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BUSINESS & COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION:

Message from the Director – Gold Stars for Community Health and Safety

This week the St. Mary's County Health Department made two presentations in the Board of County Commissioners meeting room. The first was a briefing to the Commissioners sitting as the St. Mary's County Board of Health. The Community Health Advisory Committee briefed the five community health priorities in St. Mary's County, namely: obesity, tobacco use, infant mortality, child abuse, and physician shortage. These five issues were identified in a Community Health Needs Assessment that was compiled through a comprehensive review of demographic and health data, more than a thousand telephone surveys, in person interviews, and focus group discussions. The report is very enlightening and I strongly encourage everyone to view it at

www.smchd.org/HealthImprovementProcess/LocalHealthImprovementProcessLHIP.aspx and scroll down to links at "LHIC/ CHAC Powerpoint Presentation by Dr. Larry Polsky".

The second presentation was the Annual Gold Star Awards Program conducted by the Division of Environmental Services where County Health Officer Dr. William Icenhower likened the achievement to pitching a no-hitter in baseball. In other words, kitchens and food preparation operations must be on their game, completely, to maintain the high safety standards day-in and day-out. Congratulations to all the winners listed in the article that follows.

Welcome March, Bob
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Health Department Announces 2011 Gold Star Program Recipients

The St. Mary's County Health Department's Food Safety Program recognized the recipients of the 2011 Gold Star Achievement Awards. Recipients were recognized for their superior compliance to food safety standards. The 2011 Gold Star Achievement Award recipients are as follows: Quizno's of St. Mary's College; Beach Boys Pizza, Leonardtown; Quality Street Catering; Ye Olde Towne Café, LLC; Dr. James Forest CTC, SMCPS; Quality Street/CSM Kiosk; Anchor of Walden Sierra; White Marsh, SMCPS; Wildewood Pastry Shop; Mikes BBQ Catering; Leonardtown Elementary, SMCPS; Northern Senior Center; Rita's Water Ice; Bruster's Ice Cream; Personalized Touch Catering, LLC; Dynard Elementary, SMCPS; Blue Wind Gourmet; Great Mills High School, SMCPS; La Tabella Ristorante Italiano (in memory of Chef Armand 'AJ' Ferraro); Papa Johns; Burger King, Lexington Park; Fairlead Academy, SMCPS; Green Holly Elementary, SMCPS; Dunkin Donuts; Evergreen Elementary, SMCPS; Esperanza Middle, SMCPS; and Chesapeake Public Charter School.

Congratulations to all the recipients! For more information about the Gold Star Program, please call the St. Mary's County Health Department, Division of Environmental Services at 301-475-4321.

TEDCO Announces First-of-its-Kind List Service for Maryland Entrepreneurs

The Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) announced the creation of the Maryland Entrepreneurs Resource List (MERL), a listing of Maryland entrepreneurs available to take on a management role with a start-up company within the next 18 months or those interested in mentoring start-up companies. Compiled with the goal of fostering entrepreneurial activity in the State, MERL serves as a one-stop shop for entrepreneurs interested in joining a start-up opportunity or entrepreneurs willing to provide advice and guidance on a pro bono basis. TEDCO is looking to grow the list, which already includes entrepreneurs in the areas of biotechnology, chemistry, medical devices, network and wireless solutions, physics, engineering and software.

"The Maryland Entrepreneurs Resource List will be a tremendous asset for this community as it will nurture new entrepreneurs and start-up companies," said Robert Rosenbaum, president and executive director of TEDCO. "Maryland is fortunate to have a rich network of entrepreneurs spanning various disciplines and industries, and now these individuals have an invaluable resource when looking for guidance, direction and opportunity. With Governor O'Malley's proposed Maryland Innovation Initiative slated to provide additional and much-needed funding to entrepreneurs, we hope this unique and credible list will further connect the entrepreneur community and facilitate growth for an innovation-driven economy."

