

# Barrio de Langley Park

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## Summer Is Ending!!

### Lots Happening!!

The school year is about to begin, and so there are back to school events that are like festivals. Check them out this coming weekend.



## Langley Park's



# Back to School Jam

August 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Langley Park Community Center

**Note:** The county health department will be available to provide immunizations for the new school year. Bring child's immunization record, proof of health insurance or family household income, proof of residency.

TAKOMA/LANGLEY CROSSROADS PRESENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

## BACK TO SCHOOL

# FESTIVAL

Noon to 5 PM

On August 16, El Zol will broadcast live from the Crossroads (University Blvd. & New Hampshire Ave.), bringing a star DJ, tent, van, and promotional team to entertain the public. El Zol will promote Crossroads shopping centers and businesses for two hours on air as the place for *Back-to-School shopping*. The Crossroads businesses will distribute coupons at the El Sol tent, and also at the Back to School Jam on the 15th.

## Hogan In Your Face

The governor's decisionmaking style has been described as an in-your-face approach.

"Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan has slashed tolls on the state's highways, canceled Baltimore's long-planned Red Line light-rail project and, last week, dramatically announced the closure of the city's deeply troubled Men's Detention Center.

"Hogan, Maryland's first Republican governor in nearly a decade, did not need the backing of the Democratic-controlled state legislature for any of those decisions. He announced them on his own, deriding inaction by past administrations, and acknowledging that he had made little effort to seek Democratic legislative leaders' input before he acted.

"The governor's in-your-face approach contrasts with the pledges of bipartisanship he made after his election and at his inauguration."

Source: Washington Post, 1 August 2015

And so we wonder: is a benevolent dictator good or bad? Does it depend largely upon the match between the dictator's values or ours? Was Prime Minister Lee of Singapore who transformed that island from a backwater to a powerful technology center a good or bad leader?

## Immunizations for School

Federal and state guidelines mandate age appropriate immunizations for every child between the grades of Pre-K to 12th. To ensure compliance with these regulations Health Services staff will constantly be reviewing student's health records. Students without appropriate documentation will have twenty calendar days from the time the lack of documentation was noted, to comply with immunization regulations.

**TAX HOLIDAY:** Maryland has launched its annual tax-free week, a time when shoppers are given a break from the state's 6 percent sales tax on purchases of clothing and footwear that cost less than \$100. Go for it!

In deference to the craziness in and around Halloween, Health Check will take place not on November 1 but on November 8!

## News & Notes

### Purple Line Now

The pro Purple Line advocacy group, Purple Line Now, has just issued a what's-up report. Below is a key paragraph. The image is from the Purple Line Now web site.

“Governor Hogan's endorsement of the Purple Line project on June 25 fundamentally changed the



status and progress of the project, which was largely in limbo since the November election. While his cost shifting strategy has resulted in some positioning and apparent controversy, the project at the state and local levels seems secure. The Governor conditioned his endorsement on continuing Federal support—this support will be provided over a number of years, and this Congress is not thinking long-term about transportation funding. On July 20, Governor Hogan called on the Maryland congressional delegation to assure the project's funding, and Purple Line NOW will continue to follow developments on Capitol Hill and keep you informed.”

### Help with Dementia

The White House Conference on Aging has named PG County one of six communities in the



nation that will serve as test sites for a new initiative to support families suffering from dementia-related illnesses. The De-

mementia Friendly America Initiative will bring together resources in business, community-based services, faith communities, health care, legal and financial services, and local government to provide resources and tools for affected individuals, caregivers and loved ones. This sure is good news for many families facing terror.

### Secondary School Sports

According to Up2Us Sports, \$3.5 billion was cut from school sports budgets from 2009 to 2011, and, by 2020, an estimated 27% of U.S. public high schools will no longer have any sport teams or programs of any kind. The Fairfax school system has sports on its budget-cutting agenda. Will Prince George's schools suffer such cuts? Maybe some sports with inter-school competition will be cut, but athletic options (or equivalents, e.g., dance) must remain because of their contribution to physical and mental health.

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## Quoting Cardinal Dolan on Immigrants\*

American historians describe two approaches to the immigrant. One is, sadly, the nativists, who see the unwashed, ignorant, bothersome brood as criminals and misfits who threaten “pure America,” and are toxic to everything decent in the United States. As journalism professor Paul Moses writes, this group believed that “American society was doomed, as the foundation stone of Plymouth Rock eroded with the crash of each immigrant wave.”

