



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **FIRST NEW EASTSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN 50 YEARS**

Earlier this month, I helped break ground on the first new middle school in eastern Baltimore County in a half-century. The new middle school under construction on King Avenue will serve over 1,400 students. It is scheduled to open in 2024.

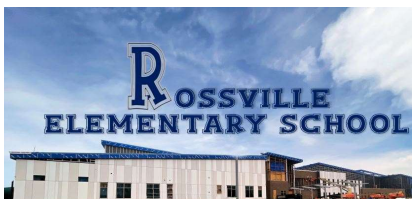
Since my election to the Baltimore County Council, I have worked aggressively to reduce school overcrowding. That includes lightening development through downzoning, but also major capital projects:

- In the Towson area, we supported expansions at Hampton and Stoneleigh Elementary Schools, as well as planning and design money included in the new budget for Towson High School.
- In Perry Hall, we opened Honeygo Elementary School in 2018.
- In addition to the new northeastern middle school, construction is underway on a new elementary school, and an [expansion and renovation at Pine Grove Middle School](#). Planning is underway to address our long-term high school needs.



Schools are among the most expensive projects in Baltimore County. Baltimore County typically funds two-thirds of the cost of school construction projects, with the state paying for the remaining third.

I would like to thank the parents and community organizations who lobbied hard for this middle school project, as well as our state legislators, our School Board Chair Julie Henn and other members, and County Executive John Olszewski, Jr.



ROSSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO OPEN THIS SUMMER

Rossville Elementary School will open this summer at 7649 Gum Spring Road. The 735-seat school will alleviate overcrowding in the Fullerton, White Marsh, and southern Perry Hall communities. Visit the school's new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RossvilleElem.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET ADVANCES THAT INCLUDES NEW TRAFFIC CIRCLE

The Baltimore County Council has completed reviewing the County Executive's proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget plan. Here are highlights from the new budget.

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 high school overcrowding needs throughout the northeast.

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.

The budget includes funding for Councilman Marks' top safety priority in the Perry Hall area—the construction of a new traffic circle at Cross Road and Honeygo Boulevard, where there have been five crashes over the past year.

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

COMMUNITY CLEANUP SCHEDULED AT PERRY HALL'S INDIAN ROCK PARK

Councilman Marks is partnering with the Moms Circle of Perry Hall, White Marsh, and Parkville to sponsor a community cleanup on Sunday, June 5th at 9 a.m. at Indian Rock Park, to the west of Perry Hall High School. If interested, please contact Council5@baltimorecountymd.gov.

Many thanks to the Maryland Waterways Foundation for partnering with Councilman Marks on the recent cleanup of the Dunfield community.



UNDERSTAND YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUPS

Councilman Marks is receiving numbers questions about trash and recycling pickups. Here is a great resource that describes changes and allows for online complaints:

https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/publicworks/solid_waste/

As always, feel free to reach out for any unique situations not addressed by Solid Waste, but this office has been very responsive to recent concerns.