

Friends,

Hope everything is going well in your community. I wanted to share with you some of the activities happening in the County in February, including several opportunities/scholarships for our youth. If you could please distribute this to your community members, I would greatly appreciate it.

Eric

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Job Openings Reminder

Gaylord Hotel, resort and conference center at the National Harbor is looking for prospective employees. They are having a "grand hire" event at the site from January 30 – February 2nd. To apply for jobs, do so immediately at www.gaylordnational.com.

There are job descriptions on the website as well as an explanation of how the process will work.

Bus Stop Shelter Upgrades

The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation is conducting a study of our County bus stops. If you know of a bus stop in need of a shelter please call my office at (301) 952-3060. Please be advised that all recommendations will undergo evaluation by DPW&T. Suggestions are needed by February 8, 2008.

Second Annual Back to the Delta Project

Colours is a music program based in our local County Schools. In the coming months the student-mentors in Colours will be hosting the second annual "Back to the Delta Project." Last year, the student-mentors not only formed a living, breathing blues band in honor of the Delta Region, but they raised \$15,000 for five student programs in the Delta Region. They did not do this alone. Please consider doing the following to support this excellent program.

1. Visit www.colours.org and learn more about this year's event.
2. Get involved by joining the 2008 Honorary Blues Council
3. Plan to be at their event at Northwestern High School, the weekend of **Feb. 21st - 23rd**, 2008, at 7:30 pm.
4. Support the student efforts through the advertising program

This year they are also looking for local and national businesses to have the student led Splatt Blues Orchestra come out and perform and/or distribute information about their efforts.

Upcoming Central Kenilworth Corridor Community Meeting

The Prince George's County Planning Department is preparing a revitalization study for the Central Kenilworth Avenue to identify issues confronting the area and prioritize an action plan. A community meeting will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to discuss progress and prioritize action items at Templeton Elementary School (6001 Carters Lane Riverdale, MD).

Maryland Department of Transportation

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is currently updating the State's long range transportation plan, known as the (MTP). The MTP establishes a 20-year vision of transportation in the State and provides policy direction through statewide goals and objectives. Throughout the coming months, MDOT will be conducting extensive public outreach to engage Maryland's citizens, agencies, and interested organization to help revise the transportation system's long-range goals, and objectives.

We encourage you to participate in helping to shape the MTP. For additional information and to learn about upcoming events, review draft goals and objectives and participate in an on-line survey visit their website: www.mdot.state.md.us/Planning. If you have questions or concerns, please call Mr. Ron Spalding in the office of Planning at 410-865-1304 or email him at mtpupdate2@mdot.state.md.us.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Prince Georges County Federation of Park and Recreation Councils represents approximately 80 Recreation Councils, Civic Associations, and individuals interested in promoting parks and recreation within Prince Georges County. The Federation will award its 17th scholarship in parks and recreation next spring. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Prince Georges County resident student who is currently or intends to major in recreation at a recognized college or university. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2008.

For additional information including an application call Harlan W. Tucker 301-262-1010

Annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Ceremony

Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown are once again seeking nominees for the 25th Annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. The criteria for selection of the 2007 award winners, nomination forms and additional instructions are available at www.gov.state.md.us or by calling 410-767-1216 or 1-800-321-VOLS. All nominations must be postmarked or faxed no later than March 3, 2008.

Prince George's County Youth Employment Services (YES)

YES has over 6000 pre-screened, prepared youth who are excited about helping your business perform while your permanent staff is away on vacation. Help provide excellent job opportunities for our youth to prepare them for tomorrow.

For more information please contact YES at (301) 883-7268.

BIZ 2008: A Summit and Showcase for Young Entrepreneurs

The Biz 2008 Summit will give young entrepreneurs an opportunity to network and strengthen their skills. A business plan competition offering scholarships, grant awards and potential internship opportunities to winners will also be part of the summit. All Prince George's County high school and college student business owners or students with a desire to own a business are encouraged to apply and attend.

BIZ 2008 will take place during National Entrepreneurship Week, Saturday, March 1, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Camelot of Upper Marlboro, 13901 Central Ave in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. To apply or to RSVP please contact the office of Council Member Ingrid Turner at (301) 952-3094.

Gladys Noon Spellman Scholarship Applications Available

The Prince George's County Women's History Month Committee has established a scholarship in the memory of Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman. Ms. Spellman was a celebrated public servant of Prince George's County for more than two decades. Applications are now being accepted with the following criteria for interested candidates:

- Candidate must be a Prince George's County resident.
- Candidate should be in the 12th grade (already accepted into college).
- Candidate should be planning to major in government, criminal justice, political science, public administration, Fire Science or a health related field.
- Candidate should have outside interests and activities, including community service.
- Candidate must be in good academic standing and demonstrate financial need.
- Candidate must be able to attend the Annual Women's History luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at Martin's Crosswinds.

Applications must be received by Monday, February 25, 2008. To obtain an application contact Ms. Ola Hill at (301) 952-3755.

These periodic email updates are sent to public officials, town managers, civic association leaders, and residents upon request. If you are interested in receiving this update, please email Thomas Mayah at tsmayah@co.pg.md.us.