



Religious Programming

Joel Osteen – *Sunday 10:00AM and Saturday 2:00AM*

God is doing amazing things through our television ministry. We are reaching over 100 million homes in the U.S. and tens of millions more in 100 nations. Lives are being changed, relationships are being restored and communities are being transformed by the power of God and the message of hope that is being broadcast through this ministry.

Peter Popoff Ministries- *Tuesday and Thursday 1:00AM- ended 8/3/17*

Although the means are different, today the ministry goal is the same: "To Minister the Good News of the Gospel around the world, to use every means possible to proclaim to the world that Jesus is Savior, Baptizer, Healer and soon-coming King. To inspire faith and love into action..." This is accomplished using several mediums of media including the Internet and Television. Peter and his family are in Crusades around the globe nearly every month and spends hours in prayer and meditation over the requests that come into this ministry. He strongly believes in prayer, healing, deliverance, prosperity, and communicating God's love for the broken hearted. He proclaims that, "God is touching hurting people around the world, and now he wants to touch you with his miracle working power." Thousands of testimonies come in each month telling how God is touching people and working in their lives. God is amazing and Peter Popoff Ministries is a vessel that is used to show God's transforming miracle-working power!

In Touch Ministries- *Sunday 6:30AM*

It all began in 1972, when a half-hour program called "The Chapel Hour" was launched on Atlanta-area television stations. Today, "In Touch with Dr. Charles Stanley" can be heard around the world via radio and television broadcasts, podcasts, the handheld In Touch Ministries Messenger, In Touch Apps, and right here on the Web. Our programs are seen and heard around the world on more than 2,600 radio and television outlets in more than 50 languages. In addition to broadcasting, the ministry continues to produce books, studies, discipleship resources, and the award-winning In Touch magazine to more than 1.5 million households every month.



BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

Animal Outtakes

Animal Outtakes is a weekly half-hour series presenting teen viewers with amazing, unusual, and informative stories from the animal kingdom. Host Marsha Panuce visits zoos and animal sanctuaries across the United States to explore how animals are being cared for, and explain the differences between the various critters. Zoo keepers and animal experts share their stories about each animal as we follow their daily routines at each facility.

Dragonfly TV

Dragonfly TV is a weekly half-hour science television series that highlights children doing projects with hands-on experience and demonstrates the practical applications of mathematics and science. It introduces young viewers to a variety of scientific disciplines and challenges them in critical thinking and problem solving skills, while providing valuable information to reach answers. Each episode is engaging, entertaining, and educational in structure, allowing children to investigate science on their own.

Walking Wild

Walking Wild is a weekly half-hour reality series showcasing various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on the dedicated people who look after these spectacular critters. The program also gives teen viewers a unique, up-close examination of each wild animal. *Walking Wild* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.

Wild Wonders

Wild Wonders is a weekly half-hour reality series allowing teen viewers to become familiar with various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on various critters and examines their differences. The program also provides important information about each animal's living habits and includes interviews with people who care for them. *Wild Wonders* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.



2016-2017 SEASON

ME-TV NETWORK CHILDREN'S E/I PROGRAMMING

SERIES NAME	SYNOPSIS	RATINGS	TARGET AUDIENCE	E/I or NON
BEAKMAN'S WORLD	This live-action series based on the comic strip by Jok Church stars performance artist Paul Zaloom as the slightly nutty but never boring scientist who leads a journey of discovery while performing experiments that demonstrate how the world works. Topics are addressed with cutting-edge humor and state-of-the-art visuals that make learning fun. Joining Beakman in his quest are Josie (Alanna Ubach), his bright young apprentice, and an oversize, sarcastic rat named Lester (Mark Ritts).	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
BILL NYE, THE SCIENCE GUY	With 28 Emmys and a slew of other prestigious awards, Disney's resident way-cool scientist knows how to get kids fired up about science. From Earth science to complex discussions on genetics, Bill Nye's enthusiasm for all things science is contagious.	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
MYSTERY HUNTERS	<i>Mystery Hunters</i> explores some of the world's greatest myths and mysteries. Combining on-site reporting and exciting adventures, the <i>Mystery Hunters</i> uses science and reasoning to try to uncover the truth. The program teaches children how to gather facts, meet with experts, debunk common myths, and offer explanations for legends. 2006 Winner of a <i>Parents' Choice Award</i> , <i>Mystery Hunters</i> .	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
SAVED BY THE BELL	<i>Saved By The Bell</i> is a television series targeted to teens 13-16 years of age, which explores social themes and coping strategies through the daily school life of six teen-aged friends at Bayside High who help each other make the most of growing up in a complicated world. The multi-ethnic cast members serve as role models for young teen viewers as they deal with such issues as dealing with the death of a loved one, the right to say "no," the meaning of heroism, teenage alcohol use and other issues of particular concern to young teens.	TV-PG	K13-16	E/I



