



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **CELEBRATING A TRANSFORMED, STRONGER TOWSON**

With redistricting, the Fifth District will no longer include Downtown Towson, its closest neighborhoods, and the Loch Raven Boulevard corridor. I would like to thank the community leaders, business owners, and residents with whom I have worked since 2010.

Towson is a much stronger place. In 2010, there was a real sense of gloom—[the movies were closing at Towson Commons](#), the nearby Joppa Road corridor was derelict, and the entire core emptied out at night and on the weekends. Today—thanks to entrepreneurs who believed in Towson, civic leaders, and their partners in government—Towson is a community on the move. Consider the changes:

- Revitalized storefronts along many of our commercial corridors.
- [Senior housing, apartments, and townhomes that support our businesses.](#)
- [The Towson Loop](#), resurfaced corridors, and bike parking and bike lanes throughout the region.



- Three new parks, with [work underway to create the Six Bridge Trail.](#)
- Two renovated elementary schools, an improved Dumbarton Middle School, and [planning for the new Towson High School.](#)
- A new spirit of partnership between Towson University, Goucher College and their residential neighbors.

The growing pains have not always been easy, but I firmly believe Towson is stronger and transformed—with great days ahead. It has been an honor representing the Towson area on the County Council.

TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN APPROVED FOR AVONDALE ROAD



Baltimore County has approved a traffic safety plan for Avondale Road, one of the busiest corridors in Carney. The project involves the construction of four standard speed bumps along the route from Joppa Road to the Baltimore Beltway overpass, and a brick raised crosswalk in the vicinity of Second Avenue. Many thanks to local resident Al Korpisz for his work gathering signatures.

RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK PLANNED AT CHAPEL HILL ELEMENTARY

Baltimore County will install a raised brick crosswalk at the current pedestrian crossing on East Joppa Road near Chapel Hill Elementary School. The project should increase safety for student walkers by slowing speeds on one of the area's busiest corridors.



COUNTY TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON LAND SWAP ALONG RAPHEL ROAD

For the past eight years, Councilman Marks has been working 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 Raphel Road closer to Bradshaw Road.

The Greater Kingsville Civic Association supports this proposal. It will move an industrial use away from farmland and residential properties and closer to the Interstate highway where it belongs. Councilman Marks has also expressed support for creating a vision for Mount Vista Park, which is located between two parcels of land.

There will be a virtual meeting on Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this concept. Please visit the following link for more details: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/>.

COUNTY COUNCIL CONSIDERS REDEVELOPMENT REVIEW FOR PRESBYTERIAN HOME

At its meeting on September 6th, the Baltimore County Council will consider a resolution that advances the review of a redevelopment plan at the Presbyterian Home of Maryland. [That redevelopment includes preservation of the core of the mansion and the iconic lawn that has graced this property for generations.](#)

Baltimore County's senior population is one of the largest in Maryland. The redevelopment plan includes a 107-bed nursing home and memory care facility.

Councilman Marks has been working with residents and leaders from the Southland Hills community for more than six years to find a viable use for this property.



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