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Shark Tank Open Casting Call May 9th Salisbury University

On Friday, May 9th, Shark Tank will hold an Open Casting Call at the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University. Presentations will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Perdue Hall, South Salisbury Boulevard (Business Route 13), in Salisbury.

Entrepreneurs will be given the opportunity to do a 1-minute pitch of their business/ product/idea, followed by 2 or 3 questions - just like it would be if they were on the show. Pre-registration for a specific time can be made by calling Theresa, 47 ABC at 410-742-4747 ext. 346 or just sign in upon arrival at the Perdue School of Business.

Entrepreneurs should bring a completed Application Packet

At the Water Cooler



11 facts you need to know about [Cinco de Mayo](#)



with them. The packet, along with business advice and Q&A interviews with the Sharks, can be found by clicking [here](#).

For further information on the event, call Kathleen McLain at 410-742-4747 ext. 303.



The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is now accepting applications for FY15 Maryland Bikeways Program funding.

Applications are due by Thursday, June 5, 2014. MDOT encourages agencies to apply to this Program to fund bicycle transportation projects. Funding awards will be announced this Fall.

The Maryland Bikeways Program is a state-funded reimbursable grant program that provides funds to local, regional and state agencies to design and develop bicycle transportation infrastructure projects. Examples include signed bicycle routes and wayfinding, bike racks, bike lanes, shared lanes, and shared-use paths. Funding match requirements range from 0% to 50%, depending the project type and size.

The Bikeways Program applications are reviewed with the goal of supporting projects that fill gaps in existing trails and bicycle networks. The Program prioritizes projects that make needed connections between communities and local destinations, such as transit stations, schools, shopping, parks, and employment.

Applications may be downloaded and submitted online at: www.cycle.maryland.gov or via email to: MDBikeways@mdot.state.md.us. Because the email server rejects most attachments larger than 6 MB, please use an FTP site or file sharing service to transmit the

application and any large attachments.



Maryland Welcomes the World

Deep Creek 2014 is set to host the **ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships** in McHenry Maryland, September 17-21, 2014. [The Adventure Sports Center International](#) (ASCI) is the prestigious venue for the event and is the only mountaintop re-circulating whitewater course in the world.

Be a Part of History! Olympic Level Athletes from over 35 Countries competing for the Gold!

This is the 25 year anniversary of the 1989 World Championship held right here in Garrett County Maryland and **only the second time in history** this prestigious event has graced the United States.

Through state and private contributions as well as a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission ([ARC](#)), additional funds were used to support the Deep Creek 2014 Canoe Slalom World Championships at ASCI with Telecommunications upgrades, amphitheater seating, stairs, and a pavilion.



Todd Copley presents a limited edition Deep Creek 2014 poster to Tri-County Council. (pictured L-R are: Leanne Mazer, Executive Director TCC, Commissioner John Barr, Chairman TCC, Todd Copley, Executive Director Deep Creek 2014, Guy Winterberg, Assistant Director TCC, Al Feldstein, Program Manager ARC)



USDA Program Helps Open the HART Animal Center

USDA officials were on hand to celebrate the grand opening of the HART Animal Center located between McHenry and Accident at 1256 Bumble Bee Road.

The Animal Center was made possible with the support of the county which donated 6.85 acres and the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Program. Altogether, USDA provided \$1.7M in low-interest loan and grant funds that helped with the construction of the 12,000 square foot facility that will house several offices, a veterinary clinic, and boarding and grooming areas, and an adoption wing that will hold 100 homeless animals.

The new facility has allowed the HART Animal Center to expand its full time staff of three to 22 jobs when it opened in February, and is expecting to support 50 jobs when it

reaches full operation in the fall of 2014.



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