ON THE HILL

FOX5 News on The Hill is a half-hour live political show featuring FOX5 Political Reporters Tom Fitzgerald & Ronica Cleary, along with The Hill's Editor in Chief Bob Cusack as hosts. The show airs each Sunday at 8:30am. The hosts report and analyze the big headlines and stories from the campaign trail, along with political news from the White House and Capitol Hill.

Episodes 3rd^d Quarter 2017:

- Sunday, July 9
- Sunday, July 16
- Sunday, July 23
- Sunday, July 30
- Sunday, August 6
- Sunday, August 13
- Sunday, August 20
- Sunday, August 27
- Sunday, September 3
- Sunday, September 10
- Sunday, September 17
- Sunday, September 24

3rd Quarter 2017 FOX News Sunday Quarterly Report

July 2, 2017 – October 1, 2017

July 2

Trump Administration's Agenda

Marc Short, White House Legislative Affairs Director

Repealing and Replacing Obamacare

Sen Rand Paul (R-KY)

Sen Joe Manchin (D-WV)

July 9

G20 Summit & Trump Admin Agenda

Reince Priebus, White House Chief of Staff

Passing Healthcare Reform

Sen Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

July 16

Trump/Russia Collusion

Jay Sekulow, Member of President Trump's Legal Team

Passing Healthcare Reform

Sen Rand Paul (R-KY)

July 23

WH Shakeup & Future of POTUS' Agenda

Anthony Scaramucci, Incoming White House Communications Director

Passing GOP Healthcare Bill

Sen John Thune (R-SD), Republican Conference Chairman

Sen Ben Cardin (D-MD), Foreign Relations Committee

July 30

WH Staff Shakeup

Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President

Future of Healthcare & Chaos in WH

Rep Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), House Democratic Leader

Future of Healthcare & Chaos in WH

John Kasich (R), Governor of Ohio

August 6

Leaks/Mueller's Russia Probe

Rod Rosenstein, Deputy Attorney General

Mueller's Russia Probe

Sen Thom Tillis (R-NC), Member of Senate Judiciary Committee

August 13

North Korea's Nuclear Threat

Mike Pompeo, CIA Director

North Korea's Nuclear Threat

Sen Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Committee on Armed Services

August 20

Bannon's WH Departure/Future of Trump Admin

David Bossie, Fmr Trump Dep Campaign Mgr/Fox News Contributor

Foreign Policy & Terror Attack

Sen Ben Cardin (D-MD), Foreign Relations Committee Ranking Member

August 27

Hurricane Harvey

Greg Abbott (R), Texas Governor

Hurricane Harvey/Future Plan in Afghanistan

Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State

September 3

Recovering from Harvey

Greg Abbott (R), Texas Governor

Funding Harvey Relief/Plan for Tax Reform

Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury

September 10

Hurricane Irma

Brock Long, FEMA Director

Hurricane Irma

Rick Scott, Governor of Florida

Plan for Tax Reform

Rep Jim Jordan (R-OH), House Freedom Caucus Co-Founder

September 17

President Trump United Nations Preview

H.R. McMaster, National Security Advisor

DACA Debate

Sen Dick Durbin (D-IL), Minority Whip

Sen Roy Blunt (R-MO), Vice Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference

