

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **INPUT PROCESS BEGINS FOR HIGH SCHOOL PLANS**

By and large, Baltimore County has excellent schools with terrific educators. Unfortunately, our educators and schoolchildren spend their hours—in many cases—in overcrowded, aging buildings. Over the past eight years, Baltimore County has made progress in dealing with these two challenges—overcrowding and the deterioration that comes from age.

- In 2010, we worked with parents from Hampton and Stoneleigh Elementary Schools to expand and renovate those buildings.
- [With the renovation of Dumbarton Middle School, every Fifth District school is now air conditioned.](#)
- Honeygo Elementary School is set to open in September. A second northeastern elementary school will open in 2020, and a new middle school in 2021.

The late County Executive Kevin Kamenetz was very supportive of these projects, as were our state legislators, School Board members, community leaders and parents.



The focus now turns to our high schools. My specific concerns are Towson High School and our needs in the northeast, but there are issues throughout Baltimore County. [The Baltimore County Public School system is holding a series of community input meetings to hear from parents and other stakeholders.](#) The local meetings are on July 12 at 7 p.m. in the George Washington Carver High School auditorium in Towson and at 7 p.m. on July 17 at the Dundalk High School cafeteria.

I encourage you to remain engaged throughout this process.

NEW RAT ERADICATION PROGRAM BEGINS IN RIDGELEIGH

Baltimore County has added several neighborhoods to its [rat eradication pilot program](#). In the Fifth District, Ridgeleigh and Loch Raven Village are now included in this initiative. Neighborhoods receive two, eight-week extermination treatments, increased garbage pick-up, and broader outreach on how residents can control rats. Councilman Marks recommended the inclusion of Ridgeleigh and Loch Raven Village based on conversations with community leaders. For more information on how to deter rodent infestation, visit <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/ratattack/ratfacts.html>.

RESURFACING STARTS ON STEVENSON LANE

Baltimore County contractors have started to resurface Stevenson Lane, a major route that touches communities such as Knollwood, Overbrook, and Stoneleigh in eastern Towson. Additional routes are expected to be resurfaced over the summer. Councilman Marks is aware of the conditions along routes like Joppa Road, where temporary patching occurred after the water project, and is working to have more permanent resurfacing done.



VOLUNTEERS PLAN FARMERS MARKET FOR PERRY HALL

A group of volunteers is looking at the possibility of a farmers market in Perry Hall. Interested? Feel free to stop by the meeting at the Perry Hall library on July 23rd at 6 p.m.

NEW BATHROOM BUILT AT ANGEL PARK

Two years ago, [the Perry Hall community came together to build Angel Park](#). With a few exceptions, the playground and amphitheater are done. One missing piece has been a permanent bathroom—and now, parents and neighbors should be relieved to know that a facility is almost done. Councilman Marks worked with the County Executive's office and

the Angel Park Committee to build the bathroom near the Honeygo Boulevard entrance to the park.



INPUT MEETING PLANNED FOR BOSLEY ESTATES PROPOSAL

The developers of Bosley Estates will hold a community meeting on July 11 at 7 p.m. at Carver High School. Bosley Estates is the proposal for the redevelopment of the Presbyterian Home of Maryland in western Towson. The revised development plan proposes 33 condominiums, 12 fewer than the 45 that would be allowed as a Planned Unit Development. There are also fewer curb cuts.

Since the Presbyterian Home of Maryland closed, Councilman Marks has been in close communication with the Southland Hills Improvement Association and the owners of the property. His goal is a plan that retains the historic structure and as much open space as possible.

