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Council District 3

Greetings!

I hope everyone is enjoying this fall weather and gearing up for a fun-filled Halloween! I'd like to take a moment and introduce my new Special Assistant, Kate McLeod. She is eager to help with all constituent issues and concerns, so feel free to give her a call (410-313-3108) or send her an email (Kmcleod@HowardCountyMD.gov).

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Upcoming Council Meetings

Legislative Pre-file due
October 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Wrap-Up Session
October 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting
November 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Legislative Pre-file due
November 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Session
December 1 at 7:30 p.m.

New "Tell HoCo" App

A new Howard County web and mobile application is trying to make notifying the government of a downed tree or pothole as easy as sending a text.

County officials launched the new Tell HoCo, an app that directly connects citizens with the agencies responsible for fixing various municipal problems.

Residents can download the free app from the **iTunes** or **Google Play** store and use it to report a variety of issues, including dead animals, graffiti, potholes, downed trees and streetlights in need of repair by locating the problem on a map and entering in a few details. The app notifies the agency in charge of making the fix.



Currently, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Recreation and Parks use the app, but county officials said they hoped to eventually expand the reporting function to more agencies.

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Howard County Government Announces 2014 “Employee of the Year”

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Government’s 2014 Employee Recognition Winners were honored Friday at a ceremony at the Ten Oaks Ballroom. The highest distinction went to **Captain Colleen O’Neill** of the **Department of Fire and Rescue Services** (DFRS) who was named Howard County’s “Employee of the Year.”



As DFRS’ primary liaison to the 911-Communications Center, she has devotedly responded to support 911-operations during the shootings at the Mall in Columbia, the Laurel shooting of a county police officer, the CSX derailment, and nearly every weather event for the past five years. She oversees all activities associated with call processing and dispatch to DFRS incidents, single-handedly manages the detailed technical configuration of personnel, stations and apparatus, and supervises creating response plans for literally every address point in the County. She is called “a master and owner of the systems and technology that she manages.”

As a project coordinator, she has led two monumental dispatch software upgrades and the implementation of a new Station Alerting System allowing 911 to determine the best station to respond to a location’s emergency to 42 levels of redundancy. She also conducts regular inservice training of dispatchers and lends her expertise to improve and ensure public safety statewide. After hours and on weekends, she monitors radio operations and bears the burden of being on-call 24/7 to ensure a DFRS point of contact is in place in case of technical issues or a major incident. Congratulations!

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2nd Annual HoCo Math Festival!

November 18, 2014

6:30 pm -9:00 pm

Centennial High School

4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042

See How Much FUN Math Can BE!!!!

No Charge!!! Open to all ages!!!

Demonstrations, Discussion, Activities, and Giveaways!!

There will be Math Magicians, Rappers and Dancers.
Baltimore Orioles, Peabody Institute, the US Air Force,
NCIS, Columbia Mall and many more will be there!!

For further information go to:

www.stemulatingminds.com

For Additional Information contact:

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission “Living the Dream” Award 2014-2015 Nomination Form



The Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission is seeking nominations for the Commission’s 2014-15 “Living the Dream” Award. This annual award recognizes both **an individual and an organization** (community, civic or religious) for promoting the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through community involvement. The award will be presented at the Commission’s 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Sunday, January 18, 2015, at Howard Community College’s Smith Theatre. The theme of this year’s Celebration is Dr. King’s statement, “The Fierce Urgency of Now.”

Award Criteria for both Individual and Organizational Nominations:

Nominees may live or work in Howard County, but their volunteer services *must* be performed in Howard County. Nominees must demonstrate the life, work, teachings and legacy of Dr. King by promoting community involvement among all ethnic groups, regardless of social, economic or religious background, and be committed to non-violence and humanitarian services.

You may submit more than one nomination, but each nomination must be submitted separately. For each nomination, describe in 500-words-or-less why this individual or organization deserves to win the 2014-15 “Living the Dream” Award by answering the following questions in your narrative:

1. Describe the type of community participation and the nominee’s involvement in it.
2. What impact has the nominee had on the community?
3. Describe the nominee’s achievements and significant contributions.

We encourage you to include additional documentation, such as newspaper clippings, articles and other supporting information. The winner will be notified and name posted by Friday, December 12, 2014 on the Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission webpage at www.howardcountymd.gov/mlkholidaycommission.htm. The winners each will receive a \$300 cash prize. For questions, contact Mary Toth at the Office at the Office of Human Rights at 410-313-6467 or mtoth@howardcountymd.gov.