September 24

Healthcare & Tax Reform/North Korea's Nuclear Threat

Marc Short, White House Director of Legislative Affairs

The Gates Foundation's "Goalkeepers" Report

Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

October 1

Puerto Rico Relief Efforts

Brock Long, FEMA Administrator

Tax Reform

Mick Mulvaney, Director of the Office of Management and Budget



WTTG/Channel 5

Program Information Report

Fox 5 Morning News at 4:25am – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:25-5:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 Morning News – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00-9:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 News at Five – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00-6:00pm and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

Fox 5 News Edge at Six – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 6:00-6:30pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

5@6:30- A Monday through Friday rundown news program that airs from 6:30-7:00pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

Fox 5 News at Ten – A daily one-hour news program that airs from 10:00-11:00pm featuring local, national and international news headlines as well as in depth local stories, investigative reports, sports and weather information.

Fox 5 News Edge at Eleven – A daily news program that airs from 11:00-11:30pm featuring local news, weather and sports.

The Final Five – A Monday through Friday news program that airs 11:30pm-12:00am delivered by news anchor, Jim Lokay, that has a focus on politics and local/national headlines.

Origination: Local

Issues addressed:

1. Crime
2. Local politics
3. National politics
4. Health
5. Education
6. Community
7. Housing
8. Transportation
9. Environment
10. Children

Fox News Sunday – A one-hour weekly program, airing Sundays from 9:00-10:00am that looks at the most pressing issues of the week from the White House, Congress and Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court and various government agencies and conducts interviews with political newsmakers. Origination: Network

SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

3Q 2017

CRIME
JULY 2017

Police: 11 people shot in DC paintball attacks

By: fox5dc.com staff

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/police-at-least-10-people-shot-in-dc-paintball-attacks>

WASHINGTON - Police say eleven people were shot with paintballs in random drive-by attacks at several locations in Southeast D.C.

According to police, the incidents started at around 11 a.m. as two suspects in a silver or tan late-model Ford Fusion began firing their paintball guns at random victims. The shooting attacks took place at the following locations:

- 1200 block of Trenton Place, SE
 - 3400 block of 13th Street, SE
 - Trenton Place and Stanton Road, SE
 - 2000 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
 - 2200 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
 - 17th and T Streets, SE
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Police say two of the victims were taken to the hospital for treatment and all eleven victims suffered non-life-threatening injuries. We are told one person suffered an eye injury.

“I looked out of the corner of my eye and I saw this gold-colored sedan in the street and I saw a gun, so I yelled gun and I turned to step towards the building – I was going to duck into the building when the shots started hitting me in the back of the neck,” said Marvin Hamrick. “I think the paintballs were frozen. The first one hit, it burned and broke the skin as the next two did, and I really didn’t feel the other four hit me as I was going for the floor in the building.”

A worker at a hot dog stand along Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue said when the paintball shooting happened, he thought they were real gunshots and ducked for cover when the paintballs were being fired. The worker said he was hit in the hand

On Tuesday evening, D.C. police released two photos of the suspects' vehicle, which has unknown Maryland tags, to the public.

Earlier this month, a paintball shooting incident was captured on video as dozens of people were seen shooting at each other on the streets near the Benning Terrace area of Southeast D.C. Some could be seen shooting their weapons from the roofs of the housing complex as well as from vehicles on the roadway.

It is illegal to carry an air rifle, blow gun or any similar type of gun outside in public in the District.

Anyone with information about the paintball incidents is asked to call police at 202-727-9099 or submit tips to the TEXT TIP LINE by sending a text message to 50411.

LOCAL POLITICS

SEPTEMBER 2017

College Park to allow non-US citizens the right to vote in local elections

By: Evan Lambert, fox5dc.com staff

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/college-park-weighing-proposal-that-would-allow-non-us-citizens-to-vote-in-local-elections>

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - The College Park City Council has voted in favor of a measure that would allow city residents who are not U.S. citizens to vote in local elections.

College Park joins six other towns in allowing legal permanent residents and undocumented immigrants to vote in municipal elections.

