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City council votes to move forward with HCPD relocation

By Heather Sarver Mullan

The city council unanimously authorized one of the biggest, most expensive items in recent years at their meeting May 1. And it's been six years in the making.

The council authorized city staff to continue with the renovation of 3505 Hamilton Street, a city-owned property, as the new home of the Hyattsville City Police Department (HCPD). This project is currently estimated at \$10 million.

"In six years, this is probably the most consequential ... highest-value item that we've seen," said Mayor Candace Hollingsworth.

During public comment at the meeting, Hyattsville Fraternal Order of Police President Zach Nemser spoke about the importance of the move. "I cannot say enough how important this vote is for the healthy future of our police department and our city as a whole," he said. "We are fully aware of the financial impact that this will have on the city, but I assure you this building is worth it."

The police department is currently located on the second floor of the city municipal building. But space is tight, and the location is not ideal for officer response. The city has long looked at moving the police department to the former BB&T building. The municipal building is also in need of several repairs.

There were several police officers in the room at the May 1 council meeting to hear the council vote. Nemser said he believed the design of the new police department will help the police recruit high-quality staff to fill their depleted ranks, retain current high-quality officers and help boost morale. Nemser add-

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MAY 2017

Three incumbents reelected; record turnout for city election

By Krissi Humbard

Applause erupted in the council chambers the night of Tuesday, May 2, as staff announced that a record number of residents turned out to vote for the city council election. As the unofficial results were read, candidates and their supporters cheered — and breathed a sigh of relief.

Elections Coordinator Nicola Konigkramer announced the record-breaking number: 1,553, or 14.7 percent of registered voters. Greta Mosher, chair of the Board of Election Supervisors, read the unofficial results.

Also garnering big cheers was the winner of the Ward 1 race. Three candidates were in the running for the seat. Residents came out in force to support Bart Lawrence, and

he was re-elected with 467 votes. The Ward 1 campaign was intense — even ugly at times. The accusations of questionable conduct or character, bullying allegations, and claims of false accusations and misinformation that surrounded this ward's campaign had many residents on edge. Lawrence,

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TWO OF A KIND:

Twin Northwestern High art students bring in more than \$1M in scholarships



BEN SIMASEK

Northwestern High School seniors Eleisha and Tonisha McCorkle have received more than \$1 million in scholarship offers.

By Ben Simasek

On a recent Thursday at Northwestern High School (NHS), the hallways were filled with the typical buzz and bustle of students eager for the end of the school year. For students in the arts department, however, it was more than just end-of-the-year excitement.

In the NHS Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) department, young musicians tuned their instruments, dancers rehearsed their steps, aspiring TV producers edited videos, and graphic design students refined their digital creations. That day, the school's band, orchestra and chorus were on their way to Maryland statewide performances, after receiving all superior scores on the Prince George's County Assessments. Several members of the graduating class were busy preparing for their May 4 senior art exhibition. Many seniors have big plans after graduation, as the VPA class of 2017 has received over \$1.65 million in scholarships.

Amid preparing their gallery for the upcoming

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From The Editor

Do singles have a place in our family-focused community?

By Maria D. James

I may not be able to have children. Wow. Saying those words used to come with an involuntary shoulder shrug from me, and now my response is a mixture of fear and uncertainty.

A year ago, I learned that I have a medical condition that may reduce my likelihood of

having children. Before you cry for me, I should set the record straight: I have never had a strong desire to be a mother. When I hear a baby cry, I run in the other direction. As a matter of fact, I have never even volunteered to hold a baby. Now as I face my reality, I wonder about my place, and the place of others like me, in our community.

During the city council elections, there was a lot of conversation about making Hyattsville great for families, which I think is a great goal. However, I couldn't help but wonder, "What about me? Do singles have a place in Hyattsville?"

My reality is I am 35 years old, I don't have children and I have never been married. And I think

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that's OK. While it doesn't feel like it, according to U.S. Census Bureau, I am not alone. Last September, an article in *The Washington Post* highlighted the fact that there are now 109 million Americans, or 45 percent of the adult population 18 and older, who are divorced, are widowed or have always been single. In fact, between 2006 and 2015, the number of unmarried Americans 18 and older has increased from 92 million to 109 million. The U.S. Census Bureau also reports that those who have never been married form the largest group of unmarried Americans. That number increased from 60 percent in 2006 to 63 percent in 2015. In that period, the percentage of all unmarried Americans who are divorced or widowed has decreased. One factor is that young adults are delaying marriage. Additionally, a report from the Pew Research Center estimates that by the time today's young adults reach their mid-40s to mid-50s,

25 percent will have been single all their lives. Most of this group will likely remain single.

Although motherhood has never been my dream, the thought of that option being taken away from me touched a sensitive spot in my heart I never knew existed. For now, my focus will be on my health, and in the next few years, I'll determine what family means for me. I recently shared my medical condition on Facebook, and I may consider pursuing adoption in the near future (which is a big step for me). I was amazed by the number of women who responded to my Facebook post saying, "Me too." I learned that my medical condition is common and that there are many late-30- to 40-year-olds embracing life without a traditional family.

Being single and unmarried in a family-oriented community can be a challenge. While we embrace the idea of making our city better for families, let's not forget that community also includes those who do not have one.

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The Espaço Cultural Samba Trovão held its grand opening on April 29. Above is a Frevo dance workshop.

