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District 4 News



April 2014

News & Views from around your community



Greetings!

Here we are, it's the first week of April, well into the first weeks of spring, and we have barely gotten past the last snowfall. This has been the coldest and snowiest winter that I can recall. I'm sure we are all looking forward to getting out of the house and enjoying some sun and warmer weather.

But winter has left its mark on our neighborhood streets. That's why our office has been proactive in getting out into the community where you have told us about pot holes and problem spots caused by the harsh weather. We recently submitted photos and a list of roadways in our area that need attention to the county's Department of Public Works – so we hope to see some repair work around the Fourth District this spring.

This week was the Orioles Home Opener and last week we celebrated baseball history at the opening of the Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball in the Owings Mills library at the Metro Centre. Please schedule a visit soon. The museum includes a wonderful group of exhibits that help fill a hole in the history of America's Favorite Pastime. Spring is also budget season, and the County Council is gearing up for lots of budget hearings and meetings in April and May. See inside for information on how the Spending Affordability Committee sets the county's spending guidelines each year. Also included is information on how the county determines the allocation of school resources.

Please check inside for news, events and updates from around the Fourth District and the county. As always, if you need to reach my office, call us at 410-887-3389, or send us an email at council4@baltimorecountymd.gov. We are here to serve you.

Thanks again for the opportunity to continue working for you.

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Community engagement makes a difference in the Fourth District



Councilman Oliver enjoyed meeting and talking with many of his senior constituents at a recent event held at the Liberty Senior Center – right next door to the councilman’s District Office in the Liberty Resource Center. The March 12 occasion was an informal “coffee and conversation” with former councilman, now county executive, Kevin Kamenetz. Councilman Oliver was pleased to open the event with an introduction that recounted how well the two have worked together for many years.

Before and after the event, Councilman

Oliver visited with and listened to many of the more than 100 seniors and residents who came out to hear Fourth District news and let the county executive and councilman know of their interests and concerns for the district and the county.

Issues addressed by attendees at the meeting included traffic near new Owings Mills developments, how the Owings Mills Boulevard extension is progressing, what progress has been made on Owings Mills mall redevelopment and concerns about area road resurfacing. The councilman’s staff was on hand to record constituent concerns and address them with appropriate agencies. Along with the coffee and conversation, Councilman Oliver was pleased to keep those lines of communication open with the residents he serves, especially the seniors who live and work in the Fourth District.





Honoring History

Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball celebrates Opening Day



It was standing room only for many of the hundreds of baseball fans and players that turned out to celebrate Opening Day at the Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball, Thursday morning March 27. The museum, now housed in the County Campus Building at the Metro Centre at Owings Mills, honors Negro Leagues players, and is named for Hubert "Bert" Simmons, a former Baltimore Elite Giants player.

Simmons wanted to create a museum that would bring public awareness to the many talented black players who played in the Negro Leagues because of prevailing

racial segregation. The first museum was housed in Lochearn Presbyterian Church and was opened shortly before Mr. Simmons died. His wife, Audrey Simmons, and friend Ray Banks, kept the fires burning on finding a permanent home for Simmons collection.

The museum is housed in the building that includes both the Owings Mills library branch and the CCBC Owings Mills campus. Colorful exhibits of baseball artifacts, photos, life-sized player figures, and histories of the teams and players that made the leagues great are housed on three floors in the building's lobbies. The museum is free and self-guided.

For more information and photos, go to www.bcpl.info/community-hubert-v-simmons-museum-of-negro-leagues-baseball





Check out what's happening around the 4th District



Councilman Oliver attended the Hebbville Elementary School Harriet Tubman celebration, an annual standing-room-only event. The Councilman is pictured with State Comptroller Peter Franchot, student Anthony Benitez Sandoval, and Shirley and Jeff Supik, owners of Emmart-Pierpont Safe House on Rolling Road – an Underground Railroad stop. The Supiks organize Harriet Tubman events each year to honor the Maryland-born dynamo. Below, they are pictured at the Harriet Tubman Day of Remembrance at Sojourner-



Douglass College in Owings Mills, where storyteller Janice Greene recounted Tubman's remarkable life. A wax figure of Tubman (courtesy Madame Tussauds in Washington, D.C.) looked on. Pictured are college dean Doris W. Carroll, Jeff and Shirley Supik, Harriet Tubman, Janice Greene, and Arlene Marshall from Madame Tussauds.

