

WELCOME to the SPRING COMMUNITY PARTNERS' MEETING

April 3, 2019
9 a.m.



WELCOME TO THE SPRING SEASON



Department of Public Works and Transportation Community Partner's Meeting - April 3, 2019



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County Executive



Terry L. Bellamy
Director

**Department of Public Works
and Transportation
Community Partner's Meeting
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Department of Public Works and Transportation Targeted Efforts

The Department of Public Works and Transportation removed over 3,494 **illegal signs** and **1027 tons of litter and illegal dumping** from County maintained roadways between July 1st and March 2019.

The Department mobilized **eighteen (18) times** during the snow and ice removal season.

Recent and upcoming targeted efforts include:

Litter Blitz

March 25th – March 29th

Pothole Blitz

April 1st – April 5th

Department of Public Works and Transportation's Partnership with Community Associations



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Growing Green With
Pride



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Director



Saturday, May 4, 2019

Rain or Shine

MyPGC.us/GrowingGreen

Registration deadline: Friday, April 19, 2019

Supplies and mulch available for pick up
at the D'Arcy Road Maintenance Facility:

- **Wednesday, May 1st**
5 P.M. – 8 P.M.
- **Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd**
8 A.M. – 8 P.M.
- **Saturday, May 4th**
8 A.M. - noon

We will not be able to deliver supplies.



Pond Beautification Program



Program Goals

- Manage Risk; Increase Tree Canopy
- Improve Property Values and Air Quality
- Add Beauty

Program Implementation

- Community Outreach
- Design Phase
- Community Review and Discussion
- Construction

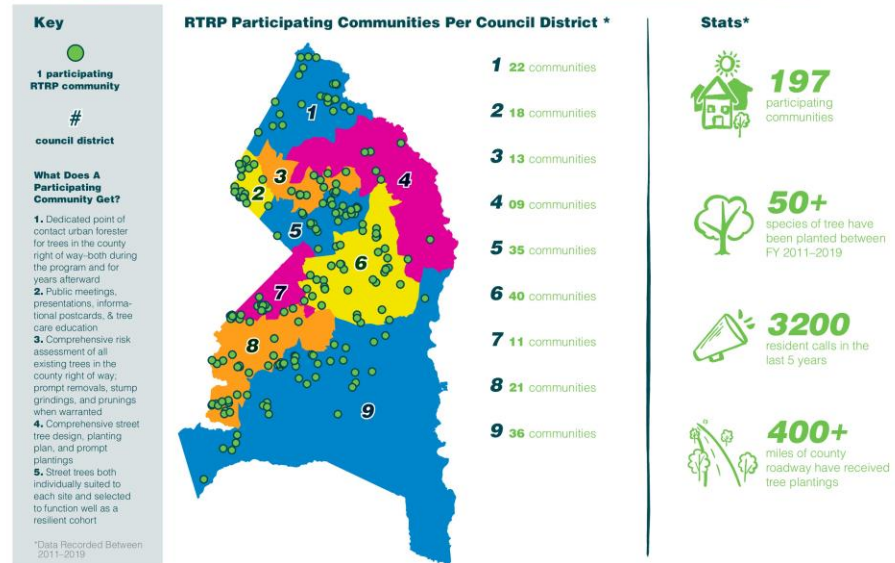
Since 2011 Removed over 13,000 trees and Planted over 39,000 trees



RIGHT TREE RIGHT PLACE

Prince George's County Tree Removal & Planting Program

Prepared By:
the
Neighborhood
DesignCenter



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS PROGRAM



- Annual Program Began in 1970
- Administered by the Beautification Committee
- Applications available now:
At local libraries
Prince George's County UMD Extension Website
Prince George's Master Gardeners on Facebook
Email: beautifypgc@gmail.com
- Application deadline: Friday, April 26, 2019

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Register for Bike to Work Day

<http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org>

Friday, May 17, 2019

Visit Our Pit Stop in Largo

Thank You



The background is a solid light green color with several large, overlapping, semi-transparent leaf shapes in a slightly darker shade of green. The leaves are stylized and have a smooth, curved appearance. In the center, there is a white rectangular box with a thin white border. Inside this box, the text "DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The word "ENVIRONMENT" is significantly larger and bolder than the other words in the phrase.

DEPARTMENT OF THE **ENVIRONMENT**



CELEBRATE

EARTH DAY

EVERYDAY

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

• 2019 •



ANNUAL PATUXENT CLEANUP

ANNUAL 2019 GRASSROOTS PATUXENT RIVER TRASH CLEANUP!

