

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: HONORING OUR 2019 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

In 2011, I established a Fifth District Citizens of the Year program to honor outstanding volunteers and leaders from Towson to Kingsville. This year, I am pleased to recognize men and women who have made a real difference in our communities.

In Towson, they include Lorrie Geiss for her leadership of the Towson Communities Alliance; John Rinehart, for his work as Vice President of the Towson Communities Alliance and in the Rodgers Forge neighborhood; Scott McGovern, retiring as president of the Anneslie Community Association; Deirdre Aikin, for her work advancing the redevelopment and beautification of Downtown Towson; and the leaders of the Green Towson Alliance, [for their advocacy in creating Radebaugh Park](#).

In the northeast, the recipients include Seven Courts Area Citizens on Patrol, which has improved public safety; Wayne Jacobs, president of the Baltimore County Game and Fish Protective Association, [for his commitment to conservation and sportsmanship](#); and

Ila Christenbury for her outstanding leadership as president of the Greater Kingsville Civic Association.



This has been a very productive year in the Fifth District. Many of our successes were due to partnerships between communities and the county government—the improvements at Radebaugh Park, for instance, and the Citizens on Patrol in Seven Courts. These could not have happened without the hard work of our volunteers.

BRADSHAW ROAD BRIDGE OPENS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The Bradshaw Road overpass at Interstate-95 has reopened to traffic. The reconstruction of the Bradshaw Road overpass is part of an improvement program for Interstate-95 that involves the replacement of several bridges that are more than 50 years old, as well as the construction of new noise walls. **As a reminder, the Old Joppa Road overpass at Interstate-95 is closed for reconstruction until summer 2020.**



KNOW FREQUENTLY-USED COUNTY CONTACTS

Baltimore County's Web Site contains some very helpful information about county services. Here are some specific programs that are often used by residents and businesses:

- Report a code enforcement problem here: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeenforcement/codecomplaint.html>
- Report weather-related problems here: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/StormFighter/index.html>
- Information about how to request a street light can be found here: https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/traffic/street_lighting.html
- Information about traffic calming can be found at the site below. Speed bumps and other projects can be approved following an engineering analysis and with the support of residents: https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/traffic/traffic_calming.html
- Tips about criminal behavior can be submitted through the IWatch Web Site: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/media/iWatch/index.html>. You can also email your tip to iwatch@baltimorecountymd.gov. Call 911 for an immediate police response to emergencies and crimes in progress.
- To learn more about how to create a Citizens on Patrol program, visit this site: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/community/cop.html>.

COUNCIL CLOSSES LOOPHOLE THAT MAY HAVE ALLOWED OVERRENTING

At its December meeting, the Baltimore County Council passed legislation that [closed a loophole in the zoning regulations that allowed any landlord to bypass the need](#) for a boardinghouse permit if he or she was not charging compensation. Councilman Marks sponsored the legislation at the request of

community leaders who cited an issue in Loch Raven Village.



HOLIDAYS WILL IMPACT TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

The impact of holidays varies among Baltimore County collection schedules. County residents should consult their particular schedule to learn when to set out materials during weeks that contain a collection holiday. Schedules are available for download on the [Bureau of Solid Waste Management's website](#) and may also be requested by calling 410-887-2000. Additionally, schedules are available on the County's BaltCoGo mobile app, which is available free of charge on the Google Play and Apple app stores.

Collections of all types may occur later than usual during the last week of December and the first week of January because more material must be collected in fewer collection days. If a collection does not occur on the scheduled day during this period of time, the materials should be left out until collection occurs.

Trash and recycling drop-off facilities, including the Eastern Sanitary Landfill in White Marsh, will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1.

All three drop-off facilities will be open with regular operating hours on December 24 and 31.