



CONNECTIONS

The official newsletter of the
CHOSEN Community Development Corporation
 Harford and Cecil Counties of Maryland



September 15-October 15



CHOSEN CDC's **2ND** Annual Golf Tournament

The second annual golf tournament and fundraiser was held on August 29, 2022, at the Winters Run Golf Club in Bel Air, Maryland. The golfers enjoyed a beautiful day playing 18 holes of golf and compete for awards. The top team for the day included Dr. Annjanette Ellison, Gordon Fitzalbert, Harry Jenkins and Exel Mori-Candelaria. The golf tournament was sponsored by Freedom Federal Credit Union. Tee holes were sponsored by Howard McComas, IV of McComas Family Funeral Homes and Bryan Kelly of the Kelly Group. On hand to golf and present awards were Rev. James C. Williams, Sr., CHOSEN Founder, COL (R) Warline Bryant, President, Board of Directors and Myrick Johnson, Tournament Chairman.

***Thank
 You to
 all the
 golfers &
 sponsors!***



FEATURE

Back to School - 2022

THE CHOSEN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
FOUNDED MAY 2020

MISSION STATEMENT

THE CHOSEN CDC WILL ENHANCE THE LIVES OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS, CHILDREN AND ADULTS, THROUGH DIRECT ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATIONAL TRAINING, EMPOWERMENT SERVICES, AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-SUSTAINING LIVES FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW.

VISION STATEMENT

TO INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE SELF-SUFFICIENCY WITHIN FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME THROUGH EDUCATION, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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COL (R) Warline Bryant is shown with Towson University North East students Kaitlynn and Grace, along with youth greeter, Derrica at Bakerfield Elementary School.



CHOSEN CDC participated in multiple Back to School Events during August and September to help welcome students and families to a new school year. CHOSEN CDC shared information on our programs and services and handed out "Breakfast Kits for the Kids" filled with nutritious breakfast foods. CHOSEN CDC received support from volunteer students to prepare for the events and to greet families.



Appreciation is extended to Wegman's for the donation a generous gift card that was used to purchase food for the Breakfast Kits for the Kids. Student volunteers Darryl and Maya put together 400 kits to hand out for the Back to School events.



Joyce Glasby of CHOSEN CDC greeted families at Aberdeen Middle School's 6th Grade Jump Start event to welcome new middle schoolers. Student volunteer, Maya, helped to bag groceries that were handed out to families that same day as part of the school's monthly marketplace program.



HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2022 THEME: A LASTING LEGACY



Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- Cash and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items and hand sanitizer
- Mess kits, Paper cups, plates and disposable utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children



Emergency Supply List



FEMA

www.ready.gov

Preparedness Actions - Guides for Alerts & Warnings

[HTTPS://ORDERS.GPO.GOV/ICPD/ICPD.ASPX](https://orders.gpo.gov/ICPD/ICPD.aspx)

Make a Family Plan

[HTTPS://WWW.READY.GOV/PLAN-FORM](https://www.ready.gov/plan-form)

HIGHLIGHTS

**You're Invited
to a
Fall Tour
of the
Community
Garden**

**Saturday,
October 8,
10am-12pm**

**Boys & Girls
Club - Aberdeen
100 E. Bel Air Ave
Aberdeen**

**Visit the garden,
meet the
gardeners and
CHOSEN staff.**





8 Ways to Spot a Survey Scam

Survey scams are almost as old as the internet. Spend an hour online and there's a chance you'll run into an ad for a "quick" survey promising big money or prizes for a few minutes of your time. What really happens is that the scammer walks away with a free survey, or worse, your information or money. The wary consumer can spot a survey scam, but unfortunately, fraudsters are becoming more sophisticated at luring victims into their schemes. Don't fall for it! Here are seven ways to spot a survey scam:

