

The Greater Mondawmin Courier

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Governor Hogan Announces
Resumption of Elective Medical
Procedures, Broadening of Outdoor
Activities Under Stay at Home Order

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR UPCOMING WATER BILL



 **DPW**
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Baltimore City Department of Public Works is working diligently to begin mailing your next monthly bill by May 8th. It is important to note that every water customer will not receive a bill on May 8th as bills are normally mailed in cycles by zip code.

Water bills have been delayed due to the need to modify operations in response to COVID-19 while trying to protect the health of staff. Note: Water bills will cover more than the usual 30-day period.

You will not be charged a late fee and water is not being shut off for lack of payment. Customer payment plans and/or water bill assistance are available.

If you have questions and/or need assistance regarding water bills, please contact DPW's Customer Support and Services Division at (410) 396-5398 or by email at dpw.billing@baltimorecity.gov.

Baltimore Department of Public Works
200 Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

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PRESIDENT COURIER MAY
MESSAGE



Greetings to our Greater Mondawmin friends, family and business members. As you are aware our office has been closed since early March, due to the Governor's order to close businesses due to COVID 19. However, we are available via office phone service and you can submit your electronic messages via my Email: Adeline5551@ gmail.com Mall Management has allowed us access our office for any special needs. We want to thank our partner Healthy Neighborhoods with a Conference Call line that we can access for continued Virtual meetings. Please take advantage of this, our business must continue to keep things moving. Virtual Conference Calls and free Zoom sites are the new norm for business communication. **Update ref. Mall Management (5/8/). NO DESIGNATED OPENING DATE IS SET.** All entrances will be open except the Shoe City entrance. New sanitizing practices will be in place prior to reopening,

please notice signage. Merchants will be observing social distancing along with sanitizing practices. Medical tenants will continue to operate as usual, please contact to schedule your appointments. Optional curb side service under consideration. Businesses with outside entrances are open. Mall security (410) 523-1535, is available Monday-Friday, 9:a.m.- 5:p.m. if you are a tenant and wish to enter your business. At least 60 tenants (merchants) will on the Zoom conference, so each were made aware of any upcoming initiatives and suggested format upon re-opening.

Also, due to the COVID 19, we employ each of you to watch your TV and Radio announcements regarding closings, openings as directed by Governor Hogan and Mayor Young. Even though our outdoor activities has changed we are planning for a New Norm when information is announced.

CENSUS: Please submit your recently received Census form. As a result of COVID19 there will be a change in the State and City financial Budgets. The Census, will support education, employment, food, home purchases, local government (legislative representatives), etc.

ELECTION: Maryland's Primary and General election are upcoming, June 2nd. Maryland will be implementing the Mail In (first time) election process. Please complete and submit your election form. Baltimore City has the election of Mayor and City Council representatives. A number of agencies are conducting Face Book interviews for the Mayor candidates. If you have not decided which candidate best serves your initiatives, please listen in to these interviews and the candidates responses.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS: According to the MD State Superintendent, Baltimore City Schools will be closed through the current semester. There has been a number of agencies whom are providing meals mental health services, etc. However, no one knows your needs without you speaking up. Now that the school year is coming to a close. There are a number of Delegate and Senatorial scholarships available for college. Reach out to your elected officials to learn of the available funds and submittal dates.

OUTDOOR PROJECTS: Seek grants that can be utilized when things are appropriate for a team to implement. Not sure if you've notice, but a new Greater Mondawmin sign and landscape has been placed at the corners of Auchentoroly Terr and Gwynn's Falls parkway. We can make changes to the community, but we must observe social distancing while doing so. The GMCC donation of \$3,000 earlier this year for an outdoor project has been placed on hold; however, is being reconsidered for finalizing. We are asking you to come out and volunteer for any event/projects that we will serve your neighbors.