What's Happening at Your Library

- **Owings Mills Library events: 410-887-2092**
 "Books, Coffee and Conversation," Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m. "Baby Story Time," ages to 23 months with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. "Preschool Story Time," for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. "Spanish Baby Story Time," in Spanish, ages to 23 months with an adult, registration required, Fridays at 9:30 a.m. "Spanish Preschool Story Time," in Spanish, 2-5 years with an adult, Fridays at 11 a.m.
- **Randallstown Library events: 410-887-0770**
 "Introduction to the Internet," registration required, Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. "Preschool Story Time," ages 2-5 years with an adult, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. "Baby Story Time," ages to 23 months with an adult, registration required, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. "Introduction to the Internet," ages 13 years and up, registration required, Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m.
- **Woodlawn Library events: 410-887-1336**
 "Résumé Clinic," a free personalized critique, registration required, Wednesday, April 9, 10 a.m.-noon. "Introduction to Microsoft Word," registration required, Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m. "Snacks in the Stacks," ages 14-17 years, registration required, Tuesdays at 3 p.m. "Introduction to Microsoft Word," ages 13 years and up, registration required, Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m. "Teen Events at Your Branch," ask the Information Desk for details on each week's activities, ages 14-17, Thursdays at 3 p.m. "World Language Story Time," in English and French, ages 2-5 with an adult, Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m. "Baby Story Time," ages 0-23 months with adult, registration required, Fridays at 9:30 a.m. "Preschool Story Time," ages 2-5 years with adult, Fridays at 11 a.m. "Fiestas and Siestas," in English and Spanish, ages to 23 months with adult, Saturday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. "Build It! Cardboard Robot City," grades 3-5, registration required, Saturday, April 12, 2 p.m.
- **More info and events at www.bcpl.info**



Around the County

What's going on around the corridor and the county



Councilman Oliver attended an awards luncheon at Goucher College celebrating the 2014 graduating class from the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives. In 2012, NCIA opened a Career Development Center on Lord Baltimore Drive. The organization's headquarters are on Ambassador Road. NCIA was founded by Dr. Jerome G. Miller and Herbert J. Hoelter, national experts in developing alternatives to institutionalization and incarceration. For more info, go to www.ncianet.org, or call 443-780-1300.

Plan ahead for your loved one's safety and security by attending this year's **BCDA Caregivers Mini-Conference**. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m. and close around 12 noon on Saturday, April 5, at the Catonsville Senior Center, 501 N. Rolling Road, Catonsville 21228. There is no admission charge. A light breakfast and beverages will be served. Guest speakers will inform the audience about basic legal considerations, safe driving tips and transportation alternatives, and proper hands-on care techniques. Resource tables highlighting BCDA will be available throughout the morning, staffed by specialists in the field of aging and disabilities. If you are a family member caring for an older adult in the Baltimore area, you owe it to yourself to come out for half a day to refresh yourself in your role as caregiver. All are welcome. No pre-registration; just come that day! For more information, contact 410-887-4724.

-- From Michelle Bruns, Caregiver Connection Manager, Department of Aging.

For more information on BCDA: 410-887-2594, or email aginginfo@baltimorecountymd.gov.



Councilman Oliver attended the **Liberty Road Business Association** March general membership meeting at Northwest Hospital

Professional Building. Dr. Katherine H. Taber, Dir. Women's Wellness Center, gave a presentation on cervical cancer. For LRBA news and events: www.lrba.biz, 410-655-7766.



