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Ellicott City to Celebrate Return of Businesses During Official Grand Re-opening on Small Business Saturday

Ellicott City, MD - Several months have passed since the unprecedented flash-flood that devastated historic Old Ellicott City, Maryland back in July. On Saturday, November 26, 2016 Old Ellicott City will host the Official Grand Reopening Celebration. The event begins at 10 a.m. with recognition from United States, Maryland and Howard County leaders and a large ribbon cutting across Main Street. Speakers and participants include:

- Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman
- Howard County Council Chairperson Dr. Calvin Ball
- Howard County Council Vice Chairperson Jon Weinstein
- United States Senator Ben Cardin
- United States Congressman Elijah Cummings
- Maryland Senator Jim Robey
- Maryland Senator Gail Bates

“This is an exciting occasion,” said Anthony Cordo, Executive Director of Howard County Tourism & Promotion. “These past few months have been a trying time for Old Ellicott City and the people who live, work and enjoy it here. Residents, merchants, government and numerous agencies have put a lot of heart into getting this town to where it is and everyone is excited to celebrate.”

Attendees to the 10 a.m. Grand Reopening Celebration will receive a collectible Ellicott City t-shirt while supplies last.

Immediately following the Grand Reopening over forty businesses and restaurants will reopen in Old Ellicott City for Shop Small Saturday. Throughout the day performers and artists will be playing on sidewalks, including musicians from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Other programming in Old Ellicott City that day includes:

- Musicians, including some from the Baltimore Symphony Musicians will be roaming Main Street and stopping to play along sidewalks and in businesses from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Carolers will be strolling around town throughout the day
- The B&O Railroad Museum and other museums will be open for tours
- ManneqART fashion models showing latest in wearable art
- Fantastic holiday window displays and contests to enjoy

For more information, visit EllicottCityHolidays.com

TWEET ABOUT IT

Old Ellicott City celebrates their Grand Reopening on Saturday, November 26 at 10! Be a part of town history! <http://bit.ly/ECGrandReopening> #SmallBizSat

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10,000 employed in County's Tourism industry (1 in 8 Nationally, 131,000 in Maryland)

35,000 visitors in Welcome Center (from 50 states, 18 countries, 3 territories)

\$16M in tax receipts reinvested to maintain County's citizens' nationally recognized quality of life

Howard County Tourism & Promotion

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