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## Reconvened Annual Meeting Rescheduled

Unfortunately, the 2017 Annual Meeting (reconvened from November 2017) was canceled because of inclement weather. The next scheduled BOD meeting is March 21, 2018. CVI will send notifications about the next meeting. Therefore, the newsletter cannot report the names of new Directors or committee members.



## 2018 IS A HOME INSPECTION YEAR

CVI has a maintenance guide on the webpage that we used in the 2016 inspections process to assist homeowners in identifying the parts of your home requiring repair, maintenance or upkeep during the spring inspections.

After the Architectural Modifications Committee and CVI meet, they will update the timeline to assist the community with the inspection process. The 2018 version will be mailed and will include the criteria regarding repairs and communicating with the Board and CVI regarding citations.

[www.woodmoresouth.org](http://www.woodmoresouth.org)

**Looking for the Bylaws, Declarations or Architectural Guidelines?**  
Go no further than the webpage [www.woodmoresouth.org](http://www.woodmoresouth.org)

## THINK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING

- Volunteering
- Respect property when walking dogs
- Trash cans— remove to rear
- Prepare for spring inspections
- Townhomes— parking consideration when homes have more than two cars
- Suggestions for spring/summer planting by 2/15

### Board of Directors (Sections—7)

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## February Black History Month



The African-American community still needs to come together as one and stand up for rights of the people and of what's happening in their culture, their community.

— Ziggy Marley —

AZ QUOTES

# What's Going on in the County?

Submitted by Debra Drayton

## NEW HOSPITAL BREAKS GROUND

The long-awaited hospital in Prince Georges County to be known as the **University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center** broke ground Thursday, November 30, 2017. The Hospital to be built on the site of the Capital Center Boulevard is expected to open in 2020.



The medical center is part of a broader vision articulated by

county, state and University of Maryland Medical Services officials to attract patients and top physicians who for years have chosen better-performing hospitals in neighboring jurisdictions. It is supposed to become a high-quality, central medical hub for southern Maryland that will provide staffing and expertise for a system of clinics throughout the region.

## CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM



Children's National Health System is planning to open a 60,000-square-foot regional

outpatient center in Prince George's County by 2020. Officials scheduled a ceremonial groundbreaking Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the location in Woodmore Towne Centre, less than three miles from the future site of the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center.

Officials are seeking a certificate of need for a comprehensive pediatric outpatient and specialty medical care center to house about 50 treatment rooms, including two ambulatory surgery operating rooms. The site is just one of several health centers under development by Children's Hospital.

## Downtown



County government and business groups have been working for some time to revitalize the Largo, MD area.

Coined "Downtown Largo" the coalition plans projects that will invigorate the area and foster development for the entire county. This region includes the Regional Medical Center, and also plans to build a community center with a collaborative think tank between the Prince George's Community College and Leadership Prince George's.

## Leadership Prince George's

A nonprofit organization that: Enhances leadership skills of its members; Improves cultural awareness and acceptance; Informs members and citizens about community issues affecting Prince George's County; Provides forums for dialogue between citizens and community leaders.

The organization was founded in 1985 as a leadership training program. Initially called the Leadership Development Forum funded by Prince George's County, it is now an independent, not-for-profit organization.

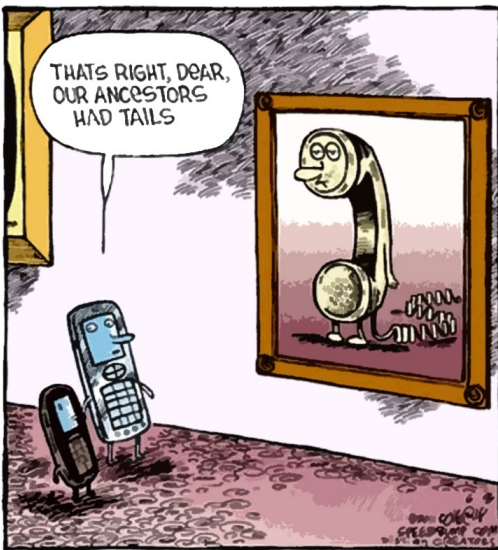
<http://www.leadershipprincegeorges.com/>

County updates continued

## SENIORS!

### STARTING 2018 WITH MIRTH

Current events seem “funny”?  
Let’s start 2018 by refusing to  
let the “turkeys” get us down.  
Enjoy the following cartoons.



## COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE MOVES TO LARGO

The new Wayne K. Curry Administration Building in Largo, Maryland, will open as the home for a number of county administrative offices, including that of county executive in early 2018.

Public officials held a dedication ceremony at the new building on Thursday, December 21, 2017, in what County Executive Rushern Baker likes to call “downtown Largo” on Thursday.

Moving the county operations of the executive and council is seen as a way of making local government more accessible: Largo is located in the center of the county, whereas the current County Administration Building is in Upper Marlboro on the county’s eastern border.

While the idea behind the move is to create a new “downtown” in the county’s center, the ceremony on Thursday morning became a tribute to the county executive for whom the building is named. Curry died in 2014 at the age of 63.



### GEEZER TWEETS

**BFF:** Best Friend Fainted  
**BYOT:** Bring Your Own Teeth  
**FWIW:** Forgot Where I Was  
**GOML:** Get Off My Lawn  
**LMDO:** Laughing My Dentures Out  
**MGAD:** My Grandson’s A Doctor  
**MILF:** Meal I’d Like to Forget  
**ROFL-CGU:** Rolling On Floor Laughing – Can’t Get Up  
**WIWYA:** When I Was Your Age  
**WTF:** Wait! Too Fast!

## “Senior Moments”



The first senior moment.

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### The National Children’s Museum inspires children to care about and improve the world.

The only nationally-recognized children’s museum heads into its best phase yet. Founded as the Capital Children’s Museum (CCM) in 1974, the Museum served Washington, D.C. area children and families for 30 years from CCM’s home in northeast Washington.

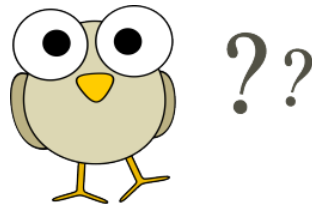
The National Children’s Museum (NCM) will reopen at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW in March of 2019.

The museum was conceived in 1974 and has operated in several locations over the years. It provides interactive exhibits which will place an emphasis on teaching science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM), reinforcing and expanding national education goals for children of all ages.

<http://nationalchildrensmuseum.org>



*Did you know?*



An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now! There is no limit to the amount of times aluminum cans are able to be recycled.

Did you know that there are 206 bones in the adult human body and there are 300 in children (as they grow some of the bones fuse together).

The most dangerous animal in the world is the common housefly. Because of their habits of visiting animal waste, they transmit more diseases than any other animal.

The only letter not appearing on the Periodic Table is the letter “j”.

Most gemstones contain several elements. The exception? The diamond. It’s all carbon. Diamonds are the hardest substance known to man.

## Brain Teasers

Alice, Bob, and Candy will be taking turns serving as President, Treasurer, and Secretary for their club where



at least one person is always in a different position each time.

- How many different ways can they mix and match these positions?
- What are the different position assignments?

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Submitted by Valerie Nelson



*Submitted by Greg Loftin*

Have you wondered what all that commotion is at the end of Foxwood Circle? Well rest assured that it is not some developer building more homes. Those backhoes and bulldozers are working on a storm water project.

The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) of Prince George's County is retrofitting ponds throughout the county in order to clean and filter water before it goes out to the various waterways; meeting US Environmental Protection Agency clean water regulatory requirements. An increased rate and volume of storm water runoff pollutes streams, wetlands, lakes and the Chesapeake Bay.

The goal of storm water management is to restore water resources so they are fishable and swimmable and to protect the quality of the future water supply.

Construction was scheduled to begin in August, but has been delayed for various reasons such as design changes, permit deliverables and inclement weather. According to information provided at the July 19th HOA meeting.

Construction hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with no work on weekends. The completed pond will resemble an open field with enhanced landscaping. It will be constructed using an environmentally sensitive design and will be 1.5 feet deep. The CWP will maintain the pond for 30 years. Frogs, wet plants and other vegetation will help form a balanced ecosystem. Other locations where similar ponds have been constructed are Glen Arden Library, Largo-Kettering Library and Quandris Promise in Fairwood.