BRAZILIAN CULTURAL CENTER OPENS IN WEST HYATTSVILLE

On April 29, Espaço Cultural Samba Trovão, a Brazilian cultural center, hosted a grand opening event at its new 4318 Hamilton Street location. The center is owned and operated by Livaldi "BabaJan" da Cruz, who is a native of Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. Since 2004, Da Cruz has been developing programs, workshops and projects for children, adults and anyone interested in the African roots of Brazilian culture in the DC metro area.

According to its website, the center's mission is "to bring the joy and depth of Brazilian culture, particularly Afro-Brazilian culture, to participants young and old." To learn more about the many programs hosted by the center, visit www.sambatrovao.com or call 301.704.4703.

COUNCIL VOTES TO KEEP SAME PROPERTY TAX RATE

On April 28, the Hyattsville City Council voted unanimously to keep the city's real property tax rate level at \$0.63 per \$100

of assessed property value. The motion passed with little discussion by councilmembers and just one resident speaking during public comment. The eight present councilmembers (Councilmembers Paula Perry (Ward 4), Ruth Ann Frazier (Ward 5), and Joseph Solomon (Ward 5) were absent) agreed to keep the \$0.63 rate for the 12th consecutive year. According to city budget documents, the last rate change came in fiscal year 2006, when it increased from \$0.58 to \$0.63. The city's assessable base is predicted to increase 4.7% in fiscal 2018, up from \$1,804,625,195 to \$1,889,092,997.

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Then & Now

A walk through old Hyattsville

By Rose Fletcher, HPA Member

What makes neighborhoods like Hyattsville so charming and so unique in this day and age of monopoly-house developments? Is it just that the houses in Hyattsville were built a long time ago and that they built things differently (read better) in the past? While that may be true, there's more to it than that. It's more a matter of time, or timing, for, like Rome, Hyattsville was not built in a day.

A large part of the charm of old neighborhoods like Hyattsville is the variety of housing styles that can be found on most blocks: two-story houses, low houses with deep front porches, houses that look like gingerbread, houses with turrets, houses with sleepy-looking dormer windows. While the assortment may seem random, what you are actually seeing as you walk through the neighborhoods is the history of Hyattsville as told through architecture.

1880S: THE FIRST ROUND OF BUILDING

Before Hyattsville was Hyattsville, it was part of an area called Bealltown. Route 1 was a gravel stagecoach highway called the Baltimore Washington Turnpike. The B&O Railroad ran parallel to the Turnpike, and where they converged was where Christopher Clark Hyatt bought a lot in 1845. He opened a general store that sold merchandise and tobacco and built his home, a grand 32-room residence on the west side of the railroad tracks, across from the store.

That home is no more, but as Hyattsville began to develop, the first houses were built in the highly ornate Victorian style. The first Victorian homes were in the Stick style, known for the use of wood pieces that were applied to create a patterned stone-and-brick look. Key features include steeply pitched gabled roofs, porches with angular decorative "stick work," and siding that runs both and vertically and horizontally. The Queen Anne style followed or was, at times, mixed in. Its main features include prominent porches running the length of the facade, gable-front roofs with decorative shingle work, and projecting bays which add interest and dimension. Victorian-style houses were built in Hyattsville from the Civil War era until the early 20th century, a span of about 60 years. Of these homes, 181 still exist in the Historic District.

EARLY 1900S: HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE

As the speed of development picked up and the middle class grew, the ornate Victorian style was replaced with the more "honest" Craftsman-style homes. These are the cozy bungalows with deep overhanging eaves and front porches with short, squat columns. They are also the basically square, two-and-a-half-story Foursquare-style homes, which feature Craftsman elements, such as open floor plans, lots of handy built-ins and fireplaces. Common characteristics include a symmetrical facade, simple detailing and hipped roofs with a single, hipped-roof dormer. These houses were very popular, but only for about 25 years from 1905 into the 1930s. There are 485 Craftsman-style homes in historic Hyattsville.

1920 TO 1940: ECLECTIC REVIVAL

Designed to look like Medieval English houses, Hyattsville's Tudor-style homes are often characterized by faux half-timbering, steeply pitched cross gables on the front facade, and prominent chimneys, which are sometimes on the front of the house. The exteriors feature an eclectic mix of details and materials. Sometimes you will find an arched front door surrounded by cut stone or contrasting brick.

Tucked in among the other more East Coast styles, Spanish Revival homes surprise, looking like they belong in California or Mexico. With stucco exteriors, rounded doorways, red-clay tiles that cover decorative shed roofs over the entrance, and perhaps a fanlight over a front window, these low-slung structures have a Mediterranean feel.

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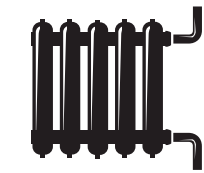
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Nature Nearby

Batting a thousand

By Fred Seitz

Spring brings not only flowers, allergens and baseball bats, but also some small night fliers with unfortunate, unwarranted reputations as rabies carriers and bloodsuckers — our local bats. Although a small proportion of bats do, in fact, carry rabies, any warmblooded animal can carry rabies and bite another animal or human. Bats shouldn't be unfairly singled out in this regard.

It should also be recognized that bats do not follow the Hollywood scripts that have them swooping down and biting folks on the neck. In order to get bitten, you'd have to pick one up (Think how scary that would be for an animal that only weighs a couple ounces and fits inside your hand.). Admittedly though, bats do have pretty sharp teeth, and their bites do hurt.

With regard to bloodsucking, only three of the nearly 1200

species of bats worldwide are "bloodsucking vampires," and these all live in Central and South America. By the way, even those faraway species drink blood mostly from cows. And even in their bloodsucking, vampire bats are some of the few animals that demonstrate altruism: If a vampire bat doesn't get any blood, a more successful one will regurgitate part of its blood intake to feed the hungry one. They are also reported to be good, protective parents of their young.