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 6, 2019

ALICE FERGUSON FOUNDATION



Join us **April 13, 2019** for this year's

31ST ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER WATERSHED CLEANUP

A promotional poster for the Anacostia Watershed Society's 2019 Earth Day Cleanup. It features a smiling woman in a blue shirt and a dark jacket. In the top right corner is the Anacostia Watershed Society logo, which includes a circular emblem with a swan and a building. The text on the poster reads: "ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY'S 2019 EARTH DAY CLEANUP SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER #AWSEarthDay".

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SUSTAINABILITY

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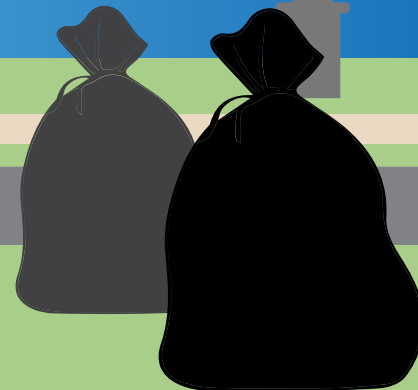
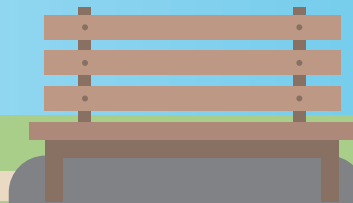
Plant native trees, shrubs and flowers.

Visit environment.mypgc.us to learn about DoE programs that help reduce litter including Community Clean Up events, Storm Drain Stenciling and PGCLitterTRAK.



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Volunteer to participate in a Community Clean Up.



RESIDENTIAL DRAINAGE



TIPS for reducing incidents of drainage problems:

- Install a drain guard over the area drain at exterior steps to keep debris out
- Extend downspouts to direct gutter flow away from the house
- Do not block drainage courses
- Ensure that lawns, patios and walkways slope away from the house foundation to ensure positive drainage away from the house



Litter TRAK



How do I use PGCLitterTRAK?



PGCLitterTRAK is a smartphone application (app) that can be used by community groups and individual citizens that are interested in reporting their efforts to reduce litter in their communities.



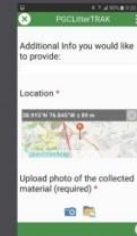
This is the
PGCLitterTRAK app

This easy smartphone app will take you through a series of questions that will allow us to collect data on your contribution towards a cleaner, greener Prince George's County.

Go to www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2607/PGCLitterTRAK to sign up



PGCLitterTRAK uses your phone to pinpoint the location of your litter cleanup.



Before you submit your PGCLitterTRAK information, you must upload a picture of your collected material.

Finally...

Data collected from PGCLitterTRAK goes into an online map for reporting and analysis. The County then gets an accurate snapshot of all the work we're doing removing litter from our neighborhoods!



Save the Date!

3rd Prince George's County
PET WASTE MANAGEMENT SUMMIT

Thursday, April 18, Largo, MD

6:00-9:00pm

Elected officials, municipal or county staffers, Green Team members, homeowners/civic association board members or engaged citizens are invited to learn more about the County's current pet waste management campaign, share best practices, meet peers working on similar initiatives, and access resources to start their own local pet waste management program.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)



ENVIRONMENTAL
FINANCE CENTER

Questions? Contact mikeh75@umd.edu or 301-405-7956



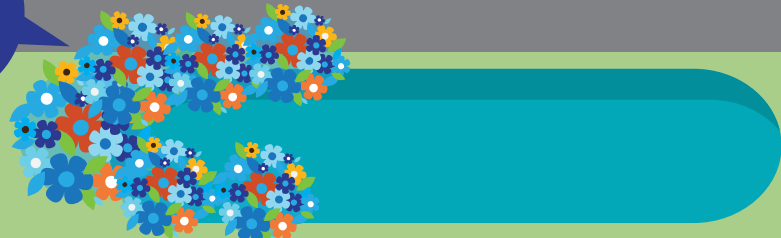
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



Help DoE reduce water pollution and clean local waterways by “greening” the environment around your home, business and community.



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Build a Rain Garden.



4
Install permeable pavement to filter rain water.



5
Use a rain barrel to collect rain water.



**CLEAN UP
STORMWATER RUNOFF**



**SLOW IT DOWN.
SPREAD IT OUT.
SOAK IT IN.**

“Our Water. Our Future. Ours to Protect”

Our **Rain Check Rebate Program** provides cash rebates, grants, and technical assistance.