Baltimore County Police

Department is seeking teens 14 through 18 to apply for this year's Youth Leadership Academy. The deadline for applicants is May 16.

The academy offers teens the

opportunity to develop leadership skills, while meeting and having fun with other local like-minded peers. For more information and how to apply:

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/PoliceNews/iWatch/YoungPeopleEncouragedtoApplyforYouthLeadershipAcademy

More from Around the County...



Randallstown Farmers Market is set to return soon in the Randallstown Library lot, at Old Court and Liberty roads. Opening Day is Wednesday, June 11. For

more information, call Kelly Carter at 410-655-7766.



Get started spring cleaning with the **Spring 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event** for Baltimore County residents. The event is set for Sunday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the county's

Central Acceptance Facility at Drop-Off Drive and Warren Road in Cockeysville. Items accepted (that will be recycled or disposed of properly) include: unwanted household chemicals, paints, pesticides, swimming pool chemicals, medicines, mercury thermometers, fluorescent light bulbs, rechargeable batteries, ammunition, fireworks, and automotive fluids. No trash. More info: 410-887-3745, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/environment/groundwatermgmt/hhwlocations.html

Has an abandoned property on your street turned into a dumping ground? It's easy to submit a complaint online, and follow the complaint through the inspection process. **First, check the online database** to see if the issue has been reported. Click link below, then click Code Enforcement:

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeenforcement.

If a complaint is not already filed, fill out an online complaint:

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/needtocontact/codecomplaint. **For more information and a general overview** of county codes and code enforcement, go to:

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeinspections.html

Give Blood. Save a Life.



Councilman Oliver supported a Red Cross Blood Drive at Metro Crossing Apartments at the Metro Centre in Owings Mills

recently. Blood drives are always available in the area:

April 6, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Beth Israel Congregation 3706 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills.

April 12, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Co., 12020 Greenspring Ave., Owings Mills.

April 15, 3-7 p.m., VFW Post 521 - Owings Mills, 214 South Tolgate Rd, Owings Mills

April 17, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Liberty Church, PCA 11301 Liberty Rd., Owings Mills.

April 17, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal 232 St. Thomas Lane, Owings Mills.

Register at www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation. Search by ZIP code to find your event. Or call 1-800-733-2767. Meanwhile, domestic and international disasters continue to drive the need for aid. To make a donation, go to www.redcross.org.

Baltimore County Yard Materials Recycling Collection Begins April 1.

Yard materials will be collected separately for recycling (not with trash) from Baltimore County residents with "Y" days on their schedule. These separate yard-material collections are from April through as late as December 14. For example, if a resident's first "Y" day is April 10, yard materials set out at the curb or alley from April 1-9 will not be collected with trash, but will be picked up separately on April 10. If a resident's schedule has no "Y" days, their yard materials will continue to be collected with trash year-round.

For more info on trash and recycling collection, call 410-887-2000, or go to: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/solidwaste.

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Spending Affordability and Adequate Public Facilities Reports

Reports on how the county sets budget guidelines and allocates school resources are available online

Baltimore County Spending Affordability Committee:

Councilman Oliver is a member of the Baltimore County Spending Affordability Committee.

The committee was begun in 1990 to limit growth in county government spending to not exceed the county’s economy. The committee submits its report annually by February 15 to provide timely input to the budget process. This year the committee recommended that county base spending not exceed 3.87%, bringing the FY 2015 spending limit to \$1.749 billion. The full Report of the Spending Affordability Committee – for FY 2015 – is available online at: <http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Auditor/2014/SACFY15.PDF>

For more information and an archive of reports, go to www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/auditor/auditoreports.html

2013-2014 School Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Report and Maps:

The Baltimore County Department of Planning released recently the 2013-2014 School Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Report and Maps.

The report includes September 2013 school enrollment data, indicating overcrowded school districts. Section 32-6-103(f) of the Baltimore County Code requires that the Department of Planning furnish the School Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Report and Maps using September 30, 2013 school enrollment data, indicating overcrowded school districts in accordance with parameters in the referenced County Code.

