

Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

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February 1, 2018

Celebrating 30 Years of Service to the Community

Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Maryland Arts Day

REGISTER NOW!

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 8:15 am - 2:00 pm

St. John's College and Miller Senate Building, Annapolis, MD

Early Bird Registration: \$25 until February 9, 2018

Regular: \$40 February 10 through February 16, 2018

Keynote Speaker: Adam Lerner, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver



Register NOW for the most important arts advocacy event of the year. Join the chorus of voices that will be making the case to Maryland

lawmakers for public funding for the arts. This exhilarating event brings together more than 500 arts advocates, artists, educators, administrators, board members, volunteers, and more from across the state. In addition to remarks from lawmakers passionate about the arts and the presentation of the annual Sue Hess Arts Advocate of the Year Award, attendees will hear from dazzling keynote speaker Adam Lerner (Director and Chief Animator, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver), and have the opportunity to champion the arts directly with their lawmakers. For more information and the agenda, visit mdarts.org/events/maryland-arts-day.

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Charles County Arts Alliance 2018 Scholarship Program is Open!



Deadline to Apply: Noon, March 9, 2018

Each year the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) awards \$1,000 scholarships to one outstanding graduating senior from each high school in

January - February
Arts Insider Newsletter

Charles County who plans to continue studying the Arts (performing, visual or literary) at a four-year college or university toward a career in the Arts.

Additionally, the PNC Foundation is sponsoring two \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate a financial need and plan to continue studying the Arts at a four year college or university toward a career in the Arts.

Go to <https://charlescountyarts.org/program/scholarships> or click [HERE](#) to download the CCAA Scholarship Application for High School Students; click [HERE](#) to download the PNC Foundation Scholarship Application for High School Students Meeting the Financial Need Requirements.

Charles County Public School Seniors may also see their College and Career Advisors for a copy of the application.

Complete applications must be submitted through the US Postal Service to the CCAA Office, PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695, in sufficient time to be received (not postmarked) by noon, March 9, 2018.

Applications may also be hand-delivered to the CCAA Office at 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646, between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or scholarship.ccaa@gmail.com.

Save the Date!

***ArtsFest* is Saturday, June 9, 2018!**

Watch the Newsflash for more information!

Scroll down for more news on what's happening in the Arts!

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

College of Southern Maryland Cause Theatre *Lockdown*

Thursday, February 1, 7:30 pm

Friday, February 2, 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 3, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre Room 143

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5

Due to mature content and heavy subject matter, this production may not be suitable for all audiences.

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

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the *artScape*

The artScape is a monthly newsletter highlighting FREE art programs at the five library branches in Charles County

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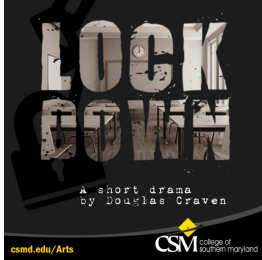
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In a dark classroom, eight students sit in an "official lockdown," not knowing if it's just a drill or an actual emergency. When a hysterical younger girl bolts from the room and the teacher follows, the remaining students are left alone to decide if it's safer to stay or run. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.



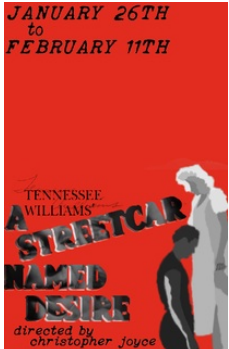
The Newtowne Players

A Streetcar Named Desire

Now through Sunday, February 11, 2018
Thursday - Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Buy Tickets Now!

Sunday, 3:30 pm
21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park
Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors (65+), Students, Military
\$10 Children 12 and Under
Thursday: All Tickets \$10



The play reveals to the very depths the character of Blanche du Bois, a woman whose life has been undermined by her romantic illusions, which lead her to reject and ignore the realities of life. For more information, visit <https://www.newtowneplayers.org>.



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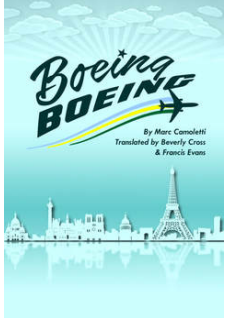
Port Tobacco Players

Boeing Boeing

Last Weekend!
Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Buy Tickets Now!

