



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW EASTSIDE FIFTH DISTRICT**

On December 5th, I will be sworn in as Councilman for the new Fifth District, which stretches from Carney to Middle River along Baltimore County's Eastside. This is truly one of the most unique and beautiful regions in Maryland.

- [Preserving as much open space as possible at the former C.P. Crane plant in Bowleys Quarters](#);
- Exploring our options for the Lafarge plant along Earls Road, [which was proposed for a Planned Unit Development](#); and
- Developing a vision for the White Marsh Town Center.



My priorities remain the same as before—making our communities safer, preserving open space, and strengthening our schools and neighborhoods. There are opportunities, however, that are unique to this new Eastside district. My immediate priority as we move into the 2024 rezoning process will be three land use issues:

The next budget is unveiled in April, and there are some key projects that can boost every part of the Fifth District. In Perry Hall, [we will be pushing for capital improvements at the Gerst Road park site](#). In Carney, one of our priorities is planning for a Dunfield Recreation Activity Center. In the southern part of our district, we need to advance new fire stations and a replacement for the Essex library.

We are hitting the ground running and I look forward to a great four years!

David Marks

COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON MIDDLE RIVER RECREATION ACTIVITY CENTER



On November 17, [Baltimore County broke ground on the new Middle River Recreation Activity Center](#) at Glenmar Elementary School. Expected to be completed in 2024, the 15,000-square-foot RAC will offer a full-sized gymnasium, multipurpose room, and four multi-use activity rooms. It will also feature an inclusive timeline highlighting the history of aeronautics.

PULASKI HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROJECT EXPECTED TO FINISH IN 2023

The Maryland State Highway Administration reports that the Pulaski Highway bridge project is expected to finish in 2023. From the District Engineer: “The purpose of this project was to widen and replace the superstructure of the dual steel beam bridges on US 40 (Pulaski Highway) over the Big and Little Gunpowder Falls bridges, replacement of the concrete stop pad at US 40 and Joppa Farm Road, scour protection, storm drain and pavement resurfacing. Due to numerous utility delays and a scouring issue under the piers the project has fallen behind schedule. The project started in July 2018, and weather permitting will be complete in Spring of 2023.”



“LAND SWAP” PRESERVES RUTKOWSKI FARM IN KINGSVILLE

At its meeting on November 22nd, the Baltimore County Council approved a landmark agreement that allows for the county to acquire the Rutkowski Farm in Kingsville, and facilitate the moving of a maintenance facility away from residential neighbors and closer to Interstate-95.

Under the terms of the memorandum of understanding, Baltimore County will acquire the 67-acre former Rutkowski Farm, currently owned by the Maryland Transportation Authority and proposed as a maintenance facility. In return, the county will convey a 25-acre property next to Interstate-95 to the state. The Maryland Transportation Authority will also pay the county \$2.7 million.

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks has worked on this "land swap" for eight years.

“This is a splendid example of what is possible when governments work together to get things done,” Councilman Marks commented. “From the state, I want to thank the Hogan administration and Secretary Jim Ports and staff at the Maryland Transportation Authority for all their work. At the local level, I thank County Executive John Olszewski, County Administrative Officer Stacey Rodgers, and Recreation and Parks Director Rosalyn Johnson and their staff for their dedication to make this possible.”

While much of the land will remain passive, further uses for the property and the adjacent Mount Vista Park still need to be determined.

ENJOY HOLIDAY EVENTS ACROSS THE FIFTH DISTRICT

- The Perry Hall Improvement Association sponsors the Perry Hall Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. at Perry Hall Elementary School.
- The [White Marsh Holiday Parade kicks off on Saturday, December 3rd at 10 a.m. at The Avenue at White Marsh](#). The menorah lighting is on Sunday, December 18th at 5 p.m.
- The [White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company holds its Winterfest throughout the month](#). Check out the [Bowleys Quarters, Kingsville](#), and [Middle River](#) Volunteer Fire Companies for other holiday events, including visits from Santa.
- The [Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum train garden is also up and running!](#)