

TEEN COURT NEWSLETTER

December 2024

'Tis the season to be safe online!

Let's unwrap some cyber-savvy tips to keep your digital festivities merry and bright:

- New device? Wrap it in a strong passcode ~ it's like a gift box for your personal info!
- Keep your tech fresh- update that software!
- Spice up your passwords like your favorite holiday recipe
 - Skip the obvious ingredients like birthdays and pet names!
- Stick to trusted sites and remember, if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Spread cheer, not financial fear: when shopping online, use a credit card or give yourself extra security with Venmo or PayPal. Keep that debit card tucked away.
- Treat links like mystery gifts ~ give them a good shake (hover) before you unwrap. Spot the 'https' in the address bar? That's letting you know the website is secure.
- Public Wi-Fi can be risky. Save your online shopping for your secure home network - No exceptions!
- Snap away, but keep your location under wraps and turn off that geo-locator when taking photos.
- Save vacation posts until you get back home.



Remember, staying safe online is like spreading holiday cheer ~ it makes everyone's season brighter! So deck your digital halls and enjoy a cyber-secure celebration, no matter how you honor the season. Happy Holidays!

Warm regards,

Maria Barga

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Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's County



Need help with your devices? Marylanders Online provides free tech support by phone. Reach Digital Navigators at 1-866-206-8467. Open Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-5pm.

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Thank you for making our Hygiene Drive a success!

In October, Teen Court held a Hygiene Drive to collect supplies for our local Community Schools. Thanks to the generous donations of individuals and organizations, like the Health Department and Les Gemmes, Teen Court was able to provide all 10 Community School with items they can give to families through their pantries. Items collected included laundry soap, body wash, feminine products, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.



UPCOMING EVENT



Resource Hour ~ 2nd Annual No-Questions-Asked Event

Drop in to pick up resources and information for you or a loved one on a large variety of topics that cover financial health, mental wellness, physical health, and more.

Event Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Location: CCSO Headquarters Building



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