Sunday, 3:00 pm
508 Charles Street, La Plata
Tickets: \$18 Adults, \$15 Seniors (60+), Youth to 18, Military



(Comedy) It's the 1960s, and swinging bachelor Bernard couldn't be happier: a flat in Paris and three gorgeous stewardesses all engaged to him without knowing about each other. But Bernard's perfect life gets bumpy when his friend Robert comes to stay and a new and speedier Boeing jet throws off all of his careful planning. Soon all three stewardesses are in town simultaneously, timid Robert is forgetting which lies to tell to whom, and catastrophe looms. A riotous farce! For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819 or visit ptplayers.com.



Port Tobacco Players Auditions Open for Ages 18 and Up

Calendar Girls

Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am
Monday, February 5, 7:00 pm
Saturday, February 10, 10:00 am (Callbacks, First Rehearsal)
508 Charles Street, La Plata



Port Tobacco Players
presents

CALENDAR GIRLS

MAY 4 - 20, 2018
ptplayers.com

Synopsis: (Comedy) Based on a true story, members of the Women's Institute in Yorkshire, England, prepare and publicize an unusual "alternative calendar" to raise funds for leukemia research. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script. Performance dates are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, May 4 to 20, 2018. For more information and a complete list of characters, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-announcement.html>, or contact the producer, Kathy Mead, at 240-346-6448.



The Newtowne Players Auditions

A Night on Broadway

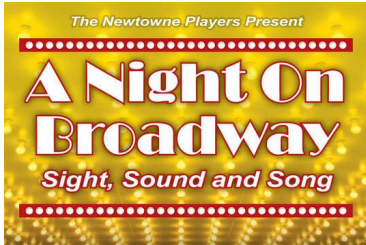
Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, February 5, 6:30 pm

Callbacks, Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park



This is a Broadway musical revue featuring some blockbuster songs from Broadway hits like *Anything Goes*, *Beautiful*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Finian's Rainbow*, *Ghost the Musical*, *Gypsy*, *Into the Wood*, *Jersey Boys*, *Kiss Me, Kate*, *Little Women*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Pajama Game*, *Pippin* and *School of Rock*. Parts open for up to four men and four women. Performance dates are May 11 -

20, 2018. Visit <https://www.newtowneplayers.org> for complete audition requirements. For more information, contact director Thom Esposito at 240-298-1037, or espotj@verizon.net, or musical director Diane Trautman at 301-481-7773, or dtrautman@yahoo.com.

The United States Navy Band Commodores

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 pm

Henry E. Lackey High School

3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head

Free Admission!



Jazz is America's music and the U.S. Navy Band Commodores, the Navy's premier jazz ensemble, have been performing the very best of big band jazz for the Navy and the nation for over 40 years. Formed in 1969, this 18-member group continues the jazz big band legacy with some of the finest musicians in the world. For more information

visit <http://www.navyband.navy.mil/commodores.html> or contact Alan Freeman at 301-753-1753, ext. 153617, or email afreeman@ccboc.com.

Maryland Community Theatre Festival Association and Port Tobacco Players

Maryland Community Theatre Festival

Two Sessions!

Friday, February 9, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 - 6:00 pm

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

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Top Tobacco Players Theatre
508 Charles Street, La Plata
Tickets: \$15 per Session

Maryland Community Theatre Festival Association
And Port Tobacco Players present

PICK SIX

2018 Maryland Community Theatre Festival

Friday February 9, 2018 - 8 pm

Newtown Players - *Almost Opposites Attract* - musical

An original play by Rick Thompson

Colonial Players - *The Universal Language* - comedy

By David Lee

Saturday - February 10, 2018 - 2 pm

Thunderous Productions - *Supper* - comedy

An original play by Moshina Farris

Silver Spring Stage - *Stay* - touching comedy

An original play by Debraj Kaur

Montgomery Playhouse - *A Kiss To My Heart* - comedy

An original play by Chip DeLoe

Sandy Spring Theatre Group - *Sister Mary Ignatia Explicates II*

All To You - cutting ed a comedy

By Christopher Durang

Tickets \$15 per session open seating available online only

www.mctfa.org/2018-maryland-community-theatre-festival-pick-six/

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On Friday, plays will be presented by Newtowne Players and Colonial Players; while on Saturday, Thunderous Productions, Silver Spring Stage, Montgomery Playhouse and Sandy Spring Theatre Group will present their offerings. Dinner and awards presentations follow the Saturday session at Casey Jones. For more information, visit mctfa.org.