The second is the more enlightened and patriotic view. This approach sees the immigrant as a gift to our nation, realizing that the only citizens whose ancestors were not immigrants are the Native Americans. All of us here are descendants of newcomers.

Yes, this second group claims, we need to control our borders, fairly regulate immigration and be prudent in our policies and laws, but we are wise to consider the immigrant as good for our beloved nation. To welcome them is virtuous, patriotic and beneficial for the economic and cultural future of our country.

I am not in the business of telling people what candidates they should support or who deserves their vote. But as a Catholic, I take seriously the Bible's teaching that we are to welcome the stranger, one of the most frequently mentioned moral imperatives in both the Old and New Testament.

As an American, I take equally seriously the great invitation and promise of Lady Liberty. It's one of the reasons why I am so eager to share with Pope Francis the wonderful work being done by our Catholic Charities to assist immigrants who come to New York, and look to the church for assistance and a warm welcome. I guess, as a Catholic American, I'm a bit biased. Walt Whitman called my predecessor Archbishop John Hughes a “mitred hypocrite,” because the prelate defended his poor Irish immigrant flock — the Mexicans of his day — from the nativists. The same Whitman called the immigrants “these dregs of foreign filth, refuse of convents, scullions from monasteries . . .”

\*Timothy Cardinal Dolan is archbishop of the New York Archdiocese

## Washington Post Features the Foods of Langley Park

The 2 August 2015 issue of the Washington Post Magazine devotes a page to “A world of flavors in Langley Park.” Five establishments are featured: Woodlands, Angkor Supermarket, Atlantic Supermarket, Casa Blanca Bakery, and Pho 75. We think that Woodlands, Angkor, and Pho 75 are good choices. But we wonder why one supermarket was chosen when a handful in the area are very good and international. Also, the bakery is good but so are several others in the area. Our suggestion to the adventurer is to drive slowly along University Blvd. and stop often at restaurants, groceries, and more. It will be a great adventure.



### To El Norte: Numbers Down

Researchers find that the number of Mexicans coming to the United States has fallen dramatically in the last decade. Demographers at the University of Texas San Antonio and the University of New Hampshire say that roughly 819,000 people migrated from Mexico to the United States from 2008 to 2012, a 57% drop from the previous four-year period (2003-2007) when 1.9 million Mexicans entered the country.

### Immigrants: Beware of Britain

The British government promises new measures against undocumented immigrants by making landlords evict them. Landlords who do not remove people with no right to remain in Britain, or do not check their immigration status before renting them a property, could be jailed for up to five years. Parliament will debate this policy soon.



### Able-Bodied Americans without a Job

Over 16 years of age, in millions

Peak Unemployment  
After Great Recession

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

	1 Oct 2009	1 Jul 2015	Δ
Unemployment Rate (U3)	10.0%	5.3%	-4.7%
Number of Unemployed (U3)	15.4	8.3	-7.1
Number in Not-in-Labor-Force	82.8	93.6	10.9
Total	98.1	101.9	3.8

Fortunately, the USA's unemployment rate has dropped to 5.3%, about the same in Maryland. But this figure excludes those not in the labor force, a total of 93.6 million Americans. Some are discouraged workers, some have a disability preventing work. So the agenda should be to create work for those who are discouraged and make work possible for the disabled,

### Looking into the D.C. Metro Race/Ethnic Future

America reached an important milestone in 2011. That occurred when, for the first time in the history of the country, more minority babies than white babies were born in a year. Soon, most children will be racial minorities: Latino/as, blacks, Asians, and other nonwhite races. And, in about three decades, whites will constitute a minority of all Americans. This milestone signals the beginning of a transformation from the mostly white baby boom culture that dominated the nation during the last half of the twentieth century to the more globalized, multiracial country that the United States is becoming.

Looking ahead to 2030, the Urban Institute sees white population losses nearly everywhere. Earlier this year, a number of researchers published a comprehensive report on growth projections between 2010 and 2030. They focused on four specific commuting zones (these are zones larger than the core cities): Atlanta; Las Vegas; Youngstown, Ohio; and Washington, D.C. Below are the results from D.C. (including Langley Park) showing Euro and African-American decline, and Latino/a increase. These are not unique results: similar patterns were found in Atlanta, Las Vegas, and Youngstown, and the nation is not far behind.

Sources: R Frey, *Divsity Explosion*, 2014, and CityLab, 29 July 2015.

