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## HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT DEADLINE NEXT WEEK

On November 9, Mayor O'Malley, Baltimore Metropolitan Council Chair (BMC), joined Baltimore County Executive and BMC Vice Chair James T. Smith, Jr. and board members County Executives Janet Owens, James Harkins, James Robey, Carroll County Commissioner Julia W. Gouge and Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer to announce an innovative grant program to offer a total of \$1 million in homeland security grant funding to community-based, non-profit groups who are at risk of being the victim of a terrorist act.



Funding will be made available to non-profit organizations demonstrating a high risk of terrorist attack based upon: specific threats of international terrorist organizations; prior attacks against similarly situated organizations; the vulnerability of the specific site; the symbolic value of the site as a highly recognized American institution; or the role of the institution in responding to terrorist attacks.

The grant program will be collaboratively administered by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Baltimore Urban Area Workgroup (UAWG). Only organizations from the following jurisdictions are eligible to apply: Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, City of Baltimore, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, and Howard County. Grant applications are available online at [www.baltometro.org](http://www.baltometro.org) or by calling the UAWG homeland security official of one of the above-listed jurisdictions. The deadline to apply is January 4, 2005.

## MTA EXTENDS NEW YEARS SERVICE FOR FIREWORKS



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If you are thinking of watching the fireworks at the Inner Harbor, take MTA Subway! The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) will offer extended Regular service for one hour after the Baltimore City fireworks on New Year's Eve.

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The MTA will operate the following schedules for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, December 31, 2004 & January 1, 2005:

- BUS: Regular service for New Year's Eve and Sunday service for New Year's Day.
- COMMUTER BUS: -- No service for both days.
- METRO SUBWAY: Extended Regular service for one hour after Baltimore City fireworks for New Year's Eve. Sunday service for New Year's Day.
- LIGHT RAIL: Extended Regular service for one hour after Baltimore City fireworks for New Year's Eve. Sunday service for New Year's Day.
- MARC: No service for both days.
- PARATRANSIT: No Standing Rides both days.
- INFORMATION SERVICES: Closed both days.
- CERTIFICATION OFFICE: Closed both days.
- TRANSIT STORE: Closed both days.

[For more details on MTA services, customers can call 410-539-5000; TTY for hearing and/or speech impaired, 410-539-3497, or, click here](#)

## PEOPLE'S COUNSEL CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Did you know that Harford County has a citizens advisory board?

The People's Counsel Citizens Advisory Board (PCCAB) is a group of seven citizens appointed by the County Council. The group is organized to be "broadly representative of all segments of the County's population."

The Board has the authority to "provide guidance and make recommendations regarding any matter referred to them by the People's Counsel, County Council, or as requested by any citizen or group of citizens of Harford County."



THE NEXT PCCAB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 7:30PM IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

For additional information, call the People's Counsel Assistant, Dottie Smith, at 410-638-3349 or e-mail your inquiry at [dsmith@co.ha.md.us](mailto:dsmith@co.ha.md.us).

## PUBLIC HEARINGS ON INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR

The State Highway Administration will host four public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Intercounty Connector Project.

The public hearings are being held in three locations (listed to the right) to receive comments on the DEIS and are open to the public. The hearing locations are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Written and verbal comments will be accepted at the hearings. Speakers may register in advance by calling the ICC Study toll-free line at 1-866-462-0020 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. In addition, speakers may register through an online registration form 24 hours a day. A limited number of slots will be reserved for those signing up at each hearing location on the day of the hearings. If you do not sign up in advance and if time permits at the end of the scheduled testimony, those who did not register will have an opportunity to speak.

### GREENBELT

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

5:00 PM to 11:00 PM (or after the last speaker testifies);  
Presentation at 6:00 PM

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (7601 Hanover Parkway,  
Greenbelt, MD)

\* \* Snow Date: Monday, January 10, 2005 at Eleanor  
Roosevelt High School\* \*

### GAITHERSBURG

Wednesday, January 5, 2005

5:00 PM to 11:00 PM (or after the last speaker testifies);  
Presentation at 6:00 PM

Gaithersburg High School (314 South Frederick Avenue,  
Gaithersburg, MD)

\* Snow Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at James  
Blake High School, 300 Norwood Road, Silver Spring, MD)

### SILVER SPRING (2 meetings)

Saturday, January 8, 2005

9:00 AM to 6:00 PM (or after the last speaker testifies);  
Presentation at 10:00 AM

James Blake High School (300 Norwood Road, Silver  
Spring, MD )

\* \* Snow Date: Saturday, January 15, 2005 at James  
Blake High School \* \*

Saturday, January 22, 2005

9:00 AM to 6:00 PM (or after the last speaker testifies);  
Presentation at 10:00 AM

James Blake High School (300 Norwood Road, Silver  
Spring, MD)

\* \* Snow Date: Saturday, January 29, 2005 at James  
Blake High School )

\* \* NOTE: If County public schools or evening school activities  
are cancelled on the day of a scheduled hearing, then the  
hearing will be rescheduled for the listed snow date.

## TRANSPORTATION ADVOCATES MEET IN JANUARY

Transportation Advocates is a grassroots coalition in Howard County working to increase public awareness of existing transportation services and needs while advocating for regional and local transportation.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVOCATES WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11, 2005 FROM 7:45 AM TO 9 AM at the Florence Bain Senior Center, 5460 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia. Coffee will be available from 7:30 AM.

The featured speaker will be Marsha McLaughlin, Director of Howard County's Department of Planning and Zoning. Her topic will be "Mobility in Howard County." Ms. McLaughlin will discuss key transportation and public access issues, as well as how she sees the impact of highways and development upon the mobility of the residents and workforce in Howard County. There will be a Q & A session following her presentation.

In addition, attendees will get an update on revised Howard Transit bus routes and services, effective January 31, 2005. If you need any further information, please contact Carol Filipczak at 410-730-4994 or at [cfilipczak@comcast.net](mailto:cfilipczak@comcast.net).