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**Music Teachers Association of Charles County
Ensemble Festival**

Saturday, February 10, 11:30 am and 3:00 pm
Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata
Free and Open to the Public!



Concerts feature piano duets and ensembles with flute and violin. For more information, contact Krista Keysar at klkeysar@hotmail.com.

**Jay Armsworthy & the Sons of the American Legion
Bluegrass Series**

Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out

Sunday, February 11, 2:00 pm
American Legion Post 238, Rts. 381 & 231, Hughesville
Admission: \$20 (Children under 12 admitted free with a paying adult)



For more information, visit <http://www.americanlegionbluegrass.com>.

**College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick
Ward Virts Concert Series**

Tanya Langlois, Mezzo-Soprano

Sunday, February 11, 3:00 pm
Building B, Multipurpose Room 104
115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick



Praised for her "wonderfully rich and expressive voice" (DC Theater Scene), mezzo-soprano Tanya Ruth Langlois has appeared across the United States and in Europe singing in recital, oratorio performances, and on the operatic stage. Tanya teaches voice and piano privately throughout the DC metro region and is Director of Music at Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church in Huntingtown, Maryland. For more information, visit [https://www.csmd.edu/community/the-](https://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/music/ward-virts-series/index)

by mail.

Thank you for supporting the Charles County Arts Alliance! Your donation is 100 percent tax deductible.

The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at info@charlescountyarts.org or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

[arts/music/ward-virts-series/index](https://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/music/ward-virts-series/index).

Watermelon One-Act Festival

Call for Scripts

Submit up to three scripts per playwright

to watermelon@watermeloninc.org

Deadline: February 14



WOAF is scheduled for the weekend of June 2-3 (with technical rehearsals on the previous Thursday and Friday) and will be hosted once again by St. Mary's College of

Maryland at the Bruce Davis Theater located in the Montgomery Hall Fine Arts Center, 18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary's City. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase an original one-act play in a competitive environment. All participants will receive a free DVD of their performance and adjudication. Visit www.watermeloninc.org for more information.

College of Southern Maryland Children's Theatre

Amazing Grace

Friday, February 16, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 17, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

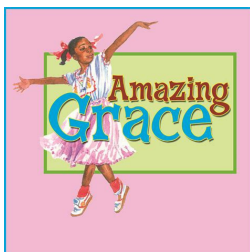
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$7 Adults and Seniors, \$5 Youth of High School Age and

Below

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



This is the story of a little girl who loves acting out stories, those told and read to her by her grandmother as well as ones she reads on her own. She also makes up her own stories, acting out the most exciting parts. When Grace is in her playworld, everything to her is real. In her imagination, she becomes the characters. Grace is told by two of her classmates that she can't be Peter Pan in the school play because she is a girl and because she is black. In the end, Grace

shows us that she can indeed do anything she sets her mind to. For more information, contact the Box office at 301-934-7828.

Port Tobacco Players

Doubt

Friday, February 16 and 23, 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 17 and 24, 8:00 pm

Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre

4185 Indian Head Highway

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors, Youth, Military

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she suspects the young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students. Winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award. For more information, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com> or call 301-932-6819.

College of Southern Maryland

Benny C. Morgan Series

Antony Zwerdling

Saturday, February 17, 3:00 pm

Building A, Auditorium

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Free Admission



Antony Zwerdling is an active performer in the DC area, performing over 25 operatic roles. He appears with numerous opera companies, including Washington National Opera, Opera Lafayette, Wolf Trap Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Lake George Opera, and Washington Concert Opera. Zwerdling received his Bachelors degree from Northwestern University and Masters from Boston University. In 2007, he earned his Doctorate from Shenandoah Conservatory, writing about songs of Samuel Barber. He is an active voice teacher, maintaining a studio at Hood College and College of Southern Maryland. For more information, call the

Box Office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland

Call for Performers for the 6th Annual Renaissance Festival

Performer Worksheets Must Be Submitted by February 28

La Plata Campus, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Festival dates: April 21 - 22, 2018



Actors and musicians needed! You could wander the festival with your talent and entertain the people! Street performers are vital for creating an immersive experience at a Renaissance festival. Town Folk and Wandering Talent will be trained in the basics of street performance and improvisation by someone with 19 years of experience performing at Renaissance

Festivals. Evening and weekend rehearsals will be required. Contact the Renaissance Festival Director, Erin Timmermann, at etimmermann@csmd.edu.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Seven-Up High School Exhibit

Now through February 11

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658

The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors; inform the Park Ranger when entering the Park.



