



**COMMISSIONER  
JAELO T. MOANEY**

*Circa 1960—bar patrons at the Uptown Club (pictured), a local restaurant on the Chitlin' Circuit in Chestertown's "Santiago" neighborhood. Run by former U.S. Army sergeant Charlie Graves, the Uptown Club drew giants of rhythm and blues and early rock such as James Brown, Etta James, Little Richard, Ray Charles, Otis Redding, and Patti LaBelle. Photo Courtesy of The Graves Family & Chesapeake Heartland: An African American Humanities Project*

# MCAAHC APRIL 2024 PUBLIC MEETING

**MONDAY, APRIL 1ST | 11 AM**  
**BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH CHESTERTOWN**  
237 NORTH COLLEGE AVENUE  
CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620



## **THEME: BLACK TRAILBLAZERS IN THE NATURAL WORLD**

### **Hosted by Commissioner Jaelon T. Moaney**

Join us to learn about upcoming initiatives of the commission, and to hear from engaging speakers in the heritage and preservation community.

Immediately following the Public Meeting, attendees and participants are invited to an optional **walking tour**, led by Community Historian **Airlee Ringgold Johnson** and Scholar-Practitioner **Darius Johnson**, exploring the rich Black history and culture of Kent County. The tour spans centuries and is an evolving restorative effort the **Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience** hones in collaboration with local community curators and Washington College students. *Learn more about Chesapeake Heartland [here](#).*

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## **GUEST SPEAKERS**



### **ASHLEIGH HAIRSTON**

*Actor, Writer,  
and Producer of  
Emmy-nominated  
cartoons based in MD*



### **MARIAH DAVIS**

*Environmental Justice  
Officer at Maryland  
Department of Natural  
Resources*

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