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Preservation Maryland’s Six-to-Fix

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MAC Mentors is a Silver Spring-based organization providing administrative, social media, and research support. MAC Men is working with Montgomery County’s Historic Preservation Office to identify sites for a new MAC Men’s Intern program. The program provides participants with hands-on administration and research experience; connects them with potential employers; and exposes them to the world of heritage and non-profit organizations. We wish her all the best at her new job.

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- Giles Echo Park Participatory Arts for Culture - $2,375
- Ancestral Signboard/Black History
- Heritage Montgomery Program Grant - $14,860
- An African Heritage Project
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