

COMMUNITY

Cohort from A1

plications to participate in a six-week pilot program exploring the History, Present, and Future of Prince George's County, Planning 101, the Development Review Process, Building Healthy, Sustainable and Resilient Communities, and Multimodal Transportation and Street Safety. The curriculum was designed to demystify the complex process of planning in Prince George's County and provide opportunities for County residents and stakeholders to learn how to engage in the planning and development review process.

The Neighborhood Planning Academy held five virtual sessions and a final in-person session concluding with participant presentations. The participants selected diverse topics for their capstone projects including noise pollution, transportation, effective communication, bike lanes, ideal communities and spaces, solar power, and affordable housing.

"We applaud each participant's commitment to become an active participant in the planning process and an advocate for the needs of their neighborhoods and community," said Peter A. Shapiro, Chair of M-NCPPC and the Prince George's County Planning Board. "We look forward to seeing and hearing from them in future public meetings."

"From the inception to the launch and to the continued development of the program, we are proud of our team's ongoing efforts to engage, educate, and inspire representatives from all regions of our County," said Derick Berlage, Acting Deputy Planning Director of the Prince George's County Planning Department.

M-NCPPC included Jonathan Ammons, Greg Anderson, J. Leonard Anthony, Dan Behrend, Lois Brown, Tamara Davis Brown, Tyrice Brown, Janis Brunson, Divinity Buggs, Cassandra Burckhalter, Rachel Bush, Danielle Carter, Mary Cook, Dianna Davis-Small, Michelle Duvernay, April Gooding, Sharice Hendrickson, Harold Lawson, Gale Mamatova, Dan McDonald, Fai Nelson, Wanda Peterson-Parker, Jeronica Plummer, Ronald Skotz, Nancy Thompson, Diana Torres, Sabrena Turner, Leah Wade, Joycette Ward, and Angela Wearrien.

For more information on the Neighborhood Planning Academy, visit: <https://academy.pgplanning.com>. Prince George's County residents and stakeholders may join the mailing list to receive announcements about upcoming 2024 courses.

The Prince George's County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is responsible for preserving, protecting, and managing the county's resources through high-quality planning services and growth management guidance. Our mission is to promote economic vitality, environmental sustainability, design excellence, and quality development in Prince George's County. Visit our website, www.pgplanning.org, to learn how you can become engaged in shaping the future of your community.

Save Lives from A1

to make sure that includes keeping them safe in the event of the unimaginable," said John Pfeifer, the Library's donor engagement and grants officer.

When someone goes into cardiac arrest—which happens when the heart stops because it has fallen out of rhythm and oxygenated blood cannot be pumped through the body—it is important to act quickly, said Jermaine Gordon, safety and security supervisor for PGCMLS.

In the first few minutes after cardiac arrest has occurred, it is critical both to administer CPR and use an AED if one is available. Through CPR, chest compressions are administered to keep blood physically flowing through the body. Pairing that with an AED, which sends electric shocks through the chest when they detect an irregular rhythm in the heart in order to keep it beating steadily, according to the American Heart Association, increases the chance of survival following cardiac arrest.

"[THE AED] is the most important part of the chain of survival," Gordon said.

The AEDs inside branches, which will also have accompanying signage, will provide audible instructions in English and Spanish, making using the devices in an emergency as simple as a round of "Simon Says," Gordon said.

In addition to getting AEDs in all PGCMLS branches, staff will have the option of volunteering to take CPR, AED, and first aid training courses as well, said Gordon, who is trained to teach the courses.

The use and availability of the devices is an issue that has continued to gain national prominence, thanks to incidents like one in January 2023, when Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest at a game in Cincinnati. He credited CPR and an AED with saving his life and has since gone on tour to promote CPR training and distribute AEDs, according to ESPN reports.

Now found in all sorts of public facilities, from airports and banks, to government buildings and more, it makes sense to put them in libraries too, according to Gordon.

"Having a defibrillator is a way to save lives," he said.

The PGCMLS Foundation accepts donations online at pgcmls.info/donate, by phone at (202) 295-7007, or through email at development@pgcmls.info. Checks can also be mailed to PGCMLS Foundation, 9601 Capital Lane, Largo, MD 20774.