1. **You're asked to pay to participate in a survey** - There's no reason to pay to take a survey. If you're targeted by an ad asking you to take a survey and pay for the privilege of doing so, it's not worth it – and probably designed to scam you.
2. **You're asked to share sensitive info before you can take the survey** - The survey host wants you to think it's no big deal for you to share your Social Security number with a company you've never heard of before. But guess what – you're looking at potential identity theft. That IS a big deal!
3. **They advertise on Craigslist and similar sites asking for your email address** - "Survey companies" that advertise on sites like Craigslist asking you to share your email address are usually fronts for scam rings. Once they have this information, they'll spam you with scammy emails, phishing schemes, malware or worse.
4. **They offer too much money** - If a survey is offering you \$100 for a 20-question survey that shouldn't take you more than five minutes to complete, you can be sure you're looking at a scam. The pay for authentic survey-taking is generally on a much more modest scale.
5. **You're directed to download attachments** - Any time an unknown contact asks you to download attachments to your device, be super-suspicious. More often than not, these are scams and the attachments are loaded with malware.
6. **They advertise aggressively** - If the same solicitation for survey participation keeps popping up across your screen, you may be looking at a scam.
7. **They require an outrageous minimum before payment** - Scammers sometimes require their targets to take an outrageous number of surveys before they receive their first paycheck. Often, the victim will just quit before they qualify for a payment.

Survey-taking can be a great way to earn some pocket money, but survey scams are rampant. Follow these tips to stay safe!

Questions? Want more information on Freedom? Contact your personal Freedom Federal Credit Union representative, Lisa Snodgrass at lsnodgrass@freedomfcu.org or call 410-612-2123!

About Freedom Federal Credit Union

Freedom Federal Credit Union is proud to be your financial partner. Freedom serves and is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, attends school, volunteers, or has family in Harford or Baltimore County, MD. As a credit union, we are committed to putting you first, not shareholders, and helping you achieve your financial goals. Learn more at freedomfcu.org or call 410-612-2123 to see how we can help.

Community Info

34th Annual

HARFORD COUNTY CAREER FAIR

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
HARFORD COUNTY
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022
12PM - 4PM
RIPKEN STADIUM

Find Your Dream Job!



Allan Myers
Alliance Inc
Areas USA
Access/CoWorx Staffing
Baltimore City Police Department
Beacon Staffing
Benfield Electric Co
Carroll Water Systems
Cecil College
Cecil County Detention Center
Cecil County Sheriff's Office
ChristianaCare
Delaware Department of Correction
Delaware State Police
Efficiency Enterprises
Evonik Corporation
Flowers Baking Company of Oxford
Gordon Food Service
Griswold Home Care
Harford Bank

Harford Community College
Harford County Government
Harford County Public Schools
Harford County Sheriff's Office
Harford Transit LINK
High's of Baltimore/ Carroll Fuel
IKEA
Independent Can Company
IBEW Local 24
Johns Hopkins University
KeHE Distributors
Kleins ShopRite
Lorien Health Services
Mag Aerospace
Maryland Army National Guard
Maryland Portable Concrete
Maryland Transportation Authority
Motor Vehicle Administration
PDP Group, Inc.
Plastipak

Rhodes Flagging Services
Right at Home
Rite Aid DC 10
Royal Farms
Sandy Cove Ministries
Stella May Contracting
SURVICE Engineering
The Arc Northern Chesapeake
The Clorox Company
U.S. Army
U.S. Army Communications Electronics
Command
US Army PEO C3T (Program Executive
Office Command Control
Communications Tactical)
U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command
U.S. Navy
UM Upper Chesapeake Health
United States Postal Service
Waffle House
WAVE
Wayfair
WebstaurantStore

Ripken Stadium
873 Long Drive
Aberdeen, MD



For more information, call
410-272-5400 or 410-996-0550
REGISTER: www.swnetwork.org/job-fair

Subject to Change
Equal Opportunity Employer/Program
8/24/2022

Community Info

Take a **NEW LOOK** at college.

ever wondered...

- if college is the right choice?
- how long it will take to finish your degree?
- what scholarships and supports are available?
- how to take the first step?



OPEN HOUSE is for YOU!

sat
OCT 1

10 AM

Offering degree, certificate, career and workforce programs, travel opportunities, GED® and adult literacy, programs for youth, and lots more!

Invest in yourself and see what Harford is all about.