If during the course of construction you see anything out of place or improper such as litter left behind at the construction site, blocked parking spaces or disrespectful construction workers, please contact CVI Community Manager Asharelah Watford at 301-596-2600 ext.423 or [awatford@cviinc.com](mailto:awatford@cviinc.com).

A big thank you to CWP Community Jam Kendrick, *Clean Water Partnership Community Outreach Coordinator*, who provided the information for this article and who also presented at our July 19, 2017 HOA meeting.



## A MESSAGE FROM MAJOR STEVE YUEN



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I hope everyone had a good holiday. We start 2018 on a very cold note. As winter settles in, you may be tempted to “warm up” your car before you go to work or start your day. Every year, we experience an increase in stolen cars because of this. Your bad guys will look for cars that are being warmed up; the slang term is “smokers” because one can see the exhaust coming from the vehicles. Once they see that it is unattended, they jump in and take it. This usually occurs in the early morning hours. Don't be the next victim and call in suspicious persons/vehicles.

On an unrelated note, we have asked officers to disseminate the attached letter. This is an effort to further enhance our community engagement. We are interested in what you have to say; let us know. Be safe and happy holidays.

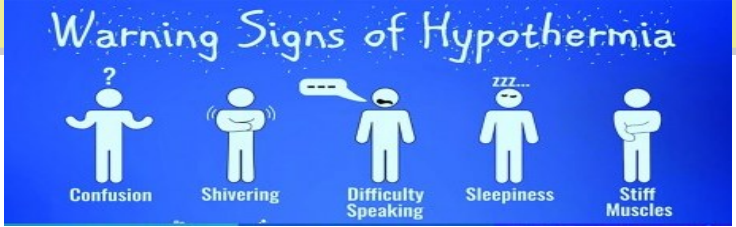
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In this very informative letter (that may be read on the webpage at [www.woodmoresouth.org](http://www.woodmoresouth.org).)

Maj. Yuen encourages the community to provide the police input so they may better serve the community. We will send a copy of this letter in our next official mailing from CVI. It is currently on the Woodmore South webpage.

## BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE! Prevent Frostbite and Hypothermia

The Farmer's Almanac and weather experts have predicted a colder than usual winter season. Extreme cold not only makes us feel uncomfortable, but it can be damaging to the body. In cold temperatures the body loses heat faster than it can produce and may be in danger of frostbite or hypothermia. Being familiar with signs of frostbite and hypothermia, and knowing how to prevent them, can help you and your family.

**Symptoms:**  
**Frostbite-** *pain and numbness especially in toes, fingers, nose, ears and cheeks, grayish or whitish flesh color, blisters*  
**Hypothermia-** *shivering, disorientation, sleepiness,*



### Prevention:

- As soon as you begin to feel cold, warm up! Cover the affected areas, place your fingers under your armpits or beneath your clothing, and submerge affected areas in lukewarm water (not extreme heat that will cause tissue damage). Eat hot soup and hot drinks.
- Wear adequate clothing to keep the body and its blood supply warm. Pay special attention to the head, hands and feet.
- Keep your garments dry; always replace wet clothing with dry ones as soon as possible to maintain adequate insulation. Use raingear when possible.
- Eat plenty of high energy foods and don't push yourself to a dangerous point of fatigue, which makes you more vulnerable.
- Older people should always wear a hat, scarf, and gloves to prevent loss of body heat. Wear several layers of loose clothing to help trap warm air between the layers.

*Submitted by Valerie Nelson*

### Police letter excerpt

If you are aware of any crime related matters, have questions about a Prince George's County Police program or are interested in speaking at length with an officer assigned to the Community Policing Unit, don't hesitate to contact us. We have a number of crime prevention literature and will attend civic/community meetings upon request. For more information, contact Lt. Tom Calmon at 301.390.2101.



## AFRICAN AMERICANS AND PATENTED INVENTIONS

by Marshall J. Spurlock



Thomas L. Jennings, (1791-1856) was the first African American to receive a patent for an invention in the United States. He owned and operated a dry-cleaning and tailoring business in the city of New York. And while performing the task of running his business he developed a dry-cleaning process for his customer's clothes.