"The Lord shall give that which is Good" Psalms 85.1

*Adeline,
Peace & Blessings*

SALUTE TO OUR COVID 19 FRONTLINE WORKERS



Ms. Sheila Hamilton, resident of RWC Community. Whom serves as a Home Health Aide



Mr. Tony Williams, Mailman for 2016, 2017 zip codes



Dr. Daniel Hindman, New Auchentoroly Terr. Assoc. Serves as a physician with Johns Hopkins and GMCC board member.

Thank you all for your gracious service to the residents of Baltimore City, GMCC and the Maryland residents.

Due to the recent Coronavirus, America, has moved into a New Norm for your daily activities and your way of living.



[Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html)

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Auchentoroly Terrace

Circa 1876

THE NEW AUCHENTOROLY TERRACE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ATA's monthly meeting was via conference call on Thursday April 9th 2020. **Alison Velez Lane** opened the meeting and **Reverend Olivia Moyd Hazell** led the residents in a prayer. President **Barbara Anderson Dandy** welcomed residents and our partners. The minutes from the March 12th, 2020 meeting were read by **Anne Goncalves**, secretary, and approved as read.

Agenda:

Residents discussed mailings for voting and the census, currently available assistance programs, and processes for neighborhood children receiving meal assistance and academic enrichment during the stay-at-home order.

Vernice Turner joined residents on the conference call and discussed what it is like as a Neighborhood Resource Coordinator at this time. She let residents know that she is available to us at this time. Ms. Turner also made the community aware of the Mondawmin NextDoor page as a way to get updates.

Residents discussed their hyper-local concerns about Covid-19 in our neighborhood. Community members exchanged personal stories, advice, and tips about their time in quarantine.

Community Highlights & Updates:

Save the Date: Trash pick up is Friday, recycle is Wednesday. Our next meeting will be a Zoom video conference on Thursday, May 14th Please look out in your email for a link to participate. If you need assistance getting set up please respond to the email. Special thanks to Alison Velez Lane for making the conference call possible; she will also host the upcoming Zoom meeting in May.

Good News Gallery: Reverend Olivia Moyd Hazell, ATA's chaplain, completed her Chaplaincy Police training with the Baltimore Police Department and graduated on February 20, 2020 at the Baltimore City Police Headquarters (Left)

Special Note: ***We are all in the fight against Covid-19 together! Please wash hands often, wear your masks, and practice safe social distance procedures! Take care of yourself and check on your neighbors! ***



HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN

For homes located within a "Healthy Neighborhood."

- Minimum loan amount is \$5000. Maximum loan amount is \$20,000. Maximum aggregate loan amount secured by the property shall not exceed 105% of after-renovation value, as established by an appraisal.
- Homeowners will make improvements to the property, including visible exterior improvements
- The free services of an architect are available to help homeowners plan improvements and to review contractors' proposals.
- No owner financial investment is required. **All recipients of a HN Loan maybe eligible to receive a \$10,000 matching rehab grant (income limits apply)**
- Construction terms will be six or 12 months. The maximum permanent term will be 10 years.
- The loan interest rate during rehab will be fixed on the date of application until home renovations and the construction term are complete, at which time the loan must be refinanced to permanent status at the current program loan rate.
- Borrowers will be underwritten and approved by M&T Bank. Borrowers' must meet Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac standard underwriting guidelines.
- Permanent interest rate will be Prime minus 1%, but in no event less than 4% .



Eligibility Requirements:

The borrower must be the owner-occupant of the property.

The borrower may not own any other properties, including investment properties, at time of settlement

Housing expenses should not exceed 30% of the buyer's income and total debit should not exceed 40% of buyer's income

Borrower must have a minimum 700 credit score

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Neighborhood Resource

Coordinator for GMCC

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Baltimore, MD 21215

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Virtual Class Schedule

Mondays (Evening)

Pilates (Sculpt, Stretch and Strength) 6:00 p.m. – 6:35 p.m.