The council's vote on this issue was supposed to happen back in August, but it was postponed due to threats made to council members over the proposal.

It was a very contentious debate inside College Park City Hall as almost two dozen people signed up to speak on the matter during Tuesday night's meeting.

College Park Mayor Patrick Wojahn explains city's decision to allow non-US citizens to vote in local elections <https://t.co/Oz1nwRtwLq> pic.twitter.com/AXFA9dT0v2

— FOX 5 DC (@fox5dc) September 13, 2017

One man against the proposal came to the podium saying he was called a Nazi while waiting in line to voice his opinion.

“The reality is allowing all people to vote in municipal elections is going to make College Park more inclusive, and that has been the history of voting rights expansion in the United States and what has happened in our neighbors in Maryland who have expanded voting rights to non-U.S. citizens,” said Todd Larson, who is in favor of the proposal.

“Although you come up here and you say that there are hundreds of citizens and residents of College Park that are for this charter, I can tell you that there are thousands against it,” said Beth DeBosky, who is against non-citizen voting. “Voting is a right of the citizens. It's plain and clear. It's constitutional. It's also written at the state level and it also belongs at the local level.”

Later into the meeting, a council member proposed a new amendment that would only allow green card holders to vote and exclude undocumented immigrants. However, the vote on the green card amendment failed.

NATIONAL POLITICS

SEPTEMBER 2017

WH press sec on Josh Norman saying Trump not welcome in DC: '63 million people feel differently'

By: fox5dc.com staff

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/sanders-on-redskins-player-saying-trump-not-welcome-in-dc-63-million-people-feel-differently>

WASHINGTON - The unified demonstrations performed by NFL teams across the league during the national anthem have sparked strong opinions regarding President Donald Trump.

More than 200 NFL players performed some sort of demonstration at games on Sunday in reaction to President Trump's comments during his speech last Friday in Alabama when he told the crowd, "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners when somebody disrespects our flag to say get that son of a bitch off the field right now, out, he's fired, he's fired."

The Washington Redskins linked arms on the sideline as the “Star-Spangled Banner” was performed before their Sunday night football game against the Oakland Raiders. Seven Redskins players also kneeled during the anthem.

After the game, Redskins cornerback Josh Norman did not mince words regarding Trump.

"One brother, you mess with one, you mess with us all," Norman said. "Nobody is divided in this. We were in unity, and we wanted to stand for something."

The Redskins star also added, "I'm just telling you right now, this man is not welcome here in Washington D.C. He's not. I hope he won't be around when I see him. He's not welcome."

FOX 5 asked the White House for a response to Norman's postgame comments. White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told us, "Well, 63 million people feel differently because they voted for him to be the President."

COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2017

DC restaurant adds 3 percent surcharge to customers' bills due to higher minimum wage, rising costs

By: fox5dc.com staff

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/dc-restaurant-adds-3-percent-surcharge-to-customers-bills-due-to-higher-minimum-wage-rising-costs>

WASHINGTON - Are rising rent costs across the District forcing restaurants to tack on a surcharge to your tab – or even worse and causing them to shut their doors? A Northwest D.C. restaurant has found a discreet way for patrons to help foot the increasing cost to do business.

The Oceanaire Seafood Room is charging customers a 3 percent surcharge on their bills. On the fine print below the signature line of their receipts, it says:

"Due to the rising costs of doing business in this location, including costs associated with higher minimum wage rates, a 3% surcharge has been added to your total bill."

The restaurant's manager said the move was mandated by the corporate office that made the decision.

FOX 5 spoke with several city officials about this surcharge, including the District's Office of Tax and Revenue, and they said there is a 10 percent sales tax on food sales, but that is it. However, no one said they were informed or aware about this restaurant's surcharge nor could they tell us if it is even allowed.

Earlier this year, D.C. raised its minimum wage from \$10.50 to \$12.50 and it will increase to \$15 by 2020.

While Oceanaire has taken a different approach to cover increased costs, there have been many restaurants that have been forced to close up shop.

