

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **NORTHEAST ENROLLMENT REVIEW BEGINS ON OCTOBER 8**

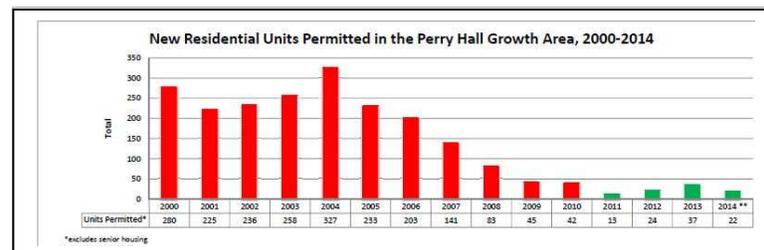
I have tried to address school overcrowding for the past 15 years. Upon my election to the County Council, we moved to lighten development by downzoning more than 260 acres in northeastern Baltimore County, where classrooms have been among the most crowded. That has had a profound effect. Between 2000 and 2010, Baltimore County approved 2,073 residential building permits that would yield homes likely to produce school-age children. Between 2011 and 2013, the county only approved 96 building permits.

Much of the new construction in northeastern Baltimore County was approved before my election. Where there has been new development, I have tried to support housing that has more limited impact on schools. The Brightview Perry Hall project, for example, houses senior citizens.

While we have lightened the impact of development on school overcrowding, demographic changes have worsened the problem. As an example, Harford Hills Elementary School is overcrowded despite almost no residential growth.

In 2013, I joined with the Perry Hall Improvement Association in asking Superintendent Dance to initiate an

enrollment review in the northeast. **Please attend the meeting with Superintendent Dance on Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Perry Hall High School.** Other meetings are scheduled for different regions; see www.bcps.org.



We need to have some very important conversations over the next few months. The county wants to build a new 700-seat elementary school in the northeast. Where will this be located? We also need to preserve land for a future middle and high school sites, since the enrollment growth at the elementary level will certainly affect older grades. I look forward to the upcoming dialogue as we build better schools in northeastern Baltimore County.

CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON PERRY HALL'S SECOND SENIOR COMMUNITY

Construction started in September on Chapel Springs, Perry Hall's second senior community. The \$23 million project includes 127 apartments that will be rented to seniors aged 62 years and older. Amenities will include a multipurpose community room, health suite, billiards room, beauty salon, patio, and dog park. The project will be located south of the Safeway at the Perry Hall Marketplace Shopping Center. Councilman Marks sponsored the resolution that led to approval of the project.



CARNEY

Speed Bumps Installed on East Avenue

With local support, the Baltimore County Department of Public Works has installed three speed bumps on East Avenue in Carney, near the intersection of Sperl Avenue. The \$20,000 project was initiated following complaints about heavy and fast traffic. A majority of residents near the proposed bumps signed a petition in support of the traffic calming.



Announcement of \$1.4 Million Raised for Fire Station

PERRY HALL

Angel Park Receives \$100,000 Donation

The effort to build Angel Park received a major boost with a \$100,000 donation from the Cole Foundation. The \$100,000 will be used to build an amphitheater for concerts and cultural events, including those sponsored by the adjacent library. For more information, visit <http://www.angel-park.org>.



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KINGSVILLE

Fire Station Capital Campaign Reaches \$1.4 Million

The Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company has now raised \$1.4 million toward the construction of a new fire station. Groundbreaking is expected next spring. Contributions are still needed and may be sent through the following address: www.givetokyfc.com. Councilman Marks supported state bond requests and other initiatives that raised funds for this fire company, which averages 2,200 responses a year.

TOWSON

Derelict Property Sold in West Towson

After more than two years, a derelict house at 506 Locksley Road has been sold at auction. The property had at least \$92,000 in unpaid liens. Councilman Marks and County Executive Kamenetz's staff worked with neighbors of 506 Locksley Road during the process that led to the sale.

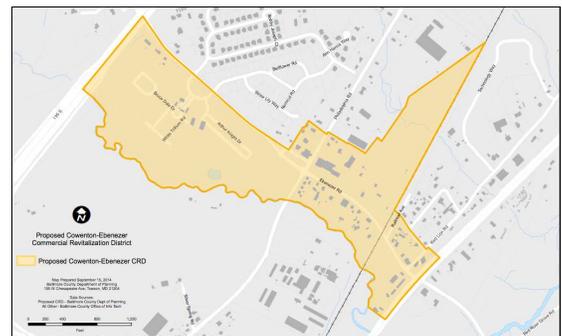
Plan Proposed for Cromwell Valley Elementary

Councilman Marks has asked that Cromwell Valley Elementary continues as a regional magnet campus until both the new Towson school and an additional northeastern elementary school are built. Cromwell Valley Elementary School serves a valuable role in reducing overcrowding, which will be alleviated once the two new facilities are constructed.

WHITE MARSH

Revitalization District Proposed for Cowenton

Councilman Marks has introduced legislation to create the Cowenton-Ebenezer Commercial Revitalization District. Centered near the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company, the district would qualify businesses for grants and financial incentives.



Map of the Proposed Cowenton-Ebenezer District