

Town of Indian Head Newsletter



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Town Hall
Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Phone Numbers
Ofc: 301-743-5511
Fax: 301-743-9008

Holiday Closings

Town Hall and Public Works will be closed on the following days this quarter in observance of the holidays listed

Good Friday
Friday, April 18
Memorial Day
Monday, May 26

If you have a water or sewer emergency after hours, call 301-373-1688 to report your emergency. On-call Town personnel will handle the problem accordingly.

After hours non-emergency type problems can be reported by leaving a message on the Town Hall office number 301-743-5511. Be prepared to furnish your name, address, phone number and brief, but detailed description of the type of problem. Water cutoffs for non-payment are not considered emergencies and are only handled during Public Works regular business hours.

Upcoming Meetings

Town Meeting: Town Meetings are the 1st Monday of every month at 7pm unless it happens to fall on a holiday. The Spring Town Meetings will take place on Mon., Mar. 3, Mon., Apr. 7, & Mon., May 5. To attend the meetings, go to https://gotomeet.me/TOIH or dial in using your phone, 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 135-757-733.

Planning Commission: Wed., Mar. 19, Wed., Apr. 16, & Wed., May 21. The meetings are held on GoToMeeting at 5:30pm. You may log in for the meeting by going to https://gotomeet.me/TOIH You can also dial in using your phone, 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 135-757-733

Work Session: Wed. Mar. 26, Wed. Apr. 23 & Wed. May 28. The meetings are held on GoToMeeting at 3:30pm. You may log in for the meeting by going to https://gotomeet.me/TOIH You can also dial in using your phone, 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 135-757-733

Town FY26 Budget Public Hearing: Thurs., Apr. 24, 6:00pm, GoToMeeting. The Town Manager & staff with the Town Council will present the Town FY26 budget and field questions from citizens. You may log in for the hearing by going to https://gotomeet.me/TOIH You can also dial in using your phone, 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 135-757-733





Mayor's Message by Brandon Paulin

Hello all!

I hope everyone is gearing up for spring! Please be mindful when driving through town, as warmer weather usually increases our pedestrian traffic. You have probably seen some additional activity in town, the base is back to full-capacity (in-person), the Boys and Girls Club (youth rec center) is well under construction at the old PNC bank building, properties are being purchased for development and redevelopment, and we have an announcement of a major grant award!

The grant award will help us expand our shoreline resiliency along the Potomac River, but more notably pave the way for future boardwalk extension and expansion. We have heard so many positive things about the boardwalk since its opening and were going to expand that amazing Potomac River feature. Read the news release below for more information.

https://www.charlescountymd.gov/Home/Components/News/News/5621/400

I want to personally thank our Town's Public Works crew for their efforts over this very cold and snowy winter. They did a phenomenal job making the roads safe to drive on and addressing water main breaks (which are common when it gets cold) in a timely and ordered fashion. Kudos to the whole PW crew.

An update on the community garden behind Oasis. We anticipated getting started on that project in early March. However, federal funds officially awarded for the Community Garden are now being withheld. We are unsure when or if the federal government will release those funds. The Town, a large group of volunteers, Oasis Fresh Foods Market, and The Outdoor Living Company are still committed to bringing this new amenity to the Town, but it may take longer than originally anticipated with the funding in limbo. If you're interested in helping, feel free to reach out! Also, anyone looking at making their backyards awesome for the incoming warmer weather, give a call to the Outdoor Living Company. They're a local business that also does great work in the community.

Lastly, Splash pad update, the Town communicated with Raindeck for final specs for the splash pad. We have begun work on bidding specifications, and we are targeting a February timeframe for bidding. The next step is to finalize the bid specs and advertise the project. We are hoping to have this project completed by the 4th of July!

I hope everyone has a great spring. Until next time.

