

NAACP BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear NAACP Members,

It is my pleasure to share with you the activities that we have recently been involved with in the Baltimore County Branch. The Baltimore County Branch continues to strive for equality through civic advocacy and initiatives. The strategic priorities of the NAACP Baltimore County Branch are to advocate for equal employment opportunities, access to high quality education, voter mobilization, and our youth initiatives such as the ACT-SO program.

Our Branch members volunteer to work addressing these priorities working with the standing committees of the branch. As a volunteer based organization all of our advocacy efforts are executed by our members who generously donate their time. Our goal is to grow the membership of our branch and we welcome all individuals who share in our vision for Baltimore County.

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GET OUT THE VOTE

2020 ELECTION

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

- Are a US Citizen.
- Live in Maryland.
- Will be at least 18 years old by November 3, 2020.

How do I submit my mail-in ballot?

★ **Send it to your local board of elections: Baltimore County**
 11112 Gilroy Road, Suite 104
 Hunt Valley, MD 21031

★ **Or hand deliver to an Early Voting Center location from Oct 26th - Nov 2nd. You can also take it to a drop off box location. Both lists of these locations are at the link below:**
<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

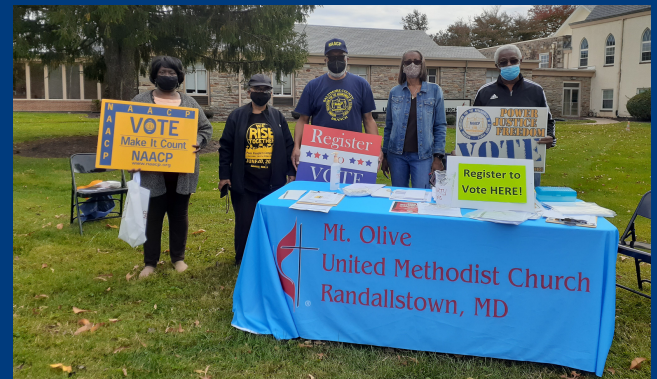
If you have a criminal record, you can still vote if you have served your prison sentence.

NAACP NEWS



COMMUNITIES RALLY TOGETHER

In the wake of the George Floyd incident, communities rallied together throughout Baltimore County, in Towson, Woodlawn, Randallstown and Turner Station. Our Branch participated in the various rallies. The youth took on a major role by organizing the Randallstown Peaceful Protest on June 7th (left) and the Woodlawn Youth Black Lives Matter Rally on July 25th (right).



VOTER REGISTRATION

NAACP Baltimore County Branch also set up a voter registration table at the rally in Woodlawn MD (left). The Branch had a voter registration presence at the Black Lives Matter and the Police Reform Rally in Towson this summer. The Branch also partnered with the NAACP Randallstown Branch on Voter Registration at the Mt. Olive United Methodist Church on October 10th.



2020 CENSUS CANVASSING

Our branch teamed up with residents at Turner Station to assist in the Census Canvassing efforts in Dundalk on September 19th. Great job to Turner Station team, they canvassed 60 homes in the neighborhood!

COMMUNITY VOICES



On Thursday July 9th, the NAACP attended the Police Reform Rally in Towson. The Baltimore County Council hosted the rally and invited community leaders to speak. Roland Patterson, NAACP Legal Redress Chair was a featured speaker that spoke about the necessity of changing the system, procedures and the use of force in the police department.

Police Reform Bill 96-20

The Baltimore County Council had a virtual Legislative Work Session on September 30th. There were over 30 people that testified in support of the Police Reform Bill 96-20. NAACP Baltimore County and sixteen other community organizations were in attendance.



On Monday, October 6th, the Council reconvened to vote on Bill 96-20. It passed 6 to 1!! Bill 96-20, is called the Strengthening Modernization, Accountability, Reform, and Transparency (SMART) Policing Act. The SMART Policing Act bans the use of chokeholds, prohibits the hiring of a police officer fired for using excessive force in another precinct. The Act mandates that officers take annual training in de-escalation and requires officers to intervene when others use excessive force. We thank Councilman Julian Jones for introducing the bill, his hard work and tireless efforts in conjunction with the Baltimore County Council and the community for bringing the SMART Policing Act into fruition. This is a victorious step for Baltimore County!

NAACP Annual Convention

The NAACP held it's Annual Convention from September 13th-26th. The virtual Convention featured the nation's leading activists, policymakers and speakers for justice such as Angela Rye (Attorney, CNN Commentator) , Stacy Abrams (Fair Right), and Lee Saunders (CEO, AFL-CIO) .

The first week topics of discussion included the future of the labor and workforce, a new agenda for the black health and wealth of America, mass incarcerations, the Millennials and Generation Z campaign to vote, and the ACT-SO Competition.

The second week focused on Youth Regional meetings. September 25th featured the signature event of the week, a conversation with Vice Presidential candidate, Kamala Harris.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Interested in working with the Youth or in the ACT-SO Program?

We're also looking for individuals interested in Labor and Industry or Community Outreach. Email us at naacpbaltimorecounty@gmail.com

Our General Body meetings are every first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm on Zoom. To get the link, check out our Facebook page or our Events page for the meeting flyer posted at our website below.

www.naacp-bcountymd.org

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