Deadline: Nomination forms and all required information must be postmarked, hand-delivered, faxed or emailed by 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 14, 2014 to: Howard County Office of Human Rights, Attn: MLK 2014-15 “Living the Dream” Award, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 239, Columbia, MD 21046. Fax # 410-313-6468 or email: SubmissionsMLK@howardcountymd.gov.

Please detach section below and attach to your nomination submission/narrative.



Nomination Information:

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

Nominator:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

Signature :



Kids don't come with directions!

Howard County Family Institute Presents:

Family Trainings

Presented by Anne Moriarty with Heart Minder; Using Conscious Discipline

The Howard County Family Institute is a parent education program of the Department of Citizen Services' Office of Children's Services.

The Family Institute offers informational sessions and training workshops for parents on many topics, including child development, positive discipline, finding resources and adolescent issues.

To learn more, contact us at 410-313-1940 (voice/relay) or email children@howardcountymd.gov

Handling Fusses and Fits

In the busy shuffle of day to day life, children's meltdowns can get in the way. There has to be a better way to survive these daily schedule-stopping battles.

In this workshop, you will learn how to:

- Reduce stress by addressing a child's emotional state before addressing behavior.
- Build your knowledge of child development principles which can have a dramatic impact on the discipline process.



Handling the Fusses and Fits

Monday, October 27
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
3300 North Ridge Rd
Suite #240
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Cost: \$8.00

Setting Limits Without Guilt

There are many different parenting styles. Some may be too firm and some may be too lenient. What is the right balance and how do you keep your relationship intact with your child while making sure they do the right thing? Create stronger adult-child connections to support emotional/mental health while learning:

- Strategies for when life does not go as planned.
- The chemical basis for how and why to shift from relying on fear to relying on love in discipline.
- The brain-body-heart connection which relates to emotional growth.



Setting Limits Without Guilt

Two Part Series:
Mondays, December 1 & 8
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
3300 North Ridge Rd
Suite #240
Ellicott City MD 21043
Cost: \$15.00

To register by phone, call 410-313-1940. To register online, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/children and click on **Register Online**. If you need this flier in an alternate format, call 410-313-1940 (voice/relay). To request a sign language interpreter or other accommodations to attend, call at least one week in advance.



5th Annual Howard County Bicycling Forum

WHEN: Wednesday October 29, 2014 6:30-9pm
6:30pm - Meet, Greet, Sign-In (light refreshments)
7:00-9:00pm - Presentations/Discussion

WHO: Bicycling Advocates of Howard County (BAHC), the new Howard County Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Chris Eatough, and other representatives of Howard County Government.

WHERE: The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory,
Building 1, Parsons Auditorium
11000 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 20723

AGENDA:

Introductions – Jack Guarneri, President BAHC

Acknowledge Captain (retired) John McKissick, former HCPD Bicycle Liaison)

Speaker - Chris Eatough, HC Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, who will review issues relating to improving bicycling safety and accessibility in our community.

Additional Agenda Items:

- Status Bicycle Master Plan/Execution Plan (including Grants)
- Report road conditions/damage: Tell HoCo app
- Reporting Incidents to Police: Captain Yetter, HCPD
- Status Report Ongoing studies: Bike Share and Bridge Columbia
- Question and Answer Session

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLINE:

Event organizers would love to know if you are coming.

Pre-register at <http://5thbahcbikeforum.eventbrite.com>.

Upcoming Events



4th Annual Feminine Hygiene Products Drive

October 1-31, 2014 sponsored by Howard County Food Bank and Grassroots. For information on how to donate [click here](#).

Early Voting Begins

October 23-30, 2014 from 10 AM to 8 PM each day. Have questions? Contact the Board of Elections at 410-313-5820 or [click here](#).

Halloween Happenings

October 24, 2014 from 5 PM to 7 PM in the Kings Contrivance Village Center. Daisy the Clown, trick-or-treating, and a haunted house. For more information [click here](#).

Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment

Begins November 15, 2014. For more information [click here](#).

New Traffic Signal Coming to Guilford Road

A Howard County construction project to improve an area of Guilford Road in the vicinity of Vollmerhausen Road in Jessup is expected to begin soon weather permitting. The project is expected to be completed by Fall 2015. For questions about Capital Project J-4214, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at (410) 313-3440, or by email at PublicWorks@HowardCountyMD.gov. For more information [click here](#).

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