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Governor Attends Great Wolf Lodge Maryland Grand Opening

Governor Wes Moore joined Great Wolf Lodge CEO John Murphy, actress and Baltimore native Anna Faris and others for the grand opening of the Great Wolf Lodge Maryland on June 29. The Perryville location is the brand's first in Maryland and its largest, boasting a 128,000-square-foot water park, 700 family-friendly suites, a large selection of restaurants and an adventure park with wide variety of unique activities and experiences. The complex has brought more than 1,000 jobs to the state.

"Today, we are not just opening an indoor water park resort...we are creating jobs in our communities, and making Maryland a destination for families all across the state,

country, and world,” said Governor Moore. “We are going to make sure that Great Wolf Lodge Maryland is the number one Great Wolf Resort location in the nation.”

Pictured: Actress Anna Faris, Governor Wes Moore, and Great Wolf Lodge CEO John Murphy.

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Vote Maryland's Best Lodging in *USA Today's* Annual "10Best"

USA Today is hosting their annual "10Best" voting, and some great Maryland spots are in the running including Brampton Bed and Breakfast Inn, the Lord Baltimore Hotel, and the Inn at Perry Cabin. Voting is open through August 7 and no registration or signup is required to vote. Follow the link below to *USA Today's* vote page.

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Federal Grant Programs and Funding Opportunities Announced

The federal government recently announced several grant programs to which local governments and nonprofit organizations may apply.

Underrepresented Communities Grant Program

The Underrepresented Communities Grant Program supports the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks. Applications are due by July 18. For more information and to apply visit National Park Service's [website](#).

Wildlife Crossings Funding Opportunities

The federal Wildlife Crossings Funding Opportunities grant program provides funding for projects and strategies designed to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions while improving terrestrial and aquatic connectivity. Applications are due by August 1. For more information and to apply visit Wildlife Crossings [website](#).

PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program

The Federal Highway Administration has opened applications for the first round of the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program, a new competitive grant program created by to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters. Applications are due by August 18. For more information and to apply visit [Discretionary - PROTECT - Environment - FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#).



Promote Your Events on VisitMaryland.org

Do your partners know how easy it is to add events to [VisitMaryland.org's events calendar](#)? If you or an organization or attraction in your region is hosting an event, it's easy to get the word out through VisitMaryland.org's events calendar. With tens of thousands of regular visitors, it's a great tool, and with our self-entry portal, it's never been easier to use! If you're wondering if an event has the right stuff for the VisitMaryland.org calendar, you'll find the inclusion criteria [here](#), [follow this link](#) for a step-by-step guide for self entry, or if it's not your first rodeo, jump straight to the entry portal [here](#).

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Maryland Minute

Each week, the *Maryland Minute* provides highlights and insights on this weekend's events around the state. *Maryland Minute* is featured on Audacy radio stations in Baltimore and Washington, D.C., WERQ on Baltimore's WBAL-AM 1090.

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