

Through Many Dangerous Toils and Snares.....



March 21, 2022

Dear Wonderful Visionary and Activist:

We are **STILL HERE!** I want you to know in spite of all that has and is happening, we must still be thankful. I am so grateful for all that many of you have done in supporting and sharing the distribution of food, clothing, shoes, socks and underwear for our children and the list goes on and on! Our coalition is recognized as a strong driving force in helping to “raise the bar” for a successful community and county. I am humbled for every single thing we have shared in over 25 years together.

With excitement, we are planning to have our coalition meeting Monday, April 25, 2022 - 9:00 am at St. Margaret’s Catholic Church, 410 Addison Road South, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743. Breakfast will be served. We will have presentations and updates from our Law enforcement, Fire and EMS services, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcements (DPIE), Department of Transportation (DOT), UM Capital Region Medical Center, Hampton Shopping Center, grocery store and doctor’s office in the Capitol Heights area. Also, there are several pieces of legislation which need to be brought to your attention.

Many of our seniors have expressed a desire for computer training. Some want online training while others want in-person. Attached is a short list of computer classes offered by various organizations. If you know of other sources, please let us know. Also, I’ve attached **Bits & Pieces** of news, or issues you may be interested in.

Although Prince George’s County has lifted the mandate to wear a mask, please wear a mask in consideration of others to reduce the spread of the coronavirus and the variants. I’m looking forward to seeing you!

May *Mercy, Grace, Peace, Love, Happiness and Prosperity* be yours in abundance! If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call our office at 301-858-3148 to speak with Ms. Doris Witcher.

Gripped with Appreciation,

Joanne C. Benson

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Bits & Pieces



1. In celebrating President Biden's American Rescue Plan, we are so excited that Prince George's County Government received \$176,358,372 dollars while our twenty-seven municipalities were allocated \$160,941,064 dollars which is distributed to each municipality according to its population. These funds can be used for many projects but cannot be used to support any pension fund or offset a tax cut.
2. Construction for our new Suitland High School will begin this summer. It will be built at a cost of approximately \$200 million dollars.
3. The Shopping Center at Hampton Park is moving along which is costing approximately \$350 million dollars.
4. For many years we have vigorously opposed the use of tobacco in our community. Smoking and use of tobacco has led to lung cancer, heart condition, elevated use of drugs, high blood pressure and many other health issues. I am asking that you ***NOT*** support any Tobacco and Convenience Store. We want these stores ***OUT*** of our community. They are one more nail in a negative coffin.
5. We are interested in knowing what is happening at the intersections of Shady Glen, Hill Road and Central Avenue as a result of the new fire station and the building behind it.
6. Trash and un-kept property continues to be a huge problem. To have the county pick up trash is costing tax payers close to \$4 million dollars. What must we do to help the state and county?