MERL will serve as a critical component in the creation of start-up companies in Maryland, ultimately spurring growth in the State's economy. For example, MERL can be used by innovators who need an entrepreneur to commercialize their technology or by university and federal laboratory technology transfer professionals who want to identify management for a start-up opportunity being developed at their institution. MERL can also be used by entrepreneurs who are looking for their next start-up opportunity, entrepreneurs who want to build a management team for a current project or entrepreneurs who are looking to be a mentor or an advisor.

Individuals included on MERL will have the advantage of attending and participating in technology showcases, networking events and other exclusive events and roundtables hosted by TEDCO. For more information on MERL, to register as a mentor or to get involved with a start-up, please visit

www.marylandtedco.com/MERLLandingPage2.cfm. Interested individuals can also contact Linda Saffer, TEDCO program manager, by email at entrepreneur@marylandtedco.org or by phone at 410-715-4175.

Sotterley Plantation Receives Three Awards from Maryland Life Magazine

In a recent 2012 Free State's Finest poll taken by readers of Maryland Life Magazine, Sotterley Plantation was awarded BEST Historic Attraction, BEST Place for Family Fun, and BEST Place to get married in the Southern Maryland region!

"We are incredibly honored to receive this recognition from Maryland Life Magazine," stated Nancy Easterling, Sotterley's Executive Director. "What is even more exciting is that these awards actually came from Maryland Life readers and the general public, who felt that Sotterley was special enough to vote for. There are so many facets to Sotterley and so many ways in which we strive to connect with the public. We are thrilled that they feel we have been a special part of their lives, and this award is particularly heartwarming after the difficulties we have faced due to Hurricane Irene. Sotterley will continue to work hard to live up to these accolades in 2012!"

Maryland Life celebrates life and living across all of Maryland and is dedicated to highlighting our state's culture, history, people, homes, and more.

TownePlace Suites Wins Awards

The TownePlace Suites Lexington Park continues to win coveted awards, the property won 2 distinct awards during the 2011 Baywood Hotels annual outing, in addition to Curtis LeBarron(Director of Rooms) winning the Team Member of the Year-Front of the House award. The Team Member of the Year Award recognizes associates who have gone above and beyond their call of duty in contributing to the Baywood culture of teamwork and service in improving the overall performance of the hotel. Curtis really exemplifies that "It's Better at Baywood"!

Local Gym Offers Free Blood Pressure, BMI, and Body Fat Screening

The Medically Oriented Gym at Gateau offers a free Blood Pressure, BMI, and Body Fat percent Screening every Friday and Saturday morning, 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. No appointment necessary. The gym is located at 23123 Camden Way, California (behind BJs). For more information, please contact Ellie at 301-866-5444.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Importance of Education Partnerships Program – March 6

The Patuxent Partnership, in support of STEM Education, will host CSM and the Importance of Education Partnerships on **Tuesday, March 6** from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, Building 2, Center Hall (44219 Airport Road, California).

View the agenda and register at www.paxpartnership.org/index.cfm?action=CL2&Entry=825. Seating is limited. Advance registration is required to guarantee your seat. This is a no-cost program. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

Walden Sierra Outback Steakhouse Luncheon – March 8

Walden is seeking your support and attendance at the annual Outback Steakhouse Luncheon, to be held on **Thursday, March 8** at 11:30 a.m. at the Outback restaurant in Wildewood Shopping Center. Tickets are \$20 each, and can be paid for in advance or at the door. Entree choices are steak, chicken, salmon or veggie pasta. The meal includes the entree, a salad, rice, a drink and a dessert/take-away gift.

Please reserve your ticket(s) by contacting 301-997-1300 ext. 804 or lauraw@waldensierra.org. Knowing your entree choice in advance is helpful! If you would like to pay for your ticket(s) in advance, you may do so securely on line, noting Outback 2012 in the "on behalf of" area at: <https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate/Donate.aspx?npoSubscriptionId=1004005> or mail your check by March 2, made out to Walden Sierra, to 30007 Business Center Drive, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 Attn: Outback 2012. Reservations without prepayment will be accepted.