Gives property owners rebates for installing stormwater management practices on their property.

Total Approved Rebates	Total Cash Rebates Rewarded	Impervious Area Treated (Acres)
505	\$454,812	8.86





RAIN CHECK REBATE PROGRAM

Prince George's County residents, businesses, and non-profits can apply for **cash rebates** by adopting **stormwater management practices** that improve the quality of the County's waterways while beautifying our communities.



Rain Barrel



Cistern



Urban Tree Canopy



Rain Garden



Pavement Removal



Permeable Pavement



Green Roof

Rebate Amounts



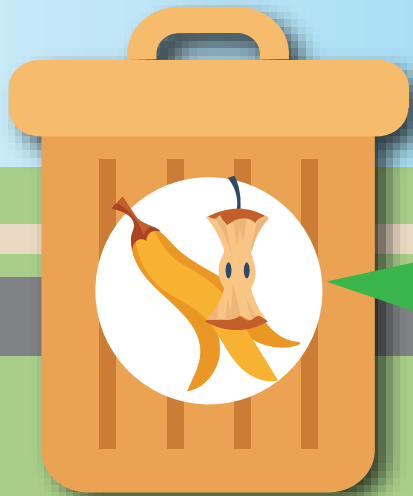
Residential: \$4,000 maximum rebate

Commercial properties and multi-family dwellings: \$20,000 maximum rebate



RESOURCE RECOVERY

From Christmas trees and leaves to household products and electronics, County residents and business owners are recycling more and trashing less.



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Your yard trim and food scraps are providing FREE mulch for County residents, and LeafGro and LeafGro Gold compost.



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Use a reusable bag
CHOOSE TO REUSE



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Use brown paper bags for your yard trimmings and avoid putting plastic bags in your recycling toter.



A source reduction event

20th annual

mulch madness

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

This mulch is primarily derived from the Christmas tree collections.
For more information, please call County Click 3-1-1.



A skid loader will be available to load mulch into pickup trucks.



SATURDAY
APRIL 27

Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility
6550 S.E. Crain Highway,
Upper Marlboro, MD
(From Crain Highway, proceed on Maude Savoy Brown Road to Facility)

8 am to 1 pm

Learn to reduce water usage, prevent soil erosion and reduce the use of herbicides in your home gardens by applying mulch.

Citizens and residents transporting mulch by car should bring their own containers and shovels or pitchforks.

RESTRICTIONS:

- Prince George's County residents only
- Only non-commercial vehicles, 3/4 ton maximum weight
- No business vehicle signage will be permitted, all commercial signs should be covered or removed prior to entering the site



SOURCE REDUCTION TIPS

Use mulch to suppress weed growth and provide nutrients.
Grass cycle: Use a mulching mower to finely shred your mowed grass and leave it on the lawn.
Start a backyard compost pile.



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Hour of Operation

- Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
- 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location

Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill
11611 White House Road
Upper Marlboro MD 20774
Use the White House Road entrance.

- Materials must be dropped off at facility
- Residential materials only.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- *Oil Based Paints*
- *Solvents, Stains & Varnishes*
- *Pesticides, Herbicides & Fertilizers*
- *Heating Oil*
- *Automotive Fluids Gasoline, Anti-Freeze*
- *Propane & Helium Tanks*
- *Photographic Chemicals*
- *Cooking Oil*
- *Cleaning Agents*
- *Smoke Detectors*
- *NO latex paint – allow latex paint to dry out and place in a bag for regular household trash service. Cat litter works well as a drying agent to speed the process of drying the paint completely out before discarding into the trash.*

Comprehensive list available on website or by calling CountyClick 311

IS YOUR BUSINESS
READY TO RECYCLE?



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County Executive

ATTENTION PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BUSINESSES

New Mandatory Recycling Requirements Begin

JULY 1, 2019

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

New County Legislation (CB-12-2018) states that all Prince George's County business owners, tenants, or operators of commercial and industrial properties, including but not limited to offices, stores, hotels, motels, gas stations, restaurants, factories, processing plants, and manufacturing enterprises, **shall provide at least equally sized and equally convenient recycling containers to accompany each trash container on the interior and exterior of the property, including along storefronts.** Properties should also include a collection system for the recyclables. A list of items that can be recycled shall be clearly displayed on or near the container.

To view a list of the County's acceptable recycling materials, visit bit.ly/acceptedpgc.
To review a copy of the legislation, go to bit.ly/CB122018.

For more information, contact the Department of the Environment, Recycling Section, Inspection Unit at 301-883-3635.