Morningside from A2

of development including a 120-room hotel, commercial office space, multi-family units, independent senior living, townhomes, retail and restaurant space, and a 50,000-square-foot cultural arts and technology center. It doesn't look like Suitland anymore.

A home at 4306 John Street, in Skyline, has sold for \$210,000.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Julie Koch-Michael and Darryl Moss, Nov. 26; Arthur Rose, Nov. 27; Thomas Shipman, Sr., Nov. 28; Stephanie White and Devin Kane Blade, Nov. 29; Karen Windsor, Alexis R. Paige, Ramona Britt, Patricia Branch, John Duncan and Kimberly White, Nov. 30.

Happy anniversary to Gary and Ivy Kline on November 28.

Email me (muddmm@gmail.com) with birthdays and anniversaries.

Holiday House Tour Reinstates Longstanding Laurel Tradition

By PRESS OFFICER
Laurel Historical Society

On **Saturday, Dec. 9**, the Laurel Historical Society's Holiday House Tour will return for the first time in five years. One of LHS' longest traditions, this event is a holiday fundraiser that invites community members to tour homes and buildings in the area.

Dating back to 1976, the Holiday House Tour is an all-ages event for those looking to tour extraordinary interiors inside beautiful period homes and buildings, learn about renovations, additions and the history of these local buildings, view some holiday decoration inspiration or simply socialize with neighbors while enjoying plenty of homemade cookies baked by Laurel Historical Society volunteers.

"We are very excited to bring back the Holiday House Tour after a five-year hiatus," said Ann Bennett, executive director of the Laurel Historical Society. "The event is a winter fundraiser for the Laurel Historical Society but, more than that, it is a way to get to know more about your neighbors or the Laurel area and kick off the holiday season with a fun event."

The Holiday House Tour committee has been working hard this year to arrange a variety of homes, businesses and unique stops in the greater Laurel area. This year's tour will consist of 10 different stops, including a house that was featured in the latest issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*, a home in historic Old Town that has been owned by the same family for almost 120

years and a new build in West Laurel with spectacular views of the area.

Participants will also have the chance to visit Gude Mansion, a rare surviving example of a three-story brick house in the Greek Revival style. This is a remarkable opportunity to see inside the Gude Mansion for the first time in over five years, as the building was only just reopened this summer following extensive renovations and restorations.

"I'm particularly excited about having such a diversity of properties on this year's tour," said Lisa Everett, Holiday House Tour committee member. "Old Town residences are always a staple of the LHS Holiday House Tour, but this year's event will also take ticketholders out of Old Town to some properties that we're pretty excited about."

The Tour will start at the Laurel Museum at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 9. Those who purchased their tickets in advance will check in at the front desk and receive a sticker and tour map, which will include directions to each stop, locations of restrooms and refreshments, and any additional information such as accessibility and parking suggestions.

From 1 to 5 p.m., tour participants are welcome to visit the locations in the order of their choosing. At each stop, they'll step inside to learn about building, family, and occupant history, renovation processes, and future plans, as well as have the chance to ask the homeowners any additional questions. At the end of the tour, participants are invited to gather at Clyopatra Winery and Vineyard, Laurel's first vineyard and winery, for a complimentary wine tasting and social hour.

On the day of the tour, participants will

also have the chance to visit the Laurel Museum and its holiday gift shop from 12 to 4 p.m. The current exhibit "It's All Laurel: City Limits and Beyond" explores the four counties that are part of Laurel and further expands on the history of some of the stops on the Holiday House Tour, such as Gude Mansion. It strives to demonstrate that "Laurel" is more than the areas within the city limits. Focusing on communities ranging from Scaggsville to Russett to the historic African American community of Bacontown, the exhibit reveals the breadth of Laurel—geographically, demographically and historically.

Tickets for the Holiday House Tour are \$25 in advance or \$30 on the day of the event, up until 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the Laurel Museum or online at www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org/holiday-home-tour.html.

The Laurel Historical Society's 2023 collectible ornament, a full-color depiction of Gude Mansion, is available for sale within the museum shop and online at www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org/store/c1/Featured_Products.html.

