



May 2023 Newsletter

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Greetings!

Spring is winding down, and summer will be here before you know it! It's been a busy couple of months in the 6th District. We have continued with community clean-ups, attended many community association meetings and events, and passed important legislation. Please read below to learn more about these efforts and, as always, feel free to reach out to my office if we can be of any assistance. We love hearing from our constituents and want to know how we can help make District 6 the best it can be. I hope you have a safe and great summer!

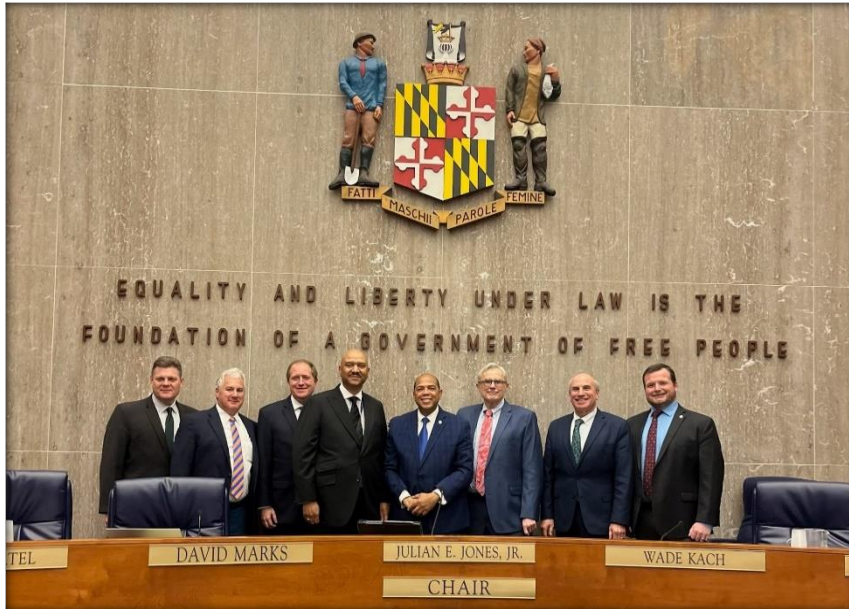
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District 6 Community Clean-Ups



April was a busy month with clean-up projects across the district, from the east side to the west side. On April 22, Earth Day, we started early with a West Towson Dumpster Day, then we teamed up with Towson University and the Towson Chamber of Commerce for a Towson Clean-Up, then moved to the Holland Hill neighborhood, where our clean-up team included Delegate Carl Jackson, our field director, Garth Dales, our intern, Connor White, Central Committee members, and many community residents. We removed two dumpsters of trash, tires, old furniture, yard waste and more!!! Other April projects included a Harford Park Community stream clean-up and Elmwood Belmar Community clean-up. Thanks to all who helped us with these efforts to restore and protect our beautiful 6th District!

New Baltimore County Police Chief



I was very excited to join with my Council colleagues in the unanimous April 17th vote to confirm Robert McCullough as Baltimore County's newest Police Chief. The chief started as an 18-year-old police cadet with Baltimore County and worked his way up the ranks to now serve as the first African American to lead the Baltimore County Police Department. I look forward to working with Captain McCullough and welcome his 35 years of experience and dedication to protecting the residents of Baltimore County.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

On May 25th, I joined my colleagues in voting to adopt the County Executive's budget proposals for fiscal year 2024. This budget includes important funding and investments for many projects in the 6th District, including school construction & renovation, parks, street and sidewalk repair, environmental protection, infrastructure updates, and much more.

Fiscal Year 2024 District 6 Budget Highlights

School Construction

- Towson High: Replacement School

School Maintenance

- Parkville Middle: Elevator modernization
- Cromwell Valley Elementary: Mechanical system upgrades
- Fullerton Elementary: Mechanical system upgrades & open space improvements
- Shady Spring Elementary: Mechanical system upgrades & open space improvements
- White Oak Elementary: Mechanical system upgrades
- Parkville High: Roof Replacement
- Stoneleigh Elementary: Roof Replacement
- Towson High: Comfort Station

Parks, Preservation, and Greenways

- Holt Park: Renovations and Enhancements
- Linover Park: Field lighting construction
- Hamiltowne Park Enhancements