“Yes, there are some closings, but with that, there are so many new restaurants and there is a lot of excitement in regards to the industry as a whole,” said Elliott Ferguson, president and CEO of Destination DC. “There is always going to be turnover with restaurants and that is why you see so many restaurants continuously looking at ways to change their environment because let's just face it – if something new opens and if there are 50 new restaurants that are opening in the city, the question will be – ‘What are you doing to remain active and relevant in a competitive market?’”

The surcharge here at Oceanaire comes amid Restaurant Week around the D.C. area.

D.C.’s Office of Consumer Protection said a complaint would have to be filed in order to investigate the fee. Officials also said the main issue may surround disclosure and if patrons know beforehand about the surcharge. On the restaurant’s menu, there is a message printed at the bottom about the 3 percent surcharge.

HEALTH

SEPTEMBER 2017

DC looking into proposal of setting up supervised injection sites for drug users

By: Matt Ackland

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/dc-looking-into-proposal-of-setting-up-supervised-injection-sites-for-drug-users>

WASHINGTON - More than 200 people died in the District last year from opioid overdoses, which is a 160 percent increase from two years before. D.C. leaders say drastic measures are needed to stop overdoses, and some are considering a plan that may surprise you.

City lawmakers are currently looking into a plan to open up so-called “injection sites” – places where addicts can go to take their drugs with medical professionals nearby who can also help them get clean.

But some wonder if this would save lives or enable the problem.

District leaders say opioid overdoses are skyrocketing and there is no time to wait.

I can liken it to the HIV/AIDS crisis that occurred some 30 years ago,” said D.C. Councilmember Vincent Gray (D-Ward 7).

Fellow Councilmember David Grosso (I-At-large) is asking the director of the District’s Department of Health to look at this controversial practice.

“You can have on site the services that people need in order to recover from addiction,” Grosso said. “You can have counselors; you can have health care professionals there to actually work with people to get them through their addiction.”

Mayor Muriel Bowser is not endorsing the plan yet, but she is sending her health director to Canada to see firsthand how this works, and will report back to the council and mayor.

“We are always looking for a way to keep D.C. residents alive,” said Bowser.

Leaders are just exploring the practice currently. There is no estimate on the cost, the number of injection sites or if the city could be held liable. Some leaders want to hear much more before they support this.

“I am assuming that the goal is to save lives,” said Councilmember Anita Bonds (D-At-large). “Is this something that you want modern society to be involved with?”

Many are comparing this proposal to the city's Needle Exchange Program. It was very controversial when the District gave out clean needles to drug users to stop the transmission of HIV and AIDS. But that program proved to be very successful in lowering transmission rates.

HOUSING

AUGUST 2017

Access restricted to Lynnhill Condominiums as deadline to leave passes

By: fox5dc.com staff

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/remaining-lynnhill-condominium-residents-move-belongings-out-as-deadline-to-leave-nears>

TEMPLE HILLS, Md. - Access has been restricted to a derelict condominium community in Prince George's County where an order to move out was put into effect at noon on Wednesday.

FOX 5's Anjali Hemphill reported that a fencing company had arrived around 9 a.m. on Tuesday to close off the Lynnhill Condominium property.

Former residents with valid identification and proof of residency will be allowed back on property over the next several days - from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. to retrieve their belongings.

On Tuesday, officials told residents of the condominiums that they had until noon on Wednesday to vacate the complex after it was determined the buildings were unsafe.

FOX 5 was inside of the buildings on Tuesday and found disgusting conditions including gaping holes in the ceiling, standing water, piles of trash, an abandoned toilet and a strong odor in hallways. Residents also complained of mice, rats and flies.

Fire officials said there were about 100 people living at Lynnhill Condominiums, but most of the units were abandoned and squatters were an issue.

The troubled was first reported last year when the majority of residents left after utilities were shut off because the management failed to pay \$1 million in bills. While the state ordered utilities to be turned back on at that time, a Pepco spokesman said the Maryland Public Service Commission authorized gas and electric to be shut off for good.