Commuting Zone	Population			Population Share		
	2010	2030	Change, 2010-30	2010 (%)	2030 (%)	Change, 2010-30 (percentage points)
<i>DC<sup>a</sup></i>						
Hispanic	768,100	1,480,300	+712,200	14.3	19.9	+5.7
Non-Hispanic white	2,601,400	3,148,000	+546,600	48.3	42.4	-5.9
Non-Hispanic black	1,433,400	1,499,700	+66,300	26.6	20.2	-6.4
Non-Hispanic other	578,400	1,292,900	+714,500	10.7	17.4	+6.7

### Parents' Role in Children's Education

At a county's Back to School event, a Washington Post reporter transcribed these comments by



Kevin Maxwell, the PGCPs CEO: "We need our parents to be engaged, to help them understand what is going on in their children's classes. People have a lot of different perceptions of our district, but the reality is, kids can be very successful in our public school system with parents who are committed to their child's education."

He's sure right: parents make a difference. And parents' involvement must start before the child is old enough for school or pre-school. Talk with him/her, read to him/her, and more.

### Speed Cameras

WTOP reports that In Prince George's County, overall net income for the cameras has dropped 40% over the last two years. In fiscal 2013, the county netted \$7.8 million in profits from speed cameras. In fiscal 2015, the number dropped to \$4.6 million. Speed cameras do have an influence on how fast one drives, and they do raise revenue for the county. So do we celebrate (slower driving) or regretful (less money for the county)? Ah tradeoffs!



In the Langley Park area, cameras are posted near two schools, Cool Springs ES along the 1900-2200 blocks of Metzert Road and Northwestern HS along the 6900 to 7600 blocks of Adelphi Road. There is a location list here: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/PoliceDepartment/Services/speed-camera/locations/Pages/default.aspx>

Your BLP staff has discovered several cameras along Baltimore Avenue. Each discovery cost \$40! So be careful!

### Illegal or Undocumented or?

The New Yorker magazine recently published an article on the appropriateness of the various terms used for those people not authorized to be in the USA. Check it out at this address:

[http://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/should-i-use-the-term-illegal-immigrant?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=464559b27b-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_8\\_6\\_15&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-464559b27b-279175433](http://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/should-i-use-the-term-illegal-immigrant?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=464559b27b-CLINIC_Daily_8_6_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-464559b27b-279175433)

### Failing Detention Centers

"In Texas, nine of 21 counties that created agencies to issue about \$1.3 billion in municipal

bonds to build privately run detention facilities have defaulted on the debt. A dozen other facilities from Florida to Louisiana to Arizona also have defaulted." Dare we laugh?

Source: Bloomberg Business, 5 August 2015

### The News You Are Waiting For?

The state of Maryland will award 15 medical marijuana growing licenses to Maryland companies later this year. State lawmakers passed legislation in April 2014 making Maryland the 21st state to permit the use of medical marijuana by qualified patients. The key, of course, is "qualified"; the state appears far from making marijuana available for recreational use.



### Yet Another Ethnic Neighborhood Gentrifies-1

The 1997 construction of the Verizon Center was a turning point. An ethnic enclave of mom-and-pop storefronts would be transformed into a kitschy block where Chipotle is written in Chinese characters — and luxury condos and glittering nightspots now compete with the ornate Friendship Archway for the eye's attention. The population of Chinese Americans in Chinatown has shrunk from a high of 3,000 to about 300 — half of whom are now fighting to be able to stay given the soaring cost of rent and more. Seems similar to what happened to Adams-Morgan and many other once-up-a-time working class ethnic neighborhoods.

Read more about it in the Washington Post, 17 July 2015

### Yet Another Ethnic Neighborhood Gentrifies-2

José Alvarrardo saved for more than a decade to buy 3 Brothers Mini Market, a bodega at 169th Street and Audubon Avenue. But at his store on a recent weekday morning, only eight months after he opened shop in Washington Heights, shelves that had held bags of rice and beans were empty. Gallons of milk lay sideways in a refrigerated case, offered at half-price or less. Mr. Alvarrardo is closing his store, saying that even with a five-year lease, rising rent and other conditions make it impossible to stay. His situation is similar to one faced by many bodega owners throughout Upper Manhattan: Despite their profitability, stores are being squeezed out of the neighborhoods they call home. Once lonely grocery outposts in a dangerous city, their colorful awnings part of the streetscape, they are now losing customers to chain stores.

Read more in the New York Times, 4 August 2015

And Adams-Morgan and Colombia Heights and East Capital and more. Can we stop massive displacement? Should we? And where should the displaced residents and small businesspeople go? Do we care?