Source Reduction Tip: Recycling one ton of plastic saves 98 million Btu's of energy

FOLLOW THE LAW TO AVOID POSSIBLE CITATION AND FINE

Prince George's County has a goal to recycle at least 60% of the waste stream by July 1, 2020.

ANIMAL SERVICES

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If you are thinking about adding a new pet to your family, DoE asks you to adopt before you shop.



ANIMAL SERVICES FACILITY



Help your pet live a healthy life by having them spayed or neutered. Visit www.princegeorgespets4us.com for more information and to see the many pets available for adoption.

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Take the pledge to clean up after your pet and scoop that poop.





JOIN THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION FOR

Introduction to

FOSTERING



The ASD Foster Program helps meet the needs of animals that are too young for adoption, injured or recovering from surgery, require special care due to illness or pregnancy, or just in need of a second chance! You are invited to learn more about animal foster care by attending the introduction to Fostering session at:

**Animal Services Facility
3750 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, Maryland**

Fostering saves lives

For more information, and to RSVP, call (301) 780-7202.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY

**APRIL
3, 2019**

6:00 P.M.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

SATURDAY

**APRIL
27, 2019**

9:30 A.M.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019 AT 1 P.M.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24, 2019 AT 6 P.M.

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO:

- Walk dogs
- Train and socialize dogs
- Play with cats
- Assist with feeding of animals
- Help with laundry
- Clean the kennels, cat crates, and/ or cat rooms
- Provide office assistance
- Meet and greet facility visitors
- Assist with off-site events

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING YOU MUST:

Be 14-18 years of age to complete high school required community service hours

- No hands-on with animals
- No orientation needed
- Complete Volunteer Application
- Schedule a morning or afternoon shift any Mon-Fri (no weekends)

Be at least 18 years of age to work directly with animals

- Attend an orientation/facility tour
- Commit to at least 4 hours a month



JOIN THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION FOR

PET PARENTING CLASSES



Learn what it takes to be a responsible pet owner and a great family host to a four-legged friend for its lifetime. Time, cost, food, toys, medical, safety, social . . . all topics that will be covered during this 1-hour presentation with Q & A to follow. Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 12 noon.

**Animal Services Facility
3750 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, Maryland**

Call 301-780-7220 to register for this FREE class



CONTACT US

Prince George's County Department of the Environment
1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 500
Largo, Maryland
(301) 883-5810



Community Partners' Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

DPIE at a Glance

DPIE streamlines County government operations in the areas of permitting, business licensing, plan review, inspections and property code enforcement.

DPIE includes six divisions:

- **Permitting and Licensing** – Processes building and site plan permits

- **Building Plan Review** – Reviews plans for residential and commercial projects

- **Enforcement** – Investigates code violations at residential, commercial and industrial properties to maintain the safety and aesthetic value of our communities

- **Inspections** – Regulates construction, development and grading through inspection and enforcement of codes

- **Site/Road Plan Review** – Reviews and approves site and roadway plans for proposed development and road improvement projects

- **Administrative Services** – Responsible for personnel management, budgeting and IT.

Thank you, Partners!

On April 1-2, DPIE conducted its annual Spring Sign Blitz, assisted by the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), the Department of the Environment (DOE), and the State Highway Administration (SHA).

Citizens also helped. Several residents brought unlawful signs they removed from their communities to DPIE's Sign Litter Dumpster at agency headquarters in Largo.

Thousands of signs were discarded.

We would like to thank the Community Partners who participated. We also would like to acknowledge the hard work of DPIE Code Enforcement Officer Bill Edelen and the Enforcement Division, along with our partners in DOE, DPW&T and SHA for the success of this Sign Blitz.



**Spring Sign Blitz 2019
DPIE inspectors discard
signs removed April 1-2.**



We Work Well – Together

DPIE holds sign blitzes each year just prior to the spring and fall Community Partners' meetings. Our Fall Sign Blitz will be held in September before the Fall Community Partners' Meeting. Watch the DPIE website and Facebook page for the date. Invitations will be emailed and mailed.



The Sign Blitzes are an example of the positive relationship between DPIE and the community. Working together on projects such as these, and other efforts that focus on improving our neighborhoods, we can help maintain the safety and aesthetic value of Prince George's County.



In the words of DPIE Director Melinda Bolling, "Our Community Partners are essential to our effort to ensure that everyone abides by the codes established to protect our citizens and communities."



Get your property ready for summer!

