

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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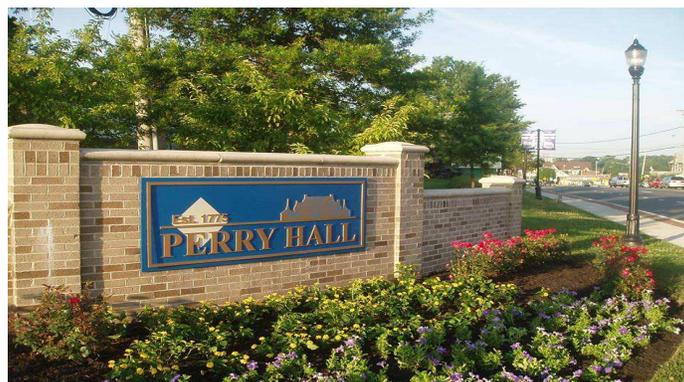
MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS:

PROGRESS IN IMPROVING AND REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN PERRY HALL

In 2012, I sponsored legislation that created the Perry Hall commercial revitalization district, an area centered at Belair, Ebenezer, and Joppa Roads. The district provides business owners with marketing and financial incentives. In the Fifth District, there are also commercial revitalization districts for Loch Raven and Towson.

Since that time, we have made great progress in improving Downtown Perry Hall. For example:

- The occupancy rate at the Perry Hall Square Shopping Center has improved from 60 to 90 percent. Kumon Learning School recently opened in at a 2,660 square foot space near the bowling alley. Kimco Realty, which owns the shopping center, markets the value of the revitalization district when attracting new tenants.
- Last summer, our office arranged for the demolition of the Poor Little Rich Girl building. We are in close communication with the owners of this property regarding future plans. The derelict area at 8833 Belair Road was bulldozed in April, and a new retail area will be built here later this year.
- Thanks to grants from Baltimore County, the Perry Hall/White Marsh Business Association has arranged for landscaping and banners throughout Downtown Perry Hall.
- Most recently, the Perry Hall Animal Hospital used the Architect On-Call Program to design improvements. The animal hospital won its award for its renovations. The On-Call Program is only available because the business is located in a revitalization district.



TOWSON AREA CITIZENS ON PATROL UNITS RECEIVE \$4,350 IN GRANTS

Eight Citizens on Patrol units in Towson and Loch Raven will receive grants from the Police Department totaling \$4,430. The awards include support for COP units in Anneslie, Cromwood-Coventry, Campus Hills, Knettishall, Idlewylde, Southland Hills, Stoneleigh, and West Towson. If you live or work in Downtown Towson and want to volunteer for that new unit, contact patfrance@centrol-inc.com.

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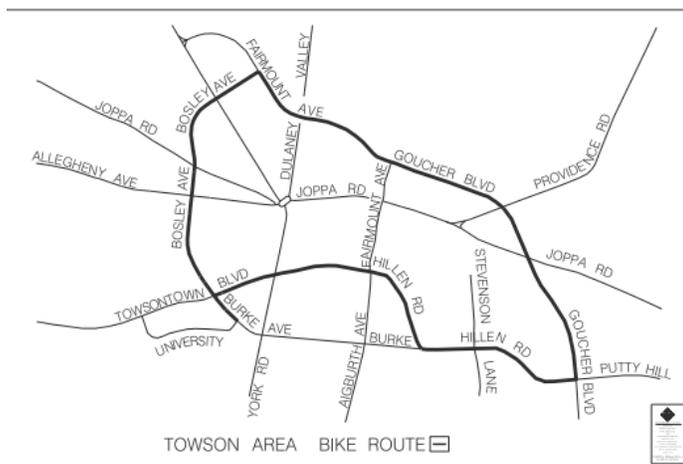
Mount Vista Park Building Set for Demolition

In June, the Kingsville Recreation Council was briefed on plans to demolish the building at Mount Vista Park. The building has serious mold problems, and it would be cost-prohibitive to renovate the structure. The county will demolish the building in August and is working to relocate the current programs. Councilman Marks will work with community leaders, recreation advocates, and the county administration to develop a vision for Mount Vista Park, which will become part of the Fifth District in December.

TOWSON

Final Preparations Set for Towson Bike Loop

The initial stage of the Towson Bike Loop will open later this summer. Funding has been secured for 8.7 miles of the network, which will involve dedicated bike lanes and signage throughout Greater Towson. Councilman Marks believes that increased bike use, better pedestrian connections, and a circulator are essential as Downtown Towson prepares for future growth.



Resurfacing Scheduled for Idlewyde's Limit Avenue

Limit Avenue in Idlewyde forms the border between Baltimore City and County. Road maintenance is done by Baltimore City, which has informed the county that it will resurface the 1200-1300 blocks of Limit Avenue this year.

Summer Concerts Planned for The Shops at Kenilworth

The Shops at Kenilworth will host movie nights on certain Friday evenings in July and August. The movies start at 8:45 p.m. on the lower level parking lot. Admission is free. Movies include *Mamma Mia* (July 11); *Captain Phillips* (July 25); *Despicable Me 2* (August 1); and *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* (August 15).

Meetings Continue on Dumbarton Middle School Plan

Councilman Marks and Towson's state legislators have been meeting regularly regarding plans for Dumbarton Middle School. They are pushing to retain as many of the mature trees as possible. Working with County Executive Kamenetz's office, Councilman Marks, Senator Brochin, and Delegate Lafferty obtained a pause in the removal of any trees. Dumbarton Middle School is an important green space in Towson and Councilman Marks will continue to work to address the tree canopy.

PERRY HALL

Panhandle Lots to be Prohibited in Honeygo Area

The County Council is considering legislation, sponsored by Councilman Marks, that prohibits panhandle lots in the Honeygo area. A panhandle lot is so-named because it has a long, skinny connection to the street with the main lot sitting behind the typical lot on the street.

Review Expedited for Philadelphia Road Intersection

Councilman Marks and Councilwoman Cathy Bevins have requested that the Maryland State Highway Administration accelerate its review of safety at the intersection of New Forge and Philadelphia Roads. The review should be done by September once school is in session and there can be more accurate traffic counts. There is broad consensus for a traffic signal at this location.

A Reminder About Valuables in Cars

On Saturday, June 14, between 1 and 5 a.m., between 70 and 80 cars were broken into on Brigantine, Chesthill, and Hoban Courts. Only cash was taken. The Baltimore County Police Department has been alerted, but please remember—wherever you are—not to leave valuables in cars even if the doors are locked.