Rest assured, however, that all bats in this area are insectivores.

Bats are usually harbingers of spring and the nemeses of many of our local evening insects. While bats are not a cure-all for the mosquito problem, they do take a chunk out of the local swarm. Their biggest benefit to us is their propensity to eat moths and caterpillars that destroy our local crops, gardens and other plants.

Bats are our only flying mammals (Flying squirrels are cute, but they glide and don't really fly.), emerging from their local residences (trees, rock ledges, underneath shingles) right after sundown while it's still light enough to see them. They will continue flapping for hours then take a break, emerging again shortly before it begins to get light again. During their night flights, bats harvest hundreds of insects to keep their energy up for all that flapping and, later in the season, to fatten up for winter hibernation. Moms need enough food to provide sufficient energy for the feeding of their young, who are born in the early part of spring and are learning how to be independent bats right about now.

In the early evening, you are most likely to see either the beautiful Eastern red bat (*Lasiurus borealis*; a local tree dweller), whose red fur is somewhat visible in the waning light, or

the slightly smaller little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*). A little later in the evening, you may glimpse the big brown bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*; not that much bigger than the little brown bat). If you're a late night person, you may see the Hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*; a somewhat larger black bat). All four have suffered population losses due to habitat destruction, white-nose syndrome (a disease named for the white fungus that appears on the muzzle and other parts of hibernating bats; the disease has most severely affected the little brown bat but has affected the others as well) and bad public relations

(Hollywood movies perpetually cast bats in villainous roles.).

Should any of these night fliers come close to you outside, they're probably just coming by to snag mosquitoes buzzing near you or consume moths flying around your porch light. They have no interest in your blood. If you do see a bat on the ground, it would be unwise to pick him up as he may be sick or very frightened by that hand of yours, which is much larger than he is and making sudden movements.

On rare occasions, bats can get into people's houses and flap around. If this occurs in your house, wait a bit, let it settle on your sofa or a chair, then slowly cover it with a Tupperware bowl and slide a flat plate underneath the bowl. Take it outside and open the lid. The bat will do the rest.

If you like corn on the cob, fresh spring produce and your backyard flowers and plants, it's hard to come by a better, cheaper and more entertaining exterminator than this little night flyer. Adding a bat house to the side of your house or garage is a nice, easy gesture to help the local bats in spring and summer. But frankly, many bat houses are never occupied. They may be happy in your local trees and possibly under your shingles or in the attic. Should they occupy your attic, the biggest threat is their droppings, or guano, which contain some nasty fungus. To evict them from your attic, watch to see where they exit at night and screen that opening before they return.

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urday nights at 8 p.m. Sundays at 3 p.m. Joesmovement.org.

Volunteers are needed to help **create flower arrangements** for the Hyattsville Preservation Association's Historic Hyattsville House Tour. If you have flowers to share from your garden or enjoy creating flower arrangements, you can drop off cut flowers or stay and help make the lovely arrangements that will be on dis-

play throughout the featured homes on the May 21 house tour. Volunteers should bring garden clippers or scissors and gloves to work with. Hyattsville Municipal Building, Multipurpose Room. 4310 Gallatin St. Free. 9:30 a.m. hpahyattsville@hotmail.com. 301.699.5440


May 21

Springtime means it's time for the **38th annual Historic**

Hyattsville House Tour. This year's tour will include the Pyramid Atlantic and a new-to-the-tour house. Hyattsville Municipal Building. 4310 Gallatin St. Day-of-tour tickets \$15. Personal checks and cash only. Advance sale tickets are \$10 at the municipal building and at Franklins Restaurant, Brewery and General Store. 5121 Baltimore Ave. hpahyattsville@hotmail.com. 301.699.5440

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New Police Captain Sworn In

The City of Hyattsville welcomes our new Police Captain, Amal E. Awad, who took her oath of office at the City Council meeting on May 1. Captain Awad will serve as commander of daily operations and as Hyattsville's Deputy Chief of Police. She has held a wide variety of positions during her very successful career, and we're lucky to have her now working hard to keep our community safe. Congratulations, Captain Awad!

International Festival

Come celebrate our community at the annual International Festival in Heurich Park on Saturday, June 3, 5 – 9 p.m. We'll have kids' activities and inflatables, food from around the world, beer and wine, and live music and dancing.

Interested in joining as a vendor or with an information table? Visit www.hyattsville.org/internationalfest. For more information, please contact Cheri Everhart at (301) 985-5021 or ceverhart@hyattsville.org.

City Election Winners Take Oath of Office

The recently elected Hyattsville City Councilmembers will take the oath of office in Council Chambers on Monday, May 15, at 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Election winners include:

Ward One: Bart Lawrence (Incumbent)
Ward Two: Robert Croslin (Incumbent)
Ward Three: Carrianna Suiter
Ward Four: Edouard Haba (Incumbent)
Ward Five: Erica Spell

The City's 2017 election also included an advisory, non-binding referendum question to determine if voters wanted Council to explore reducing the number of members of the City Council. A majority of voters said they did not support such this idea. More detailed results can be found at www.hyattsville.org/elections. Thank you for voting!

Sanctuary City Ordinance

On April 17, 2017, City Council voted to establish Hyattsville as a Sanctuary City. This means that the City will not use its resources to intervene in federal immi-

gration matters, unless required to do so by federal law, state law, the City's Code, or a court order. You can read the ordinance at www.hyattsville.org.