Acquisition Improvement Team (AIT) Update – March 8

The Patuxent Partnership invites members and the regional community to an Acquisition Improvement Team (AIT) Update on **Thursday, March 8** from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, Building 2, Center Hall (44219 Airport Road, California). The program will begin at 8:00 a.m. Doors open at 7:00 a.m.

The Acquisition Improvement Team (AIT) is a joint government/industry team focused on improving the acquisition and business support processes. One of their primary goals is to promote better communications between NAVAIR, NAWCAD, and Industry. Mr. Gary Kessler, NAWCAD Executive Director will give the AIT Update. This is a no-cost program. Seating is limited. Advance registration at www.paxpartnership.org is required to guarantee your seat.

4th Annual BECA Benefit for Local Scholarships – March 9

Buy tickets online for the 4th Annual BECA Benefit at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/231237>
Come join friends and community members in support of the college- or trade school-bound Class of 2012. This year's event theme is "Sowing Seeds for Scholarships" and includes dinner, silent and live auction with former County Commissioner Dan Raley, followed with music by GeeZer. Cash bar features local wines by Slack and Port of Leonardtown Wineries, and beer by Guy Distributing. Door prizes, contest for best dressed country casual (jeans, boots and jewels). Price \$75 per couple or \$40 per person. Table reservations and event sponsorships available. Hosted by BECA smcbeca.org For more info please contact Wendy or Bob Schaller at schaller@md.metrocast.net or 301-475-2068. Auction donation items welcome! See also http://new.evite.com/#view_invite:eid=01C3NC2ZTL7RSYASCEPBJ6VF3QSBSQ

Family to Family Education Program – March 13

If you are struggling to help a loved one who suffers with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, panic disorder, schizophrenia, OCD, PTSD, or borderline personality disorder then this is the class for you. Get support and learn the skills you need through the FREE. Family -to-Family is a 12-week course for family caregivers of individuals with serious mental illnesses. The class begins **Tuesday, March 13** at St. Mary's Hospital Pavilion Building (Health Connections Classroom A, 25500 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For more information about Family-to-Family, or to register, call Joe or Lori at the NAMI So MD office at 301-737-1988. Please leave your name and phone number. The National Alliance on Mental Illness provides the Family-to-Family Education Program as a FREE service. The course is taught by trained parents and caregivers of mentally ill family members who offer information, insight, understanding, and empowerment. Attendees do not have to be members of NAMI Southern Maryland, but class size is limited and registration is required.

Women's Business Roundtable – March 23

Women in business are invited to the Women's Business Roundtable, to be held on **Friday, March 23** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus in Room C201 (22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown.) The fee is \$20 per person, and includes catering from Chesapeake Cuisine. The topic for March is "Peer to Peer Lending". This is an open forum where women business owners and women in the workplace can network and learn from each other. Everyone in attendance has an opportunity to speak about their business.

To register and pay in advance to reserve your attendance, please contact Linda Craven at 301-475-4200, ext. 1687 or email Lindacr@csmd.edu, or Lynda McDonald at 301-934-7583.

Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Extravaganza – March 25

The public is invited to attend the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Extravaganza on **Sunday, March 25**. The Harlem Ambassadors will play the Charles County Sheriff's Office Enforcers at Calvary Gospel Church (11150 Berry Road, Waldorf) at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door.

All proceeds benefit the Center for Children. The Center is a Southern Maryland non-profit that prevents and treats child abuse and promotes positive mental health through crisis intervention, therapy, advocacy and education. For more information about the Center or about purchasing tickets, call 301-609-9887 or email prewitt@center-for-children.org.

To buy tickets, you can go online to www.center-for-children.org, or visit one of the Center for Children's three locations:

6100 Radio Station Road, La Plata, 301-609-9887
440 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, 410-535-3047
23507 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, 301-475-8860

Tickets are also available at the Charles County Chamber of Commerce (101 Centennial Street, La Plata, 301-645-9480) and Community Bank of Tri-County's Charles County Branches

Business After Hours – March 28

The March Business After Hours will be held on **Wednesday, March 28** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Beautiful Kitchens (23725 Three Notch Road, Hollywood). Please RSVP to the Chamber Office at 301-737-3001 or email info@smcchamber.com.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

Includes upcoming events featured this week and in previous Business & Community e-Newsletters.