In 1793, the patent laws in the United States stated that, "the master is the owner of the fruits of the labor of the slaves, both manual and intellectual." Thus, slaves could not own their inventions.

However, Thomas Jennings was a free man. And on March 3, 1821, he received United States Patent #3306X for his dry-cleaning process. Finally, in 1861, Congress passed a law to extend the patent rights to slaves.

Fast forward to the number of patented inventions held by African Americans. According to author, Patricia Carter Sluby in her book, "The Inventive Spirit of African Americans: Patented Ingenuity," in 2004, African Americans held 1,750 patented inventions.

The writer of this article strongly believe that this number has appreciably increased since 2004.

Many of these inventors were granted multiple patents, for example,

Elijah McCoy was granted 43 patents and Granville T. Woods was granted 33 patents.

We are now going to take a tour of a small sample of the patents granted to African American patentees. Most



people will immediately recognize that these patented items are frequently used throughout the world. (This list is located at [www.woodmoresouth.org](http://www.woodmoresouth.org))

### Conclusion

This abbreviated sample of patented inventions by African Americans shows that the lives of all user have been touched and enhanced. Further, the

inventions show the multiple ways African Americans, with innovative ideas, have contributed and continue to contribute to the progress of populations throughout the world.

In the previously noted sources, "Most valuable Patents: Black Inventions and Inventors," and "Inspiring African-American Inventors: Extraordinary Lives," there are graphics of many of the inventions and photographs of the inventors.

It is hoped that a company, foundation or organization will sponsor the development of a "pull-out" magazine size section of the major patented inventions by African Americans. This "pull out" section should be placed in the

Sunday editions of the major newspapers across the nation. It is further suggested that this "pull out" section be made available for distribution in the nation's school systems. An ideal time for the latter distribution is during the

celebration of Black History Month.

Finally, with the additional exposure to these inventions and patentees, there should be an elevated level of recognition and appreciation for enhancing the quality of life for everyone. *Re-printed with permission of the writer.*

**Go to the WS webpage for the more complete list of African-American Inventors and Inventions:**

[www.woodmoresouth.org](http://www.woodmoresouth.org)

## THAT LITTER BELONGS TO YOU

While litter is not a big problem in Woodmore South it is something we need to pay attention to. Unlike some communities that have to deal with pass-through foot and car traffic, we are a self-contained neighborhood. This means that any trash on our streets likely belongs to us, our visitors or our service providers.

Litter is not just the random Starbucks cup, juice bottle or Egg McMuffin wrapper; it includes copies of those free newspapers that are tossed onto your driveway.



If you do not want it, do yourself and your neighbors a favor and dispose of it properly. The same goes for items dropped by landscapers and trash collectors. Working together, we can make sure our community stays pristine and property values soar.

Speaking of trash collection, click here for the Prince George's County 2018 Waste Holiday Collection Schedule:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2534/Waste-Collection-Schedule>

Submitted by Greg Loftin

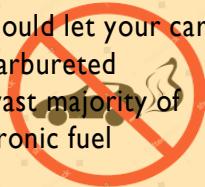
### WARMING UP YOUR CAR IN THE COLD JUST HARMS THE ENGINE

The long-held notion that you should let your car idle in the cold is only true for carbureted engines. Do you have one? The vast majority of cars on the road today use electronic fuel injection.

Also, it wastes gas and the exhaust harms the environment.

For a detailed explanation, search:

<https://www.motherearthnews.com/green-transportation/car-engine-warm-up>



### Happy Quarterly Celebrations

Martin Luther King, Jr	January 15
Black History Month	February
National Freedom's Day	February 1
Mardi Gras	February 13
Ash Wednesday	February 14
Valentine's Day	February 14
President's Day	February 19
Women's History Month	March
Purim	March 1
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
Good Friday	March 30
Passover	March 31
Easter	April 1
Isra and Mi'raj	April 13
Emancipation Day	April 16
Tax Day	April 17
Administrative	
Professionals Day	April 25

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### BRAIN TEASERS ANSWERS: 6 ways as shown below

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