: The Prince George's County Public Schools Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries will hold a late lottery to fill kindergarten seats at Maya Angelou French Immersion for the 2017-18 school year. Please visit www.pgcps.org/mayaangelou/ for information about the school and the French Immersion program. To enter the lottery, download and complete the lottery form here: <https://tinyurl.com/maya-angelou-late-lottery> and then mail it to: Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries, 14201 School Lane, Room 211, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

Maryland Legislative Black Caucus Prince George's/Charles County Town Hall Meeting – July 13

Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland
TOWN HALL
 Prince George's County & Charles County
hosted by Dennis A. Stanton from Peace in the Morning Show

Thursday, July 13th, 2017
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Prince George's County Community College
Rennie Hall
 301 Largo Road,
 Largo, MD 20774

1st VICE-CHAIR

DELEGATE
DARRYL BAINES
 Prince George's County

2nd VICE-CHAIR

DELEGATE
EDITH PATTERSON
 Charles County

Introduction of elected officials
Honorable Edith Patterson
 Chair, Charles County Delegation

Greetings
Dr. Charlene Dukes
 President, Prince George's Community College

Romance
Honorable Jay Walker
 Chair, Prince George's County Delegation

Black Caucus overview & Legislative session report
Honorable Cheryl Glenn
 Chair, Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland

Open for Questions



For more information please contact Andy Pierre
 via email at blackcaucus@house.state.md.us

From the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland: There will be four Town Halls hosted in various regions across Maryland by the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland on issues of critical concern. The Prince George's/Charles County Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13, 6pm-8pm, Prince George's Community College, Rennie Forum, 301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program



From Family Services: “The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), also known as Title V, provides part-time work-based training opportunities at local community service agencies for older Prince Georgians who have poor employment prospects and are unemployed. SCSEP assists individuals in finding employment opportunities in the community through a variety of supportive services such as personal and job-related counseling, job training, and job referral. SCSEP providers also educate employers about the benefits of hiring older workers.” For more info, please go here: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1728/Senior-Employment>

Bowie State University Welcomes New President: Dr. Aminta Hawkins Breaux



From Baltimore Business Journal: “The University System of Maryland Board of Regents has appointed Aminta Hawkins Breaux as the new president of Bowie State University, effective July 1. Breaux is currently vice president for advancement at Millersville University, where she has grown the Pennsylvania school's endowment from \$30 million to \$40 million. Breaux will succeed President Mickey L. Burnim, who announced his impending retirement last year. Burnim has led the university for nearly 11 years and has worked in higher education for 40. Bowie State, in Prince George's County, serves more than 5,600 undergraduate and graduate students and offers 41 bachelor's and master's degree programs, two doctoral programs and 14 graduate and advanced study certificates. Areas of focus at the school include computer science, information technology, nursing, natural sciences and education.”

Full story: <https://www.bizjournals.com/baltimore/news/2017/04/28/new-bowie-state-university-president-named.html>

[Explore Prince George's County's History](#)



The Prince George's African-American Museum & Cultural Center at North Brentwood

From PGAAMCC: The Prince George's African-American Museum & Cultural Center recognizes “the diversity of experience of the African American community and aim to reflect the broad spectrum of social and cultural activities of this community. We cherish our traditions and believe that our past should inform our future, and that bringing together diverse groups of people can create new approaches to cultural understanding.”

For more great info, go here: <http://www.pgaamcc.org/>

Prince George's County Natural and Historical Resources Division Sites & Museums

From the Parks and Recreation Department: “The Natural and Historical Resources Division has historic sites and museums to interest anyone that is looking for information and experiences in archaeology; African American history; aviation; preservation; the Civil War; War of 1812; county and national politics; early political figures; agriculture; early plantation life; pre-history; dinosaurs; early churches, cemeteries and schools; and the Lincoln assassination.”

For more great info, incl. historical sites and museums, go here:

http://history.pgparcs.com/sites_and_museums.htm

The County Supports Locally Owned and Operated Business with Local Business Loan Program - Special Assistance for Local Entrepreneurship (S.A.L.E.): <http://www.melfranklin.net/special-assistance-for-local-entrepreneurship-s-a-l-e-program-invest-local-and-create-jobs/>



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#investlocal

OTHER IMPORTANT COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention – Call 211

Still I Rise, Inc. Call (301) 868-4903 or go to <http://www.stillirisemd.org>

Prince George’s Co. Family Justice Center/The Next Step:

<http://www.princegeorgescourts.org/358/Prince-Georges-County-Family-Justice-Cen>

Employment/Workforce Training

The Training Source: <http://thetrainingsource.org/>

No Opportunity Wasted: <http://www.nooppwasted.org/>

Training Grounds Inc.: <http://traininggroundsdmv.org/>

Prince George's Community College Workforce Development:
https://www.pgcc.edu/Programs_and_Courses/Workforce_Development_Institutes.aspx

Maryland Veterans Resource Guide: <http://veterans.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/04/4-12-17-Resource-Guide.pdf>

Apply for the Homeowners/Renters Tax Credit Program

Call 1(800) 944-7403 or go to

Homeowners: <http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Homeowners'-Property-Tax-Credit-Program.aspx>

Renters: <http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Renters'-Tax-Credits.aspx>

Apply for the Homestead Tax Credit Program

Call (866) 650-8783 or go to <https://sdathtc.dat.maryland.gov/default.aspx>

How to Appeal Your Property Tax Assessment

Call (301) 952-2500 or go to <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/appeal.html>

Free Legal Assistance: District Court (Upper Marlboro) Self-Help Legal Resource Center

Call 410-260-1392 or go to <http://www.courts.state.md.us/legalhelp/districtctselfhelpctr.html>

County-Based and Minority Business Procurement Opportunities and Certifications

Call (301) 883-6480 or go to <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1259/Business-Development>

County Employment and Workforce Assistance

Call (301) 583-4650 or go to <http://www.pgcedc.com/workforce-services>

For constituent concerns, please use County Click 311:

<http://countyclick.princegeorgescountymd.gov> or call 311

Request County Road Pothole Repair: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1025/Potholes>

Request State Road Pothole Repair (Roads with numbers, like MD-5, MD-4, US-1, US-301): <http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/knowyourroads.html>

Find Your Other Elected Officials:

Contact the County Executive at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/directory.aspx?eid=93>

Find out and contact your state and federal elected officials at <http://mdelect.net>

View the Prince George's County Code and Charter at

http://www.municode.com/library/md/prince_george's_county/codes/code_of_ordinances

Is a resource you need not here?

Check <http://www.melfranklin.net> or contact me at: Mel@MelFranklin.net



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