

Calendar of Events

March 5–March 13, 2020

Ally Theatre Company’s Rasheeda Speaking

Date and Time: March 5–22, 2020; Thurs, Fri and Sat, 8 p.m.; Sat matinees, 2 p.m. and Sun matinees, 4 p.m.
Description: Ally Theatre Company’s take on the incendiary play by Joel Drake Johnson takes another look at the ever-topical questions about the prevalence of ingrained racism in America. This tense workplace thriller examines the realities of a so-called “post-racial” workplace where two co-workers—one black, the other white—are driven apart by the machinations of their boss. A chilling power struggle ensues that spins wildly out of control. This incisive and shocking dark comedy will keep you in its claustrophobic grip until the final moment.
Cost: \$25 general admission; \$15 veterans/students
Location: Joe’s Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD 20712
Contact: 301-699-1819

National Capital Equestrian League Horse Show

Date and Time: March 7, 2020–March 8, 2020, 8 a.m.
Description: The National Capitol Equestrian League (NCEL) is comprised of riding schools throughout Maryland and Virginia, giving riders an option to stay competitive during the winter season. Their league affiliates include the “National Capitol Short Stirrup- NCEL” and “National Capitol Junior Equestrian- JEL” leagues which provide a natural progression of learning and competitive riding. Bring out the whole family to watch the competition!
Cost: Free for spectators
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: The Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Contact: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-699-2544

Women’s Suffrage March

Date and Time: Sunday, March 8, 2020, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Description: Kids can participate by creating their own ‘votes for women’ sash as they learn about some of Maryland’s heroines of the movement. Girl Scouts are invited to participate in this program to fulfill the “Playing the Past” badge.
Cost: \$10 per child/free for adults
Ages: Ideal for ages 6–12
Location: The Maryland Historical Society, 201 West Monument St., Baltimore, MD 21201-4674
Contact: 410-685-3750

Nature Hike for Seniors

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 1–2:30 p.m.
Description: For the active senior! Join a naturalist on a fitness hike while looking for wildlife and local plant life. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Stretches and cool down activities included.
Cost: Resident: \$3; Non-resident: \$4 Register through Parks Direct
Ages: 60 and Better
Location: Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Contact: 301-218-6702; TTY 699-2544

Women Wednesday Event: Find Your Word Wednesday

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 5–7 p.m.
Description: AC Hotel agrees that sometimes, one word can say it all. Imprint a special word on your very own MyIntent jewelry in AC Lounge. AC Hotel and Bethesda based charity, Hope Connections for Cancer Support have teamed up to host Women Wednesdays at the hotel. Every Wednesday during the month of March women can attend a free event taking place in the hotel and all guests are encouraged to make a monetary donation to the nonprofit organization.
Cost: Free
Location: AC Hotel National Harbor, 156 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD 20745

Cub Corner

Date and Time: Thursday, March 12, 2020, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Description: Come to the Cub Corner story time for preschool fun! Ideal for little learners up to five years old to enjoy a flight-themed story and hands-on craft activity. Call ahead for groups of 10 or more!
Cost: FREE with Museum Admission (Adults: \$5, Seniors: \$4, Children: \$2 (Free 1 and under)
Ages: Pre-school age children
Location: College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park, MD 20740
Contact: 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544

Charisma Wooten: “A Night with Jackie Moms Mabley”

Date and Time: Thursday, March 12, 2020, 12–1 p.m.
Description: A Night with Jackie Moms Mabley is a Helen Hayes nominated play for the Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding New Play written and portrayed by the veteran performing artist Charisma Wooten. This veteran actor/singer/playwright has toured throughout the United States, and overseas. Step back in time with the wonderful mother-wit of Loretta Mary Aiken, better known as Moms Mabley. This one-woman show is filled with one-line zingers about everything from politics to sexuality and racism. You will laugh and cry!
Cost: \$12/person
Ages: Seniors 60 and up
Location: Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708
Contact: 301-377-7800

College Park Seniors Art Show & Reception

Date and Time: Friday, March 13, 2020, 4–8 p.m.
Description: Seniors 55+ are invited to show their work on a first-come basis (not juried). Two or three-dimensional work, including paintings, photographs, pottery and sculpture, textiles, needle and fabric art, will all be accepted. Artists are asked to reserve an easel or table space for their display; table top easels and standing floor easels will be acquired as needed. The Art Exhibit will bring Seniors together to celebrate their arts and to build a more robust and lively community in College Park.
Location: Catholic Student Center, 4141 Guilford Drive, College Park, MD 20740
Contact: info@cpae.org

Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in Prince George’s County, Md. Collects More than 1,000 Pairs of Shoes to Help Fight Global Poverty

By RACINE TUCKER- HAMILTON
Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, Md. (Feb. 27, 2020)—Work boots, sandals, pumps, and kid’s sneakers and dress shoes are just a few of the assortment of shoes collected by the Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in February. “We’ve been gathering shoes since September. Our goal was to collect 800 pairs,” said Benita Swindell, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter President. “Thanks to the generosity and service-mindedness of our members, we were able to surpass our goal and can now help hundreds of people lift themselves out of poverty.”

