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# ONE MARYLAND

## A Message from the Governor



*To create and save Maryland jobs, support our businesses, and help our families in tough time, we will be commencing a Tax-Free Shopping Week from August 14th-20th.*

*During this Tax-Free Shopping Week, you'll be able to enjoy tax-free shopping in Maryland for items under \$100--a great way to save money on all of your back to school items while supporting our local businesses and growing our State's economy.*

*We made tax free shopping week an annual event in 2007 and it's been a success ever since. I hope that you and your family will take advantage of the great savings next week. Together, we can continue to build a stronger future for our children.*

*- Governor O'Malley*

## What's Going On?

### Jobs Through Advanced Manufacturing

General Motors could have developed their next-generation electric motors anywhere. Instead, we convinced them to build them right here in Maryland--and as a result, together we're creating 800 jobs.

### Events Around Maryland

#### [The Baltimore Grand Prix](#)

September 2-4, all day at 401 E Pratt Street. The Baltimore Grand Prix will be a spectacular 3-day "festival of speed" that highlights the great city of Baltimore.

#### [Maryland Armed Forces at the State Fair](#)

August 28 at 2pm at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. Join Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown at the Maryland Armed Forces Community Covenant Signing Ceremony. Free admission for all active military members!

#### [Cycle Maryland](#)

Now-October 9, statewide. Enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise, support a greener environment and discover Maryland's magnificent landscape as you pedal through Maryland.

#### [Ocean City Hotel Week](#)

August 21-September 1. Enjoy end of summer hotel deals throughout Ocean City.

#### [Howard County Fair](#)

August 9-13, 8am-11pm at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Livestock shows, petting farms, rides, shows, great food and much more!

For more events around Maryland, visit the [Maryland Tourism Office](#) and follow @travelMD on Twitter.



We want more of these success stories. That's why last week, we joined hundreds of Marylanders in Baltimore for a ["Make it in Maryland Rally."](#)

We will continue to pursue advanced manufacturing opportunities because they create good-paying jobs, strengthen our middle-class and help build a better future for our children.

And we'll continue to invest in our greatest asset: the [skills, ingenuity and creativity of our people](#). A modern economy requires modern investments and If we want to make it in the new economy, we need to make it in Maryland.

## Local Products = Local Jobs

In Maryland, we're blessed with a rich agricultural tradition and an [abundance of locally grown and caught products](#).

Buying local means creating and saving Maryland jobs, because when you support our local farmers and watermen, you support Maryland jobs and Maryland's economy.

Not to mention, buying local is delicious, it's great for our health and it's great for helping protect our environment and preserve more farmland.

We have dozens of farmers' markets open throughout our state and hundreds of stores selling local products. To find a farmers' market or store near you, check out our [Maryland's Best website](#).



## Marylander on the Move: Thomas Laskowski



Thomas Laskowski is enhancing our cyber-sector, creating jobs and moving Maryland forward. As President of Gantech Inc., a technology firm, Mr. Laskowski has leveraged our State's Minority Business Enterprise and Small Business Reserve programs to grow his business by 24% in 2010, creating more than 55 jobs in Maryland in the past 18 months alone.

## MD Tweets

[@GovernorO'Malley](#): To create jobs, a modern economy requires modern investments & we believe that our children's future is worth the investment. [#MD](#)

[@MdBiz](#): "Maryland is home to some of the finest research institutions in the world." [bit.ly/elmhiA](#) #MDBizMedia

[@MarylandSports](#): A nice recap of the Ravens' open practice at M&T Bank Stadium this past Saturday. Coming Home to Roost: [wp.me/p1vYf0-U2](#)

[@eyesonthebay](#): New on Eyes on the Bay: Water quality status & trend maps for MD's Coastal Bays. It's 'How the Coastal Bays are doing.' [bit.ly/pEhf9H](#)

[@VolunteerMD](#): Our Class 23: 31 #AmeriCorps members -> 8,805 volunteers -> 65,061 community members served! [http://ht.ly/5UffT](#)

[@MDsBest](#): Maryland flowers! Got to love them. Check out this video with Plantmasters from #MdsBest: [http://ow.ly/5XWsR](#)

## #MD Hashtag of the Month

Use [#MDEats](#) this month to talk about your favorite Maryland restaurants, farms, producers and shops.

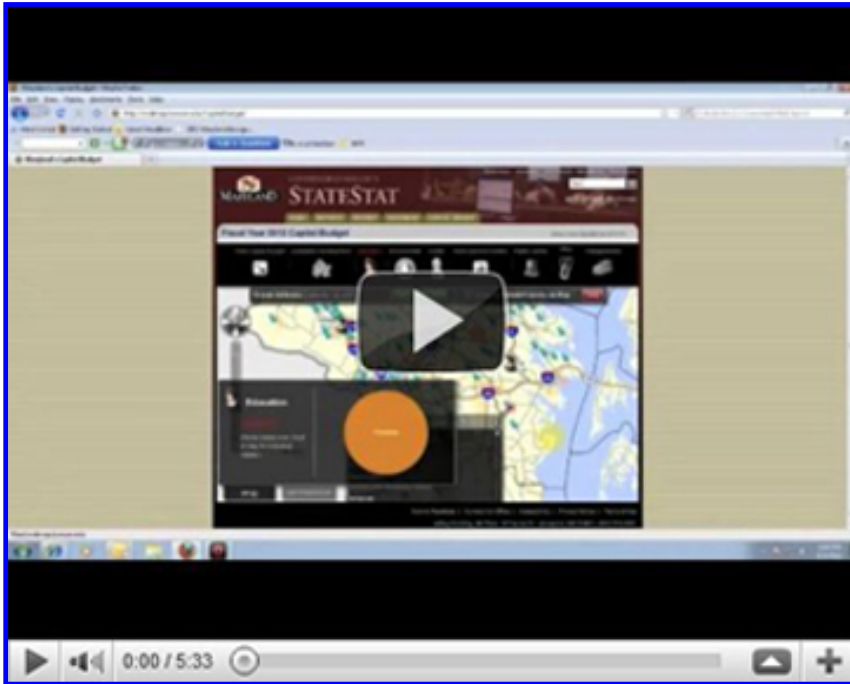


In May, Mr. Laskowski was recognized as a finalist for the Ernst & Young Maryland Entrepreneur of the Year. He was selected as a finalist with a record number of nominations by a panel of

independent judges.

## Innovative Maryland

You spoke and we listened. Last month, we asked you to tell us how you'd like to interact with Maryland's IMaps. Almost half of survey respondents indicated that they wanted to see Guided Instructional Tours. Below is a tutorial on Maryland's FY2012 Capital Budget Map--the first in a series of guided tutorials on how to use our innovative GIS technology.



This is a new series and we welcome your feedback. Please use the comment box on the [newly designed Mapping Portal](#) to let us know what you think about the maps, videos and links. We are always looking to improve as we work to map Maryland's future.

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## Your Opinion

### Where do you FIRST hear about breaking news (most often)?

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### Last Month's Poll Results

What would be most helpful to you for using Maryland's Interactive Maps?

- Guided Instructional Tour (41%)**
- Comment Box (34%)**
- Live chat with experts (23%)**
- Blogs or Discussion Boards (23%)**
- Online Town Halls (23%)**
- Social Media Integration (20%)**
- In-Person Town Halls (18%)**