

## **Ayers Saint Gross To Rebuild Pimlico**

On February 23, the Maryland Stadium Authority announced that the Baltimore-based company Ayers Saint Gross has been selected to head the rebuilding of Pimlico Race Course. The vote to select this group of architects and engineers was the first major public action towards the project that was approved by the Maryland General Assembly last year. According to Baltimore Brew online magazine, Ayers Saint Gross was unanimously selected over nine other teams that issued proposals for the project.

## **Maryland Horse Library & Education Center**

On March 15, the Maryland Horse Foundation announced the launching of a \$1 million Capital Campaign to establish a new Maryland Horse Library and Education Center in the heart of historic Reisterstown. The new center will be housed at the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's building on Main Street.

The goal of the center is to not only house an expansive collection of books and reference

materials, but to also foster and promote education, community ties and passion to ensure the longevity of the Maryland horse industry. In addition to the library itself, the center will include a memorabilia area, meeting space, interactive kiosks and rotating exhibits.

Educational programs will be offered to engage a wide audience of equine-inclined youth, the general public and lifelong industry participants. Visitors will learn about Maryland's champion horses and riders while engaging with all facets of the state's diverse equine industry.

"The way [into the horse industry] is through learning, so that's the most exciting aspect of this project," said co-chair of the Capital Campaign and Maryland Horse Foundation President Josh Pons. "There's someone out there who has a passion for the game but just doesn't know how to get started, and we could be that gateway for people, the portal where people come through the door in Reisterstown and go 'wow, I met someone really interesting doing research in that library.'"

The goal of the Capital Campaign is to raise

\$1 million to update 3,500 square feet of space in the historic building, purchase furnishings, intergrade current audio/visual technologies and support ongoing operational costs.

## **NYRA Incentives for Horses Based at Fair Hill**

On February 13, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) announced the return of a shipping incentive program at Aqueduct Race-track and Belmont Park for horsemen based at the Fair Hill Training Center (Elkton) and Oaklawn Park (Arkansas).

As part of the program, horses stabled at FHTC who register an official start during the Aqueduct spring meet (April 1-18) or during the Belmont spring/summer meet (April 22-July 11) will see their owners credited with an \$800 shipping stipend. The program excludes stake races. A first-time starter must have its previous three workouts at Fair Hill in order to be eligible.

The program conditions for horses at Oaklawn Park are slightly different. For more information, see <https://www.nyra.com/aqueduct/>.

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