

News and Happenings

Calendar

All County offices will be closed on the following days:

Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans' Day



November 23 & 24 in observance of Thanksgiving Day and Thanksgiving Friday



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The Permit Center opens at 10:00 a.m. the first Thursday of every month in order to facilitate monthly training for staff.

South River High School Students Compete in the North American Envirothon Contest

On June 16th the South River High School Envirothon team, under the guidance of their teacher and advisor Carlos Echeverri competed in the State Envirothon at Camp Pecometh in Queen Anne's County. The Envirothon is a competitive program for high school students that test their knowledge of natural resources in five areas: Wildlife, Forestry, Soils, Aquatics & an Environmental Issue that changes each year.

Envirothon is a series of environmental competitions in which teams of students move beyond the classroom in order to solve real-life environmental problems in the natural setting. Envirothon works like a sports meet winning teams progress through the local, state, and national competitions.

The Anne Arundel County Forestry Board helps fund the activities of the Anne Arundel Envirothon through a grant from the Department of Inspection and Permits. Teams from Anne Arundel County are provided with the forestry tools and the training needed to compete in the competition. The local competition is held at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center. The state competition is held at different locations throughout the state. This year's state competition was held at Camp Pecometh in Queen Anne's County. Next year it will be at the 4-H camp in Garrett County.

Students that place in the top



Pictured left to right: Bud Reaves, County Forester. Students: Tatiana WU, Katelyn Kunert, Simone Evans, Kaitlyn Moore and Coraline Miller.

three positions at the state level receive scholarships from the Maryland Farm Bureau and other sponsors. The first place winner attends the North American Envirothon Competition held in a different state or in Canada each year. South River High School placed 7th at the state competition and the Maryland representative team, Carroll County, came in 10th out of 54 international teams from the US, Canada and 2 teams from China.

This past summer Frederick, Maryland had the honor of hosting the competition. The Anne Arundel, Calvert and Frederick County Forestry Boards assisted at the National event.

The North American Envirothon is sponsored by the National conservation Foundation which is made up of the National Soil Conservation districts. The Maryland Envirothon is sponsored by the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts. The Soil Conserva-

tion Districts of each County in Maryland sponsor and conduct the county competitions. Competitions are held at the County, State and National/international level.

The mission of the Envirothon is to develop knowledgeable, skilled and dedicated citizens who have an understanding of natural resources and are willing and prepared to work toward achieving and maintaining a balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment.

The Envirothon mission is accomplished by helping young people develop an understanding of the principles and practices of natural resource management and ecology and through the practice of dealing with complex resource management decisions.

For more information: <https://www.envirothon.org/>.



Bryant and Tomeselli Elected to International Code Compliance Leadership

Earlier this month, the International Code Council (ICC) voting members elected Board officers and directors during the association's Annual Business Meeting at the 2017 Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Bill Bryant, MCP, CBO, Assistant Director of the Department of Inspections and Permits was elected Vice President.

Bryant manages the Permit Center and oversees the enforcement of building codes, regulations and inspections. With more than 30 years of experience in commercial and residential construction codes, Bryant has also served on the Anne Arundel County Disabilities Commission, the Anne Arundel County Emergency Management Response Team, and the Maryland Building Officials Association. He holds several Maryland state licenses and ICC certifications, including Master Code Professional and Certified Building Official.

Bryant recruited and is also mentor to Mike Tomaselli, Fire Protection Engineer with the Department of Inspections and Permits who was elected as Inaugural Chair of the Emerging Leaders Membership Council (ELMC) by the ICC Board of Directors.

Bryant said he's grateful to those who mentored him, and it's a role Bryant has tried to duplicate with others in the last 28 years.



The officers for the 2017–2018 International Code Council Board of Directors, elected by ICC members during the 2017 Annual Business Meeting, are President Jay Elbetta, Vice President William R. Bryant and Secretary/Treasurer Greg Wheeler.

Recruiting Tomaselli to delve into the governance of ICC by enlisting him as a charter member of the ELMC was a way of paying it forward.

As the Inaugural Chair of the ELMC, Tomaselli and six other young code officials are working toward tackling the retirement deficit facing the code official profession. The young leaders are focused on developing a social media strategy, recruiting young professionals to join the codes discipline and exploring educational options.

"This is a career where I can use my engineering background and my critical thinking skills," said Tomaselli. "For people in my generation, it's a good combination. Everybody wants to feel their job makes a big difference to a lot of people in a very

big way. In this business, you're part of something much larger than just enforcing a code book. You're making people safe in the buildings where they work, live and do activities. I think that's the job we do as code officials."

Through public/private sector collaboration, International Code Council members develop model building codes that guide safe and sustainable construction across the country and around the world. Code uniformity promotes safe, affordable construction growth. This system of code development has provided the citizens of the US the highest level of safety in the world for more than 80 years.



Inaugural Vice-Chair Ben Breadmore (L) and Inaugural Chair Michael Tomaselli (R).



Welcome to Lisa Quible, Office Assistant II who joined the Department in September. Lisa will be working in the Permit Center.

John Igbinovia, P.E. has been named Acting Code Enforcement Administrator for Site Inspections.



Congratulations to the following employees who retired during the third quarter of 2017:

Ivan Candelaria, John Peacock and Carol Sears

It's Time for Taxicab Inspections:

The Department of Inspections and Permits, Licensing Division will conduct inspections on all commercially licensed taxicabs on October 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, and 12th at Police Headquarters on Maxwell Frye Road. Inspections are conducted twice each year in order to ensure that vehicles meet operational standards, are safe for transporting passengers and that meters are correctly calibrated and charging fares accurately.

Inspections & Permits Participates in Annual Preparedness Expo

Every year, the Department of Inspections and Permits, along with several other county and state agencies, participate in the annual Emergency Preparedness Expo to promote National Preparedness Month and provide essential information to citizens on preparing for emergencies and natural disasters. Organized by the Office of Emergency Management, the Preparedness Expo is a fun day for the whole family featuring educational booths, fire and police apparatus, first responder demonstrations and much more. For more information: www.readysetgood.org.

