



# County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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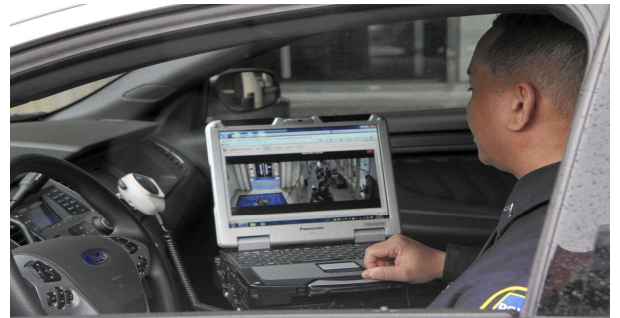
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## **MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS:** **SCHOOL DISCIPLINE REQUIRES CHANGES AT ALL LEVELS**

One of the most persistent concerns I hear about is school discipline—the pervasive sense among both educators and parents that our campuses are simply not safe. I was at Perry Hall High School in the hours after that campus experienced a shooting in 2012; we remember the heroism of both School Resource Officers and the teachers who prevented more violence, but also the time it took for that school and the community to recover. Nearly every week, there is some incident that causes alarm in Baltimore County.

Since 2012, we have implemented numerous strategies that have made schools safer. Both the County Executive and I have supported more School Resource Officers at our campuses, as well as personnel such as school psychologists and social workers. [The most recent budget includes \\$17 million for safety vestibules and cameras. Baltimore County Public Schools has created an office to address what it calls “school climate and culture.”](#)

Improving school discipline requires change at all



levels. Many students, for example, are bringing neighborhood issues into our schools; it’s why [I have supported a community center and police substation in places like Dunfield](#). The state government also needs to reevaluate the impact of “progressive discipline” in schools. I do not support laws that take away tools to punish repeat offenders and limit the ability of administrators to make campuses safer.

My commitment is clear, as a Councilman, parent, and educator—I will support all measures to make our schools safer.

## **“LAND SWAP” ADVANCES IN KINGSVILLE**



Following a public meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>, Baltimore County and the Maryland Transportation Authority are moving forward with a plan to move a state-owned property—planned for a Maryland Transportation Authority maintenance facility—closer to Interstate-95. To accomplish this, the county would “swap” the land along Interstate-95 with the state-owned property along Raphael Road closer to Bradshaw Road. Councilman Marks has worked on this transfer for the past eight years.

## LEARN ABOUT HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

Please visit the Baltimore County Board of Elections Web Site to learn more about the 2022 general election schedule. That Web Site can be found here: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/elections/>

Early voting occurs from Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Early voting centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The most convenient locations for Fifth District residents are located at:

- Honeygo Run Community Center  
9033 Honeygo Boulevard  
Perry Hall, MD 21128
- Jacksonville Recreation Center at Sweet Air Park  
3605 B Sweet Air Road  
Phoenix, MD 21131
- Towson University – South Campus Pavilion  
1 Auburn Drive  
Towson, MD 21204

To find your voting location for the traditional general election day on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, visit <https://vote.baltimorecountymd.gov/Address.aspx?pageid=1>

## AGREEMENT PRESERVES COMCAST SERVICE CENTER IN WHITE MARSH

At its meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Baltimore County Council approved a cable franchise agreement that keeps the Comcast Customer Service Center in White Marsh.

Resolution 44-22 approves the renewal of the County's cable franchise agreement with Comcast of

Maryland, LP. Representatives of Comcast and the Council began negotiating the terms of this agreement in 2017. For more information, view Exhibit A of Resolution 44-22 at the County Council's Website, [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/county council](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/county council).

## COUNCILMAN MARKS RECOMMENDS ROB ECKERT FOR VETERANS COMMISSION

Councilman Marks has recommended Perry Hall resident Robert (Rob) Eckert to the Commission on Veterans Affairs. Eckert enlisted as an Infantryman in the US Army National Guard in 2010. After returning home from basic training in September, he attended Rutgers University and joined the Rutgers Army ROTC program. Mr. Eckert graduated in the spring of 2013 with a double major in Political Science and Criminal Justice and was commissioned as an active duty Field Artillery officer. Mr. Eckert is currently a real estate agent living in Perry Hall.

## RIBBON-CUTTING PLANNED AT ROSSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Baltimore County will celebrate the opening of Rossville Elementary School on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. The school is the second of three new schools that alleviate overcrowding for Fifth District communities. The new middle school on King Avenue is expected to open in the fall of 2024.

