



**November 2011**

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on several pieces of legislation that have been approved in committee and are scheduled for public hearing on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the County Administration Building. In addition, I encourage you to read more about upcoming events in your community which are included in this E-News.

**Legislation**

The following are some of the many pieces of legislation scheduled for public hearing in November.

CB-21-2011-Legislation to tighten noise enforcement and increase fines

CB-51-2011-Legislation to encourage carsharing at development projects at/near metro stations

CB-56-2011-Legislation to establish a process that involves public comment to address adult entertainment clubs

CB-49-2011-Legislation to prevent slot machines in Prince George's County consistent with the 2008 statewide referendum approved by voters

In addition, my printed newsletter will be in your mail later this month, but in the meantime, since my office has received a few questions on CB-49, I thought I would share my thoughts on why I proposed this legislation. In 2008, a statewide referendum passed allowing slot machines in Maryland. The legislation specifically outlined that Prince George's County would not be a site for slots and established five sites in the State for slots. Consistent with the state referendum, I introduced a bill in 2009 that would have classified slot machines as a prohibited use in all of our land use zones (just in case a future effort to legalize them in the County would surface). This legislation did not make it through the County Council at that time. With a new County Council and a new County Executive, I re-introduced this bill with two of my colleagues, Will Campos and Andrea Harrison. While casinos have their place in entertainment, having parlors for slots in the County could prey upon people who sink their money, hopes and dreams into a machine that gives back less than it takes in. While some players may win, these machines can be addictive and take in much more than is rewarded in jackpots. With record foreclosures, unemployment, and tough economic

- Festival
- Job Help
- Veteran Resource Day
- Grants
- Feed the Hungry
- Free Doc. Shredding
- Pollution Forum
- Scholarships
- CPAM
- Riversdale

**Special Meetings**

**Economic Development**  
 The County Council is sponsoring an Economic Development Town Hall Meeting on November 1st from 7:00-9:00pm at the Baden Volunteer Fire Department, 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD. This Town Hall Meeting on Economic Development is the fifth in a series hosted by the Prince George's County Council. Join us for this public event aimed at expanding our commercial tax base, and strengthening business and community engagement in economic development initiatives for

times, slots could hurt individuals and families who are most vulnerable. I would much rather see sustainable economic development that expands the economic pie for all rather than taking from some to enrich others.

If you have further questions on any legislative matters, please contact my office.

Thank you,



Eric Olson  
Council Member, District 3  
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## EURO FESTIVAL 2011

The National Children's Museum will host programs for the 2011 Kids Euro Festival, in conjunction with 27 participating European Union Member States. There will be more than 100 free performances including mimes, storytellers, bubble blowers, puppeteers, etc. All events will take place at the NCM Launch Zone, 112 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD 20745. Click [here](#) for more info.



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## JOB FAIR w/ DC AREA EMPLOYERS

A number of Washington area companies and government agencies will be recruiting potential employees and accepting resumes on November 3rd at the Prince Georges Community

College Largo Student Center  
(301 Largo Road in Largo) from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Participating employers include Suntrust Bank, the United States Secret Service, Maryland Transit Authority, and many more. Please call or email Joe Clark at (301) 322-0899 or [clarkjx@pgcc.edu](mailto:clarkjx@pgcc.edu).

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## RESOURCE DAY for VETERANS AND

employers and residents in Prince George's County's urban, suburban and rural communities.

### Presenters include:

Carla A. Reid,  
Office of the County Executive  
Gwen McCall,  
Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation  
M.H. Jim Estep,  
Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable  
Yates Clagett,  
Prince George's Soil Conservation District  
Janna Howley,  
University of Maryland Extension, Prince George's County

### Purple Line

There are several upcoming meetings scheduled in November on the Purple Line, the proposed light rail line between New Carrollton and Bethesda. Please participate in these discussions.

### Open House

\*General information about the light rail line, timeframe, and next steps  
\*Same information will be presented at each meeting  
\*Meetings are 5:30pm-8:30pm, drop by anytime

Tuesday, November 1st,  
University of Maryland, Adele H. Stamp Student Union, Prince George's Room, College Park, MD 20742

Monday, November 7th,  
Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Thursday, November 10th,  
Beacon Heights Elementary School, 6929 Furman Parkway,

## HOMELESS



Please join County Executive Rushern Baker with Lt. Governor Anthony Brown & Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Edward Chow Jr. for the "1st Prince George's County Veterans Stand Down and Homeless Resource Day". This event will be held on Saturday,

November 5th from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Complex (8001 Sheriff Road in Landover). To volunteer or for more information please call (301) 909-7088 or vahrd@dhr.state.md.us.

Riverdale, MD 20737

### Beacon Heights Station Planning

Join Park and Planning staff to begin discussions on how to create a great place for the community at the future Beacon Heights Light Rail Station.

Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 6:30pm, Beacon Heights Elementary School.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE



Applications for the Community Foundation for Prince George's County, which manages the Harbor Community Outreach Fund are due by "**November 4, 2011**". The fund supports nonprofit programs working with young people and senior citizens in the county, and has awarded grants totaling more than \$1 million in the past. To get more information or apply please click [here](#).

## BANQUET TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Amistad St. Paul United Church of Christ ( 9721 Good Luck Road in Lanham) will host a banquet with the purpose of addressing hunger in our area. This event will be held on November 5th. Please click [here](#) for more information and to learn how to volunteer.

## FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Hosted by the Department of Environmental Resources, there will be a free "Document Shredding Event" on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Oxon Hill High School (6701 Leyte Drive in Oxon Hill) from 8:00am-1:00pm. Residents may bring up to five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes filled with documents to be shredded by mobile trucks from Cintas Document Management and then recycled. Please call DER Recycling Section at (301) 883-5045 for more information,



## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CLEAN WATER FORUM

Co-Sponsored by Clean Water Action, Anacostia Watershed Society, Anacostia Watershed Restoration Initiative and Patuxent River Keeper, the Clean Water Forum will discuss pollution in the county and what can be done to address the problem. This event will be held on Thursday, November 10th at the Forest Heights



Town Hall (5580 Arapahoe in Forest Heights) at 6:00pm. Please click [here](#) to RSVP.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUNICIPAL RESIDENTS

The Prince George's County Municipal Association is offering scholarships to residents who live in municipalities in Prince George's County. Applications are due no later than April 12, 2012 and can be found at any municipal building. Questions regarding this scholarship program can be directed to the PGCMA Scholarship Committee c/o Council Member Michael Leszcz, City of Laurel: 301-725-5300 ext 2120.

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## COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM



The College Park Aviation Museum is located on the grounds of the world's oldest continuously operating airport in College Park; founded in 1909. The museum is located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive in College Park. The museum will hold a host of events this November. Please click [here](#) for a full list.

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## RIVERSDALE MANSION EVENTS

November at Riversdale:

Choregraphie Antique  
Saturday, November 5th @ 2:00pm  
Come enjoy the dance history ensemble of Goucher College reconstruct popular dances of Federal-era Washington & Baltimore.  
\$20 per person

Breakfast w/ Santa Claus  
Saturday, December 3, 2011 @ 9:00am  
For kids ages 3-10 & attending adult.  
\$9 per child, \$5 per attending adult



For more information please click [here](#) or call (301) 864-0420 for the Riversdale House Museum.

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