

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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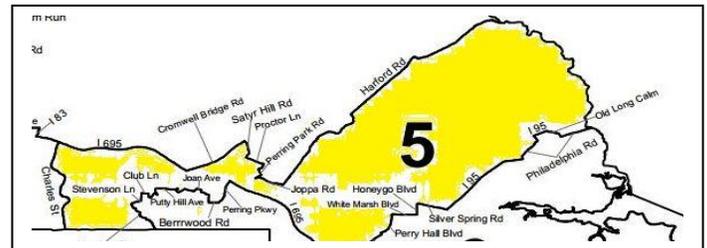
MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: REDISTRICTING ALTERS FIFTH DISTRICT IN DECEMBER

With the inauguration of the new Baltimore County Council in December, the redistricting map will finally take effect that was passed more than three years ago.

The new Fifth District still stretches from Charles Street in the west to Harford County, but there are noticeable differences. The Fifth District adds the part of Carney south of Joppa Road; the Oak Crest Village retirement community; Belmont and Dunfield; South Perry Hall near the Fullerton Reservoir; and all of Kingsville. The Fifth District loses neighborhoods where we have spent a lot of time over the past four years.

I am enormously proud of our work in **Loch Raven, Harford Park, and Villa Cresta**. We successfully restored full-service status to the Loch Raven public library for the first time in two decades, and we supported improvements at the Parkville branch. Our office helped reactivate the Loch Raven Community Council. Working with Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, we supported air conditioning at three elementary schools. Lastly, the Loch Hill and Glendale-Glenmont neighborhoods benefitted from downzoning decisions that blocked hundreds of homes from being built near the Baltimore City line.

In **Carney**, the Fifth District loses the area near Jomat Avenue. Our office pushed to lighten the development of the “Carneyland” parcel, and we supported the restoration of the Jennifer Run, a key waterway in northeastern Baltimore County.



The New Fifth District, As of December 2014

The Fifth District will also lose areas along **Pulaski Highway**. Communities here will benefit from four new parks and a future elementary school that should relieve overcrowding. In this region, we passed a property tax credit for the Bowerman-Loreley Beach Community Association, and we created a revitalization district to help businesses near Cowenton Avenue.

It has been an honor representing all these communities, from Towson to Harford County.

PROCESS ACCELERATES TO BUILD NEW NORTHEASTERN SCHOOLS

At the request of Councilman Marks and the Perry Hall Improvement Association, the Baltimore County Public School leadership held a forum on Wednesday, October 8 to discuss facility issues in northeastern Baltimore County. Councilman Marks is committed to building a new elementary, middle, and high school, and he is engaging BCPS in a search of school sites. Stay informed as the process unfolds: <http://www.facebook.com/newnortheastschools>.



BCPS Forum on October 8

FULLERTON

Workshop Focuses on Fullerton Reservoir

Late next year, construction will start on the long-awaited \$78 million Fullerton Reservoir project, which will be built on a site bounded by Ridge Road, Bucks School House Road and Perry Hall Boulevard. This area is new to the Fifth District. There will be a public workshop on Wednesday, November 12 between 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm in the library at Perry Hall High School.

PERRY HALL

Community Dedicates Gough Park

On Friday, October 31, Councilman Marks joined community leaders and other elected officials in dedicating Gough Park. The 17-acre park features athletic fields, walking trails, a comfort station, and pavilions. Gough Park is named for the founder of Perry Hall, and it is the third of new parks that will open in the Fifth District by the end of 2015.



Gough Park Opening

Traffic Calming Planned for Berryfield Drive

This fall, speed bumps will be built along Berryfield Drive in Perry Hall's Southfield community. The road qualified for traffic calming, and community leaders secured a sufficient number of signatures from residents. For more information on Baltimore County's traffic calming program, visit <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Contact/trafficalming>.

New Trees Planted in Downtown Perry Hall

On Saturday, October 25, Boy Scout Troop 124 planted trees along Ebenezer Road at Perry Hall Square Shopping Center.

The trees were purchased through a grant from Baltimore County. Special thanks to Dow's Landscaping and Diane Hartke from the Downtown Perry Hall Committee.

Benches Installed at Indian Rock Park

A special thanks goes out to Eagle Scout candidate Collin Phillips and Troop 124 for installing new benches along the trail at Indian Rock Park in Perry Hall.



Indian Rock Park Eagle Scout Project

TOWSON

Legislation Addresses Races in Neighborhoods

Councilman Marks has introduced legislation that will require community notification for races that are held in neighborhoods, as well as a requirement that any markings be done with material that does not leave a permanent impression on pavement. Councilman Marks realized this was necessary after a recent race where arrows were spraypainted on West Towson streets.



Spraypainting in West Towson