Mayor Brandon Paulin

TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD OFFICIALS / BOARDS / PERSONNEL

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Brandon Paulin

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Cassandra Stillwell, Councilwoman

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Diane Campbell, Deputy Finance Officer
Gus Proctor, Community Policing Contact
Jerry Bowling, Code Enforcement
Eric Woodland, Head of Operations
Calvin Barnes, Field Supervisor
EAST, Inc., Water/Wastewater

Town Website
www.townofindianhead.org

Town of Indian Head Useful Information

Town Codes

Burning—No burning is allowed within the Town limits.
Animal Control—Dogs must be kept on the owner's property unless properly restrained. The Charles County Animal Control provides animal enforcement within the Town. Call 301-932-1713 if you have a problem.
Abandoned or Inoperative Vehicles are prohibited within the Town and may not be kept on the street for more than 24 hours or on private property, with certain exceptions. Call Code Enforcement at 301-743-5511 ext. 101 with any questions.
Property Maintenance—Every dwelling and lot shall be kept free from trash and garbage. Weeds and grass must be cut and kept shorter than 10 inches.
Building Code—The Town has an adopted building code. Any new construction or remodeling, including, but not limited to porches, fences, sheds and garages, requires inspection and a building permit from the Town.

Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Officer administers the Residential Property Maintenance and Building Codes for the Town of Indian Head. The Code Enforcement Officer does daily inspections throughout Town to check for code compliance. When a property is not up to code, the Code Enforcement Officer will issue a violation letter to address the code violation. Depending on the type of violation, the days for corrective action can be between 7 to 30 days. After the specified number of days, a fine letter will be issued for an additional 7 to 30 days, followed by a citation if the violation has still not been addressed. At the time that the citation is issued, the violation may be taken to court, or the Town may complete the needed property maintenance and lien the property for any costs incurred. The Town's Code Enforcement also does rental license inspections.

If you have any questions about the Code Enforcement process, if you would like to report a Code Enforcement violation, or if you need to speak with the Code Enforcement Officer in reference to an inspection, please call 301-743-5511 ext. 101.

Recycling/Yard Waste

Solid waste products such as glass jars and bottles, newspapers, plastic bottles and metal cans will be picked up at the curb every Thursday within the Town of Indian Head. Place these items in your recycling bin - no need to separate them. Have them curbside by 7:00am.

Yard waste will be collected on Wednesdays, year-round, weather permitting. Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in brown paper bags or in a trash container marked "Yard Waste" and placed at curbside. Brush must be bundled and must not be any longer than four feet (4') in length. Individual pieces of brush must not be any larger than six inches (6") in diameter.

Bulk trash can be scheduled year-round on Wednesdays. Fee of $75 (cash, money order, debit/credit **ONLY**) per scheduled pick-up must be paid in advance at time of scheduling at Town Hall. All items must be curbside by 7:00am on the prescheduled pick-up day but not earlier than 48 hours prior to pick-up day. All mattresses and box springs will be an additional $10 each on top of the $75 fee and must be paid for when scheduling your pickup date.

Utility Rates

The Town bills for utilities on a quarterly basis. Please make note that you will be receiving a bill four times a year (April, July, October, January). ***You are encouraged to make an estimated payment monthly toward your quarterly bill.*** For more information you can call Town Hall at 301-743-5511

Water & Sewer Rates

Minimum rate for all residential customers **$75 (per dwelling unit per quarter) plus $7 for every 1,000 gallons used**

Minimum rate for all commercial customers **$217 (per unit per quarter) plus $7 for every 1,000 gallons used**

Bay Restoration Fee

$15.00 to State of Maryland Comptroller's office for the Bay Restoration Fund

Trash Rates

Residential/Multiple Residential Rate: **$90.00 (per dwelling unit per quarter)** - Billed quarterly for twice a week curb-side pickup and one (1) recyclable products pickup per week. (Trash must be in a 20 to 32 gallon metal or hard plastic trash container with a secured lid)

Commercial Rate:

Category I	Dumpster (4cu yds)	$500.00 per qtr.
Category II	Maximum 2 cans (per unit)	$100.00 per qtr.
	Each additional can	$46.00 per qtr.

