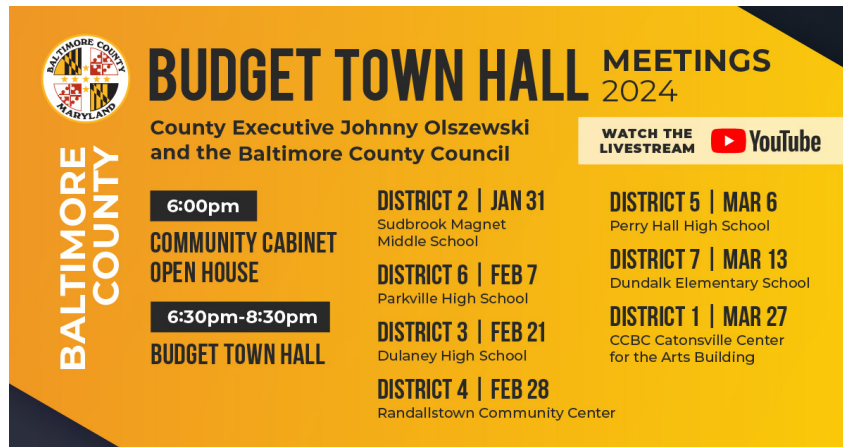


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BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETINGS 2024

County Executive Johnny Olszewski and the Baltimore County Council

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6:00pm COMMUNITY CABINET OPEN HOUSE	DISTRICT 2 JAN 31 Sudbrook Magnet Middle School	DISTRICT 5 MAR 6 Perry Hall High School
6:30pm-8:30pm BUDGET TOWN HALL	DISTRICT 6 FEB 7 Parkville High School	DISTRICT 7 MAR 13 Dundalk Elementary School
	DISTRICT 3 FEB 21 Dulaney High School	DISTRICT 1 MAR 27 CCBC Catonsville Center for the Arts Building
	DISTRICT 4 FEB 28 Randallstown Community Center	

Budget Town Hall Offers Opportunity for Public Input

On Wednesday, March 6th, Baltimore County Executive Olszewski and I will host a Town Hall Meeting to hear suggestions for the Fiscal Year 2025 Baltimore County budget. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Perry Hall High School and end promptly at 8:30 p.m. You can [learn more here](#).

Your testimony is important. Thanks to strong public support, we have been able to obtain funding for critical projects throughout the Fifth District. By working with the County Executive and other stakeholders, [we have advanced the new middle school on King Avenue](#), [safety improvements at Honeygo Boulevard and Cross Road](#), and [funding to complete Mohrs Lane Bridge](#). Last year, dozens of residents attended the Town Hall Meeting to support the preservation of the C.P. Crane plant as open space.

The County Executive will submit the proposed budget in April; the County Council can only cut from the proposal.

As the Council considers the budget proposal, I will be looking at both *key community investments* and *efficiencies and savings*. I have voted to cut more from the county budget than any other Councilmember in history. In addition to areas where you believe the county should make investments, please feel free to communicate any savings you would support in the upcoming budget.



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Comprehensive Zoning Map Process is Opportunity to Reshape Eastside

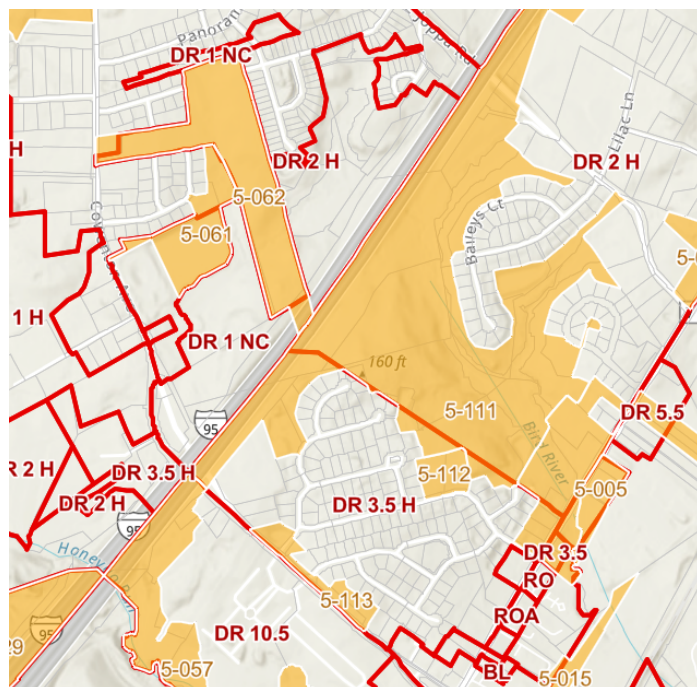
Baltimore County is now in the midst of a comprehensive look at where development occurs and the projects needed to sustain that growth. The first step will be the adoption of a new Master Plan, which lays out very general goals for how Baltimore County will develop over the next decade. Following two public hearings in January, the County Council is expected to vote on a new Master Plan in late February.

The County Council is then expected to consider a revision to the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, which regulates development in school districts.

Finally, the Council will conclude the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process. The Comprehensive Zoning Map Process began last summer and will conclude in August after a year of public hearings and other input. Private property owners, community associations, the Planning Board, and the County Council may raise issues.

Councilman Marks is using the CZMP to preserve green space and ensure that future development is compatible with existing neighborhoods. He was the sponsor of legislation that created Neighborhood Commons zoning, which has been used to protect more than 4,000 acres throughout Baltimore County, and is proposing to place that restrictive zoning on many government-owned properties.

A summary of the CZMP can be found on Baltimore County's Web Site and the timeline for [hearings may be found here](#).



Construction of Perry Hall Manor Sewer System Set for 2025

According to the Department of Public Works and Transportation, construction would begin approximately in January 2025, contingent on timely property acquisition. Design work is ongoing. The entire project is expected to be finalized by July 2026. There are no additional costs envisioned at this time. The schedule is slightly off from original estimates that it would begin in late 2024.

For more information, please [visit here](#).

Learn about Property Tax Assessment Appeals

The Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation has recently completed its review of the one-third of Baltimore County that was assessed in 2023. Maryland property tax values jumped by about 23 percent statewide.

In Baltimore County, like in all jurisdictions, the state assesses property and the County Council sets the tax rate.

Councilman Marks has voted several times to support reducing the property tax rate.

To learn more about the state assessment process, including how to apply for the Homestead Tax Credit, [click here](#).

Scouts Needed to Lead the Pledge of Allegiance

The Baltimore County Council has traditionally allowed Boy and Girl Scouts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings, which are usually first and third Monday events. This is also a great way for Scouts to learn about citizenship and tour the Historic Courthouse. For more information, email Council5@baltimorecountymd.gov.

