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Fifth District Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **COUNCIL LIGHTENS DEVELOPMENT ON 557 ACRES**

With the adoption of the 2020 Comprehensive Zoning Maps, the Baltimore County Council has downzoned 557 acres of residential land in the Fifth District. Approximately 88 percent of residentially-zoned land considered by the Council was downzoned this year.

By contrast, about 40 acres were increased in development intensity, and 30 acres were unchanged.

Residents have told me they want less infill development, and where growth is to occur, they want it done in a planned manner that does not worsen school overcrowding. That is why I am lightening the impact of future development along corridors such as Silver Spring and Joppa Roads, and [am encouraging housing developments restricted to senior citizens](#).

With my support, the Council downzoned more than 95 acres of land along the Silver Spring Road corridor—some of which could possibly had been developed into townhouses and apartments. We downzoned 22 acres along the older East Joppa Road corridor, as well as

near Northwind and Harford Roads.



[The Council blocked a controversial Valvoline station planned for the Loch Raven Boulevard corridor](#). I did support several requests for higher commercial development along Belair Road, including a derelict site near Blakeley Avenue. [I supported zoning changes to accommodate the Kona snowball stand on Joppa Road](#).

I would like to thank all those who contacted me about rezoning changes. My attention will now turn to making sure the community's viewpoint is represented on projects such as the Gerst Farm in Perry Hall.

AMBULANCE DONATED TO DANIEL CARL TORSCH FOUNDATION



[The Daniel Carl Torsch Foundation provides awareness about addiction and help to the victims and families coping with addiction](#). Before the pandemic hit, Councilman Marks arranged for the donation of a vehicle from East Coast Ambulance & Wheelchair Service in Carney. The ambulance now serves as a mobile resource for the Foundation.

LEARN ABOUT HOW TO CAST YOUR GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

There are many ways to cast your ballot this fall.

Ballot by Mail

Residents who receive their ballot by mail may submit their ballot by the following methods:

Hand deliver your ballot. You must deliver it to the local board of elections by 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020, or you may take it to an early voting center, an Election Day vote center, or a ballot drop off box, or a polling place before the polls close.

Mail your ballot. If you mail your voted ballot, make sure that the envelope is postmarked on or before general election day (November 3, 2020). Your voted ballot must be received by your local board of elections by 10 a.m. on November 13, 2020.

Drop your ballot at a ballot drop off box. Voters will have an option to submit their ballots via ballot boxes that will be placed at 13 locations throughout the county. Drop boxes will be under 24-hour security. Residents can drop their ballot at any location.

Beginning the first week of October, ballot drop-off boxes will be available at the following locations in and near the Fifth District:

- Honeygo Run Community Center: 9033 Honeygo Boulevard, Perry Hall, Maryland 21128;
- Jacksonville Recreation Center at Sweet Air Park: 3605B Sweet Air Road, Jacksonville, Maryland 21131
- Towson University South Campus Pavilion: 1 Auburn Drive, Towson, Maryland 21252



Early Voting

Early Voting will run from Monday, October 26, through Monday, November 2, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the three locations listed above.

Traditional Election Day Voting

There are 42 in-person Election Day voting sites:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/BaltimoreCountyNow/county-executive-olszewski-highlights-plans-for-secure-general-election-urges-residents-to-make-their-plan-to-vote>

COUNCILMAN MARKS TO HOLD THREE COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON GERST ROAD ISSUES

Councilman Marks will engage the public through three Zoom meetings that will discuss different issues that affect the quality of life of residents along Gerst Road. These recommendations will form the basis for my discussions with Baltimore County and any resolution that advances development of the Gerst property.

Transportation:

Thursday, September 10th at 7 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82217856874>

Meeting ID: 822 1785 6874

Open Space:

Tuesday, September 15th at 7 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84750134941>

Meeting ID: 847 5013 4941

Community Amenities:

Thursday, September 17th at 7 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82290338209>

Meeting ID: 822 9033 8209