This exhibit is only open to local high school student artists who are selected by their art teachers. For more information, call 301-743-5159, or visit mattawomanart.org.

College of Southern Maryland

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Tall Tales: Ceramic Sculpture Culture Exhibition

February 5 - March 1

Artist Lecture: Thursday, February 22, 12:30 pm

Community Education Building (CE), Room 101

Reception to Follow

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm;

Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



This exhibition showcases contemporary ceramic works made by the resident artists at Baltimore Clayworks. From figure sculpture to functional pottery, the work in this exhibition represents the range of possibilities in the field of ceramics. For more information, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerford-gallery/index>.

Howard County Arts Council

Call for Artists with Public Art Experience

Deadline to Apply: March 2, 2018

Click [HERE](#) for Guidelines and Submission Information



The Howard County Arts Council is currently seeking proposals from artists and sites for *ARTsites 2018*, a one-year outdoor sculpture exhibit on display from August 2018 to July 2019. Selected artists will be awarded a \$2,500 grant to participate in the exhibit. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.hocoarts.org/apply-now-artsites-2018>.

HERE'S WHAT IS HANGING NOW!

CCAA-SPONSORED ART GALLERIES



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Mattawoman Creek Art Center's "Express Charles County in Art"

200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Multi-Artist Show through June 30, 2018

E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway
29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
Gallery Hours: Daily, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Multi-Artist Show, through April 20, 2018

3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Solo Show by Vicki Marckel, through April 2018

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, through February 3, 2018

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603
Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

New show opens on February 3, with the "Meet the Artists" Public Reception on Saturday, February 24, 2:00 - 4:00 pm!

For more information about the Galleries, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

LITERARY ARTS {top}

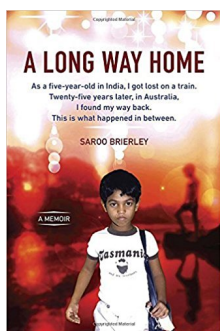
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, February 1, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

Meets the first Thursday of each month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley. At only five years old, Saroo Brierley got lost on a train in India. Unable to read or write or recall the name of his hometown or even his own last name, he survived alone for weeks on the rough streets of Calcutta before ultimately being transferred to an agency and adopted by a couple in Australia. Despite his gratitude, Brierley always wondered about his origins. Eventually, with the advent of Google Earth, he had the opportunity to look for the needle in a haystack he once called home, and pore over satellite images for landmarks he might recognize or mathematical equations that might further narrow down the labyrinthine

map of India. One day, after years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for and set off to find his family.

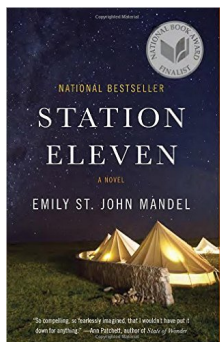
P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

Saturday, February 3, 9:30 - 10:30 am

50 Village Street, Waldorf

Meets on the first Saturday of every month

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. Kirsten Raymonde will never forget the night Arthur Leander, the famous Hollywood actor, had a heart attack on stage during a production of *King Lear*. That was the night when a devastating flu pandemic arrived in the city, and within weeks, civilization as we know it came to an end. Twenty years later, Kirsten moves between the settlements of the altered world with a small troupe of actors and musicians, dedicated to keeping art and humanity alive. When the troupe arrives in St. Deborah by the Water, they encounter a violent prophet who will threaten the tiny band's existence. And as the story takes off, moving

back and forth in time, and vividly depicting life before and after the pandemic, the strange twist of fate that connects them all will be revealed.

Life Journeys Writers Guild

Readers Lead! Leaders Read! But Writers Rule the World!

Two Sessions Remain!

