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News & Information

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## Community Night a Success!

The Good Counsel-Damatha football game wasn't the Olney game in town on Thursday, Oct. 2. The Olney Chamber's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Night drew over 2500 residents looking to see what the Olney businesses and community groups had to offer and to take a "taste" of Olney restaurants. Many of the visitors to the event were first time visitors but one family remarked that it was their 29<sup>th</sup> time coming to the event. Another said that she has attended the last 20 years that she has lived in Olney and enjoys it every year. One young visitor to the event said attending was just like "trick or treating!" Community Night just gets bigger and better every year.

The exhibit hall as well as the outer parking lot was filled with 86 local businesses and community groups showing the community what services they provide. The Taste of Olney featured delicious food from BJ Pumpernickel's, El Andriego, El Antojito, Mamma Lucia, Penny Chocolates and Gelato, Olney Bagel Bakery, and the Olney Tavern. A record number of 6052 tickets were sold for the food court. Visitors to the event took a chance on items donated by local businesses at the Paper Bag Raffle. They also had an opportunity to be the highest bidder on services and prices at the Silent Auction.

The Olney Chamber would like to thank their event sponsors Beth Novick Personal Training, Carl M. Freeman Foundation and The Gazette of Politics and Business. They would also like to thank their event partner the Longwood Community Center for once again hosting the event at the center and for their help making sure everything ran smoothly. Also greatly appreciated were the volunteers: the students from Our House, the MD-National Park Police and the Park Police volunteers, Pam Spears, Paula Kahla, Anne Moriarty, Jon Hulsizer, Eric Ansari, Rachel Ansari, Greg Porter, Nancy Ochsenreiter, Patrina Goldstein, and Shannon Gorman. Special thanks goes to Ellen Coleman for overseeing the food court and to Robyn and John Quinter of Quinter Design for Co-chairing the event this year. The Olney Chamber would lastly like to thank all the businesses, community groups, and restaurants who participated as exhibitors or donors, as without them, there would be no event. The Olney Chamber looks forward to the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Night to be held October 2009.

## Announcements:

► **Fall Fest:** The Carl Freeman Companies invite all to their Fall Fest on Saturday, October 11. There will be a scarecrow making workshop from 1-3 p.m. in the Olney Town Center and horse drawn hayrides from 2-4 p.m. in the Olney Village Center. Everything is free so come out and enjoy some great fall fun!

► **OTC Gala:** The Olney Theatre Center will be holding their 2008 Gala on Saturday, October 25. The magical evening of celebration theme is "never grow up." If you would like more information or request an invitation call 301.924.4485 x 146.

► **"Underpants" at the OTC:** The Olney Theatre Center presents "The Underpants" on the new MainStage. "The Underpants" is a comedy adapted by Steve Martin. Steve Martin brings his comic genius to this outrageous look at politics, sex, and feminism. The show runs now through October 19. If you would like information on tickets and show times visit [www.olneytheatre.org](http://www.olneytheatre.org).

► **Family Halloween Bash:** Funfit Family Fitness Center will have their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Bash on Tuesday, October 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:00 p.m. and on Thursday, October 29 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m. Register early for treats, crafts, and loads of fun. Cost is \$8 per child and \$6 for siblings. For more information call Funfit at 301.975.0099.

► **Business Opportunity:** Rita's of Olney for sale: established 2 yrs & profitable. Great community! Go to [www.ritasice.com](http://www.ritasice.com) to obtain franchise info then call Enoch 12:00-4:00 p.m weekdays at 301.260.0017.

► **Club Friday:** Club Friday at the Longwood Community Center has started again for the school year. Club Friday is open to children in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. It is held the first and second Friday of the month. There is a \$30 membership fee. For information on how to register call the Longwood Community Center at 240.777.6920.

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