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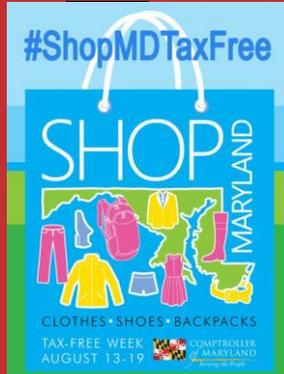
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### Dates to Remember

**Sunday, August 13  
through Saturday,  
August 19, 2017  
Shop Maryland  
Tax Free Week**

Follow this link for full details.



**Maryland Farmer's Markets**  
Follow [this link](#).

### Online CEDS Survey Closes

The CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) Committee extends its thanks and appreciation for the input provided during the recent survey period.

The survey data will be analyzed and used to guide the goals and objectives of the region's economic development efforts as the committee prepares the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for 2018-2022.

Results of the survey will be available online in Fall 2017.

### Governor Hogan Requests Info From Businesses and Employees on Mandated Paid Leave

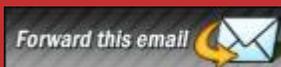
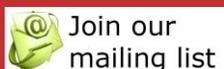
Governor Hogan has directed the Committee on Paid Leave to collect data from employers and employees throughout Maryland to better understand access to paid leave policies and how this benefit is best met by a fair and flexible statewide leave policy. Over the course of the next six months, the committee will be collecting data as to how a mandated leave policy would specifically impact the Maryland workforce.

Please complete the survey if you are interested in sharing information and being contacted by the committee.

Click [here](#) to access the survey.



Linking Maryland Farmers  
with Consumers.  
[www.marylandsbest.net](http://www.marylandsbest.net)



### Notice of Funding Availability

#### Maryland's Community Parks & Playgrounds Program

The DNR program provides grant funding assistance to restore existing park and green space systems and create new park and green space systems in the municipal corporations of the State and Baltimore City. Follow the link to view the full FY2019 Grant Proposal Guide including Types of Projects Funded.

**The application deadline is 4:00pm August 16, 2017.**



## Registration Open for Technology at the Gap Leading the Charge '17

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
Rocky Gap Casino Resort  
8:30am - 4:30pm**

Technology at the Gap is a one-day conference for web developers, system admins, network and security specialists, managers, and others in, or around, the IT industry. Hear from engaging and informative speakers and spend time sharing ideas as you enjoy a little bit of fall in Western Maryland.

Network with other professionals and vendors as you learn about the latest tools and processes in the industry and how you can apply them at your company.

**Early Bird Registration Now Available  
Only \$100 until September 24, 2017**

Follow [this link](#) for Event Schedule, Speakers, Registration, and complete details.



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