With conditions so bad, many in the complex stopped paying rent and complained of rampant violence.

Fire officials said the conditions were too dangerous and had no other choice than to order them to leave. "Those who are not out by noon, the county will seek a court order to have them removed," Prince George' County Fire Chief Ben Barksdale announced.

The Community of Hope AME located at the Iverson Mall Shopping Center in Temple Hill said it would attempt to help as many residents as possible find new permanent living situations.

TRANSPORTATION

SEPTEMBER 2017

DC councilmember wants speed camera locations reviewed

By: fox5dc.com staff

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/dc-councilmember-wants-speed-camera-locations-reviewed>

WASHINGTON - D.C. Councilmember Mary Cheh wants the District to review their speed camera locations after she says many residents have complained to her about their suspicions that the cameras operate solely for profit.

"I have received many complaints from residents about what they, quite justifiably, refer to as 'speed traps,'" Ms. Cheh wrote last month in a letter to the District Department of Transportation. She said that the camera on the 2200 block of K St. had been the subject of many emails sent to her. That camera, AAA Mid-Atlantic said, generated nearly \$12 million in fines and penalties in 2016.

According to a report by AAA, the District has 145 speed camera locations and operated 98 speed cameras last year. In 2016, AAA states that D.C. issued nearly one million speed camera tickets and collected nearly \$100 million in fines.

AAA Mid-Atlantic's John Townsend says the District's 22 top-earning cameras generate three quarters of the city's speed camera ticket revenue of nearly \$78 million. Townsend says these top-earning cameras are lined along busy commuter routes and routes to work.

Cheh's letter asked DDOT to "closely review the roads and intersections where photo-enforcement exists to ensure that speed limits are appropriate and that drivers are given proper notice of the presence of a camera."

WAMU transportation reporter and FOX 5 contributor, Martin Di Caro says the City has not responded to Cheh's letter at this time. He says he believes the District intends to expand the speed camera and red light camera programs. He also says that earlier this year, DDOT argued for higher fines to be issued for violations.

Di Caro adds that studies have shown that speed cameras and red light cameras are effective at slowing down drivers and saving lives.

He added that the city has taken on a goal called 'Vision Zero' which aims at eliminating traffic deaths by the year 2024. A big aspect of that program, Di Caro said, is to redesign streets so you reduce speeding to begin with and indicate to the driver to slow down naturally.

Townsend said the top earning speed camera in the District is located on southbound Interstate 295 just south of exit 1. He says, last year, it issued nearly 250 tickets a day for a total of approximately 90,000 tickets in 2016 for a total of \$13.1 million in fines.

EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 2017

Maryland State Department of Education seeks info from public for PGCPSS graduation rate probe

By: fox5dc.com staff

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/md-state-dept-of-education-look-info-from-public-for-pgcps-rate-investigation>

BALTIMORE - With an investigation underway to look into allegations of grade-fixing and fraud allegations in the Prince George's County Public Schools, Maryland school officials have released a hotline and email address encouraging the public to provide information for the probe.

The Maryland State Department of Education said public input can be provided at 1-833-535-6103 or through the email address -- PGCPSSpecialReview@alvarezandmarsal.com.

The investigation, which is being conducted by the Alvarez & Marsal Public Sector Services, is being done after FOX 5 was first to report on claims by Prince George's County Public Schools staff that intense pressure from administrators to boost the graduation rate has caused students to be pushed through the system whether they earned their diploma or not. Several Prince George's County school board members wrote a letter to Gov. Larry Hogan citing "widespread systemic corruption" and claiming that student credits and grades are being altered to fraudulently boost the high school graduation rate.

The allegations prompted Gov. Hogan to call for a "complete, thorough, and exhaustive investigation" in his own letter to the Maryland State Board of Education president.

The Maryland State Board of Education voted unanimously in June to launch a third-party investigation on the grade-fixing claims.

Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Dr. Kevin Maxwell denies the allegations.

