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Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford laid a wreath during ceremonies held at the 9/11 Memorial of Maryland in front of Baltimore's World Trade Center. The annual commemoration honors the Marylanders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 in the terrorist attacks in New York, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. The memorial consists of a marble pedestal etched with the names of those 69 Marylanders, and is topped with three girders from the fallen towers. Every September 11th, the memorial acts as a sun dial marking the times of the major events on that tragic day.

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Salisbury

Governor Larry Hogan was on hand for the 78th Annual National Folk Festival, which began its three-year run in Salisbury on September 7. The three-day festival brought more than 350 artists and more than 25 music groups to seven stages in downtown Salisbury and, despite the grey skies and occasional thunderstorms, crowds were large and enthusiastic with estimates ranging from 67,000 to 75,000 attendees according to city officials.



MSAC Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report is Here

The MSAC released its FY2018 Annual Report which showed strong numbers across a range of measurements. Maryland's 24 Arts and Entertainment Districts supported 8,594 jobs, \$855.8 million in state GDP, \$267 million in total wages, and \$63.5 million in state and local tax revenue. The MSAC also provided \$225,000 in Individual Artist Awards to 78 artists and more than \$3 million in support of county arts councils. To read the full report, including county-by-county breakdowns of arts impact, [follow this link](#).



Make Your Nominations Now for the 2018 Destination Maryland Awards

OTD is seeking nominations for the 2018 Destination Maryland Awards. These awards recognize the outstanding work of the tourism industry in its quest to increase revenue from visitor spending while providing unforgettable customer experiences for our visitors. Individuals, businesses, organizations, and governmental agencies that have significantly and positively impacted the local, regional, or statewide economy are eligible for nominations. This year's categories include the Maximizing Opportunities Award, the Market Expansion Award, the Leveraging Partnerships Award, and the Transactional Opportunities Award. The awards will be presented during the Maryland Travel & Tourism Summit, November 14-16 in Cambridge. For more information including eligibility guidelines, and to make a nomination, [follow this link to the OTD industry website](#).



Save the Date for the 39th Annual MTTTS Summit

The 2018 Maryland Travel & Tourism Summit (MTTS) will be held November 14-16 at the Chesapeake Bay Hyatt Regency Golf Resort, Spa and Marina in Cambridge. MTTS is Maryland's annual tourism industry conference, which brings together all sectors of the hospitality industry. MTTS offers one-of-a-kind networking and is the ideal opportunity to learn and develop new strategies to advance your business and Maryland Tourism as a whole.



The summit attracts more than 250 attendees, acclaimed speakers presenting on industry trends, and interactive learning sessions including an off-site learning lab. For more information and to register, [follow this link](#).

Register Now for the Mid-Atlantic Food Recovery Summit

Be a part of the continuing conversation about reducing food waste in the mid-Atlantic region and beyond. This summit will explore goals to avoid surplus food and divert it to its highest and best uses.



Presentations will address gaps in food recovery infrastructure; how to scale effective solutions in meeting goals; and strategies for food recovery across different sectors and regions. The summit will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders for



information, discussion, and networking, with the aim of increasing food recovery in the mid-Atlantic. Food Day will be held October 24 in the Wiseman Student Center at Bowie State University. For details, [follow this link to the Bowie State Food Day page](#), and if you would like to exhibit, [contact Dr. Anne Osano for more information](#).

MSAC Seeks Artists for “New Day Campaign”

The MSAC is looking for artists whose work in some way depicts the hardships they face with behavioral health matters. The exhibit, entitled “Dusk & Dawn” is part of the [New Day Campaign](#), an initiative dedicated to using arts programming and public engagement to challenge the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness and substance use. The campaign is looking for artists of all disciplines to participate in this new, statewide initiative. For more information, [follow this link to the MSAC's webpage](#).



Promote Your Event with "Maryland Mondays" Ticket Giveaway

How can OTD help spread the word about your attraction or event? "Maryland Mondays" is the perfect way to help us help you. Each Monday, OTD launches a new "Maryland Mondays" ticket giveaway program across all of our social media channels, consumer newsletters, and weekly "Maryland Minute" radio spots. Combined, these channels reach thousands of potential customers each week. To find out how to get involved by providing tickets to your attraction for an upcoming "Maryland Mondays," [email OTD's Leslie Troy](#).



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“National Folk Festival Succeeds in Year One,” according to *Delmarva Now*



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The National Folk Festival to Drive Change for Salisbury



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Quirky Delmarva Festivals You Can’t Miss, according to *Travel As Much*



Salisbury Mayor Jake Day Reflects on National Folk Festival



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