Date	Time	Event Name
Second Wednesday of every month	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Lexington Park Business Community Association meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bay District Social Hall.
Second Friday of every month	8:30 a.m.	All Leonardtown Businesses are invited to attend the monthly Leonardtown Business Association (LBA) meetings. For more information, and to join the LBA, please visit www.thelba.org or call Dan Norris at 301-475-9300 or email dnorris@drnenvionmentalsolutions.com .
First Wednesday of every month	7:30 a.m.	The U.S. Green Building Council, Southern Maryland Branch meets for a Green Building Networking Meeting at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. This event is free and open to the public. Look on Facebook at 'US Green Building Council, Southern MD Branch'
Thursdays	8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	BNI (Business Networking International) Chapters meet for the sole purpose of getting to know each other and each other's company better in order to help each other grow our business through warm referrals. BNI Leonardtown will meet at Ye Olde Towne Café (22685 Washington Street - Leonardtown SQ.) Free to visit, No fee except your meal if you choose to eat. Please contact John Stutzman for more information at 240-344-5080, john@bnimaryland.com .

March 2	10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	The St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services, along with the Maryland Department of Aging, Calvert County Office on Aging, and Charles County Aging & Senior Programs will join invited guest speaker U.S. Senator Ben Cardin to host "A Senior Medicare Patrol Town Hall Meeting to Address Scams against the Elderly In Southern Maryland". A free lunch will be provided. The Town Hall meeting takes place at the Northern Senior Activity Center, 29655 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall. Those interested in attending should contact Debbie Barker at 301-475-4200, ext. 1050.
March 4	2:00 p.m.	The Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions invite you to attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the United States Colored Troops Memorial Monument to be held at John G. Lancaster Park (21550 Willows Road, Lexington Park). For information contact Idolia Shubrooks at 301-863-2150; Nathaniel Scroggins, President (UCAC) at 301-862-9635; or Shell Jackson at 240-431-8880
March 5 – 8		Registration is now open for the 2012 Department of Defense Mentor Protégé Conference, to be at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA. Since 1991, the Mentor-Protégé Program has offered substantial assistance to small disadvantaged businesses. Helping them to expand the overall base of their marketplace participation has produced more jobs and increased national income. The Program assists small businesses (protégés) successfully compete for prime contract and subcontract awards by partnering with large companies (mentors) under individual, project-based agreements. For more information about the Conference, link to www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/ .
March 5 – 9		Telework Exchange will host the second annual Telework Week. Underwritten by Cisco and supported by Commuter Connections, Telework Week is a week-long effort to encourage agencies, organizations, and individuals to pledge to telework. We invite you to pledge now to telework the week of March 5-9, – it's free to participate. To learn more about Telework Week or to pledge to telework, visit www.teleworkexchange.com/teleworkweek/ . To get started, simply visit www.commuterconnections.org .
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March 7, March 16	6:30 p.m.	World Artists Experiences and the International Division of Maryland's Office of the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, invite the public to attend free screenings of international films. The Southern Maryland venue will be the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, Building 2, Center Hall, and (44219 Airport Road, California). Each film will be introduced, screened, and followed by a discussion. All films will be shown with English subtitles. The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, March 7, Sri Lanka, Tender Trap Wednesday, March 14, Turkey, To Be Announced Tickets are not required for these free screenings; however seating is on a first-come basis. For further information, contact Betty McGinnis at wae@comcast.net www.worldartists.org .