Bike to Work Day

May 19 is Bike to Work Day, celebrating a cleaner, healthier, and more fun way to commute in the National Capital Region. Visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org to sign up to make a pit stop in Magruder Park from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. The City, Arrow Bicycle, and other community partners will be there to give you water, organic snacks, t-shirts, and much more!

Summer Jam

Summer Jam is back on May 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the City Building, 4310 Gallatin Street! Enjoy family fun including live reggae music, our Moonbounce and kids' activities, BBQ, the Feelin' Crabby food truck, and local beer from Calvert Brewing (including a limited supply of Honeyville!)

Historic Hyattsville House Tour

The Hyattsville Preservation Association's annual Historic Hyattsville House Tour will take place on Sunday, May 21, 1 – 5 p.m. Tours will depart from the Multipurpose Room at the City Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, starting at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the City Building (3rd Floor) before May 19, or \$15 on the day of the event. Please visit www.preservehyattsville.org/tours or call (301) 699-5440 for more information.

Calling on Garlic-Mustard Busters!

Garlic mustard, a fast-spreading weed, has rapidly invaded Magruder Woods, and we need volunteer help to remove it! Meet us at the Magruder Park Recreation Building on Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., and we'll show you how to identify and remove this plant-killing plant. Be sure to dress for the elements and bring your sunscreen and water. Participation will help to satisfy the State of Maryland Student Service Learning requirement. Learn more and register by contacting Colleen Aistis at (301) 985-5057 or caistis@hyattsville.org.

Money for Your Business

Are you looking to invest in new growth for your business?

The City of Hyattsville has received \$50,000 through a Community Legacy grant from the State of Maryland, in support of our continued Commercial Façade Improvement Program. The program matches local businesses dollar-for-dollar on exterior development projects like painting, masonry, lighting, and more. The City is accepting applications until June 30. Visit www.hyattsville.org/facade-improvement to learn more and apply.

Block Party

It's the perfect time of year for a block party! Are you interested in organizing one? Visit www.hyattsville.org/permit to apply for the permit and check out our Block Party Kit for tips on how to make your party—and party planning—a fun, community-building experience!

Don't Forget Your Permit

This is a friendly reminder that the City of Hyattsville requires that you obtain a permit from us, and in some cases Prince George's County, before doing any of the following: hosting a yard sale or block party, constructing a fence, making a curb cut, installing a driveway, or removing a tree. For more information, call 301-985-5000.

We're Hiring

Serve your community by working for our local government. We're currently seeking police officers, a crime analyst, a bilingual new-immigrant integration coordinator, and a part-time bus driver. Visit www.hyattsville.org for more information and to apply.

Join Our Translator Corps

Do you speak English and another language? Are you willing to help your community? There are numerous community groups, schools and others seeking translation assistance, both verbal and written, on a regular basis. Join our Translators Corps and we'll let you know when there's an opportunity to help your neighbors. To sign up or get more information, contact Anthony Desantis at adesantis@hyattsville.org or (301) 985-5020.

Mosquito Control

Spring is here, and the mosquitoes are, too! The City participates in the State of Maryland's Mosquito Control Program, which begins in June and continues into September. State Mosquito Control staff conduct adult mosquito surveillance and, if certain conditions are met, will conduct spraying operations on Monday evenings.

To report a problem in your neighborhood, please call (301) 985-5000 or visit www.hyattsville.org/pests. You can also request an exemption from adult mosquito control services on the site.

Please note that spraying is NOT EFFECTIVE against the Asian Tiger Mosquito, which can be prevalent in the City of Hyattsville. Controlling this pesky pest requires routine community cleanups and emptying and rinsing containers that hold still water on a weekly basis (this includes tires, wading pools, wheelbarrows, canoes, tarps, flower pots, saucers, birdbaths, and gutters).

Community Resource Fairs

Keep your family healthy and happy with various low-cost, bilingual resources in our community. Join us at these events where you can learn more:

Friday, May 12, 2017, 5 – 6 p.m.
University Park Elementary Cafeteria
(4315 Underwood Street)

Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 8 – 9 a.m.
Hyattsville Elementary Cafeteria
(5311 43rd Avenue)

Thursday, May 25, 2017, 5 – 6 p.m.
Rosa L. Parks Elementary Cafeteria
(6111 Ager Road)

City Updates

Did you know you can sign up to receive City updates by email and/or text message? To do so, visit www.hyattsville.org/notifyme.

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Nueva Capitana de Policía Ha Prestado Juramento

La Ciudad de Hyattsville da la bienvenida a nuestra nueva Capitana de Policía, Amal E. Awad, quien prestó juramento durante la reunión del Concejo Municipal el 1 de mayo. Capitana Awad servirá como comandante de las operaciones cotidianas y como Subjefe de la Policía de Hyattsville. Ella se ha desempeñado en una variedad amplia de cargos durante una carrera muy exitosa, y estamos afortunados que ahora esté trabajando duro para mantener segura nuestra comunidad. ¡Felicitaciones, Capitana Awad!

Festival Internacional

Venga a celebrar su comunidad en nuestro Festival Internacional en Parque Heurich sábado, el 3 de junio, 5 – 9 p.m. Tendremos actividades e inflables para niños, comida de todas partes del mundo, cerveza, vino, música en vivo y baile.

¿Le interesa unirse a nosotros como vendedor o para dar información al público durante el evento? Visite www.hyattsville.org/internationalfest. Para más información, por favor contacte a Cheri Everhart al (301) 985-5021 o ceverhart@hyattsville.org.

