

# THE COURIER

## GREATER MONDAWMIN COORDINATING COUNCIL

### SALUTE TO VERDA FREEMAN WELCOME

by John Kwamya

It's Women's History Month and we are lucky enough to feature a former Mondawmin resident. **Verda Freeman Welcome.**

Born in 1907, Welcome moved to Baltimore in 1929. She graduated from both Coppin and Morgan State Universities. She spent several years as a teacher in the city.

Welcome served for 25 years in MD Legislature and was only the 2nd Black woman to be elected to state senate in the nation. While in office she helped repeal segregation laws and worked for equal pay and equal work laws.

She lived in the Baltimore City until her death on April 22nd, 1990.



Verda Freeman Welcome 1907 -1990

### GMCC PRESIDENT'S NOTES

by President  
Adeline  
Hutchinson

Greetings and Blessings to our Greater Mondawmin friends, family, and business members.

As a member of the Greater Mondawmin community, we supported the most recent COVID Vaccine event held at New Shiloh Baptist Church. We hope that you were able to attend. We are still in the midst of the Pandemic and there are opportunities to register.

Some locations are:

#### **University of Maryland:**

[www.umms.org/bccvacine](http://www.umms.org/bccvacine) (443)-462-5511;  
(443) 462-5864

#### **Baltimore City:**

<https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/covid-19-vaccine-information> (410) 396-2275.

### BCPSS Town Hall

We hope that you were available to set in on our recent Zoom event with the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools Dr. Sonja Santelises. As you are aware schools are reopening and as a parent, our objective was to give you an opportunity to reach out, ask questions and offer solutions that are of value to your children. We wanted to know what will be the process for health and safety reasons. Dr. Santelises, assured us that precautions are being taken.

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES CONT.

### Earth Day Event 4/24:

Robert W. Coleman/GMCC will highlight Earth Day, Saturday, April 24th. We would love for you to participate. Social distancing is required even as an outdoor event. Additional information will be forthcoming. This will be our first event at the Herbert St. community park.

### 21ST Century update:

The Robert W Coleman school MSA construction team are making progress to reopen the school for our students by September, if not before.

### 2600 Gwynns Falls Parkway:

Checkers drive thru restaurant is coming before the Zoning board again, **Tuesday, March 23** for reconsideration. This has been an ongoing issue in regard to the opposition of the Checkers drive thru restaurant. The Baltimore Brew, has been following this project. To listen/join in call (410) 396-4301, Docket #2020-133. Please stay tuned for more community news.

Peace & Blessings,

A.Hutchinson  
President



## Announcements



**Rev. Keith Bailey, GMCC Vice President** is recovering from a hit and run incident at Mondawmin Mall that claimed another victim's life.

The board, affiliates and members of GMCC extend our sincerest wishes for his continued recovery and return to duties. Rev. Bailey is a tireless contributor to the community and its causes.



The Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council is pleased to announce the addition of **John Kwamya** as the new **Office Coordinator**.

John is the Corresponding Secretary for the New Auchentoroly Terrace Neighborhood Association and the owner of Charm City 360, a photo/video and digital marketing company.