March 8 New	11:30 a.m.	Walden is seeking your support and attendance at the annual Outback Steakhouse Luncheon, to be held at the Outback restaurant in Wildewood Shopping Center. Tickets are \$20 each, and can be paid for in advance or at the door. Entree choices are steak, chicken, salmon or veggie pasta. The meal includes the entree, a salad, rice, a drink and a dessert/take-away gift. Please reserve your ticket(s) by contacting 301-997-1300 ext. 804 or lauraw@waldensierra.org . Knowing your entree choice in advance is helpful! If you would like to pay for your ticket(s) in advance, you may do so securely on line, noting Outback 2012 in the "on behalf of" area at: https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate/Donate.aspx?npoSubscriptionId=1004005 or mail your check by March 2, made out to Walden Sierra, to 30007 Business Center Drive, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 Attn: Outback 2012. Reservations without prepayment will be accepted.
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March 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Southern Maryland employers are cordially invited to attend the Southern Maryland Regional JobSource On-The-Job Training Hiring Event to be held at Waldorf Jaycees Maryland Militia Room (3090 Crain Highway Waldorf). This event is FREE! Tables and Continental Breakfast will be provided. Participating employers must have available positions and be willing to participate in the On-The-Job Training Program. For Questions and to RSVP please contact the Business Service Representative for St. Mary's County, Barb DeHenzel at 301-880-2810 or email jobs@tccsmd.org .
March 9	6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Come join friends and community members in support of the college- or trade school-bound Class of 2012 at the 4th Annual BECA Benefit and Barn Dance at Bowles Farm (22880 Budds Creek Road, Leonardtown MD) Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. This year's event theme is "Sowing Seeds for Scholarships" and includes dinner, silent and live auction with former County Commissioner Dan Raley, followed by music by GeeZer. Cash bar features local wines by Slack Winery and Port of Leonardtown Winery, and beer by Guy Distributing. Door prizes, contest for best dressed country casual (jeans, boots, and jewels). Price \$75 per couple or \$40 per person. Table reservations and event sponsorships are available. Auction item donations welcome. Hosted by BECA smcbeca.org For more information please contact Wendy or Bob Schaller at schaller@md.metrocast.net or 301-475-2068.
March 10, April 14	1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.	Sotterley Plantation is pleased to announce the beginning of something new in 2012 - the 2nd Saturday Series. "Women of Sotterley" will be held Saturday, March 10. Discover the women of Sotterley. Whether it was the mistress of the house, the farm manager's wife, the heiress, or the enslaved servants, the women of Sotterley were fascinating people who lived extraordinary lives. Advanced reservations only. \$15 per person. Limited to 20 people per tour. Walking required. Purchase tickets online: www.sotterley.org . "From the Ground Up" will be held Saturday, April 14. From the basement to the attic of Sotterley's 1703 Plantation House there are numerous nooks and crannies rarely seen by most people. Presented by Sotterley's Restoration Manager, this exclusive tour will reveal how the structure was built and what the various spaces tell us about the over 300 year history. Advanced reservations only. \$15 per person. Limited to 16 people per tour. Indoor and outdoor walking required. Purchase tickets online: www.sotterley.org .

