



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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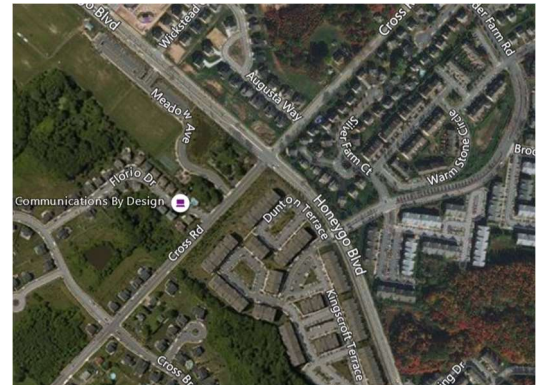
MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **FUNDING SECURED TO FIX HONEYGO/CROSS ROAD**

Approximately \$2 million has been proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget to improve safety at the intersection of Cross Road and Honeygo Boulevard.

Specifically, the funding will be used to design and construct a traffic circle and make other changes as identified by the Department of Public Works.

I have been advocating for a traffic light or circle at this site for more than a decade. [More than 3,200 people have signed an online petition since December.](#)

I would like to sincerely thank County Executive Olszewski and his staff for supporting this project, my highest priority in Perry Hall. I would like to thank Tracy Mason for initiating this petition, all the residents who signed the petition, and the Perry Hall Improvement Association and neighborhood groups along this corridor.



Here are reasons why this intersection needs to be reconstructed:

- There have been at least five crashes here over the past year.
- We do not have police enforcement for 24-hour coverage at this intersection.
- Speed cameras are only allowed near schools, and [traffic circles are proven to be effective.](#)

STATE GRANT TO REDUCE SEWER COSTS IN PERRY HALL MANOR



In 2018, county environmental officials determined that most of the septic systems in Perry Hall Manor would need to be repaired over the next two decades. Even with the county paying for half the costs, a new \$10.5 million sewer project would impose significant hardships on homeowners. Senator Klausmeier was able to secure \$5 million to apply toward this effort. Councilman Marks passed legislation last fall that should reduce the borrowing costs for any remaining amount. Learn more [here](#).

COUNTY EXECUTIVE SUBMITS FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET

Earlier this month, County Executive Olszewski submitted his Fiscal Year 2023 budget proposal to the Baltimore County Council. Here are highlights from the budget submission:

Education

- The submission provides record funding for education for the fourth year in a row. The total proposed education budget is \$2.3 billion.
- The budget funds design work for a new Dulaney High School and a like-new Towson High School, construction of an addition at Pine Grove Middle School, and \$5 million to address school overcrowding needs throughout the northeast.
- A new elementary school off Rossville Boulevard is budgeted for completion this summer, and construction has started on a new middle school at King Avenue that is expected to open in 2024.

Public Safety

- Approximately \$15 million is budgeted for capital improvements at the Fire Department.
- The budget includes funding for new police positions, including four School Resource Officers, as well as a feasibility study to examine the future of the Essex police station.

Community Improvements

- The budget includes \$45 million for recreation and parks improvements.
- The budget funds \$15 million in investments in the Baltimore County Public Library.

To learn more about the proposed budget, visit here: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/executive/budgetmessage/BudgetMessageBookFinalFY23.pdf>.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED TO REVIEW ORGANIC RECYCLING PROPOSAL

There will be an open house on Saturday, May 14 at 11237 Philadelphia Road to discuss a proposed organic recycling center at this location. The meeting will occur at 1 p.m. Councilman Marks has been working with the White Marsh-Cowenton Community Association to obtain information about this proposal.

COUNTY AND STATE BEGIN SPRAYING TO CONTROL MIDGES

From early April through the fall of 2022, the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability will conduct aerial midge suppression treatments on a 1200-acre section of upper Back River. Midges are small, non-biting aquatic flies that often swarm near water or marshy areas where they breed. In recent years, people have observed an increased prevalence of these swarming insects, which create a significant nuisance for homeowners, boaters, businesses and recreational activities.

Trained, certified technicians from the County's contractor, Helicopter Applicators Inc., following all applicable regulations and industry best practices, will spray a bacterial larvacide from a low-flying helicopter, during daylight hours, actively avoiding boaters and human activity in and around the water. The larvacide is not dangerous to fish or animals.

The funding is being split between Baltimore County and the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