Ganadores de la Elección Municipal Toman el Juramento de Oficina

Ellos recientemente elegidos como Concejales de la Ciudad de Hyattsville tomarán el juramento de la oficina en la Cámara del Concejo lunes, el 15 de mayo, a las 8 p.m. Todos están bienvenidos. Los ganadores de la elección son:

Distrito Uno: Bart Lawrence (Titular)
Distrito Dos: Robert Croslin (Titular)
Distrito Tres: Carrianna Suiter
Distrito Cuatro: Edouard Haba (Titular)
Distrito Cinco: Erica Spell

La elección de la Ciudad de 2017 también incluyó un referéndum asesor y no vinculante para determinar si o no los votantes querían que el Concejo considerara reducir el número de miembros del Concejo Municipal. La mayoría de votantes dijeron que no apoyarían tal idea. Los resultados completos están disponibles en www.hyattsville.org/elections. ¡Gracias por votar!

Ordenanza de Ser Ciudad Santuario

El 17 de abril de 2017, el Concejo Municipal votó a favor de establecer Hyattsville como Ciudad Santuario. Significa que la Ciudad no utilizará sus recursos a propósito de intervenir en temas federales de inmigración, a menos que se lo requiera la ley federal, la ley estatal, el Código

de la Ciudad o la orden de una corte. Se puede leer la ordenanza en español en www.hyattsville.org.

Monte en Bici al Trabajo

El 19 de mayo es el Día de Montar en Bici al Trabajo, celebrando una manera más limpia, sana y divertida de llegar al trabajo en esta zona. Visite www.biketoworkmetrodc.org e inscribese para hacer un “pit stop” en Parque Magruder desde las 6 a.m. hasta las 9 a.m. La Ciudad, Arrow Bicycle, y otros socios de la comunidad estarán ahí para darle agua, bocadillos orgánicos, camisetas—y mucho más!

Summer Jam

¡Nuestras fiestas del verano vuelven el 19 de mayo desde las 6:30 p.m. hasta las 8:30 p.m. en el Edificio Municipal, 4310 Calle Gallatin! Habrá diversión familiar con música reggae en vivo, nuestras brinca brinca y actividades para niños, barbacoa, el camión de comida Feelin' Crabby y cerveza local de Calvert Brewing Company (¡incluso una cantidad limitada de Honeyville!). ¡Asegúrese de chequear nuestros medios sociales para actualizaciones!

Recorrido de Casas Históricas

La Asociación para la Preservación de Hyattsville tiene su Recorrido de Casas Históricas de Hyattsville anual el domingo, 21 de mayo, 1 – 5 p.m. Recorridos saldrán del Multipurpose Room en el Edificio Municipal, 4310 Calle Gallatin, a partir de las 12:30 p.m. Entradas salen \$10 si las compra en el tercer piso del Edificio Municipal antes del 19 de mayo, o \$15 el día del evento. Por favor visite www.preservehyattsville.org/tours o llame al (301) 699-5440 para más información.

Se Necesita Voluntarios

La aliaría, una maleza que se extiende rápidamente, ha invadido el Bosque de Magruder—y necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a eliminarlo! Únase a nosotros al Centro de Recreación de Parque Magruder el sábado, 20 de mayo, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., y le mostraremos como identificar y eliminar esta asesina de otras plantas. Asegúrese de vestir para los elementos y traer su bloqueador y agua. Participación ayudará a satisfacer el requisito de Aprendizaje-Servicio para estudiantes en el Estado de Maryland. Aprenda más y regístrese por contactar a Colleen Aistis al (301) 985-5057 o caistis@hyattsville.org.

Dinero Para Su Negocio

¿Busca invertir en crecimiento nuevo para su negocio? La Ciudad de Hyattsville ha recibido \$50,000 del Estado de Maryland por una beca en apoyo de nuestro programa de mejoramiento de fachadas comerciales. El programa

iguala dólar-por-dólar a negocios que desarrollen sus exteriores por proyectos de pintura, albañilería, iluminación y más. La Ciudad aceptará sus solicitudes hasta el 30 de junio. Visite www.hyattsville.org/facade-improvement para ver más y solicitar.

Fiesta de Barrio

¡Ya es la estación para una fiesta en su barrio! ¿Quiere organizarla? Visite www.hyattsville.org/permit para solicitar un permiso de Block Party y ver nuestro Block Party Kit para consejos sobre cómo hacer su fiesta—y su planificación—una experiencia divertida para su comunidad.

No Olvide Su Permiso

Le recordamos con amistad que se debe conseguir un permiso de nosotros (o en algunos casos del Condado de Prince George's) antes de hacer lo siguiente: tener una venta de patio o una fiesta de barrio, construir una cerca, cortar en la acera, instalar una entrada de coches o derribar un árbol. Para más información, llame al (301) 985-5000.

Estamos Contratando

Sirva su comunidad por trabajar en nuestro gobierno local. Ahora buscamos oficiales de policía, un analista del crimen, un coordinador de integración para inmigrantes recién llegados y un conductor de bus de medio tiempo. Visite www.hyattsville.org para más información y para solicitar.

Únase al Nuestro Cuerpo de Traductores

¿Habla inglés y otro idioma? ¿Quiere ayudar a su comunidad? Hay muchos grupos en la comunidad, incluyendo escuelas y otros, que regularmente necesitan ayuda en traducción, tanto la verbal como la escrita. Únase a nuestro Cuerpo de Traductores y le informaremos cuando haya oportunidades de ayudar a sus vecinos. Para registrarse u obtener más información, contacte a Anthony DeSantis a adesantis@hyattsville.org o al (301) 985-5020.

