

County Councilman David Marks

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Message from Councilman Marks



Rebuilding the Francis Scott Key Bridge

Like most Marylanders, I learned about the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse after waking up on the morning of March 26th. Over the next several days, governments at all levels worked with first responders, the private sector, and other stakeholders to respond to the collapse and plan for the future. The County Council has passed a resolution that supports an expedited construction schedule for this structure, as well as acknowledges first responders and expresses support for the families of those who lost loved ones.

Before my election to the County Council, I worked in the federal and state departments of transportation. I have the utmost respect for those in the transportation sector who are working to rebuild this bridge that is a critical link for the Port of Baltimore and distribution centers such as Tradepoint Atlantic. The rebuilding of the Francis Scott Key Bridge definitely deserves support from our federal government, much like projects such as the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in northern Virginia.

Marylanders are part of a strong and proud community. The outpouring of support since March 26th has been extraordinary.

The namesake of the bridge wrote, in the conclusion of his poem, that “the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.” Like that flag that flew over Fort McHenry, I have no doubt that, in a few years, a new Francis Scott Key Bridge will once again majestically tower over the Patapsco River.

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Councilman Marks Passes Bill to Cap Residential Growth at Greenleigh

At its meeting on March 4, the Baltimore County Council passed legislation sponsored by Councilman Marks that places a cap on residential development in the Greenleigh community along White Marsh Boulevard. Right now, up to 9,000 units could be constructed; that number drops to 3,300 thanks to this legislation.

Attend the Marshy Point Spring Festival

The Marshy Point Spring Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival features exhibits, animal encounters, and other activities that showcase the beauty of eastern Baltimore County. Learn more about [Marshy Point Nature Center](#) [here](#).



Council Passes Resolution of Support for South Perry Hall Traffic Light

Councilman Marks passed a resolution, with unanimous backing from his colleagues, that emphasizes the need to construct a traffic signal at Perry Hall Boulevard and Bucks Schoolhouse Road. The traffic signal received funding from the developer of the Villages of White Marsh community. If you support the traffic signal, please contact the County Executive's office at johnnyo@baltimorecountymd.gov to urge the Department of Public Works and Transportation to move forward with the project.

Councilman Marks Makes Nomination to Historic Commission

Councilman David Marks has recommended the appointment of Carney resident Daniel Dean to the vacant Fifth District seat on the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC). The LPC reviews nominations for structures to be placed on the county inventory of historic landmarks, and advises residents, businesses, and other stakeholders on preservation laws. Mr. Dean has served as Research Chair at Marshy Point Nature Center since 2020, where he has worked on numerous projects that showcase the area's heritage.

Councilman Marks Provides Update on Richlyn Drive Projects

Two projects will soon be advancing in Perry Hall's Richlyn Manor community:

- Improvements to the Richlyn Manor Pumping Station are in the final stage of design and permitting. Project advertisement is expected in early July of 2024, with the construction period expected to be from December 2024 through July 2027.
- The Richlyn Manor Force Main project is also in the final stage of design and permitting. Project advertisement is expected in mid-August 2024, with the construction period expected to be from January 2025 through July 2026.

Grant Awarded to Support Downtown Perry Hall

Councilman Marks has announced that a \$19,000 grant from Baltimore County will be awarded to the Perry Hall White Marsh Business Association to improve landscaping and help implement events throughout this area. The Belair Road corridor from Ebenezer Road to Minte Drive is commonly called "Downtown Perry Hall," and is part of a commercial revitalization district created by Councilman Marks about a decade ago.

Litter Clean-Ups Schedules Throughout the Spring

Councilman Marks' office is supporting several litter cleanups throughout the Fifth District. These are being organized by local volunteers;

- **Saturday, April 20th at 9 a.m.:** Meet at the White Marsh post office for a cleanup with the White Marsh-Cowenton Community Association (wmcca.info@gmail.com);
- **Sunday, April 21st at 9 a.m.:** Meet at Bowleys Quarters and Carroll Island Roads for a cleanup with the Bowleys Quarter Volunteer Fire Rescue & Marine, Bowleys Quarters Improvement Association, and Maryland Waterways Foundation (mdwaterways@gmail.com); and
- **Saturday, May 11th at 11 a.m.:** Meet at Seven Oaks Senior Center at 9 a.m. for a cleanup with the Maryland Waterways Foundation and the Seven Courts Area Citizens on Patrol (mdwaterways@gmail.com).

Councilman Marks joined volunteers from Santangelo Chiropractic and the Maryland Waterways Foundation for a cleanup of Stemmers Run at Fitch Avenue on March 29th.