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HARFORD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

go.harford.edu/visitharford

Community Info

Wheelchair Costume Workshop & Inclusive Trunk or Treat

VOLUNTEERS
needed to build
costumes!

FREE for Harford County children to have their wheelchair transformed into a DREAM costume!

Costume design, building and fittings:

Friday, October 28, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 29, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Trunk or Treat – everyone welcome!

Saturday, October 29, 4-6 p.m. in parking lot

Mt. Zion Church, 1643 Churchville Rd., Bel Air

Limited spots available – Apply by September 8, 2022

Volunteers and participants, apply online www.harfordcountymd.gov/services

Questions? Contact Rachel Harbin raharbin@harfordcountymd.gov or 410.638.3373

Everyone is invited to trunk or treat!



City of Aberdeen Bulk Item Drop Off

Saturday October 22, 2022 7AM-12PM

Leidos Field @ Ripken Stadium

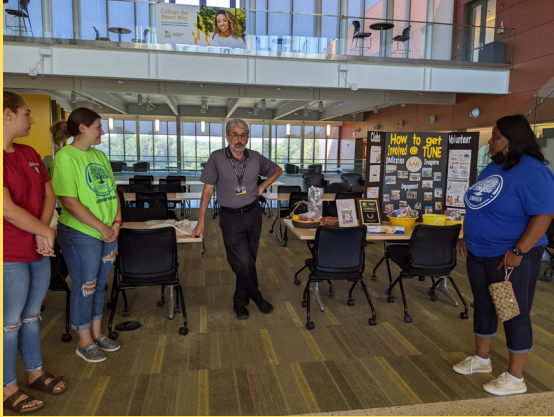
The last Bulk Item Drop Off was so successful, we are doing it again! Mark your calendars! This event will be held at [Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium](#) on 10/22 from 7AM-12PM rain or shine. We heard your feedback from the last event! We WILL be accepting mattresses and box springs. Residents will also be able to make multiple trips to drop off items.

***Patrons MUST show a photo ID as proof of City of

Aberdeen residency to drop off items.***

Visit the Susquehanna
Workforce Network website
for job opportunities
www.swnetwork.org

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AT WORK



Towson University North East (aka TUNE) invited CHOSEN CDC to visit their campus located on Thomas Run Road in Bel Air on August 19. CHOSEN CDC staff, along with COL (R) Warline Bryant, President of the Board, visited the academic building to learn more about the programs. TUNE offers the only four-year college experience in northeast Maryland. CHOSEN CDC's Community Garden Project Leader, Lonnie Vick, also participated in the tour and visited the school's community garden. CHOSEN CDC extends sincere appreciation to John Desmone, Executive Director, the TUNE staff and students. We are excited to receive volunteer support from the amazing students of TUNE.



CHOSEN CDC staff and student volunteers participated in Mt. Zion Baptist Church's annual Community Cookout on Sept. 2 during Labor Day weekend. CHOSEN CDC greeted visiting families and distributed clothing and breakfast food.



On September 6, CHOSEN CDC eagerly walked in the rain to join the Bakerfield Elementary School's Million Father Walk from Aberdeen High School to the elementary school, and then helped to greet students and their families on the first day of school.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



CHOSEN CDC Food Giveaway

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Mt. Zion Baptist Church
200 Old Post Road, Aberdeen, MD
Saturday, October 1, 2022
12:00pm until finished



Windsor Village Community Center
300 Friendship Rd., Elkton, MD.
Saturday, October 1, 2022
12:30pm until finished

***DUE TO OPERATIONAL UPDATES AT THE MARYLAND FOOD BANK, OUR DISTRIBUTION DATES MAY CHANGE UNTIL ALL IMPROVEMENTS ARE IN PLACE. CHOSEN WILL ANNOUNCE ANY CHANGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

We Need you!

If you are interested in volunteering with CHOSEN CDC, please contact us at chosencdcinfo@chosencdc.org

SEE WHAT'S ON THE CHOSEN CALENDAR

- OCTOBER**
- 8 - FALL IN THE GARDEN**
- COMING IN**
- NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**
- VETERANS 5K RUN/WALK**
- CHRISTMAS AT MT ZION LANE**