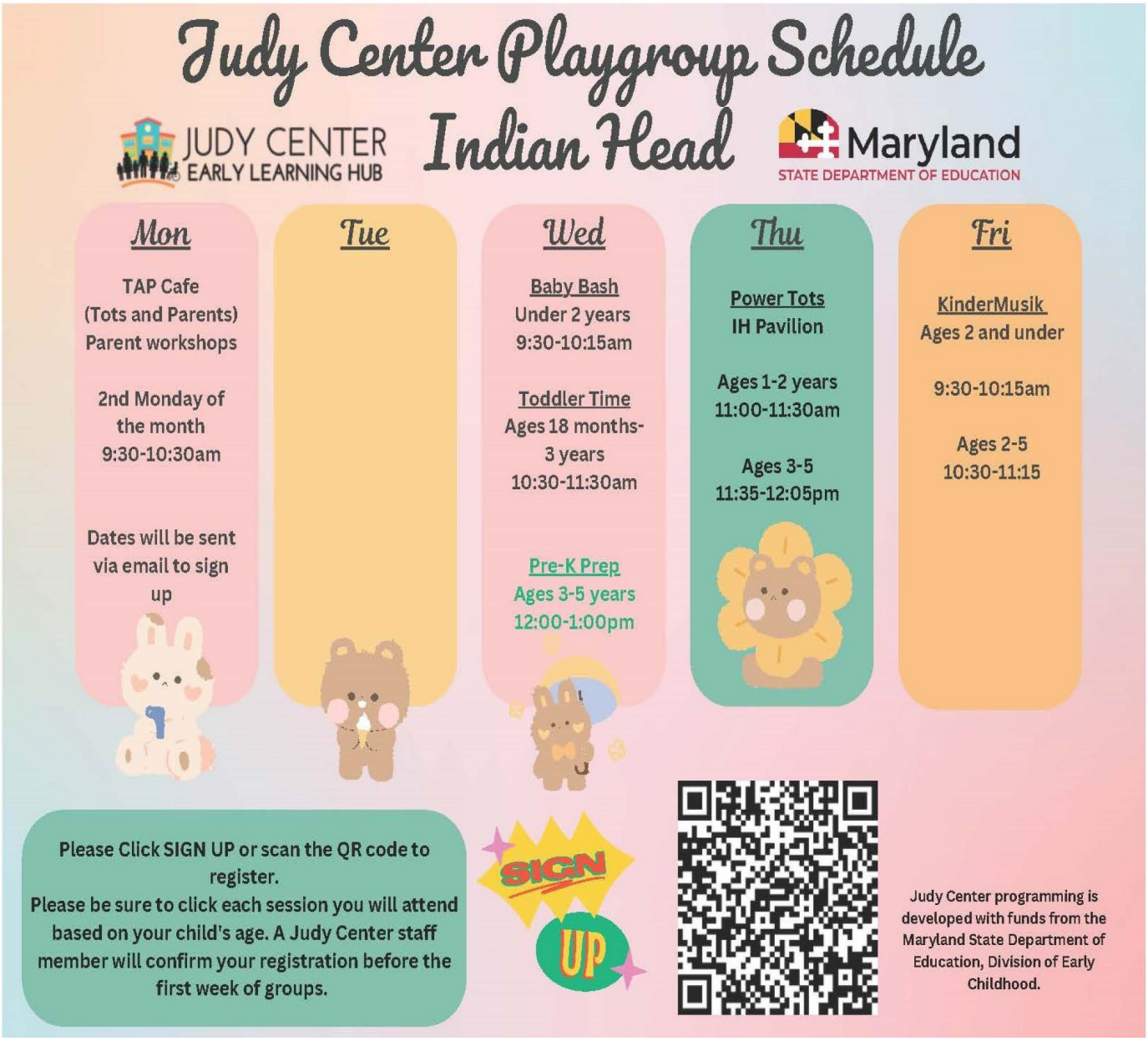
All residential and commercial units within the Town of Indian Head shall avail themselves of the Town's curb-side trash collection service.

ALL trash pickup is on Tuesday and Friday. Please don't forget your trash must be curbside by no later than 7:30am. If you have an issue with your pickup please call, 301-855-3078

The Charles County Judy Center Early Learning Hub serves families with children ages birth-Kindergarten who live in the Indian Head Elementary School zone. Judy Centers are not childcare centers but a comprehensive hub where families can participate in family learning experiences and receive services and support. Judy Centers empower a child's first teachers— their families- by supporting child development and early learning skills for our youngest learners from birth through kindergarten.

Families who are interested in attending Judy Center playgroups should use the sign up link or QR code to register. For more information about The Judy Center please contact the following staff members.

Ms. Andrea Satchwell
asatchwell@ccboe.com
301-944-1092



The Indian Head Senior Center is located on the Village Green in the Old Post Office, at 100 Cornwallis Square. If you are at least 60 years young we encourage you to be part of this friendly center, where we encourage older adults to be independent as long as possible - physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially.

Indian Head Senior Center

"In the end, only kindness matters." –Jewel

If you are sick, we ask that you stay home. Questions? **Call 301 743-2125**.

