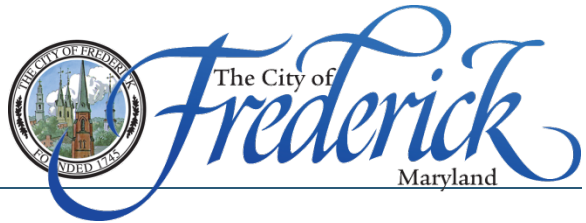


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Groups to Explore Opioid Crisis;

Drug/Alcohol Awareness Week Seeks Path to Recovery

FREDERICK, MD –Sept. 19, 2017: The death of a local high school student to a heroin overdose forms a focal point in the upcoming National Collegiate Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week at Frederick Community College, Oct. 16 -20.

The City of Frederick, along with the Frederick Police Department and other agencies in the Frederick area, will be participating with the college in the week's events. A centerpiece of the week will be the story of high school student Alyssa Honaker.

Oct. 17, at 6 p.m., "Alyssa's Story" will feature Shannon Stanley, speaking about the loss of her daughter, a Frederick County high school student, who died on June 4, 2016. Shannon Stanley will share her compelling story of love, courage, and survival after the loss of her daughter.

During this event, Emmy® Award-winning producer Conrad Weaver will be showing a trailer of his upcoming documentary film – "Heroin's Grip." The film tells the story of the heroin epidemic in Frederick County, Maryland.

"Alyssa's Story" will be presented at Frederick Community College's Jack B. Kussmaul Theater, free to the public. Afterwards, the attendees are invited to join Shannon and Conrad for light refreshments and conversation.

Further information is available from Michele Bowman, public information and outreach coordinator for the Frederick Police, 301-600-2091; mbowman@frederickmdpolice.org.

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