

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **JOPPA ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ADVANCE**

In August, Baltimore County began replacing 7,000 feet of water pipe along Joppa Road in Carney and Perry Hall between Walther Boulevard and Belair Road. The project is now 65 percent complete, and work should be finished by late summer of 2018.



I drive Joppa Road every day, and I know this project is tedious. Still, recent water leaks provide a reminder of the importance of upgrading our infrastructure. My goal is to have the temporary patching replaced with permanent asphalt as quickly as possible.

I am pleased to provide an update on another Joppa Road project—the long-awaited expansion of the intersection at Harford Road in Carney. The intersection is one of the most congested in Baltimore County, accommodating thousands of motorists every day. With the improvements, an additional lane will be added on the north side of Joppa Road and the western edge of Harford Road.

According to Maryland State Highway Administration District Engineer Wendy Wolcott, the State Highway Administration anticipates its project will be advertised to potential bidders in late fall of 2018. If the bid process is successful, the state anticipates starting construction in spring 2019 and completing construction in spring 2020.

I have long supported this project and thank the Hogan administration for its commitment. Both the water project and intersection improvements will cause some headaches for commuters, but help our transportation and infrastructure network in the long run.

INDIAN ROCK PARK CLEANUP SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3

Councilman David Marks will once again lead a clean-up of the [Indian Rock Park trail, which extends south from Ebenezer Road along Perry Hall High School](#). The event will be held on Saturday, March 3 at 8 a.m. Please bring work gloves and dress appropriately.



STATE APPROVES SIGNAL CHANGE AT REGISTER AVENUE

The Maryland State Highway Administration has approved adjustments to the intersection at York Road and Register Avenue. According a letter from District Engineer Wendy Wolcott: “You will be happy to know that left turn phasing was approved for the westbound approach of Register Avenue. Left turn phasing will help to reduce vehicle conflicts along the side street approaches and enhance overall traffic operations at this intersection. An installation date has not yet been determined.” Councilman Marks is working with the county Department of Public Works to determine exactly how the signalization will occur.



RADEBAUGH PARK WORK TO BEGIN IN JULY

Bids for Radebaugh Neighborhood Park are expected to be solicited in May of 2018, with the start of construction in early July of 2018. [This new park will be built in eastern Towson near the Aigburth Manor community.](#) It will be the eighth new park constructed in the Fifth District since 2010.



IT'S OFFICIAL: NAME FOR NEW PERRY HALL SCHOOL

“Honeygo Elementary School” has been recommended as the new name of the new northeastern elementary school. The 725-seat school will open this September near Joppa Road and Chapel Road in Perry Hall, the first of three schools budgeted to alleviate overcrowding. By a 59 to 41 percent, “Honeygo” was the top choice over “Honeygo Run.”



COUNCILMAN MARKS SPONSORS BILL TO IMPROVE OVERSIGHT OF LAWSUITS

Over the past few years, the Kamenetz administration has negotiated legal agreements that commit Baltimore County to millions of dollars - without any approval from the County Council. These agreements range from settlements on employee lawsuits to the [\\$30 million housing settlement.](#)

Councilman Marks has been working on legislation to require the County Attorney to provide periodic reports of significant litigation to the County Council. It would also require notification to the Council of a proposed settlement of any significant litigation and allow a Councilmember to object to a proposed settlement and have the matter placed on a Council agenda for a vote.

To learn about upcoming legislation and other issues before the Baltimore County Council, visit the Council's Web Site at <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov>.