

One Maryland

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A Message from the Governor

Our New Economy

This week, after two years of planning and discussion with our Administration, the U.S. Department of Interior [formally launched the process](#) that will bring renewable wind energy generation to the waters off the coast of Ocean City.

The announcement marks another step forward for our new economy. By harnessing the outstanding wind resources off of Maryland's coast, we can create thousands of green collar jobs, reduce harmful air pollution, and bring much needed, additional clean energy to our state.

Wind energy provides the unique opportunity to [utilize jobs that exist and adapt them](#) to a new, emerging industry that will secure our energy future and put hardworking moms and dads back to work. Maryland is well positioned to move forward and become a leader in this industry – an industry fueled by the cause of cleaner, greener energy – thanks to the tough choices we've made together over the last four years that have transformed Maryland into one of the leading clean energy states in the nation. In fact, Maryland is one of only two states to have reached the point in the process announced by the federal government this week.

We've set the bold goal of creating or saving 100,000 green jobs in Maryland by 2015. The development of one gigawatt of wind energy in the mid-Atlantic region could lead to the creation of up to 4,000 clean energy jobs, and 800 more once the turbines are spinning.

As we emerge from this national recession stronger and more quickly than other states, Maryland remains well positioned to capitalize on our new economy thanks to the skills and talents of our workforce and our ability to harness our natural resources to create jobs.

Martin O'Malley
Governor



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35th Anniversary Holiday Craft Fair

November 14, 11am-4pm at Deerfield Run Community Center in Laurel. Seventy-five craftspeople display, demonstrate and sell; door prizes, food, bake sales, holiday workshop registration.

Potters Guild of Baltimore's Annual Holiday Show

November 13-14, 12N-5pm at Historic Meadow Mill at Woodberry in Baltimore. Reception: Nov. 14-15; handcrafted pottery show

Governor O'Malley Celebrates Two-Year Anniversary of the Partnership to End Childhood Hunger



This afternoon, Governor O'Malley commemorated the two-year anniversary of the Partnership to End Childhood Hunger, the Administration's effort to make Maryland the first state to end childhood hunger within its borders. The Governor presented a proclamation declaring November "Maryland No Kid Hungry by 2015 Challenge" Month.

In November of 2008, Governor Martin O'Malley established the Partnership to End Childhood Hunger in Maryland with Share our Strength and the Governor's Office for Children. Maryland developed a partnership that includes community groups, activists and food programs to catch children at risk of hunger, and ensure they have nutritious food where they live, learn and play. Governor O'Malley is the first Governor in the nation to commit to ending childhood hunger by 2015 and has placed Childhood Hunger as one of his [15 strategic goals](#).

Last year, nearly 207,000 children in Maryland were determined to be food insecure. The Governor's efforts are focused on five core strategies, [which can be found here](#).

Soldier Santa Ball to Support APG Soldiers and Families

The Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) will host the "Soldier Santa Ball" at the Hilton Baltimore on Friday, December 10th from 6pm to 11:00pm. The proceeds from the Soldier Santa Ball will provide care packages to deployed Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Soldiers; holiday meals for APG Soldiers and their families; holiday meals for deployed APG Soldiers' families; holiday meals for APG wounded Warriors and help to defer the cost for APG Soldiers to attend this event.



The evening will include a no host cocktail hour followed by dinner, musical entertainment by Reminiscence and Dancing with DJ - Sammy K. A Silent Auction will be also featured. [Tickets to the event](#) are available at a cost of \$50 per person or \$400 per table (a table includes 6 persons for the purchaser and two tickets for Soldiers).

and sale, 48 local potters, open studio, refreshments; show continues through Dec. 24.

Veteran's Day Parade

November 11, 10am on Washington Street in Leonardtown. Marching bands, military units, bagpipers, antique cars; Native American dancers, horses, scouts. Memorial ceremony and placing of wreaths.

Waterfowl Festival

November 12-14, Fri.-Sat. 10am-6pm and Sun. 10am-4pm at twelve locations throughout Easton. Wildlife Art and Sportsman's Expo: paintings, carvings, sculpture, decoys, sporting gear, wine tasting, food and music.

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Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program to End Friday

The Maryland Energy Administration is encouraging all Marylanders to take advantage of the popular [Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program](#), which began on Earth Day 2010, before it concludes on Friday, November 12, 2010. The rebate program encourages residents to replace outdated, inefficient appliances in their homes with ENERGY STAR-rated equivalents, delivering financial savings directly to consumers and energy savings to the state energy grid.

Using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, the Maryland Energy Administration has already processed rebates for more than 14,000 clothes washers, 3,500 refrigerators and nearly 3,000 central air conditioners and air source heat pumps. Rebates remain available for qualifying purchases whose rebate application is postmarked on or before Friday, November 12, 2010.

Marylanders can take advantage of the Appliance Rebate Program by purchasing one of the following ENERGY STAR appliances: central air conditioning units (\$500), air source heat pumps (\$500), room air conditioners (\$25) and freezers (\$100). Funds for qualifying super-efficient clothes washers (\$100), refrigerators (\$50), and electric heat pump water heaters (\$300) are also available for rebate applications postmarked by Friday, November 12, 2010.

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