March 11		Members of the Color and Light Society of southern Maryland will display many of their artistic creations at the Annemarie Garden's Mezzanine (Arts Building), starting Sunday, March 11. Approximately 60 artistic creations will be on display for a two-week period. A special reception will be held Friday, March 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone will be able to enjoy all of Color & Light's art works on the Mezzanine as well as other activities being held in the Arts Building that evening. The Annemarie Garden's Arts Building is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week. Cost of admission to the Garden's Mezzanine is \$3 for Garden non-members, no charge for current Garden members. Seniors over the age of 65 only pay \$2. For more information, please contact Mary Blumberg at 410-394-0626 or marybwatercolor@comcast.net .
March 13	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	The public is invited to attend the Long-term Care Awareness Conference at the James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center (24005 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown.) Cost \$20 per person; plus \$5 if CEUs needed. Attendees will be provided with the tools needed to plan for access to long-term care in their future. Contact Kathy Goodspeed or Mindy Carter at 301-475-4200, ext. 1050 for a registration form. Preregistration a must, deadline is Friday, March 9.
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March 17	6:00 p.m.	Tickets are on sale now for the St. Mary's Ryken Spring Gala – "A Celtic Knight" at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall on Route 235. The event is black-tie optional and features dinner, dancing and a silent auction. Tickets are \$125 per person. For ticket reservations and sponsorship opportunities, please contact the SMR Advancement Office at 301-373-4182 or advancement@smrhs.org .
March 22	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	The public is invited to the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center (SMHEC) Open House, to be held at SMHEC. With a degree from SMHEC you have the power to step up in your career or job, improve your salary, achieve a new career or job, or succeed in the transition from military to civilian. Join over 34,000 students who have enrolled in university classes at SMHEC in over 90 academic programs including doctorate, masters, and upper-level bachelors. For more information, go to www.smhec.org or call 301-737-2500.
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March 28 New	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	The March Business After Hours will be held at Beautiful Kitchens (23725 Three Notch Road, Hollywood). Please RSVP to the Chamber Office.
March 28	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Save the Date for the Small, Minority and Women Business Enterprise Expo 2012 to be at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA.
April 10 – 14		The College of Southern Maryland is hosting the Southern Maryland STEM Week. This week is designed to promote, engage, educate and employ a future pipeline for a highly skilled and competitive workforce that can be employed locally. STEM Week Events Include: Tri-County Job & Career Fair; Southern Maryland Youth In Technology Summit; Student Success Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference; CSM Robotics Challenge: Junior Division. For exhibit and sponsorship forms, email martina.arnold@csm.edu by February 24. For more information, visit www.csm.edu/STEM .
April 12		22nd Annual OSDBU Procurement Conference is a national conference fostering business partnerships between the Federal Government, its prime contractors, and small, minority, service-disabled veteran-owned, veteran-owned, HUBZone, and women-owned businesses. The 2012 Conference will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington D.C. For more information or to register, go to www.fbcinc.com/osdbu/default.aspx . Attendee Registration questions may be directed to: George Hall, George@fbcinc.com , 240-841-2208 or John O'Neill, john@fbcinc.com , 240-841-2214; Exhibitor or Sponsorship Registration questions may be directed to: Bob Jeffers, bj@fbcinc.com , 240-841-2226; Government Registration questions may be directed to: Liz Hood, liz@fbcinc.com , 240-841-2227.
April 17 – 19		Penn State Executive Programs, the executive education division of the Penn State Smeal College of Business, is partnering with the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center to deliver supply chain executive education programs in southern Maryland. This series is titled "Supply Chain Management and Engineering for Financial Results." Complete details and enrollment information for each of the programs is available online on the Penn State Executive Programs website . For additional information call SMHEC at 301-737-2500, or visit the website at www.smhec.org .
April 19	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Come and learn at the CSM La Plata Campus, BI Building, Room 113 while participating in Winning Customer Loyalty: The 7 Habits of Outstanding Customer Service. Built on the foundations of Stephen Covey's The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, and Fred Reicheld's The Ultimate Question, this training program builds customer service excellence one person at a time from the inside out. This program will be taught by a certified FranklinCovey trainer. Program Fees apply. For rate information, must contact Linda Schleip on 301-934-7548 or Karen O'Connor on 240-752-5479. For more information, go to www.corporatecenter.csm.edu/FranklinCovey.html

May 5		Save the date for the Pride in the Park Parade. An official ribbon cutting for the Great Mills Road Streetscape Project will be celebrated. The parade route will follow South Shangri-La Drive to South Essex Drive to Great Mills Road, to FDR Boulevard. The start time and other details pertaining to the parade will soon be determined. To participate in the Pride in the Park Parade, contact Robin Finnacom at robin.finnacom@stmarysmd.com or call 301-863-7700.
May 19 – 20		The Warrior Dash is coming to Budd's Creek (27963 Budds Creek Road, Mechanicsville). The deadline for registration will be Monday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m. Absolutely NO registrations will be accepted after this time. You will be unable to modify any details of participant registration information after this time. This includes wave time, date, participant information and location. The cost is \$65 for Saturday and \$55 for Sunday. For more information, go to www.wariordash.com/register2012_maryland.php#

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