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## Prince George's County Natives Participate in 369th Experience Band for Fleet Week New York 2019

By PRESS OFFICER  
for The 369th Experience

As the nation honored its veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces during the recent Memorial Day weekend, Austin Edwards, of Suitland, and James Hill of Temple Hills, natives of Prince George's County, played a major role in the New York

City festivities as part of the 369th Experience band.

The 369th Experience is a historic series of national and international programs and musical events depicting the African American and Puerto Rican experience in WWI through the eyes and ears of the 369th U.S. Infantry Regiment. The modern-day musicians of

the 369th Experience are talented college students from around the country. They were recruited to create a reenactment-band consisting of African American and Puerto Rican male students, from HBCUs—Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Their goal is to perform and highlight the original band's music at World War

I centennial celebrations.

In honor of this year's Fleet Week New York, which this year commemorated WWI, the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission sponsored the 369th Experience's performances at Rockefeller Center and at the Brooklyn Memorial Day parade, where the band led the procession.



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The 369th Experience, a WWI tribute band sponsored by the U.S WWI Centennial Commission at the Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade with Parade Chairman Raymond P. Aalhue during Fleet Week New York, which this year commemorates WWI.

## Capital Area Food Bank Announces Free Summer Meals For Children in Prince George's County

Funded by USDA, meals will be provided to eligible children free of charge

By HILARY SALMON  
Capital Area Food Bank

WASHINGTON, DC (May, 29, 2019)—Summer is a hard time for children who rely on school meals to receive the balanced nutrition they need to thrive. Continuing its commitment to providing access to good food in every community, the Capital Area Food Bank has announced that it will once again provide free summer meals to children throughout the Washington metro area. The Free Summer Meals Program (FSMP), for which the food bank will be an acting program sponsor, is funded by the US Department of Agriculture.

Over 137,000 residents of Prince George's County struggle to get the food they need; of those, 15% are children. Food insecure children are more likely to experience stomachaches, headaches, colds, ear infections, and fatigue. They are sick more often, recover more slowly, and are more likely to be hospitalized.

During the school year, The Capital Area Food Bank operates afterschool and weekend meals programs called Kids Cafe® and Weekend Bag. Both of these programs fill meal gaps, supplementing school-based fed-

eral free or reduced price breakfasts, lunches, afterschool snacks and dinners. Meal service is extended in the summertime with many sites offering daily breakfasts, lunches, snacks and suppers. Additionally, the CAFB's Weekend Bag program provides bags of pantry staples and fresh produce for children and their families over the weekend when school is out of session.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites and time as shown in the table on page A3.

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

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## 2019 Prince George's County Housing Fair

The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Housing Authority of Prince George's County present the 2019 Housing Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, June 8th from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785.

Free and open to the public, the 2019 Prince George's County Housing Fair features industry professionals that can speak with attendees about preparing to purchase a home, financing a home, home demonstrations, and more. Free workshops, seminars and panel discussions offer attendees a wide variety of topics that are tailored to help buy a new home, remain in an existing home, buy a larger home or down-size to a smaller home. For additional questions, call 301-883-5094.

The Housing Authority of Prince George's County will be paying the rent or mortgage for one lucky Housing Fair attendee (up to \$2,000). You must register and be present to win.

The names of 3 winners will be drawn to receive up to \$15,000 toward the down payment and closing cost of their first home.

First-time homebuyers (or if you have not owned a home in the last 3 years) can enter and win a chance to receive up to \$15,000 toward the down payment or closing cost of their new home. Home buyers must complete an entry form and drop it in the barrel and be present to win if their name is called. The names of 3 winners will be called and each will receive up to \$15,000. Homebuyers must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Complete the Purchaser Information Sheet and bring it to the Housing Fair before 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8th
- The homebuyer must be Income Eligible
- The homebuyer must use one of the Participating Mortgage Lenders to finance their home purchase

### Exhibits, Demonstrations & Workshops

Visit with:

- Government agencies
- Home developers
- Housing counselors
- Mortgage lenders
- Non-profit organizations
- Real estate attorneys
- Realtors
- Rental property managers

Learn about:

- Financial literacy
- First-time Homebuyer Programs
- Managing your money and credit
- The Maryland Mortgage Program
- And much more...

—[www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1000/County-Housing-Fair](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1000/County-Housing-Fair)

## June 1st Effective Date For New Traffic Laws

State cracking down on out-of-state drivers owing tolls and adding more speed cams along MD 210

Increased penalties become permanent for school bus stop arm camera tickets

By JOHN B. TOWNSEND II

AAA Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 29, 2019)—Approximately 864 bills and two resolutions were passed by both chambers of the Maryland General Assembly during the 2019 Legislative Session. Saturday, June 1, 2019 [was] the effective date for new laws bringing more speed cameras to Indian Head Highway (Maryland Route 210), empowering the state to sic debt collectors on deadbeat out-of-state motorists who owe Maryland \$102 million in outstanding and unpaid video tolls, and uncollected associated civil penalties; and for a measure making the maximum fine (up to \$500) permanent for violations recorded by a school bus stop arm cameras.

### Toll Collection from Out-of-State Drivers

Out-of-state drivers racked up \$17.5 million in overdue tolls and other fees along the Intercounty Connector (ICC)/MD 200 during a two-year period. Their days on the lam could end soon. In the near future Maryland will dispatch debt collectors in hot pursuit of out-of-state motorists that owe tens of millions of dollars in unpaid video toll transactions. Each year, on average, out-of-state drivers rack up about "\$1.3 million in outstanding tolls and civil penalty debts" on Maryland's toll facilities. As of this year, more than a half million, or 575,000, out-of-state drivers cumulatively owed a total of \$102.2 million in outstanding tolls after traversing Maryland's eight toll facilities without paying the required toll with cash or an E-ZPass®.

"Toll scofflaws beware. During the 2019 General Assembly Session, state legislators granted the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) the authority to summon and 'sic' debt collectors on deadbeat motorists and toll violators residing and registered in other

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**Maryland 529 to Award Two \$529 Maryland College Investment Plans to Winners of the PGMLS Summer Reading Program Sweepstakes**

The winners, one preschool aged, and one elementary aged participant will be announced on August 19, 2019.

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**ChildWatch: A Summer to Remember**

I hope many families will be able to take a trip like this someday soon with their children, but it is also important for all of us ... to help expose children to our history ... that represent all of the large and small milestones in our country's long and ongoing journey to live up to its promise.

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**WSSC Breaks Ground on Innovative \$262 Million Project Transforming Poop to Power**

The remaining biosolids will be significantly cleaner (Class A), making the disposal process much easier and allowing the final product to be sold and distributed as fertilizer. This new process will save WSSC customers more than \$3 million per year.

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**Movie Review: A Dog's Journey**

For a movie about a dog who keeps dying, "A Dog's Journey" (directed by TV veteran Gail Mancuso) is full of sunshine and cuteness, at least from Bailey's point of view.

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**Earth Talk**

Dear EarthTalk:

What is so-called Forest Therapy?

—Larry Schwarzwald,  
Page, AZ

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