

JULY NEWSLETTER

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY

Long days, warm nights, and a calendar full of community events—summer is officially here. But behind every great summer activity is a shared commitment to keeping each other safe and supported. This month, we're taking advantage of sunny days to create better connected communities. Together, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's PROTECT Coordinators are making sure this summer is safe, welcoming, and filled with good memories.



P.R.O.T.E.C.T. PROGRAM

The **Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together (PROTECT)** program works to maximize the use of State, local, and community resources to combat neighborhood decline, support comprehensive strategies to reduce crime and fear, and ensure that local law enforcement play direct roles in public safety.

For more information on PROTECT, please visit our [page](#).

BADGES FOR BASEBALL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH



*Frederick
County*

Home of the Frederick Keys
📍 **HARRY GROVE STADIUM**

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Frederick County to host their 3rd Annual *Badges for Baseball* Camp. *Badges for Baseball* is a mentoring program that teaches leadership and life lessons to at-risk youth. Through sports-themed programming, the all-day event brought together law enforcement, youth mentors, and over 80 underserved kids ages 9 to 14 to foster positive relationships, develop team-building skills, and make new friends.

Facilitated by Frederick County PROTECT Coordinator **Gregg Warner**, the event featured baseball and softball stations, as well as a fun games for participants.

CARD MAKING



Earlier this year, Officer Langley Dean paid a special visit to the Hagerstown Children's School, bringing along his K-9 partner for a memorable experience with the students. Last month, Officer Dean sustained a severe injury while on duty in Washington County. Following the unfortunate incident in June, the children who were visited by Officer Dean responded with heartfelt support by creating handmade get well cards.

Washington County PROTECT Coordinator **Tom Alexander** had the honor of collecting these cards from the school and presenting them to Officer Dean. Officer Dean was deeply moved by the children's kindness, and plans are now underway for him to return to the school in the near future to personally thank them and express his gratitude.

Wednesday,
July 16th

Washington
County



COMMUNITY WALK

Anne Arundel County



On July 24th, 2025 Anne Arundel PROTECT Coordinator **Jesseanne Norton** helped organize the Meade Village Community Walk. Engaging over 200 community members, the event brought together residents, local leaders, and partner organizations for a walk through the neighborhood to say hello, build relationships, and listen to community voices.

As participants soaked up the sun, they cooled off with Kona Ice and fun conversations. Notable attendees included Delegate Mark Chang, Delegate Mike Rogers, County Councilmember Pete Smith, and Lisa Mondoro, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club. Community partners such as the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County and the Boys & Girls Club helped make the event a meaningful success.



