

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **A LOOK AT THE NEXT FOUR YEARS IN OUR DISTRICT**

The next four years will be a time of great change in the Fifth District, with schools, redevelopment efforts, and public works projects throughout the county.

Schools. Dumbarton Middle School will benefit from a major modernization project, but our major focus must be to reduce overcrowding that remains a chronic problem from Towson to Perry Hall. I am pleased that the school system is committed to additional seats in Towson and a new elementary school in the northeast. I still believe our long-term plans must include new middle and high schools on the Eastside.

Revitalization. We will continue to support the redevelopment of Downtown Towson, the Joppa Road corridor, and older parts of Perry Hall.

Transportation and Infrastructure. Baltimore County will begin work on the long-awaited Fullerton Reservoir. The congested intersection at Harford and Joppa Roads will be improved, and road resurfacing is

scheduled for the spring in places like Rodgers Forge, West Towson, and Towson Manor Village. My hope is that Governor-Elect Hogan restores local road subsidies that were virtually eliminated by the O'Malley administration, and that the new Governor provides support for the Towson circulator.

Open Space and Recreation. I will be working to ensure that funding is allocated for open space in the fast-growing Towson area. The second phase of the Bike Beltway will also be implemented. In Carney, I am completely supportive of the plan by Delegate-Elect Chris West to convert the Hickey School into a regional park. I am hopeful we can continue to extend the Northeast Trail through South Perry Hall and Fullerton.

The election showed that voters want an efficient government that focuses on core priorities, such as safety, education, infrastructure, and support for the needy. I look forward to working with both Republicans and Democrats for a better Baltimore County.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING PLANNED ON PROPOSED TOWSON CIRCULATOR

The office of Councilman Marks has scheduled a public input meeting on the proposed Towson circulator. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9 at 6 p.m. in the County Council chambers of the Historic Courthouse. This is your chance to provide input as the panel led by Greater Towson Committee finishes its work. In the event of a weather-related public school closure, the meeting will be postponed.



A Bethesda Circulator Bus

PERRY HALL

Deal Preserves Double-T Diner

After months of negotiations, a deal has been reached that will preserve the Double-T Diner at Belair and Joppa Roads. The diner was originally slated to be demolished for development.

After intervention by Councilman Marks, the developer of the property and the operators of the diner have agreed to move the diner north on Belair Road, to the site once occupied by the Poor Little Rich Girl store. The redevelopment of this corner will occur in 2015 or 2016, with new street poles and landscaping that add to Downtown Perry Hall.

Speed Bumps Approved for Snyder Lane

Perry Hall's Snyder Lane has been approved for three speed bumps. Construction will occur by the end of the year, weather permitting. This traffic calming project had local support and passed engineering criteria.

Sanitary Sewer System to be Extended Near Hornago Avenue

At its December 1st meeting, the County Council voted to extend the sanitary sewer system to serve nine homes along Hornago Avenue. The project, which had local support, should commence in the spring. Perry Hall's Snyder Lane has been

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Towson University Unveils Community Relations Newsletter

Towson University has created an online newsletter dealing community relations efforts. Subscribe at: http://www.towson.edu/tuinthecommunity/relations/cr_subscribeform.asp

Trees Planted in West Towson, Ridgeleigh

Working with Blue Water Baltimore, volunteers recently planted nearly 50 trees in West Towson and Ridgeleigh. Great job, everyone!



Ridgeleigh Volunteers at Work

Legislation Requires Open Space Fees to be Spent Locally in Towson

Councilman Marks has introduced legislation that, among other provisions, requires the open space fees collected for development in Downtown Towson to be spent within a two-mile radius of the project. Right now, fees can be spent anywhere within the Fifth District.

Councilman Marks Announces Fifth District Citizens of the Year

Councilman Marks has announced the 2014 Fifth District Citizens of the Year, men and women who have made significant impacts to the community.

Perry Hall: Bill Paulshock and Kelli Szczybor, leaders in the effort to build Angel Park.

Parkville/Loch Raven: Jason Garber and Mandy Stepp, leaders in Loch Raven Village and Ridgely Manor

Towson: Christian Estes, for his work in improving Burkleigh Square; Wendy Jacobs, head of the West Towson tree planting effort; Cathleen White, founder of the Baltimore Chapter of the Christ Child Society; and Ken Wetzels, the late Commander of Towson American Legion Post 22.