The Laurel Historical Society is located within the Laurel Museum at 817 Main St. in Laurel, Md. The Laurel Museum is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. The current exhibit "It's All Laurel: City Limits and Beyond" runs through August 2024. Admission to the Museum is free. Research requests and tour groups can visit on weekdays by appointment. For more information contact info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org, 301-725-7975 or www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org.

Marietta House Museum December Events

By STACEY HAWKINS
Marietta House Museum

Marietta's Lunchtime Lecture Series presents:
Dolley Madison in Digital: The Papers of Dolley Madison

Please join Marietta House Museum on **December 6**, from noon to 1 p.m. for a Lunchtime Lecture featuring Holly Shulman, who is the director of the Dolley Madison Project at the University of Virginia Archives.

James and Dolley Madison spent time at Marietta House as guests to Gabriel and Jane Duvall. The Madisons and Duvalls dined, played cards, and talked about politics at Marietta House in the first quarter of the 19th century. Paul Jennings, the President's enslaved valet, likely came on these visits to Marietta. Shulman co-edited a book in 2003, *The Selected Letters of Dolley Payne Madison*. Also in 2003, the Mellon Foundation gave the University of Virginia Press a grant that Shulman used to create an electronic series of Dolley Madison's papers. Shulman was able to piece together information in the

letters sent and received with implications of Dolley's thoughts and opinions about politics, social networks, and Washington, D.C.

Free event. In-person at Marietta House Museum. Please register at www.pgparke-direct.com or call 301-464-5291 or email mariettahouse@pgparks.com. Registration is requested but not required.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD. 20769 and is a property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Winter Open House With Special Appearance by Papa Noël

On **Saturday, Dec. 9**, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. come to Marietta House Museum's Winter Open House with a special appearance by Papa Noël. The annual in-person tour includes a lovely walk through the beautifully decorated historic house. This year the museum is hosting a special visit with the French inspired character, Papa Noël. Celtic harpist, Chris Van Dyke, will perform throughout the evening while the

fragrant aroma of mulled cider and sweets flow throughout the house.

Visitors will travel through the historic house meeting trained staff who will share stories about the historic kitchen, parlor, dining room, and more. Because Duvall family roots go back to France, the museum has arranged for Papa Noël to meet with children between only 4pm and 6pm. He will send the children on a seek-and-find throughout the historic house to find little gifts and treats along the way.

House tours for everyone 4 p.m.–8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Celtic harp music is provided by Chris Van Dyke.

All ages. \$5 per person, ages 12 and under Free. Please register at this direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/4dam2xjj> or call 301-464-5291 or email mariettahouse@pgparks.com.

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Governor Moore Receives National Urban League President's Award

By PRESS OFFICER
Maryland Governor News

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Nov. 13, 2023)—Governor Wes Moore attended the National Urban League's 67th annual Equal Opportunity Dinner in New York City [during the week of Nov. 6]. During the event, National Urban League President Marc Morial presented the governor with the President's Award, the organization's highest honor.

"The National Urban League has fought for economic justice—you fight so that a single mom in Baltimore City can own more than she owes. You fight so that a young man in the Bronx can achieve prosperity and pass something on to his children besides debt. You fight so that if something happens to you or a family member, it won't become a generational catastrophe," said Gov. Moore. "The kind of economic justice we're fighting for is about more than good-paying jobs, it's about creating ownership. In my

state of Maryland, we are going to close the racial wealth gap. We've already made progress, from advancing equity in government contracts to improving access to liquidity. But we have more work to do. We have more fights to win. We have come far, and the National Urban League has brought us here."

The National Urban League's mission is to help African Americans and others in underserved communities achieve their highest true social parity, economic self-reliance, power, and civil rights. Founded in 1910 and headquartered in New York City, the organization promotes economic empowerment, equality, and social justice through collaboration at the national and local levels with community leaders, policymakers, and corporate partners.

With 90 affiliates serving 300 communities in 37 states and the District of Columbia, the National Urban League spearheads the development of social programs and authorita-



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National Urban League President Marc Morial (far right) presented the governor with the President's Award, the organization's highest honor.

tive public policy research, and advocates for policies and services that close the equality gap. At the community level, the National Urban League and its affiliates provide direct services

that improve the lives of more than two million people annually.

Maryland is home to the affiliate Greater Baltimore Urban League.