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Libraries to help with healthcare enrollment

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Libraries throughout Maryland will participate in "Library Enrollment Day" on Saturday, Dec. 10, to help Marylanders sign up for health insurance before the deadline for January coverage.

Maryland Health Connection has partnered with the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators to provide free, in-person enrollment assistance to consumers at 24 libraries across the state. Consumer assisters will be onsite to answer questions and enroll Marylanders in health coverage through the state's health insurance marketplace.

The Charles County Library Potomac Branch will be participating in the event from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The library is located at 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive in Indian Head.

Dec. 15 is the deadline to sign up for health or dental coverage to have it begin on Jan. 1, 2017. Open enrollment for 2017 coverage ends Jan. 31, 2017. Medicaid enrollment is year-round.

Maryland Health Connection is the only place Marylanders can get financial help to cover the cost of health insurance. Last year, nine out of 10 Marylanders received financial help to lower the cost of their plan. Go to MarylandHealthConnection.gov/library for more information or to enroll.

Sing 'Hail to the Redskins' while supporting foundation

Two lucky fans of the Washington Redskins will have the opportunity to cheer their team to victory from a pair of dream seats at FedEx Field as the Redskins face off against the New York Giants for the last regular season game of the year on New Year's Day, 2017.

A gift to the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland from an anonymous benefactor, the pair of tickets will be awarded to the lucky winner at a drawing to be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22. The winner will receive: Tickets to two dream seats in the second row of the lower bowl — right behind the goal post at FedEx Field; Access to the Premium Kickoff Club two hours before the game; Complimentary food and beverages brought right to the seats; and Platinum-level parking pass, just four rows from the VIP stadium entrance.

The cash value of this package is \$1,120. For each donation to the foundation of \$200 or more, an individual will have one chance to win the drawing, and there's no limit on the number of times to enter. The deadline for entry is noon Thursday, Dec. 22.

There are three ways to enter the drawing: Go to www.cfsomd.org and click on the "Redskins Raffle" button to make a gift; Mail checks to Community Foundation of Southern Maryland, P.O. Box 716, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 (if not received in mailbox on Dec. 22 by noon, not eligible); or deliver a gift in person to the foundation's office at Unit A-2, 41630 Courthouse Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650 by noon on Dec. 22.

Senior Citizens Hall of Fame seeks nominees

The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Inc. (MSCHF) is seeking nominations of Maryland residents, 65 years of age or older, who as active volunteers (since age 65) have made outstanding contributions to improve the lives of others in the community.

Nominations are accepted beginning in January and ending on April 10. A selection committee reviews nominations and selects up to 50 qualified nominees to be presented to the MSCHF board for approval. Approved nominees are inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at its annual Awards Luncheon held in October at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie.

The nomination form and specific details for eligibility are available at msCHF.org, or by contacting Tom Kline at msCHF1@verizon.net, or 410-322-5193. All nomination forms must be received by April 10.

County government announces December schedule

The Charles County Board of Commissioners wish to remind residents of changes to normal operating schedules for the month of December. All offices, facilities and services not listed will be operating their normal hours.

Friday, Dec. 2:

The Department of Planning and Growth Management will close at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 23:

Charles County Public Library (All branches are closed).

Saturday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Holiday):

Port Tobacco Recreation Center, Elite Gymnastics, indoor pools and all school-based community centers are closed;

VanGO last departures from the Waldorf transfer point will be at 5:30 p.m. on the 301 Connector, Business A, Business B and Charlotte Hall routes. Last departures from the Waldorf transfer point will be at 6 p.m. on the Berry Road, Indian Head, Pinefield, St. Charles A, St. Charles B and St. Charles C routes. Last departures from the La Plata transfer point will be at 5:30 p.m. on the 301 Connector, Bryans Road and Nanjemoy routes. Last departures from the La Plata transfer point for Newburg will be at 4:30 p.m., and for La Plata will be at 6 p.m.; and

Charles County Public Library (all branches are closed).

Sunday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Holiday):

The Crain Memorial Welcome Center and Port Tobacco Village (Port Tobacco Courthouse, Burch House, Stagg Hall) are closed;

Port Tobacco Recreation Center, Elite Gymnastics, indoor pools, and all school based community centers are closed; and

Charles County Public Library (all branches are closed).

Monday, Dec. 26 (Christmas Holiday):

All Charles County Government offices and the Tri-County Animal Shelter in Hughesville will be closed;

The Nanjemoy Community Center, senior centers, Port Tobacco Recreation Center, Elite Gymnastics, indoor pools and all school-based community centers are closed;

Charles County Public Library (all branches);

Charles County Health Department is closed;

The Charles County Landfill and Recycling Center on Billingsley Road in Waldorf, and the Pisgah Recycling Center on Route 425 in Pisgah will be closed; and

Curbside recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed one day for the entire week, Tuesday, Dec. 27 through Saturday, Dec. 31 — note this a change to the printed recycling schedule.

Saturday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve Holiday):

Port Tobacco Recreation Center, Elite Gymnastics, indoor pools and all school-based community centers are closed;

The Nanjemoy Community Center and all other senior centers will be closed; and

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For questions about County Government holiday closures, contact the Public Information Office at 301-885-2779. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.