Bikeways & Pedestrian Access

- Six Bridge Trail

Community Improvements

- Natural History Museum

Street & Sidewalk Repairs

- Dulaney Valley Rd Sidewalk Improvements
- Towson Lighting Upgrades

Government Buildings:

Repairs & Renovations

- Golden Ring Fire Station: Upgrades
- Double Rock Maintenance Shop: Upgrade showers & restrooms
- Victory Villa Senior Center: Roof replacement, dumpster enclosure replacement
- Northeast Regional Recreation Center: Electric panel replacement
- Parkville Fire Station: HVAC upgrades
- Overlea Senior Center: Exterior painting
- Parkville Senior Center: Signage replacement
- Bykota Senior Center: Renovation
- Hillendale Fire Station: Generator/sewer pipe upgrades

Sewer & Water System Repairs

- Putty Hill Ave Sewer Replacement
- Towson Pumping Station Rehabilitation

Waterway Improvements

- Herring Run @ Overlook Stream Remediation
- Stemmers Run @ Mayflower Stream Restoration

CCBC Essex

- Roof replacements (various buildings)
- HVAC upgrades (Technology Services Center)

*Please note this list is a summary and does not include every 6th District project.

New Resolutions for Short Term Rentals and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Please read below to learn more about two resolutions that I recently proposed:

Resolution 13-23: Planning Board – Short Term Rentals

This allows the Baltimore County Planning Board to review Short Term Rentals (like AirBnB, VBRO, Turnkey, etc.) in the County. That process may generate proposed legislation to regulate those rental options, which are exploding in popularity in Baltimore County and affecting a greater number of residents all the time.

Resolution 14-23: Planning Board – EV Charging Stations

This resolution asks the Baltimore County Planning Board to study the use, placement, and operation of public electric vehicle charging stations in the County. The study may suggest possible changes to Zoning Regulations regarding permitted uses and locations for the charging stations.

The Planning Board will submit their findings and reports to the County Council by October 1st. Councilman Ertel welcomes any input you may have about your own experiences with both Short-Term Rentals and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Use Paper Bags for Yard Waste & Consider Grasscycling

Paper bags are required for Baltimore County yard material collection on separate yard material ("Y") days. Think about **grasscycling or composting** yard materials to help maintain a healthy lawn and garden. It's easy: leave grass clippings on the ground, never cut more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade in one mowing; keep grass mowed to 2" in the spring, increase grass height to 3"-4" by summer, and decrease back to 2" by fall. If you want to compost yard materials, you can include leaves, grass trimmings, and twigs. Composting produces nutrient-rich soil additives, helps suppress plant diseases and pests, and the material reduces the need for chemical fertilizers.

Upcoming Community Events

Feet on the Street

Fridays, June 6-Aug. 23
Allegheny Ave. Towson 21204

Juneteenth Festival

Saturday, June 17, 6-8:30 p.m.
411 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Towson 21286
<https://www.historiceasttowson.org/juneteenth>

Fullerton Festival (Pre-Fireworks)

Saturday, July 1 @ 2 p.m.
Fullerton Field – Music & Food

Fullerton Fireworks

Saturday, July 1 @ 9:15 p.m. (July 2 rain date)

Loch Raven/Towson Fireworks

Tuesday, July 4 @ 9:15 p.m. - Loch Raven Technical Academy (July 5 rain date)

Towson 4th of July Parade Bike Rush

Tuesday, July 4 @ 9:30 a.m.
Starts @ Burke Ave. & Towsontown Blvd.

Towson 4th of July Parade

Tuesday, July 4 @ 10:30 a.m.

Towson 1776 Family Fun Run

Tuesday, July 4 @ 8:15
<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Towson/Towson4onthe4th>

Overlea Arts Fest

Holt Park & Art Center
Friday, August 11-Sunday August 13
<https://overleaartsfest.org/>

The Gordon Center's Summer Tribute Bands

Weekends: June-August
3506 Gwynnbrook Ave. Owings Mills 21117
Motown, Tom Petty, Bruno Mars, Fleetwood Mac etc.
<https://www.jcc.org/gordon-center/music>

Free Security Surveys for Baltimore County Homes and Businesses

Did you know the Baltimore County Police Department provides free security surveys for residential properties and commercial businesses? To learn more about these resources, please contact the Community Outreach Team at your local police precinct. If you're unsure of your precinct, visit this website:
<https://bcgis.baltimorecountymd.gov/myneighborhood/>

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