- Repair peeling paint, loose siding, ragged gutters and sagging downspouts.
- Fix broken windows and doors.
- Clear away fallen branches, trash and debris and open storage.
- Remove old appliances, building materials, furniture, garbage, untagged vehicles and vehicle parts.
- Cut grass and prune your plants. Remember, tall grass and weeds – over 12-inches – is a code violation!
- Clean and secure your vacant property.

Frequent Violations



- **Placing trash or items to be picked up on the curb days before a scheduled pickup**
- **Parking commercial vehicles in driveways or on residential streets**
- **Doing unpermitted residential or commercial construction**
- **Performing automotive work on a driveway or street**
- **Leaving abandoned properties unsafe and unsecured**
- **Failing to adequately maintain a property**
- **Operating a business out of a residence**

Don't forget to let DPIE inspect your work!!!

With summer on the way, many people are looking forward to do-it-yourself home improvement projects and commercial construction projects.

**Remember, construction projects require permits!
Visit the DPIE website or call 301-883-2050 for info.**

AIRBNB IS COMING!

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Last fall, the County Council adopted legislation to establish Short-Term Rentals in Prince George's County.



The program will be administered by a team of inspectors in the DPIE Enforcement Division.



The legislation, CB-11-2018, will take effect October 1.

Short-Term Rentals

Prince George's County homeowners whose properties comply with County Code and who meet certain other criteria may seek a Short-Term Rentals License to host renters working through established rental companies, called platforms, such as Airbnb.

The licenses cost \$150 per year and expire one year from the date of issuance.

Online application forms and information will be posted on the DPIE website on July 1.

No early applications will be accepted.

We Hear You!

Administrative Hearing Unit (AHU)

The Administrative Hearing Unit is reducing the adjudication time for citations issued for properties in violation of Prince George's County Code. The previous process took as long as nine months from the time a complaint was received to the time the respondent appeared in District Court for a disposition.

The hearing officers issue summonses, notices and default orders for noncompliance. They handle complaints about unlawful vehicles, open storage, trash and debris, tall grass and weeds, etc. Citizens with complaints about code violations should report them to 311. The calls are routed to DPIE, which issues citations to the property owners. Respondents can request a hearing within 30 days of the issuance of a citation. The hearings are held within 30 days. Hearing officers render a decision within five days.

From August 2018-February 2019, the first six months of the AHU, 620 citations were issued by DPIE Enforcement Division inspectors to owners whose properties were in violation and 137 sought AHU hearings. In March 2019, 219 citations were issued; 22 respondents have requested a hearing.

Nuisance Abatement Board (NAB)

Residents are hosting parties at a house where admission is charged, drawing huge crowds and creating mayhem in the neighborhood. Police refer the homeowners to the NAB. The seven-member board hears complaints – such as this one – that allege acts have occurred on the properties that disturb the public peace, endanger the health, life or safety of citizens and/or create a public nuisance.

If the board finds a nuisance exists, it will order the activity to cease and may assess a fine. The initial fine is \$500; subsequent fines are \$1,000.

In 2018, 17 cases were referred to the NAB; 13 cases were heard. The respondent was found guilty of creating a neighborhood or public nuisance in 12 cases. One case was appealed to the Circuit Court. It was upheld by the judge. This year, seven cases have been referred to the NAB from communities from Beltsville to Fort Washington.

The NAB is helping to restore order to some troubled neighborhoods. A resident recently sent a letter to NAB Administrator Michelle Lyons thanking the members for the assistance they rendered to improve her community.

Step One - Call 311!

DPIE depends on our partners in the community to help us identify code violations so they can be addressed.

The first step in reporting suspected violations is to call 311 (301-883-4748) or file a report online at CountyClick311@co.pg.md.us.

Contacting 311 allows County officials to track complaints and route them to the appropriate agencies.

You can follow up on your complaint with 311 using your reference number. Contact DPIE if you need additional information.

Important Phone Numbers

- Complaints 311/301-883-4748
- Abandoned Vehicles 301-952-1873
- Animal Management 301-780-7200
- Building/Construction Standards 301-883-3820
- Bulky Trash 301-883-4748
- Enforcement Division 301-883-6168
- Licensing 301-883-3840
- Permits Center 301-636-2050
- Public Information 301-636-2020
- Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste 301-952-7625
- Rental Licensing 301-883-3840



**We'll see you at the
Fall Community
Partners' Meeting in
September!**

**Watch the DPIE
website and Facebook
page for details!**

**For more info, contact
Avis Thomas-Lester,
Public Information
Officer**

**athomaslester@co.pg.md.us,
301-636-2053**