In their own words

Our seniors describe Indian Head Senior Center as welcoming and supportive, where "people are kind" and "they look out for one another."

One member said, "I don't know where I would go if I didn't come here." Others called our center a "second home" and "a place of refuge."

One man said, "When my wife passed away, I came down here and it pretty much saved me."

JOIN US!

The staff at Indian Head Senior Center continues to focus on being a community of WELLNESS. Look for chats with Dr. Cook, planting in the raised garden beds, Maryland Food Bank visits, and activities to keep you moving. Register at any of the Charles County Senior centers to participate in our activities. For a complete list of activities, pick up a copy of the SCOOP publication, go to https://www.charlescountymd.gov or visit our Facebook page: Charles County Senior Centers.

Fitness Classes:

- Dance Fit and Drums Alive! Alternate on Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
- Mobility Flow Yoga – Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (AFEP) – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.
- Mobility & Balance – Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
- Circuit Training w/Personal Trainer, LaMont – Thursdays at 1 p.m.
- Kettlebell Training w/LaMont – Thursdays at 2:15 p.m.
- Seated Yoga – Fridays at 9 a.m.
- Bingocize continues through March on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m.
- Coming Soon: Walk With Ease

Ongoing Programs:

- Bingo – 1st and 3rd Mondays at 9:30 a.m.
- Singing Group – every other Monday at 1 p.m.
- Project Linus/Sewing 101 – 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9:30 a.m.
- Senior Information & Assistance – 3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and by appointment
- Tea Club – 4th Tuesday at 1 p.m.
- Widow and Widower Support – 2nd Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- Mobile Market – 4th Wednesday at 11 a.m.
- Book Club – books provided – 4th Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
- Green Thumb Club with Master Gardeners – 3rd Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

- **IN MARCH** look for Shibashi, Emergency Preparedness discussions, Crochet Club, and Dr. Cook.
- **IN APRIL** look for a Happy Hips workshop with PT Dr. Donna, special Earth Day activities, and Poetry.
- **IN MAY** look for Spring Tea with Jazz musician, Merlon Devine.

The Charles County Senior centers are "Connecting older adults to an inclusive community that fosters healthy aging through programs that support independence, wellbeing and self-expression."
We are here to remind you "if you want to keep moving – keep moving!"

For more information visit: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/aging-and-senior-services/senior-centers

Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department

Volunteers Needed

Free Training Provided

Ages 14 and up can join

For more information stop by the Fire Station any Thursday starting at 7 pm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - HIGHLIGHTED CODE OF THE QUARTER

2018 International Residential Code - R105.1 Required. Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

2018 International Property Maintenance Code - 302.8 Motor vehicles. Except as provided for in other regulations, inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles shall not be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and vehicles shall not at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

Town of Indian Head Code §440-1002. Permissible uses and specific exclusions. C. The following uses are specifically prohibited in all districts: 3. Use of a travel/mobile trailer as a temporary or permanent residence.

Indian Head
Center for the Arts

New producers and productions coming soon. Keep an eye out for our newly designed website!

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

St Mary's Star of the Sea Church
Sunday Services 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am
Saturday Services 5:00 pm
Confessions Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30pm
Special Devotions 7:30am mass on the 1st Friday and 1st Saturday of each month
301-753-9177

Indian Head Baptist
Sunday School 9:15am
Sunday, Morning Worship 10:30am
301-743-3707

St James Episcopal
Sunday 10:30am in person & via Zoom & Facebook
301-743-2366

Indian Head Church of the Nazarene
Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday AM Worship 11:00am
Sunday PM Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday Adult Bible Study 7:00pm
202-766-5066

Indian Head United Methodist Church
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am
301-743-2312

Greater Spiritual Fellowship Community Church
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Tuesday Discipleship Training 7:30pm
Thursday Bible Study 7:30pm
301-743-6014

Congregation SHA'ARE Shalom
Services 1st Friday, 2nd & 4th Saturday every month.
www.shaareshalomsomd.org

Indian Head Worship Center
Sunday Christian Education 9:30am
Sunday Morning Service 11:00am
Sunday Youth & Young Adult Service 6:30pm
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30pm
Friday Evangelical Service 7:30pm
301-743-7772

Cornerstone AME
Sunday Morning Service 10:30am
301-743-6607

New Life Christian Ministries, Int'l
Worship Service—Sunday 12:00pm
Bible Study—Tuesday 7:00pm
240-377-8919

BRIDGE Church
Sunday Services at 10am, Black Box Theatre
Children's Ministry, Birth—5th Grade during service

We generously share our blessings in the name of Christ at St. James' Episcopal Church in Indian Head! Join us sometime as we worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. All Sunday services are offered in-person, on Zoom, and Facebook. All are welcome!

