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Living Classrooms unleashes pirate boats on Inner Harbor

ADAM BEDNAR
Editor's Note: See video of the new pirate boats with this item on thedailyrecord.com.

The Living Classrooms Foundation celebrated the launch of the Pirate Ships of Baltimore on Wednesday.

The new fleet of 12 solar-powered electric ships is the first such new attraction in Baltimore's Inner Harbor in more than five years. The ships, which carry up to six passengers, can be taken for a 30 minute spin for between \$25 and \$35, depending on the number of people riding. The boats are docked between the World Trade Center and the National Aquarium Pier 3.

Mayor Catherine Pugh and Maryland Department of Commerce Secretary Mike Gill praised the foundation for hiring mainly young city residents to operate the boats. ...

Almond won't seek appointment to replace Kamenetz

BRYAN P. SEARS

Vicki Almond wants to be Baltimore County executive but doesn't want a "political coronation."

At the same time that Almond was removing her name from consideration, members of the public told her and the council what they did and didn't want in a search for a replacement. Many called on the council to avoid appointing one of their own and instead tap a senior aide to Kevin Kamenetz, who died unexpectedly earlier this month.

Almond, a Democratic council member from the west side of the county, announced her decision Tuesday night to several dozen county residents who came to Towson to participate in a public hearing before the Baltimore County Council. Almond, who is considered one of the top contenders in the Democratic primary for county executive, told the audience she is removing her name from a list of potential candidates to replace Kamenetz, who died of cardiac arrest.

"Kevin Kamenetz believed in fair and vigorous campaigns. So do I," said Almond, whose voice trembled at times as she read the prepared statement. "Kevin's successor should not be chosen as part of a political coronation by my council colleagues. This is not who Kevin was, and it's not who I am. Choosing a person to serve as a caretaker for the remaining months of County Executive Kamenetz's term should not be tainted by politics of a pending campaign." ...

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