## Secondary School Start Time

Five out of every six middle schools and high schools nationwide start classes earlier than 8:30 a.m., making it difficult for teens to get the sleep they need to be healthy. There are early-starters in PG County, and they should be given later times. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that schools start later than 8:30 a.m. to help teens avoid becoming chronically sleep-deprived and exhausted.



From the AAP: "Studies show that adolescents who don't get enough sleep often suffer physical and mental health problems, an increased risk of automobile accidents and a decline in academic performance. But getting enough sleep each night can be hard for teens whose natural sleep cycles make it difficult for them to fall asleep before 11 p.m. – and who face a first-period class at 7:30 a.m. or earlier the next day

"In a new policy statement published online..., the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends middle and high schools delay the start of class to 8:30 a.m. or later. Doing so will align school schedules to the biological sleep rhythms of adolescents, whose sleep-wake cycles begin to shift up to two hours later at the start of puberty."

Let's be good to the present and future of young people in PG County by having all secondary schools start no earlier than 8:30 a.m.

See more at: <https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/Pages/Let-Them-Sleep-AAP-Recommends-Delaying-Start-Times-of-Middle-and-High-Schools-to-Combat-Teen-Sleep-Deprivation.aspx#sthash.8oOLRFy8.dpuf>

## Journalism Today

After he was forced to flee to Mexico City from the state of Veracruz, Proceso photojournalist Rubén Espinosa told the New York-based Committee for the Protection of Journalists, "I don't trust any State institution. I don't trust the government, I fear for my colleagues and I fear for myself." Around 9 p.m. on July 31, Espinosa along with four women were found dead in the Mexico City home of Nadia Vera, a graduate of the Universidad Veracruzana and vocal critic of Veracruz governor Javier Duarte. The scene is the latest in a string of violence against press freedoms that has activists mounting demonstrations in Veracruz, Jalisco, Oaxaca, and Mexico City. The protests center on the government's poor efforts to protect human rights, the local governments' suspected collusion with organized crime, and the need to protect free speech and other civil liberties that have all but vanished there.



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## Isn't Presidential Politics Beautiful?

"At the national level, who deserves a punch in the face?" CNN's Jake Tapper asked New Jersey governor Christie during an interview. The question was a callback, he said, to Christie's affinity for saying during his first term that "you can either sidle up to [bullies] or you can punch them in the face." "The national teachers union, who's already endorsed Hillary Clinton, 16, 17 months before the election," Christie replied.



## Votes for D.C. Residents

As the readers know, residents of D. C. do not have a voting representative in the House of Representatives or the Senate. Nor does the city control its own budget—Congress has oversight. This situation is sharply explored on the HBO John Oliver show. If you like comedy and/or politics, check the segment out at this address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Z4j2CrJRn4>.

## PEP Secure Communities

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Priority Enforcement Program (PEP) enables DHS to work with state and local law enforcement to take custody of individuals who pose a danger to public safety before those individuals are released into our communities. PEP was established at the direction of DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson in a 20 November 2014 memorandum, entitled Secure Communities, that discontinued the Secure Communities program. PEP focuses on convicted criminals and others who pose a danger to public safety.

The big issue is how to determine whom to hold for DHS; who is "a danger"? That issue may be fought in the courts. ACLU is considering action.

**THE OFFICIAL MEMO** (issued 20 November 2014): "I am directing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to discontinue Secure Communities. ICE should put in its place a program that will continue to rely on fingerprint-based biometric data submitted during bookings by state and local law enforcement agencies to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal background checks. However, ICE should only seek the transfer of an alien in the custody of state or local law enforcement through the new program when the alien has been convicted of an offense listed in Priority 1 (a), (c), (d), and (e) and Priority 2 (a) and (b) of the November 20, 2014 Policies for the Apprehension, Detention and Removal of Undocumented Immigrants Memorandum, or when, in the judgment of an ICE Field Office Director, the alien otherwise poses a danger to national security. In other words, unless the alien poses a demonstrable risk to national security, enforcement actions through the new program will only be taken against aliens who are convicted of specifically enumerated crimes."

See more at: <http://immigrationimpact.com/2015/08/05/priority-enforcement-program-launch/#sthash.1510g1cD.dpuf>



## A Possible Future

What will the Langley Park area look like in, say, a decade? Who will live in the area? Who will own a store there? Below is the vision of one planner. It may be accurate, or it may be well off the mark. Building the Purple Line is one factor, and there are others.