Control de los Mosquitos

¡La primavera ha llegado, y los mosquitos también! La Ciudad participa en el Programa de Control de Mosquitos del Estado de Maryland, lo cual comienza en junio y se continua hasta septiembre. Personal de Control de Mosquitos monitoriza los mosquitos adultos y, si se cumpla ciertas condiciones, los va a rociar.

Para reportar un problema en su barrio, por favor llame al (301) 985-5000 o visite www.hyattsville.org/pests. También se puede pedir una exención de los servicios de control de mosquitos en el sitio.

Por favor tenga en cuenta que el rociar NO ES EFICAZ contra el mosquito tigre, lo cual suele ser predominante en la Ciudad de Hyattsville. Controlar este insecto se requiere que la comunidad se limpie regularmente, vaciando y enjuagando semanalmente los contenedores que porten agua quieta (se incluyen neumáticos, piscinas de niños, carretillas, canoas, toldos, macetas, platillos, baños para pájaros y canalones).

Ferías de Recursos Comunitarios

Mantenga sana y feliz a su familia con varios recursos bilingües de bajo costo en la comunidad. Únase a nosotros en los eventos siguientes donde se puede aprender más:

Viernes, el 12 de mayo de 2017, 5 – 6 p.m.
Cafetería de University Park Elementary
(4315 Underwood Street)

Martes, el 23 de mayo de 2017, 8 – 9 a.m.
Cafetería de Hyattsville Elementary
(5311 43rd Avenue)

Jueves, el 25 de mayo de 2017, 5 – 6 p.m.
Cafetería de Rosa L. Parks Elementary
(6111 Ager Road)

Noticias de La Ciudad

¿Sabía que usted puede recibir actualizaciones de las noticias de la Ciudad por correo electrónico y/o mensaje de texto? Para hacerlo, visite a www.hyattsville.org/notifyme.

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1930 TO 1950: COLONIAL REVIVAL

When the popularity of the Craftsman house waned, home construction in Hyattsville took on a Colonial Revival flair. These are the mostly square or rectangular brick-and-wood houses with symmetrical facades and colonial-era design features such as pedimented front entrances. They also feature small front or side porches, double-hung, multi-paned wood windows, and an exterior chimney which is situated on the side of the house.

Another version of the Colonial Revival popular at this time was the Cape Cod, a simple design rooted in 17th-century New England architecture. Usually constructed of brick veneer, these one- to one-and-a-half-story houses feature symmetrically placed double-hung multi-pane windows and wooden clapboard dormers, as well as simple Colonial-style door surrounds.

The Dutch Colonial Revival also falls into this category. These one-and-a-half- to two-story houses generally have roofs with two slopes on each side, one shallow and one steeper, which give them a barn-like appearance and provide more living space on the second floor than the steeply pitched gable roofs of other styles. The rooflines are often interrupted by several



Clockwise from top left: Stick-style Victorian, Queen Anne-style Victorian, Dutch Colonial, Colonial Foursquare, Craftsman Bungalow, Eclectic Tudor Revival

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dormers or one large shed dormer. Windows are double hung and the front door may be embellished with a pediment or portico. The exteriors are usually brick veneer, wooden clapboard or shingles.

There are 337 Colonial Revival houses in the Historic District.

POSTWAR: AFTER 1945

As cars became the primary mode of transportation, the affordable, architecturally informal and unembellished Ranch style typified suburban living. However, the Hyattsville version of this long, low single-story style was often dressed up with Colonial Revival details, including shutters and multi-paned windows, instead of the traditional picture windows. However, by this time, Hyattsville had mostly filled in, and there are only 27 postwar houses in the Historic District.

Though the architectural evolution of Hyattsville was more overlapping than linear, the end result is a beautiful diversity. Over time, all of these styles have come together to create a welcoming, walkable community whose diversity is reflected not only in its housing stock but also in its people. All you have to do is look.

For more information on architectural styles and recommendations for additions and alterations to these styles, go to the Hyattsville Historic District Style Guide at www.preservehyattsville.org.



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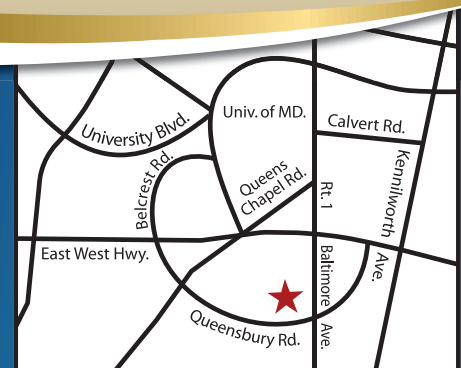
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SCHOLARSHIPS

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exhibition and studying for Advanced Placement exams, twin sisters Eleisha and Tonisha McCorkle said they were looking forward to next fall. The previous day, both had officially accepted full scholarships to study at New York University (NYU). In all, the McCorkle sisters have received more than \$1 million in scholarship offers from some of the top arts programs in the country.

Together, Tonisha and Eleisha have had to overcome adversity

from an early age. When they were seven, their father left, and they were raised by their mother. The sisters took on many responsibilities in their household, learning to cook and to help care for their mother who was disabled. She passed away earlier this year. Both sisters agreed that art has been a positive force, helping them to honor their mother and persevere through their creative expression.