FRESH & LOCAL

FARMERS *Market*

THURSDAY

ALLEGANY COUNTY

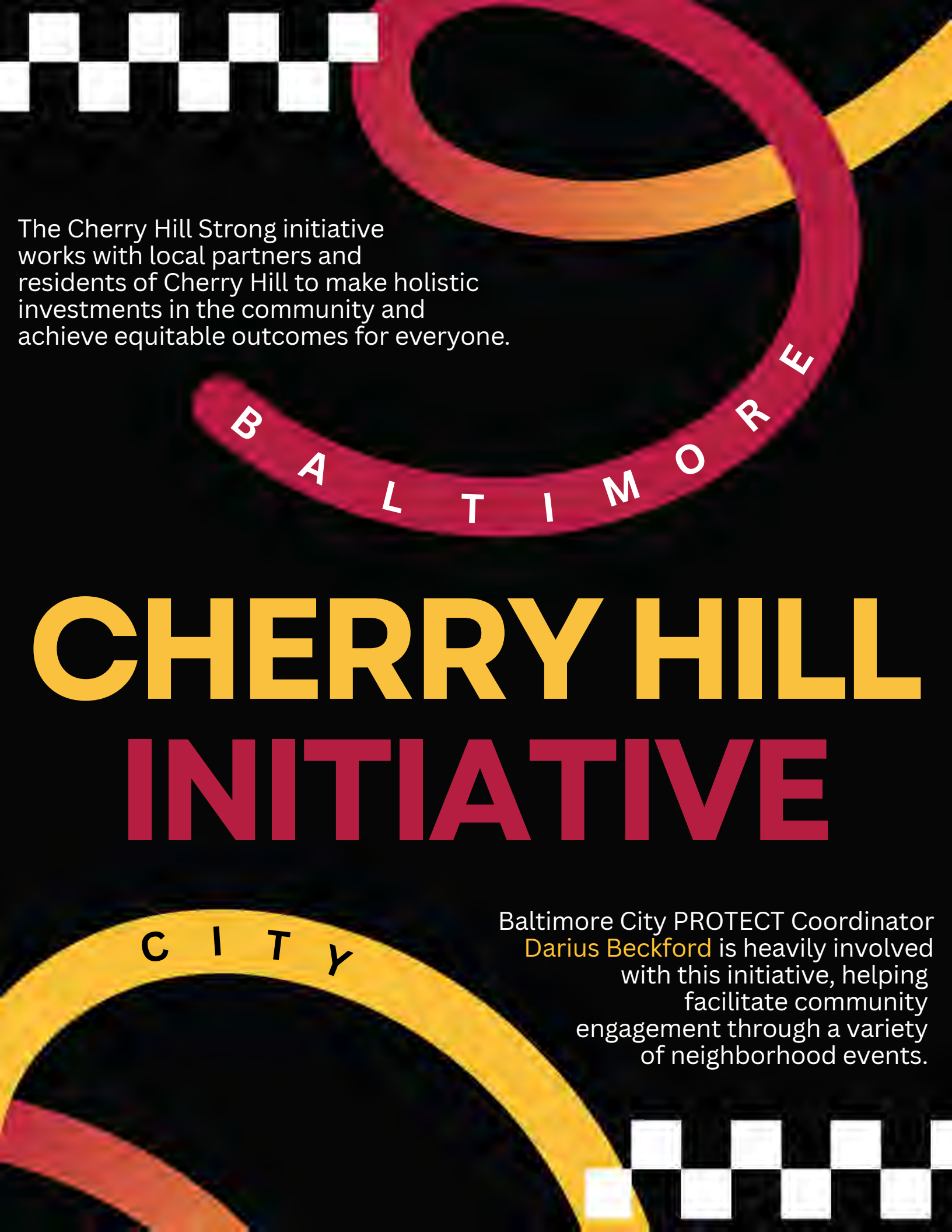
JULY 31ST



Local schools and farmers in the Tri-State area came together in Allegany County to host a pop-up Farmer's Market featuring locally grown produce and refreshing freeze pops. This event drew significant community engagement, including our very own Allegany PROTECT Coordinator, **Samantha Twigg**, who developed lasting connections with the vendors and organizations in attendance.

Notably, Samantha established a strong relationship with the Braddock Middle School Coordinators. These Coordinators are actively supporting families in the area by providing a variety of resources - during this event alone, the Coordinators distributed 100 Farmers Market vouchers and fresh vegetables they had grown.





The Cherry Hill Strong initiative works with local partners and residents of Cherry Hill to make holistic investments in the community and achieve equitable outcomes for everyone.

BALTIMORE

CHERRY HILL INITIATIVE

CITY

Baltimore City PROTECT Coordinator **Darius Beckford** is heavily involved with this initiative, helping facilitate community engagement through a variety of neighborhood events.

Baltimore City

BADGES FOR *Baseball*

MIDDLE
BRANCH
REC
CENTER

FRIDAY
18
JULY



**BALTIMORE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

**BALTIMORE CITY
REC. AND PARKS**

**CAL RIPKEN SR.
FOUNDATION**

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIRS



BALTIMORE CITY

- ✓ YOUNG ADULT RESOURCE FAIR
- ✓ FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
- ✓ HEALTHCARE FAIR

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Upcoming Events



BACK TO SCHOOL



CECIL COUNTY

AUG
08

Book Bag Jam

A one-stop shop for free school supplies from local vendors



SEP
02

Story Walk

Story time with a visit to Elkton's Community Garden



Led by **Angelo Giafes**

ALLEGANY COUNTY

Led by **Samantha Twigg**

AUG
23

Back to School Celebration

Back-to-school event with food, school supplies, and games



AUG
27

Art Competition

Two art competitions to enhance public and fire safety awareness





Sheilagh's Pantry
Hollingsworth Landing Assoc.



Aetna Better Health[®]
of Maryland



BACK TO SCHOOL

JAM!

AUGUST 8TH 5-7

**LOCATION: SHEILAGH'S PANTRY
200 ROAD B HOLLINGSWORTH
MANOR**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED
EVENING WITH GAMES,
MUSIC, FOOD, DOOR
PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS,
RESOURCES, AND MORE.....**

**FREE BACKPACKS AND
SCHOOL SUPPLIES, WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST**



Home of the Blue Herons



Maryland
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

JUDY CENTER PROGRAMMING IS DEVELOPED WITH FUNDS FROM THE MARYLAND
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

First Responders Back to School Celebration



Food - Fun - Games - Art Contest and More

Saturday

August 23, 2025

12pm-3pm

20 Bedford Street Cumberland, Maryland

at the rear parking lot of the Public Safety Building

Hosted by
GOCPP PROTECT Coordinator of Allegany County
Partnering with
Cumberland Police Department,
Cumberland Fire Department,
The Salvation Army
and
Many Local Resources