The history of our country, and beyond, is that more money displaces less money. In urban areas, it's referred to as gentrification. That's what happened in Adams-Morgan, Colombia Heights, East Capital, Bethesda, Silver Spring, and other locations in the D.C. metro area. Wheaton is now experiencing the pressure. What happens to the old-timer residents and businesspeople? They can't afford the increasing rent and lease, and so they have to relocate. There are some areas where resistance has modified the pressures, but only if the local government is an active partner in the resistance—not a common occurrence because the governments typically are delighted to have an increase in the yield of property tax. And of course the private sector property owners favor increased income from their properties.

### A Gentrification Poem

The rents keep rising  
As government officials  
And big business executives  
Cheer on the changes  
Leading to expensive condos.  
And high-end retail leases  
Ah those increases,  
And no decreases!

The old-time residents  
And local small businesspeople  
Consider when to leave  
And where to go.  
What possibility  
For the disappearing affordability?  
Of course there are outer suburbs  
Too far for a worker to commute,  
For business, not on a trade route;

So too few customers  
And too few friends.  
How sad it is that some officials  
And some businesspeople  
Care more about taxes and sales  
But less about those  
Who live and/or work  
In the places where the bulldozers  
Are about to role.

## MDSBDC Hispanic Business Center

MDSBDC Hispanic Business Center at the University of Maryland is an organization designed to help the Latino community in your business needs to provide advice free of charge to all who need assistance in starting a business.

### THE CENTER CAN HELP ON ISSUES SUCH AS:

- Requirements to open for business
- Funding for the company
- Marketing
- Purchase and sale of businesses
- Business plan
- Organization and business leadership
- Guide for government certifications
- Export and import

Other services it provides include business facilitation and networking opportunities, strategic analysis, support initiatives, events, government relations, business information resources, among others. Call (301) 403-0501. For assistance in Spanish please call the Hispanic Business Center: 301-209-2126, or email hbc@umd.edu.

## Free Exhibit Space

Nonprofits and government agencies that offer services or wish to reach the immigrant community are invited to set up a free booth at the New Americans Expo 2015, to be held Sunday, October 4, at the Silver Spring Civic Building. The expo is expected to draw more than 3,000 local immigrants from all backgrounds and is designed to provide them with information about services and products available to help them succeed in this country. For information, email Cristina Frey or call her at 301-787-9424.

## Help with Domestic Violence

The Domestic Violence Walk-In Housing Resource Clinic, in the Department's Harriet Hunter Building, 6420 Allentown Rd., Camp Springs, is open Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The clinic will provide a safe place for survivors to obtain free housing assistance, help with protective orders, counseling referrals and other emergency needs. No appointments are necessary, but victims should bring relevant documentation. Non-English speakers should call ahead at 301-265-8423.

## TPS Alert

Tuesday, August 18, 2015, is the deadline for eligible nationals of Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone (and people without nationality who last habitually resided in one of those three countries) to register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). This deadline marks the end of DHS' 90-day extension of the initial registration period. The TPS designations for these three countries run from November 21, 2014, through May 21, 2016.

## Brothels?

*The following material is taken from an article by two students at the University of Maryland's School of Journalism and published in the Maryland Capital News Service. ALP thinks it exaggerates the situation. And the article does not address the needs of thousands of single men who live in the area. They need space for after-work recreation. How about a community center such as the one in Long Branch?*

Maria Sorto, originally from El Salvador, had just moved into an apartment complex in Langley Park when she was approached by a man with a business proposition: He wanted to operate a brothel out of her new home.

"He said, 'We can become partners,'" Sorto said in Spanish. "I told him no — that in my apartment, I was not going to do that...." But others were willing. On Friday nights, after receiving their paychecks, men would swarm into the apartment buildings in search of drugs and prostitutes, she said. Community members and law enforcement officials say Langley Park ... is rife with prostitution and human trafficking.

"Throw a rock anywhere in Langley Park and you get a brothel," said Christine White, a University of Maryland criminologist and chair of the research committee for the Prince George's County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Even so, law enforcement officials have said they've had trouble catching traffickers there, citing the language barrier, elusive perpetrators and scared victims.

Maryland Assistant U.S. Attorney Rachel Yasser said Latino brothels are sometimes hidden within the community, with traffickers changing locations frequently. However, to residents of Langley Park, amid a vast sea of low-rise apartment buildings, there's little that's hidden about the problem.

The Rev. Roberto Cortés, pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hyattsville, said church members and friends complain frequently about prostitution and sex trafficking in Langley Park....