ENVIRONMENT
AUGUST 2017

Environmental groups sue FDA, want formaldehyde banned from salon products

By: Tisha Lewis

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/money/consumer/environmental-groups-sue-fda-want-formaldehyde-banned-from-salon-products>

WASHINGTON - A chemical used in popular hair straightening treatments and products is at the center of a lawsuit as environmental groups are demanding the Food and Drug Administration to ban it from salons nationwide.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit that represent several salon workers across the country, the Environmental Working Group and Women's Voices for the Earth, claim formaldehyde poses serious health hazards and may even cause cancer.

"Some of the health dangers are difficulty breathing, asthma," said Melanie Benesh, legislative attorney for the Environmental Working Group. "Some women have suffered hair loss, rashes on the head and neck, bleeding gums, loss of smell. There is also a cancer risk with formaldehyde.

The chemical is often used in products that straighten, soften and relax hair.

Linda Ndiaye, co-owner of the Rachel Joyce Organic Salon in Washington D.C., said being a formaldehyde-free salon is personal for her.

"My mom was diagnosed with cancer in 2008 and from that point on, I kind of knew that I wanted to go ahead and have a holistic lifestyle," she said. "The keratin treatment is usually what consists of that formaldehyde and our keratin treatment does not have the formaldehyde in it."

Luhv Thairapy creator Brittany Ellis said hair products should undergo the same scrutiny as products that are ingested.

"In order to love your hair, you have make sure that you put the right ingredients and natural ingredients in it," Ellis said.

It is not the first time the Environmental Working Group has sued the FDA on this matter.

"We filed a suit in December telling FDA that they need to take action and what FDA said in response is we are looking into it, we are taking action, and we just think that is a really inadequate response," said Benesh.

The latest lawsuit against the FDA was filed on July 28 in federal district court.

The FDA told FOX 5 that they do not comment on pending litigation.

CHILDREN

SEPTEMBER 2017

Nearly a dozen artificial turf fields in DC failed last round of safety tests

By: Evan Lambert

Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/nearly-a-dozen-artificial-turf-fields-in-dc-failed-last-round-of-safety-tests>

WASHINGTON - A parents' group known as Tireless DC tells FOX 5 that 11 artificial turf fields in the District have failed their most recent round of testing, leading to closures and replacements, and igniting another debate over the safety of synthetic turf.

D.C.'s Department of General Services (DGS) maintains and tests the 50 synthetic turf fields in the city. DGS did not make a list of the 11 failing fields available to FOX 5, but a task order from DGS shared with us shows the city is spending nearly \$1 million to replace four turf fields at Janney, Eaton, Ross and Tubman elementary schools.

Tireless DC tells FOX 5 those schools are among the 11 fields that failed an annual test by DGS, which was first reported by DCist. A number under 200G is considered safe by some industry experts and that is the guideline DGS uses.

The field at McKinley Technical High School is also among the list of failing fields, according to football coaches at the school. It is now back open for contact sports after repairs were made.

The parents' group says it has been pushing DGS to make the public more aware of the risks associated with turf fields since the spring, when tests revealed the field at Janney Elementary School was unsafe. The group believes DGS and D.C. Public Schools hid that information from the public since they did not make anyone aware of the results until August.

Janney Elementary School's principal sent a letter to parents at the start of the school year letting them know the field failed a safety test and that it would be closed for replacement. The field is nearing completion, according to a DGS spokeswoman.

Parents expressed frustration over not learning of the test results sooner and the timing of the repair during the school year.

"The timing is really what was the biggest frustration because if it was known last spring, there was a lot of downtime during the summer, and at this point, it has impacted the practices," said Janney Elementary School parent Christine Lucy.

Dr. Diana Zuckerman, president of the National Center for Health Research, expressed concern about the fact that the synthetic turf industry faces little government regulation.

"We really know very little about what is in artificial turf, but when studies have been done, they find a wide range of very toxic materials, including materials that can cause children to have attention deficit problems, can exacerbate asthma or obesity and can even in the long run cause cancer," Dr. Zuckerman said.

In Montgomery County, seven artificial turf fields used by the school system are tested twice yearly by the manufacturers.
