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### Groundbreaking for new visitor center at Fort McHenry

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Flag flies

( Baltimore Sun photo by Jed Kirschbaum / April 27, 2009 )

Firetrucks support a large American flag near where a new visitor center will be built at Fort McHenry. A groundbreaking ceremony for center was held Monday. The new center will be completed by the fall of 2010 in time to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

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Mayor Sheila Dixon, Gov. Martin O'Malley

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Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon, right, talks with Gov. Martin O'Malley at a groundbreaking ceremony for the new visitor center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine. Each of the distinguished guests received a

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'Yankee Doodle Dandy'

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Tim Ertel of the Fort McHenry Guard leads fellow volunteers in playing "Yankee Doodle Dandy" at groundbreaking ceremonies.

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Fireboat

( Baltimore Sun photo by Jed Kirschbaum / April 27, 2009 )

The city's fireboat the John R. Frazier pumps water skyward during groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Fort McHenry visitor center.

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A member of the audience holds a flag and program for the groundbreaking ceremony.

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### Choir members

( Baltimore Sun photo by Jed Kirschbaum / April 27, 2009 )

Members of the choir from Hampstead Hill Academy pose for pictures before singing the national anthem along with students from the Crossroads School at a groundbreaking for the new visitor center at Fort McHenry.

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### Local leaders

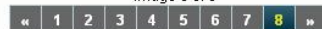
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Mayor Sheila Dixon talks with Gov. Martin O'Malley during the groundbreaking ceremony at Fort McHenry.

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### Distinguished guests

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On hand for the festivities at Fort McHenry were Congressman John Sarbanes, former Sen. Paul Sarbanes, and Sen. Benjamin Cardin.

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