Description - Sculpting for Shaping and Toning; Stretching for Core Strength, Improved Flexibility; Strength Training for Building Muscle and Improved Body Image

Zumba 6:45 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

Description – an Aerobic Fitness Class that combines Latin, International, Hip Hop and R&B music with Dance Moves and use of Toning Sticks or Weights to Target Arms, Abs, Thighs and other Muscles.

Line Dance 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Description - A line dance is a choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows, all facing either each other or in the same direction, and executing the steps at the same time

Thursdays (Evening)

Cardio Moves and/or Strength and/or Toning 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Description - Basic Aerobic and Dance or Circuit Training to Various Genres

Saturdays (Morning: same classes as Monday Evenings)

Pilates 8:00 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

Zumba 8:45 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Line Dance 9:30 a.m – 10:30 a.m.

COST: \$6.00/class (Pilates and Zumba)

COST \$8.00/class (Cardio, Strength, Toning, or Line Dance)

Inquire About Discounts for Advance Payment and/or Multiple classes.

For More Information, Contact Daphne Hicks

410-491-8976/fitnance@comcast.net/fitnancehealthandwellness.com

*****Inquire about fundraising opportunities for your organization*****

Fitness. Dance. Grace.

Important Dates

**The June 2 Primary Election
is**

 **VOTE BY MAIL**

 **The deadline to register to
vote or change your address
is May 27.**

**Your ballot must be
postmarked on or before
June 2.** 



Support Maryland by completing your 2020 Census Questionnaire

- Respond to the Census Questionnaire via mail, online or telephone..844-330-2020
- Online submittal [My2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)
- Your responses are due on or prior to October 31, 2020 (due to the recent COVID-19) the submittal dates have changed.

Your responses are valuable to Maryland in the areas of Government, Schools, Real Estate development and much, much more.

GMCC Neighborhood Associations

Fulton Heights Community Association
Rev. Keith Bailey, President, 443-500-2149

Liberty Square Community Organization
Selwyn Shields, President, 410.728.5446

Mondawmin Neighborhood Improvement Association (MNIA)
Sandra Almond-Cooper, President, 410.383.0096

New Auchentoroly Terrace Association (NATA)
Barbara Anderson-Dandy, President, 410.669.0035

Panway Neighborhood Improvement Association
Dexter Hunt, President, 410.383.9532

Parkway Community
James "Mel" Brooks, President, 443.858.8359

Robert W. Coleman Community Organization (RWCCO)
Adeline Hutchinson, President, 410.669.0063

Whittier-Monroe Community Neighborhood Association
Jacqueline Caldwell, President, 410.728.2046

Baltimore City Community College
Paul Beckham, Director of Development 410-462-7754

Bon Secours Health Systems
Samuel L. Ross, M.D.
Chief Executive Officer 410.362.3000

Center for Urban Families
Joseph T. Jones, Jr., Founder, President & CEO 410.367.5691

Coppin State University
Dr. Mikey Brnim, Interim President, 410.951.3838

Mondawmin Mall
Romaine Smallwood-Faison, General Manager 410.523.1534

Parks & People Foundation
Dr. Frank Lance, President & CEO, 410.448.5663

Community-at-Large Members

Mario Chang
Daniel Hindman

Churches

Greater New Hope Baptist Church
Dr. Linwood Robinson, Pastor, 410.225.0003

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church
Dr. Franklin Lance, Pastor, 410.669.1800

New Shiloh Baptist Church
Dr. Harold A. Carter, Jr., Pastor, 410.523.5306

OFFICERS OF GMCC & STAFF:

Adeline Wheless-Hutchinson—President

Reverend Keith Bailey—Vice President

Tyrone M. McNeill—Treasurer

Vernice Turner—Neighborhood Resource Coordinator

Clara Golden—Office Coordinator

April Newsletter submissions are due

March 19-23, 2020

Forward to: Office@greatermondawmin.org

Thank you.



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