

Friends,

Hope everything is going well in your community. I wanted to share with you some of the activities happening in the County in March and beyond. In particular, I want to draw your attention to the Foreclosure Prevention Clinic being provided by the County next week. If you could please distribute this to your community members, I would greatly appreciate it.

Eric

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Prince George's County Home Ownership & Foreclosure Prevention Clinic

Having trouble making your mortgage payments? Are you interested in refinancing, or considering a home purchase? Do you need assistance to prevent foreclosure? If so, come to the Prince George's County Homeownership & Foreclosure Prevention Clinic. Two sessions (2pm-5pm and 5:30pm-8pm) will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. Seating is limited, and preregistration is encouraged. Please contact 1-800-225-5342 to register or for more information.

Housing & Community Development FY 2009 Action Plan

The Prince Georges County Department of Housing and Community Development will hold a Community Forum on the Annual Action Plan, which describes activities and programs for the upcoming fiscal year. This is your opportunity to comment and hear more about proposed activities. The event will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 7pm-9pm at the New Carrollton Library meeting room located at 7414 Riverdale Road, New Carrollton, MD 20784.

Prince George's County Leadership Institute

Join the Prince George's County Youth Commission for an interesting discussion on schools, youth violence, and other areas of concern. The Youth Commission includes students from throughout the county. The event will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7pm. The program will be located at the Largo Student Center, Prince George's Community College.

Free Tax Preparation

Prince George's Community College Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax preparation to assist county residents with basic income tax returns. Services are offered by appointment or walk-in basis. Only Prince George's County residents who earn \$50,000 or less are eligible for the free assistance. Individual meetings are held Tuesdays 6pm-9pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm from February 12th to April 12th 2008 except for March 18th and March 22nd when the office will be closed. All events are held at Prince George's Community College at Bladen Hall, Room 223.

Colours Back to Delta Program

Due to inclement weather portions of the Colours Back to Delta Program have been moved. All performances are being rescheduled for either March 28th or March 29th. Find out the latest information at www.colours.org.

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and the Living the Dream Festival

Please make plans to attend the 12th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Living the Dream Festival. All events will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008. The festival will be held at the Prince George's County Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Complex located at 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover MD. The festival will begin promptly at 1pm. The parade will begin at 10am. For more information please contact Global Developmental Services for Youth, INC at (301) 336-2906.

Harlem Renaissance Festival 2008

The 9th Annual Prince George's County Harlem Renaissance Festival will be held on May 3, 2008, from 10am to 7pm. The event will be held at the Kentland/Columbia Park Community Center located at 2411 Pinebrook Ave Landover, MD 20785.

In addition to festival activities, there will be a recognition ceremony for individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions in the areas of Art, Entertainment, and Literature. If you wish to make a nomination please forward all recommendations and inquiries to (301) 918-8418.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Tour

The Village Connection and CyberWorld Educational Foundation will host a tour of the some Historically Black Colleges/Universities in the Southern United States from April 12-18 2008. There will also be an Ivy League Tour and another Southern University Tour later on this year. For more information please contact Jamil Hameed, Tour Director at macstires@hotmail.com, or (216) 849-9400.

Construction Training for Women Only

Goodwill is offering a **FREE** 10-week pre-apprenticeship construction training program for women residing in Prince George's County **ONLY**. Classes include construction management, construction math, basic blueprint reading, money management, resume writing, and many more. For information or to register please contact Martin Burks at (202) 715-2627 or at martinb@dcgoodwill.org.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Prince Georges County Federation of Park and Recreation Council 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

Summer Programs

Summer Institute in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Research "SISTER"

- 7th & 8th Grade Middle School girls
- Applications Due April 1, 2008
- Info: <http://education.gsfc.nasa.gov/sister/>

GCFC High School Intern Program

- 10th & 11th Grade Students
- Applications Due March 15, 2008
- Info: <http://education.gsfc.nasa.gov/pages/placement.html>

Interdisciplinary National Science Project Incorporating Research and Education Experience "INSPIRE"

- 11th & 12th Grade Students, and College Freshmen
- Info: http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/postsecondary/programs/INSPIRE_Project.html

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.

Pepco Offers Discount on Energy-Saving Bulbs

Pepco is offering discounts to customers who buy energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs at Home Depot and Costco stores in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Single bulbs will be discounted at the register by \$1.50, and packs will be discounted by \$3. The discount will be available for three years. A list of participating stores and other energy-saving tips can be found at www.pepco.com

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