Eleisha received the Martin Luther King Scholarship at NYU, which, according to NYU's website, aims to further Dr. King's legacy of leadership in community

service and social justice. Eleisha said she was inspired from an early age to serve her community. Regarding the MLK Scholarship Program, she said, "It's in general giving back, which is something I love to do because my mom always used to do that." She described her artistic expression as socially charged: "I focus on concepts such as whitewashing, isolationism, police brutality and peer pressure that are present in our generation and our society today. I do this through video, photoshop and mixed-media collages. It's to bring awareness to these issues ... that you have to recognize

them and grow from it and try to better our next generation."

Tonisha has been awarded the Steinhardt Art Scholarship at NYU. She has experimented with several artistic mediums but recently has focused mostly on paintings and portraiture. "I like to express the person throughout the portraits — see beyond what you see on the surface," said Tonisha. She doesn't shy away from challenging subjects. "My goal is to make art that you can connect to and to bring out my story in my art," she said. She is currently working on a portrait of her mother.

Leona Lowery, the VPA coordinator, explained that NHS has always had a tradition of excellence in the arts. Many graduates have gone on to successful art-related careers dating back to the 1950s when Jim Henson, the visionary behind the Muppets and Sesame Street, attended the school.

"I'm excited to see where the program has come," said Lowery. "One of the reasons it's very near and dear to my heart is that I met with Jim Henson's widow, and we shared this vision to see the whole program move forward together. I'm amazed by the kids."

After showing off a display in the school's lobby commemorating Henson, Lowery said, "The Henson legacy is grounded here on this campus. He saw to it that young artists going on to study in the arts would have financial support from Jim Henson's Legacy Foundation. I like to think that

Mr. Henson would be proud."

In addition to continued support from the Henson legacy, the school received \$1 million in 2013 from the Prince George's County Public School Board of Education to develop a specialty program in the visual and performing arts. Students in the program take a variety of courses and focus on a major, attending speciality classes after regular school hours. The school's diverse courses, state-of-the-art facilities and dedicated teaching staff have helped the VPA program thrive.

"I have three art classes a day, really focusing on my career and preparing me for college, and the teachers are really helpful," said Tonisha.

As members of VPA's inaugural class of freshmen in 2013, Eleisha and Tonisha said they feel they have helped build a strong artistic community at the school. Though excited to make new connections in college, the sisters agreed they would return to Hyattsville. "Since we all met here, we need to collaborate with our friends," said Tonisha. "We have to represent where we came from."

"We've created like a family here through our four years together; it was awesome," Eleisha said. "That's what I love about VPA."

To see more of their work, check out Eleisha's (www.eleisham.yolasite.com) and Tonisha's (www.tonishahope.yolasite.com) websites.



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Miss Floribunda

Dear Miss Floribunda,

I just came home from a "green" wedding. It wasn't just that the bridesmaids wore green: the vegan cake was made from organic carrots and nuts; everything in all the other dishes was probably free-range; the decor, dishes, table cloths and cutlery had been made from recycled material, etc. But what was really sweet were the flowers. They were all native wild flowers in bloom, and they gave a fairyland look to the wedding. I almost expected to see flower fairies peeking between them. After the reception, all the plants were given away as favors. I took home a pot with a ferny thing dangling red and yellow flowers. The curved-up edges on the flowers made them look like the hats of court jesters. Can you tell me what it is, where to plant it and how to take care of it? Also, where can I get more? I also saw white fluffy flowers and some incredibly tiny blue flowers that I'd like to know the names of. The bride would know, but she's away on a honeymoon.

Enchanted on Hamilton Street

Dear Enchanted,

The plant you brought home is not hard to identify from your description. It's a wild columbine, popularly known as Granny's nightcap (The Latin name is *Aquilegia canadensis*). A woodland plant, it does well in shade and thrives on neglect. You can get more of them at the Hyattsville Elementary School PTA's Native Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The plants will be labeled and arranged by category on tables in



Wild columbine comes in various colorways.

the school's gymnasium, accompanied by pictures of them in bloom and instructions for their care. Native-plant experts will be present to help you with your decisions. The address is 5311 43rd Avenue between Jefferson and Gallatin Streets. Check out this web site to see the many choices offered: hyattsvillees-pta.org/native-plant-sale.

Despite the fact that a wide range of native plants will be offered at this sale, I'm not sure the other flowers you mention will be among them. They are less easy to identify for one thing. Since they are blooming now, the possibilities are narrowed down quite a bit. I suspect that the plants with the tiny blue flowers were bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*), also known by the demure name of Quaker ladies. The white fluffy flowers may have been heartleaf foamflowers (*Tiarella cordifolia*). These and many other

native plants — some quite rare — will be available at the Chesapeake Natives Plant Nursery public sale on Sunday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will take place on the grounds of the beautiful Mount Airy Mansion in Rosaryville State Park in Upper Marlboro. Here is the web site: chesapeakenatives.org. There you may meet such Hyattsville Horticultural native-plant experts as Wendy Wildflower, Dave Greenfingers and Aunt Sioux, with whom you can consult. Because native plants do not as a rule bloom continuously, you will probably want to learn how to select and arrange them to provide continuous color interest throughout the growing season.

While it's marvelous that you are susceptible to the charm of native plants, you can also congratulate yourself on having found a simple, easy and ecologically friendly way to garden.

Native plants thrive without poisonous insecticides or fertilizers that leach into our waterways. They also provide a safe habitat for bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects.

There will be no meeting of the Hyattsville Horticultural Society (HHS) in May. On our usual meeting day, HHS members will be arranging flowers for the homes opening their doors for the Hyattsville Preservation Society's annual Historic Hyattsville House Tour. The tour takes place on Sunday, May 21, from 1 to 5 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of Hyattsville's most beautiful and historic homes and gardens. Tickets are on sale now at Franklin's Restaurant and the Hyattsville Municipal Building.