Psi Epsilon Omega along with other chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., are collecting gently-worn shoes. The effort is part of a partnership with Soles4Souls, a nonprofit organization that ships shoes to destinations around the world populated with people of color. Sorority members ensure that the shoes are clean and in good condition before bagging and delivering them to Soles4Souls so they can reach the feet of those in need. “Although our specific service areas are in Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt, we are pleased that we are able to reach beyond our local community and help families around the world,” added Swindell. The Soles4Souls partnership supports Alpha Kappa Alpha’s global impact program: which focuses on the sorority’s efforts to engage in programming designed to enhance the international footprint of the sorority.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, Psi Epsilon Omega Chap-



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Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter sort shoes headed for developing countries to help families in need.

ter was chartered in 2007. Since its founding, the chapter has been aggressively implementing its programs of service in the communities of Laurel, Bowie and, Greenbelt Maryland.

Capital Bikeshare Expands Equity Access Program With \$5 Annual Memberships

Capital Bikeshare for All Expands Eligibility for the Region’s Most Vulnerable Residents

By PAULETTE L. JONES
Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation

LARGO, Md. (Feb. 27, 2020)—The Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation and its six partner jurisdictions announce the launch of Capital Bikeshare for All. Capital Bikeshare’s equity program makes it easier than ever for users of all income levels to access bikeshare. Capital Bikeshare for All expands access to one of our region’s most affordable and reliable transportation options for thousands of users. Capital Bikeshare for All offers a \$5 annual bikeshare membership to riders who qualify for certain state or federal assistance programs with appropriate documentation. Riders who qualify for the program can sign up online individually. Additionally, Capital Bikeshare for All al-

lows qualifying members to:

- Unlock CaBi bikes via the mobile application, in addition to the fobs (key);
- Use more payment methods including prepaid cards, credit and debit cards, or cash (cash payments are only accepted at in-person sign up locations);
- Sign up online; and
- Ride bikes for 60 minutes at a time

For more information about Capital Bikeshare for All and how to enroll, riders should visit <https://www.capitalbikeshare.com/pricing/for-all> or call the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works at 301-883-5600. Capital Bikeshare is the Metropolitan area’s bikeshare system, with more than

4,700 bikes available at over 575 stations regionwide. The system was founded in September 2010 and provides residents and visitors with a convenient, fun, and affordable transportation option. Capital Bikeshare operates across seven jurisdictions: Prince George’s County and Montgomery County in Maryland; Washington, DC; Arlington County, the City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, and the City of Falls Church in Virginia. Prince George’s County offers a variety of public transportation options to address the public’s mobility options. Follow us on Twitter for transportation-related information, and also like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. Visit the website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov for more information on transportation options in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

MDOT MVA Celebrates 3 Million REAL ID Transactions, Honors ‘Customer No. 3’ at Branches Across State

Maryland Achieves 64 Percent REAL ID Compliance Rate

By WHITNEY NICHEL
MDOT MVA

GLEN BURNIE, Md. (Feb. 27, 2020)—It’s not every day a trip to get a new driver’s license results in photos and fanfare, but that was the case for 24 lucky customers who came to a Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) branch to get REAL ID ready. On Wednesday, February 26, MDOT MVA celebrated its three millionth REAL ID transaction. To date, more than 64 percent of Maryland drivers and identification card holders have become compliant with federal REAL ID requirements ahead of the October 1, 2020, deadline. Maryland’s compliance rate is nearly double the 34 percent national average reported last month by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). “Reaching this milestone is truly a testament to Maryland residents and their responsiveness, so we wanted to celebrate them in a special way,” MDOT MVA Administrator Chrissy Nizer said. “When faced with the federal mandate, our team came together to find new and creative ways to deliver premier customer service, from extending hours at several locations to providing more than 28,000 appointments a week. I am thankful for all involved in this effort.” In honor of the three million transactions milestone, each of the 24 full-service MDOT MVA branch offices on Wednesday surprised the third customer coming in for a REAL ID appointment. After completing their transactions, these patrons were presented with a “REAL ID READY” commemorative license plate, a photo frame and celebratory items including balloons and party favors. “Our employees really understand the value of going the extra mile, which has helped us maintain a 98 percent customer satisfaction rating,” said Administrator Nizer. “We know we still have more REAL ID customers to serve, so we look forward to continuing to provide a positive, professional experience as we work toward 4 million compliant Maryland residents.” The federal REAL ID Act was passed by Congress after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. In August 2019, MDOT MVA was the first in nation to have its REAL ID process recertified by DHS, affirming Maryland’s compliance with the federal requirements. By October 1, all Marylanders must have documents on file and a REAL ID compliant driver’s license or identification card in order to board commercial aircraft or gain access to federal facilities.



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Yaa Adjekum was lucky “customer no. 3” at the Largo Branch Office on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Marylanders are encouraged to visit MVA.Maryland.gov and use the REAL ID Look Up Tool to learn their REAL ID status and make an appointment online, which comes with a guarantee of being seen in 15 minutes or less of the appointment time. Over the past year, MDOT MVA has extended hours at many branch offices to make additional appointments available to customers. For more information on REAL ID resources and other MDOT MVA services available online, visit our website mva.maryland.gov.