

“It’s More Blessed to Give Than to Receive”



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2022

To the Spokes in the Wheel:

As we enter this wonderful season of living, loving, sharing, and caring, we must never forget how ***Blessed*** we are! Even with all the toils and snares, the power of prayers and meditation has sustained us. This coalition has done unselfish things in giving hope and help for many people who could not speak or do for themselves. What is most comforting, is being able to meet face to face.

We are raising funds to donate food and turkeys for families in need for Thanksgiving Day. Our gratitude is for those who volunteer as well as for our beloved St. Margaret’s Catholic Church, the *Shabach!* Ministries, the Maryland Umbrella Group (MUG), and so many others, which is pleasing to God!

We are planning our last meeting for the year on Monday, December 12, 2022, at St. Margaret’s Catholic Church, 408 Addison Road South, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. We are delighted to meet our new Sherriff who will share his or her vision along with updates for Prince George’s County. Also, we are asking for presentations from various agencies such as: Department of Permitting, Inspections, Enforcement (DPIE), both the Department of Housing from our county, as well as the State of Maryland. Further, we are hoping for a progress report about the Central Avenue Blue Line Corridor.

Enclosed is a flyer about our peaceful protest rally on November 14th, which will speak to “Banning Tobacco Stores” from our communities. In a recent survey conducted by our Legislative District - Team 24, we learned there are 12 tobacco or liquor stores between Seat Pleasant and Glenarden. (***Not acceptable!***) This is a resounding blow to the health and welfare of our residents and our environmental footprint!

We must hold the tobacco store owners accountable for the health and welfare of families, especially our youth.

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In closing, I trust and pray that you realize the importance of opening your hand and heart to those who are in desperate need in such a time as this! Be abundantly blessed, wear your mask, be sure to get your booster and flu shots, and stay in good health. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Doris Witcher at 301-858-3148. Also, please visit our website at www.joannecbenson.com for important resources, news, and announcements.

Gripped with Thanksgiving,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joanne C. Benson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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