



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **THE NEED TO REDUCE PLASTIC POLLUTION**

The photograph on the right shows Back River in eastern Baltimore County after a storm surge, when plastic and other garbage was flushed from upstream sources. Back, Middle, and Bird Rivers receive thousands of pounds of garbage every year. While there are outstanding volunteers that work to clean these rivers—including the [Back River Restoration Committee](#) and the [Maryland Waterways Foundation](#)—we need a more robust effort from our government at all levels.

Plastic bags are one of the worst forms of litter. Each bag is used once, but lasts for generations. Plastic bags take up space in our landfills, which are already nearing capacity, and often get stuck in trees or consumed by wildlife.

Many stores have eliminated or phased out plastic bags; [Wegmans is the latest](#). Unfortunately, many of our largest retailers have not. Plastic pollution is an important environmental issue to tackle—probably one of the most urgent along with improvements to the



Back River treatment plant. I look forward to working with my colleagues, the business community, and environmental stakeholders on a solution.

David Marks



ROSSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO OPEN

Rossville Elementary School opens this month, the second of three new schools that will alleviate overcrowding in northeastern Baltimore County, Fifth District. The 735-seat elementary school will serve parts of Dunfield, Fullerton, Perry Hall, and White Marsh. Learn more here: <https://www.bcps.org/schools/rossvillees>.

A new middle school is under construction on King Avenue and will open in 2024.

IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY AT LOCAL LIBRARIES

Improvements are underway at several Baltimore County Public Library branches:

- The Parkville-Carney Public Library has completed an ADA accommodated sidewalk and is currently formulating estimates to repave and re-stripe the parking lot.
- The Perry Hall Public Library will be making improvements to the branch service desk as well as acquire new shelving and seating this month.
- The White Marsh Public Library has completed a repaving of the parking lot, is planning digital signage for the exterior of the building, will replace the shelving come September, and is reviewing plans to improve the libraries meeting room and restrooms.



LONG-AWAITED PARKING PROJECT AT SEVEN OAKS SENIOR CENTER PLANNED FOR THIS FALL

The long-awaited parking lot expansion at Seven Oaks Senior Center will advance in September or October. The project, delayed during the pandemic, will add 41 spaces to the current 57-space parking lot. Councilman Marks worked with volunteers and the Olszewski administration to advance this project, which should alleviate parking problems as more members join this popular senior center.



ENJOY SUMMER CONCERTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

In addition to the free concert at Angel Park described below, check out the [Towson Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Friends of Jerusalem Mill Village](#) Web Sites for other terrific summer events.

SIX BRIDGE TRAIL BRIDGE TEMPORARILY CLOSED

[The driveway bridge at 322 and 323 Worthington Road, which connects the Six Bridge Trail from Weatherbee Road to Worthington Road in Towson, has been closed to bicycle and pedestrian traffic.](#) The bridge, deemed unstable after an inspection by the Department of Public Works, has been contained with an orange safety fence until it can be properly removed.

The county is currently awaiting a study to determine possible solutions to this issue and develop a plan to reconnect the trail. Baltimore County will share opportunities for community input as this work progresses.

Angel Park

Concerts in the Park

Featuring the music of

Kaleidoscope

Top 40, Dance, Rock 'n Roll, R&B, Country, & more...

3PM

August 14, 2022

Bring your chair & enjoy an outdoor concert in the Bud & Bette Cole Amphitheater at Angel Park. Check Facebook for weather information as needed.