



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **NEW HIGH SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCE**

Thanks to additional support from the state government, [Baltimore County will be advancing new buildings at Dulaney and Towson High Schools](#)—a longtime priority for elected officials, parents, and community leaders from the York Road corridor.

This is exciting news, and it occurred because of leaders who worked across party lines at nearly every level of government. [In September, Councilman Kach and I joined Senator West and Delegates Forbes and Guyton to push the Board of Education to keep both schools on the construction priority list](#)—that motion passed by one vote. County Executive Olszewski secured financial support from Governor Hogan. The Built to Learn Act, which passed the Maryland General Assembly in 2021, is providing an infusion of revenue for these projects.

I am glad this years-long process will begin while I still represent Towson. It was a major unresolved priority that is now being addressed, and will have a significant impact for families in central Baltimore County.



Progress is underway elsewhere in the county as well—a new elementary school will be finished near Rossville Boulevard this summer, [along with a renovation at Pine Grove Middle School](#). The Board of Education has approved \$96 million in construction contracts for the new middle school on King Avenue. Please see the back of this newsletter for information on the input process that will begin shortly to examine our northeastern high school needs. I would like to thank my counterpart on the Board, Julie Henn, as well as those on the Board who have supported her.



SEVEN COURTS WATER PROJECT WILL ELIMINATE FUTURE BREAKS

Starting in late February, the county will be replacing 4,000 feet of water line in parts of Seven Courts Drive, Proctor Lane and Gunview Road. The project is expected to take three to six months to complete. As work progresses, residents will be kept informed by the contractor of temporary water shutoffs. Driving lanes disturbed by construction will be resurfaced upon completion.

INPUT PROCESS BEGINS FOR NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS

Baltimore County Public Schools has scheduled two community forums during the next two months to review options and solicit feedback on how best to improve buildings, enhance school use, and provide capacity relief for high schools in the county's northeast area.

The forums are part of a long-term study on planning for improvement in the county's high schools. Schools under study in the northeast include Kenwood, Loch Raven, Overlea, Parkville, and Perry Hall high school. Additional information about the forums may be found at [Northeast Area High School Study website](#). Public input will be accepted through an online comment form that will be available to the public following the first meeting on March 2, 2022.

The 90-minute community forums will be virtual and will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

LEARN ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Violent crime is escalating throughout the United States, including in Baltimore County. Councilman Marks has been a vocal advocate for increasing the size of our police force, strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the community, prosecuting those involved in harmful and illegal acts.

Here are some law enforcement resources and ways you can improve public safety in Baltimore County:

- **Apply to the Police Department.** Learn about a Baltimore County Police Department career at <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/careers/index.html>.

- Keep up-to-date on police news here: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/news>.
- Learn about the State's Attorney office which prosecutes crimes: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/states-attorney/>
- Become involved in your Baltimore County Police Community Relations Councils: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/community/pcr.html>

VOLUNTEERS REMOVE TRASH FROM WESTERN PERRY HALL

On February 22, more than 30 volunteers removed debris from the Seven Courts Drive corridor—plastic, tires, and even a bathtub! Councilman Marks and his staff partnered with the [Maryland Waterways Foundation](#) on this cleanup. Check Councilman Marks' Facebook page for upcoming events.