Please join us for Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. through our Facebook page.

Holy Week this year begins the week of April 13th with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Our service begins at 10:30 am. We will have a service on Wednesday, April 16th and another on Thursday, April 17th, both at 7 p.m.

On Good Friday we will offer Stations of the Cross at Noon. And then at 7 p.m. we will have a Good Friday Evening Service. Saturday night at 7 p.m. we will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter.

The week culminates with our Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. And don't forget! We also have an Easter Egg Hunt prior to this Service at 9:30! If anything changes, we will post it on our website, FaceBook and the sign out front!

Hope you will be able to come to our Pancake Supper on March 4th. As we have been doing, there is still NO CHARGE for this meal! Pancakes, sausages, scrapple and scrambled eggs will be served.

Our famous Friday Fish Frys continue on March 28th from 11 until 6. There will be 1 more at the same time on April 11th. This is Take Out Only but sometimes folks like to grab a table and eat indoors.

On Saturday, March 15th, from 3 until 6 we are having a St Paddy's Day dinner. This is a Dine-In event featuring a lot of food - Corned Beef, Ham, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Carrot Relish, Dessert and Beverage. One plate can't hold it all! Just $20 for adults and $8 for kids 12 and under. Carry-Out is also available.

And don't forget, our next Community Spaghetti Dinner will be on Monday, March 31st.

We offer free Wi-Fi access to our community. You can come to the parking lot and sit in your car to use this service. Please call 301.743.2366 for more info.



What's Happening at BRIDGE CHURCH



Sunday Worship

BRIDGE Church invites you to join us every Sunday at 10 AM at the Black Box Theater in Indian Head. Experience a welcoming and relaxed family-friendly environment where you can come as you are and grow in your faith. Discover the love of Jesus through genuine fellowship and uplifting worship. We look forward to seeing you there!





BRIDGE KIDS

BRIDGE KIDS is our Children's Ministry for ages 8 weeks – 5th grade. Our littles meet upstairs in their own fun and creative spaces for an engaging age-appropriate experience. Our staff and volunteers provide a safe and loving learning environment. All members of our team have undergone background checks.

Bible Study

BRIDGE Church hosts a Midweek Bible Study for adults and high school-aged teens Wednesdays 6:30-8:15 in our upstairs church spaces at Black Box Theater. During the study we dig deeper into the Biblical passage from the previous Sunday's sermon and discuss relevant application for our daily lives. Study guides and all materials are provided. Come join us, all are welcome.
For more information, go to our website at www.bridgeih.church or call 301-841-6212.

Upcoming Velocity Center Events



Participate in hands-on STEAM activities, challenges, and demonstrations.



Naval Surface Warfare Center Robotics Demonstrations – See cutting-edge robots in action.

Discovery Lab, NAWCAD FABLAB and Strategic Education Office– Explore mobile technology hubs featuring robots, 3D printers, and high-tech fabrication tools.

Activities for the whole family including:

- Performing and Visual Arts – Enjoy live performances, student artwork displays, and literary showcases.
- STEAM career panel
- Radio control model aviation
- Electronic kit building workshops
- Astronomy demonstrations
- Microscope science activities
- Face painting and free ice cream
- And much more

Partners:

SPARK! PLACES of INNOVATION

Smithsonian

MARYLAND HUMANITIES

CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Life Journeys Writers Guild, Inc.

PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL

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COLLEGE of SOUTHERN MARYLAND

SPRING BREAK STEM ACADEMY 2025

April 14-17, 2025
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
CSM VELOCITY CENTER
4465 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head, MD 20640

Students will enjoy a week of STEM learning. Hands-on experiences in the CSM Makerspace which includes 3D printers, graphic design equipment, electronics, and more. Students will be introduced to 2D and 3D modeling and printing, electronics, and graphic design.

PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

- **Open to fifth to eighth grade students.**
- **Student application and teacher recommendation due no later than February 28, 2025.**

STUDENT APPLICATION

form.jotform.com/241845441433151

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION (REQUIRED)

form.jotform.com/241845134995163

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Lesley Quattlebaum, Executive Director
ljquattlebaum@csmd.edu | 301-539-4833

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Calling All Enthusiasts! Become an Exhibition Docent for the Smithsonian's SPARK! Places of Innovation Exhibit

Are you passionate about learning and sharing knowledge with others? We are seeking volunteer docents for the SPARK! Places of Innovation exhibit, on display at the College of Southern Maryland's Velocity Center from May 17 to June 29, 2025.

What is a Docent?

A docent is a trained guide who welcomes visitors, provides tours, and answers questions to enhance the visitor experience. No prior experience is needed—just your enthusiasm and interest in supporting this exciting exhibit!

Why Volunteer as a Docent?

- Receive Training: Experts from the Smithsonian Institution and Maryland Humanities will provide training (anticipated date: May 15, 2025).
- Flexible Schedule: Sign up for time slots that fit your availability during the six-week exhibit.
- Minimum Commitment: At least 12 hours over the exhibit's run are requested, but any time you can contribute is welcome.
- Earn Community Service Hours: Perfect for students!
- Be Part of Something Big: Represent your community and help visitors discover the stories of innovation and creativity showcased in the exhibit.

What You'll Do

- Welcome visitors to the exhibit.
- Provide guided tours and share key highlights.
- Answer questions and ensure visitors have a meaningful experience.

For more information, visit our website. Express your interest by completing this form to stay updated and receive more details as we get closer. Note: Completing the form is not a commitment.

Join us in celebrating innovation and inspiring curiosity—we can't wait to have you on the team!

Questions?

Email us at velocitycenterprograms@csmd.edu.

Save the Date

FOR THESE EXCITING SUMMER EVENTS!




SAVE THE DATE!
Town of Indian Head
Annual 4th of July Celebration!
Friday, July 4, 2025
Village Green Park
Event kicks off at 3:30pm
Food Vendors, Live Entertainment,
Amusements & Fireworks!



For more information on how you can help, go to **how2recycle.info**

RECYCLING GONE WRONG



Some reasons your RECYCLING ISN'T PICKED UP

- Plastic bags, pizza boxes or other unacceptable items commingled
- Not placed on the curb in time
- Not placed in a recycling container

If you're unsure of the proper way to recycle, **START HERE!** Following these tips will prevent your recycling from being thrown in the landfill.

Scan for the Residential Recycling Guide.

NEXT

- ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS



Acceptable Plastic Recycling Items

Unacceptable Plastic Recycling Items

Single-use plastics are used once before they're disposed of. They are devastating to the environment, can take hundreds of years to degrade, contaminate soils & water & are detrimental to wildlife.

NB
The Jewel of the Chesapeake Bay
North Beach, Maryland
NORTH BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMMITTEE
301.855.6681
www.northbeachmd.org

For more information on how you can help, go to **how2recycle.info**

BEWARE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

What goes IN THE BIN?

RECYCLE CLEAN & EMPTY PLASTICS



- ✓ Detergent bottles & bleach containers
- ✓ Milk jugs
- ✓ Some take out containers marked recyclable
- ✓ Plastic cups
- ✓ Some plastic water & soda bottles
- ✓ Plastic tubs for margarine, cool whip, yogurt, cottage cheese & other foods
- ✓ Rigid plastic such as laundry baskets & dishpans

Scan for the Single-Use Plastics Handout.

DO NOT RECYCLE THESE PLASTICS!

- ✗ Motor oil containers
- ✗ Plates
- ✗ Tableware
- ✗ Toys
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Medicine bottles
- ✗ Tupperware
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Straws
- Empty anti-freeze containers

When in doubt, THROW IT OUT

If you're unsure if your items are recyclable, throw them in the trash to prevent contaminating other recycled items.

There are certain items you should never flush down the toilet to keep your system running smoothly.

To ensure that your pipes stay clog-free, here are a few items you should avoid flushing.

- BABY WIPES
- Q-TIPS, COTTON PADS OR OTHER COTTON PRODUCTS
- MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS
- CONDOMS
- DIAPERS
- DENTAL FLOSS
- PAPER TOWELS & TISSUES
- MEDICATION
- CIGARETTE BUTTS.
- CAT LITTER
- HAIR
- GUM
- COOKING GREASE
- FISH
- FOOD
- BLEACH



(information from https://www.wastewaterts.com/)