Tuesday, February 6 and 13, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

3261 Old Washington Road, Suite 2020, Waldorf

Registration Required. Fee: \$30 per Session

Deadline to Register: Friday Before Each Class

Click [HERE](#) to go to the Website to Pay with PayPal



In these classes, you will discover how to perfect your elevator speech, self-branding and presentation, story creation, publishing industry knowledge, critical thinking/persuasiveness/ communication skills, purpose and literary passion, and much more! This class is a must for business owners, and aspiring entrepreneurial adults and young adults. For more information, call Yvonne Medley at 240-427-5594, or info@lifejourneyswritersguild.org.

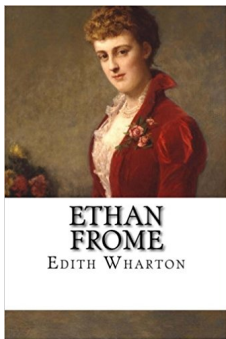
La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, February 8, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Meets on the second Thursday of every month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton. In the fictional New England town of Starkfield, an unnamed narrator is forced to stay at the home of Ethan Frome during a winter storm. He relates his encounter with Frome, "the most striking figure in Starkfield, he was but the ruin of a man, with a careless powerful look - in spite of a lameness checking each step like the jerk of a chain". When the beautiful cousin of Frome's bitter wife comes to help with housekeeping, Frome's attraction to her does not go

unnoticed.

Writers of Color Book Club

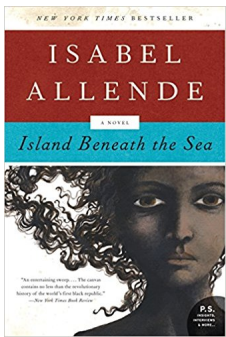
Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 pm

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Island Beneath the Sea by Isabel Allende. From the sugar plantations of Saint-Domingue to the lavish parlors of New Orleans at the turn of the 19th century, author Isabel Allende tells the story of a mulatta woman, a slave and concubine, determined to take control of her own destiny.

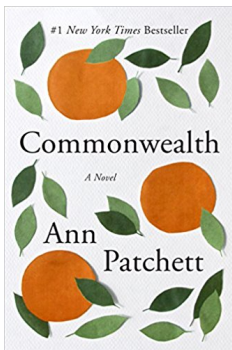
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, February 28, 11:00 am - Noon

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head.

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



Commonwealth by Ann Patchett. One Sunday afternoon in Southern California, Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating's christening party uninvited. Before evening falls, he has kissed Franny's mother, Beverly, thus setting in motion the dissolution of their marriages and the joining of two families. Spanning five decades, *Commonwealth* explores how this chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children.

COMMUNITY ARTS {top}

Community Senior Centers

Get the [SCOOP](#) on What's Happening!



The Department of Community Services operates each of the County's Senior Centers, where citizens 60 and older may access a variety of programs and services, including: Social/Recreational activities, Clubs, Special Events,

Trips, Nutritious Lunches, Health and Screenings Programs, Health Scope/Visit the Nurse, Educational programs, Physical Fitness programs, Creative Arts, and Computer Lab/Classes. For more activities and events, get the [February](#) copy of *The SCOOP*, Charles County's Senior Center News, or click [here](#) to go to their website.

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category-creating service that partners with public libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access to thousands of Movies, TV Shows, Music, eBooks, Audiobooks and Comics. With hoopla, you can borrow, instantly stream and download free dynamic content with your library card, and the best part... no late fees! Each cardholder is allowed six checkouts per month. All content is accessible via hoopla's mobile app and online at hoopladigital.com.

Contact Us

301-392-5900 | info@charlescountyarts.org | www.charlescountyarts.org

Mailing Address: PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646

About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit. Founded in 1987, the CCAA promotes ALL the arts in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

The CCAA is the official arts council of Charles County and is recognized as such by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), an agency of the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) of the State of Maryland. In this capacity, the CCAA serves as the "umbrella" organization for the arts community in Charles County. The CCAA promotes Charles County arts organizations and individuals, provides financial support to nonprofit organizations and the schools through its annual arts grant programs, sponsors the creation and presentation of new, diverse cultural activities and special events for the community, provides arts scholarships, and ensures the Charles County's underserved population, people with disabilities, residents with limited income, minorities, and senior citizens have access to the arts. The CCAA builds partnerships with local government, the business community and the educational community, in an effort to enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of Charles County.