Note: The full article is available at <http://marylandreporter.com/2015/08/06/human-trafficking-part-6-langley-park-residents-say-brothels-operate-in-plain-sight-yet-elude-pg-police/>

**The Food Equity Forum serves as a catalyst for new conversation and raised awareness of existing efforts and innovation in advancing food system equity.**

- Learn about the Food Equity Council's mission and work
- Hear from speakers working in local and regional food
- Build a vision for healthy food in our community
- Savor good food and conversations

**Enjoy fun activities for the whole family.**

**The Sports and Learning complex is at 8001 Sheriff Road, Suite 204, near FedEx Field. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/FoodEquityForm2015>.**





## Heath Clinic

### Clínica Médica Móvil a Bajo Costo

Low Cost Mobile Medical Clinic St. Bernard's Church, 5700 St. Bernard's Dr., Riverdale  
Upcoming dates: Agosto 29, Octubre 3, Octubre 31, Noviembre 21

The Ventanilla de Salud along with HIBP Vision and Medical Clinics have expanded a partnership with St Bernard's Church in Riverdale to bring low-cost preventive medical exams to the community. We will be hosting mobile clinics at the church throughout the remainder of 2015. On mobile clinic days, patients will be offered the following medical package at a low cost of \$90: Comprehensive metabolic panel, Lipid panel, Hemogram, Urinalysis, Physical exam/consultation with the doctor\*, -Vision screening\* NOTE: \*Physicals and vision screenings will be conducted at a future appointment.

More Information: call 202-736-1015 or 703-717-2814. Or email [ventanilladc@gmail.com](mailto:ventanilladc@gmail.com).

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When



Here we list upcoming ALP activities and other events that are called to our attention. Have an event to list? If so, send information well in advance to [actionlangleypark@yahoo.com](mailto:actionlangleypark@yahoo.com).

## HAPPENINGS

- Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Crossroads Farmers Market is open on Ann Street at University Boulevard.
- Every third Saturday of the month—Free Community Dinner & Food Distribution at St. Michael & All Angels Church, 8501 New Hampshire Ave., 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- August 12—Ventanilla de Salud at Pine Ridge Community Center, 8615 Piney Branch Rd. 3 to 6 p.m.
- August 13—Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) by Dpt. Of Family Services. Eligible? Call (301) 265-8487
- August 15—Back to School Jam in Langley Park, at the Langley Park Community Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free backpacks and other items will be distributed, and El Zol will provide the background (well, foreground) music.
- August 16—El Zol and others celebrate the commerce at the Crossroads
- September 9—PGCC International Education Center's open house, 1 to 3 p.m., 2nd floor, Center for Health Studies, Largo campus. Information 301-546-7422
- September 10—Montgomery County Executive Hispanic Gala at The Fillmore in Silver Spring. Information: 240-277-8072.
- September 20—Hispanic Festival at Lane Manor Park., noon to 6 p.m.
- September 22-23—Pope Francis expected to visit Washington D.C.
- October 4—Takoma Park Street Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Carroll Avenue in MD and DC Takoma. Music, children's activities, food, more.
- November 8—Health Check health fair at the Langley Park Community Center. Starts at noon.
- April 26, 2016—The Maryland primary election. All citizens: be sure to vote!!! Eligible for citizenship? Go for it!
- May 1—Langley Park Day 2016

*Attention health professionals: The health fairs in Langley Park, which take place in November and May, always need health professionals with special screening and/or consultation skills. Can you and will you help? If yes, let us know at: [actionlangleypark@yahoo.com](mailto:actionlangleypark@yahoo.com). And all others are encouraged to help to make these health events a big success.*



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**DONNA F. EDWARDS**  
4th Congressional District of Maryland



Cordially Invites You to Attend Her 2nd Annual Forum

## HELPING WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES COMPETE

Thursday, August 20, 2015 | 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Glenarden

3600 Brightseat Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20785

### Learn Strategies To:

Access government and corporate contracts

Win traditional bank loans and alternative funding

Maximize your capital

Sell your goods and services to the government



For more information please visit [WWW.DONNAEDWARDS.HOUSE.GOV](http://WWW.DONNAEDWARDS.HOUSE.GOV) or call 301-516-7601

## Health Events in Langley Park

The dates are now set for the two annual events. Health Check 2015 will take place on November 8, and Langley Park Day 2016 will take place on May 1. Both will be in and around the Langley Park Community Center starting at noon. It's not too early to mark your calendar, and it's not too early to volunteer. Of course, we need health professionals; and we need bilingual helpers. And of course, we need lots of people to know about these free annual events.

