



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **BUDGET ADVANCES OPEN SPACE, PUBLIC SAFETY**

On Thursday, April 13th, Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski, Jr., [presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget](#). The County Council's role in the budget process is to scrutinize what is proposed and recommend cuts. I have voted for more spending cuts than any other Councilmember in the county's history. Here are some highlights.

Public Safety

Public safety must be our most fundamental responsibility. The proposal implements \$7 million for the first phase of a take-home police car initiative that will result in a greater law enforcement presence in our neighborhoods. Additionally, the budget funds a new \$4.4 million Essex police station.

Open Space

[We have worked hard to ensure that money is included in the budget to acquire the C.P. Crane plant for open space](#). The County Executive specifically mentioned the Crane location. The budget includes funding to design the 22-acre Gerst Road park.



Education

The budget includes resources to attract and retain educators. It helps finish construction of a new King Avenue middle school and improvements to Pine Grove Middle School, as well as build a new Essex library.

A public hearing is set for Tuesday, April 25 at 6 p.m. You can sign up through the "County Council" section of the county Web Site at www.baltimorecountymd.gov.

NEW LAW IMPROVES HONEYGO STANDARDS



The Honeygo area is a special development district in northeastern Perry Hall. Recently, Councilman Marks passed Bill 11-23, [which bans panhandle lots throughout the entire Honeygo area](#), including neighborhoods that are new to the Fifth District. The legislation also adopts among the toughest forest conservation standards in Baltimore County.

DRAFT OF MASTER PLAN RELEASED

The draft of the Baltimore County Master Plan has been released. This is an important document that guides land use and budget decisions in Baltimore County.

The plan represents the culmination of a two-year process which began in spring 2021 and included community outreach and public input phases, recommendations from local experts, stakeholders and county agencies, as well as deliberation and coordination among numerous County agencies and Department of Planning staff. More than 50 community meetings were held with approximately 1,000 attendees and 4,000 comments and suggestions.

Public input will be considered and incorporated into a final plan, which is expected to be presented to the Baltimore County Planning Board in May 2023 before being submitted to the County Council for its consideration and anticipated final adoption in the summer of 2023.

For more information about the Master Plan, please visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/masterplan2030.

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR DAYS COVE PARK SITE

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks will host a public meeting on Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. via WebEx, to gather public input on the development of the Days Cove Property (Southwest corner of Route 40 and Allender Road). The Department wishes to have a robust and open public input process to guide the overall vision for the development of this property, including the potential for a disc golf course.

Community residents are encouraged to attend to offer their input into the County's development of this property. The meeting will consist of a brief presentation of the property followed by an open input

session related to the project. To join this meeting, click on the following link when it is time:

<https://baltimorecountymd.webex.com/baltimorecountymd/j.php?MTID=m738a73fdb83f126bc3fe341765821528>

LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING LEGISLATION

Pending legislation that is before the Baltimore County Council can be accessed here:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/legislation/pending%20legislation.html>. Councilman Marks is the sponsor of several bills:

- Legislation that clarifies the intent of the county's Neighborhood Commons zoning;
- Legislation that allows the County Council to revoke a Planned Unit Development up to 90 days after a Community Input Meeting is held; and
- Legislation that creates distance requirements for crematoriums.

SUPPORT THE KINGSVILLE FIREWORKS

For the first time in decades, Kingsville will celebrate Independence Day with fireworks (on Monday, July 3rd). Come out to the Fallston Barrel House (Downstairs Hall) on Sunday, April 23 from 2 to 6 p.m. to help raise the needed funds! There is a \$10 cover at the door, with proceeds donated towards the Kingsville Fireworks.