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ed that officers gave input on the design.

The architectural and engineering consultant firm of Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT) has worked with the Department of Public Works and police department staff to identify their current and future needs, evaluate the condition of 3505 Hamilton Street, and evaluate the condition of the current city municipal building and other possible locations. The police department project was initially estimated to cost \$4.8

million for renovations, but that estimate did not include the cost of turning a building that was used for offices and banking into a specialized police station.

“One of the things I’ve been pleased with is that we have had additional in-house expertise ... [and] JMT consulting has helped us have fidelity in the numbers,” Hollingsworth said.

“We’ve been making decisions on good information.”

At the April 26 council meeting, City Administrator Tracey Nicholson presented the city’s recommendations to the council. HCPD and the city

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administrative staff are in need of new space that can accommodate them better than the current municipal building.

Nicholson said that staff, in consultation with JMT, searched for better options for the HCPD but concluded that 3505 Hamilton Street was the best option.

However, the downside is that the city administration staff cannot also be moved there.

The current solution is to divide the project into two phases. Phase one: Relocate HCPD to 3505 Hamilton Street. Phase two: Continue to evaluate potential city administra-

tion building options.

Although the council voted unanimously to approve this project moving forward, there were some hesitations. Councilmember Patrick Paschall (Ward 3) raised his concern that another better, more cost-effective option of co-locating the offices would be discovered later.

“I believe we have exhausted all the options for co-location,” Nicholson said, adding that she and the staff would have preferred co-location.

Many councilmembers said they thought this was the best option available, despite the cost.

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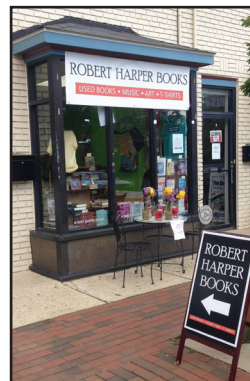
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ELECTION

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clearly relieved and happy with the results, said it felt like a long campaign, “with lots of ups and downs.”

“I feel fortunate to live in such a wonderful community,” Lawrence said. “And, I feel energized to continue to represent the well-being of my neighbors.”

Talib Karim, who also ran in 2015, came in second with 165 votes, and Ian Herron earned 50 votes.

“Clearly, there are some lessons from this election,” Karim wrote in a posting to his supporters. He congratulated Lawrence and all the winners, adding, “I look forward to working with you all to make our city even better, because by working together ... we all win together.”

The Ward 2 race was uncontested, but Councilmember Robert Croslin received 356 votes against 20 write-in votes. The councilmember was all smiles when the result was announced.

Looking to the new council, Croslin said, “I think it’s a good thing. I think we can have positive things happen. I also don’t think it will be as contentious as it has been in the past.”

The race for Ward 3 had three female contenders. Councilmember Patrick Paschall did not seek re-election. Carrianna Suiter, who set the record this



The winners of the 2017 city election, from left to right: Carrianna Suiter (Ward 3), Robert Croslin (Ward 2), Edouard Haba (Ward 4), Bart Lawrence (Ward 1) and Erica Spell (Ward 5)

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year for campaign contributions, won with 136 votes. Candidate Ayanna Shivers earned 85 votes and Vinni Anandham received 19 votes.

Suiter was giddy after the results were announced. “I am so excited for the opportunity to serve my community, and I am honored to have earned the trust and support of so many neighbors and ward residents,” Suiter said. “I’m really looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work on behalf of Ward 3.”

Suiter thanked her fellow candidates, saying, “it was truly

wonderful to have been a part of this race with Vinni and Ayanna. I am proud to have run alongside two passionate and dedicated women who continued to impress me at every stage.”

Paschall, who endorsed Suiter, said he was “really happy” with the results. “I think we heard a clear voice from the City of Hyattsville that we want to continue to be a progressive city and do progressive things and make sure we are fiscally responsible as we do it.”

“I am incredibly proud of the work that we’ve done the last four years,” Paschall said. “As I

step down from my role on the council, I see a city that is posed to be a leader in our region.”

In Ward 4, 106 residents cast their votes for Councilmember Edouard Haba. His challenger Shirley Ann Bender received 18 votes.

Haba said he was “feeling good, encouraged and energized” after the results and said he looks forward to working with the rest of the council. But he called the referendum results, which he said showed a resounding number of residents agreed with his opinion that the size of the council should not change, “the

biggest win for me tonight.”

The race in Ward 5 also had three contenders. Erica Spell won with 75 votes, Ben Zeitler got 51 votes and Derrika Durant received 4 votes.

“I am incredibly thrilled,” Spell said, smiling bright. “This is not just a win for me but for the all the residents of Ward 5. Yesterday, we turned the page starting a new chapter, and I’m excited to be a part of it.”

Mayor Candace Hollingsworth, who was a vocal supporter of Lawrence, said she feels great about the election results. “In a couple of instances residents were in the position to choose between at least two qualified candidates — and that’s the best position!”

She continued, “I am looking forward to seeing the ideas and initiatives that will come from the new councilmembers and am also eager to see how the energy of the remaining (or re-elected) councilmembers shifts as a result of the dynamic.”

Noting that there were some residents who felt unheard or unhappy with the current council, Hollingsworth said, “I’m most looking forward to seeing how we approach the issues and concerns arising from this election season. In particular, I expect to work on ensuring that all members of the community feel heard and know that the door is always open for constructive input.”

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