School system capacities based on the full time equivalent (FTE) enrollments of September 30, 2013 and current school year’s state rated capacity (SRC) are presented for all the elementary, middle, and high schools in the first section of this report. The second section reviews schools that are over 115% of the SRC.

In the 2013-2014 school year, full time equivalent (FTE) enrollments of twenty-eight (28) elementary schools are at or over 115% of the 2013-2014 State Rated Capacity (SRC). The FTEs for all the middle and high schools are under 115% of SRC. A school impact analysis will be performed for each proposed development project to determine whether an adjacent school district is overcrowded under Section 32-6-103(f) of the Baltimore County Code. The Appendix section displays each of those 28 schools and its adjacent schools.

<http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Planning/apfo/APFOSchoolReportNov2013.pdf>

For more information on Adequate Public School Facilities, go to:

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/devrevandlanduse/adequatepublicschoolfacilities.html

County Council Roundup:

Baltimore County Council's legislative April/May schedule:

MONTH	MEETING DATE	WORK SESSION
APRIL	4-7-14	4-1-14
	4-21-14	4-15-14
MAY	5-5-14	4-29-14
	5-22-14	5-13-14

Pending Legislation

The following Bills, in PDF format, were introduced by the County Council at its March 17, 2014 meeting. These Bills will be discussed at the April 15, 2014 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

[Bill 12-14](#) CEB - Community Reforestation Program

[Bill 13-14](#) CEB - Coastal Communities Initiative

The following Resolution, in PDF format, was introduced by the County Council at its March 17, 2014 meeting. This Resolution were discussed at the April 1, 2014 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

[Resolution 20-14](#) Approval of Grant Application - Dundalk Renaissance Corporation

*Come out and watch your
County in action*

Baltimore County Council meetings are open to the public and scheduled every first and third Monday at 6 pm., except holidays. For more details and updates, go to baltimorecountymd.gov.



Baltimore County Resources

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY- CALL 911

Snow/Storm- 410-887-3560

Other Non-Emergency Concerns- 410-887-2222

Employment/Jobs/Business

- **Liberty Center – employment/job training**
3637 Offutt Road, 410-887-8912, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/jobtraining
- **Liberty Road Business Association – business group**
9405 Liberty Road, 410-655-7766, www.lrba.biz
- **Jobs with Baltimore County –** www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/humanresources/jobs

Health Services

- **Liberty Resource Center – county health services**
3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0600, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices
- **Woodlawn Health Center – county health services**
1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1332, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices

Library branches

- **Randallstown Library – books, computers, events and more**
8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/randallstown
- **Owings Mills Library – books, computers, events and more**
Metro Centre at Owings Mills, 410-887-2092, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/owings-mills
- **Woodlawn Library – books, computers, events and more**
1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1336, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/woodlawn

Mediation

- **Baltimore County Conflict Resolution Center – conflict resolution services**
410-663-7070, www.CRCbaltimoreCounty.org

Recreation – www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation

- **Liberty Road Recreation Council – sports and recreation activities**
Milford Mill Academy, 3800 Washington Ave., 410-887-0700
- **Northwest Regional Park – sports fields, pavilions, playground, trails**
4515 Deer Park Road, 410-887-1582,
- **Owings Mills Recreation Council – sports and recreation activities**
New Town High, 4931 New Town Boulevard, 410-887-1582
- **Randallstown Community Center – rec council sports, fitness, arts, meetings**
3505 Resource Drive, 410-887-0698
- **Randallstown Y Aquatics Center – Y of Maryland pool and classes**
3505 Resource Drive, 410-496-4272
- **Woodlawn Community Center – rec council, senior and community activities**
2120 Gwynn Oak Ave, 410-887-1357

Seniors

- **Liberty Senior Center – senior services and activities**
3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0780, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers
- **Woodlawn Senior Center – senior services and activities**
2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue, 410-887-6887, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers (9)

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