

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS:

\$80,000 PLEDGED FOR PERRY HALL PLAYGROUND PROJECT

I am delighted that the Baltimore County Savings Bank Foundation has pledged \$80,000 toward the construction of a new playground and amphitheatre south of the Perry Hall library. The play area will be patterned after Annie's Playground in Harford County. Our office worked with the Foundation to secure this grant, and we will assist the Perry Hall Recreation Council as the project moves forward.

With the playground project, there are now five parks under development in the Fifth District. These include the Perry Paw Dog Park, two parks along Honeygo Boulevard in Perry Hall, and a new park along Yakona Road in the Loch Raven Boulevard corridor.

The playground project demonstrates the importance of private sector support; it is absolutely essential when government funding is limited. Over the past three years, our office has secured private support to restore the Perry Hall Mansion, build the Perry Paw Dog Park, start a community garden, plant trees in Burkleigh Square, and complete



Ridgely Manor Park. We are working hard to find support for improvements to Towson High School's athletic facilities.

Many thanks to the Baltimore County Savings Bank Foundation and all those contribute their time and money toward community projects.

CITIZENS OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED FROM ACROSS FIFTH DISTRICT



Councilman Marks recognized eight individuals as the 2013 Fifth District Citizens of the Year. In Perry Hall, he honored **Russell Berk**, owner of the Chapel Hills Farm and Nursery, who also helps with numerous community activities. In the Parkville/Loch Raven area, he recognized **Meg O'Hare** and **John and Marilyn Ryan**, leaders with the Carney Improvement Association, pictured to the left. In Towson, he honored Greater Towson Council of Community Association President **Paul Hartman** and **Mike Calwell**, **Janice MacGregor Arcieri**, and **Pat France**, leaders with the Citizens on Patrol program. Congratulations to these outstanding community volunteers!

NEWS IN LOCH RAVEN

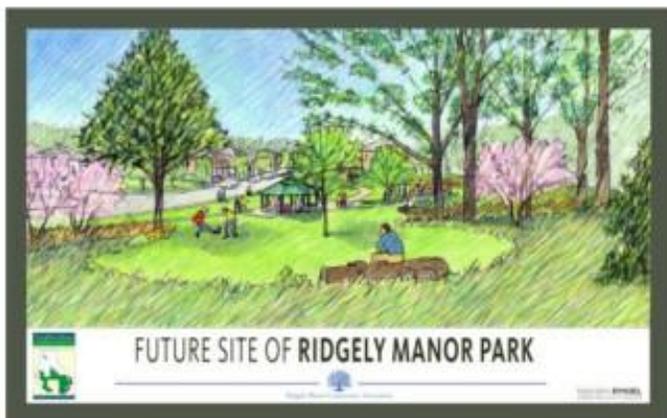
Loch Raven Commons Proposed at Raytheon Site

The Buccini/Pollin Group has proposed a redevelopment of the derelict property at 1300 East Joppa Road. Built in 1966, this was formerly an office building for the Raytheon company, although it has been unoccupied for about five years. The owner proposes a residential and retail center that includes a village green, seen below. To review the project, Councilman Marks formed an advisory committee that includes representatives from Loch Raven Village and Towson Estates, the neighborhoods closest to the project.



Ridgely Manor Park Construction Set for Spring

Construction should begin this spring on Ridgely Manor Park on Yakona Road. This will be the first park along the Loch Raven Boulevard corridor in a half-century. Councilman Marks has worked for the past year on this project, which will involve no taxpayer money—the land will be used by a nonprofit organization, NeighborSpace of Baltimore County.



NEWS IN PERRY HALL

Access Improved at Honeygo Park

At Councilman Marks' request, the Department of Recreation and Parks has installed an asphalt pathway at Honeygo Park from the sidewalk to the artificial turf field. Previously, visitors needed to walk down a small hill, which proved particularly difficult for seniors and the disabled.

Perry Hall Dog Park Nearing Completion

Weather permitting, the Perry Paw Dog Park will be constructed by early January. The dog park is located at the eastern edge of Honeygo Regional Park. To learn more, visit <https://www.facebook.com/PerryPawDogPark>.

NEWS IN TOWSON

Working Group Created to Review Bosley Avenue

Councilman Marks has brought together the leaders of the community associations along Bosley Avenue to advise him on improvements that can enhance this corridor in Towson, and to review the Planned Unit Development proposed at the Towson fire station site. The group will be chaired by SueAnn Griffin, president of the West Towson Neighborhood Association.

Additional U-Turn Prohibition Sign Added at Fairmount

At the request of the Stoneridge Community Association., the Maryland State Highway Administration has added more signage indicating that U-Turns are prohibited at southbound York Road and Fairmount Avenue. Please continue to observe this prohibition.

Towson Reservoir Project Nearing Completion

After more than three years, the \$18.3 million Towson Reservoir improvement project is nearing completion. City officials claim the project will not only help protect drinking water, but also increase the amount of usable stored drinking water from 9 million gallons to 16 million gallons. Recent work has focused on the installation of a new storm drain, inlets and manholes at Hillen Road and Far Hills Drive. Councilman Marks thanks all those residents and motorists for their patience during this project.